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M.P. and Guards(319  
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1st Company 511 gd. Bn.

RCV/em

1 Sr. MIA MIA 23 Nov.  
 Lo Rome 1945  
 Florence

1. Ref. attached communication.
2. Have talked to Major King the C.O. of the 101st M.P. Bn here in Florence. His area not only includes Florence, but Leghorn and also extends to Rome. He states that he needs this 1st or A Co of 511th Guard Bn. consisting of 1 Off. and 122 E.M. for they are at present employed doing traffic control work and are replacing American M.P.s. This Company has been particularly trained for this kind of work. A new company would not work as efficiently. My suggestion is that the unit either be redesignated as an US-ITI unit or left on its present assignment as an ITI-ITI unit. I would'nt think it should become a BR-ITI unit as suggested.

R.C. Van Kirk  
 Major Inf.,  
 Sr. MIA Lo  
 Florence

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515 Italian Guard Bn (Arezzo)

RCV/em

1 Sr.MIA Italian  
Lo Lo 15 Nov.  
Florence 1945

Request you check on this and let me  
have the present status.

R.C. Van Kirk  
Major, Inf.,  
Sr.MIA Lo  
Florence

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RCV/em

Kove 520 Guard Battalion

(72)

1 Sr.MIA CG.Terr.  
Lo H2 #7 15 Nov.  
Florence 1945

1. Ref. attached signal.
2. For your information and guidance.

R.C. Van Kirk  
Major, Inf.,  
Sr.MIA Lo  
Florence

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1 Sr.MMIA Italian  
Lo LO 12 Nov.  
Florence 1945

Check on the movement of the 515 gd Bn  
and let me have a reply.

R.C. Van Kirk  
Major, Inf.,  
Sr. MMIA Lo  
Florence

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English Personnel. (Hewitt William).

RCV/ebf

Sr HQ 2 Nov.  
MMIA LO Florence 1945  
Florence Command  
(Brit)

For your information.

R.C. VAN KIRK,  
Major, Inf.,  
Sr MMIA LO  
Florence.

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CC.PP. Personnel Attached to Navy and Air Force.

RCV/ebf

Sr Italian 4 Oct  
MIA LO Liaison 1945  
Florence Officer

For your information and guidance.

R.C. VAN KIRK,  
Major, Inf.,  
Sr MIA LO  
Florence

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Guard Battalions

RCV/ebf

Sr C.G. 21 Sept  
MMIA LO Terr HQ 1945  
Florence #1

For your information.

R.C. VAN KIRK,  
Major, Inf.,  
Sr MMIA LO  
Florence

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(61)

Theft of Vehicle.

RCV/ebf

Sr C.O. 21 Sept  
MMIA 10 Guard 1945  
Florence Regt.  
Florence

R.C. VAN KIRK,  
Major, Inf.,  
Sr MMIA 10  
Florence

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Prevention of Pilferage on Rail.

RCV/ebf

Sr Ital 2 Sept  
MIA LO LO 1945

For your information and necessary action.

R.C. VAN KIRK,  
Major, Inf.,  
Sr (MIA) LO  
5th Army

(57)

Guard Battalions.

RCV/ebf

Sr 13 Aug  
MMIA LO MMIA 1945

For your information.

R.C. VAN KIRK,  
Major, Inf.,  
Sr (MMIA) LO  
5th Army

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Territorial Guards Companies

RCV/jad

Sr MMIA 11 Aug  
MMIA LO 1945

1. Reference your SD/13/2 of 30 June 1945, para 5.
2. Attached is explanation of the manner in which the Territorial HQ Guard Co #4 at Bolzano is employed.

R.C.VAN KIRK  
Major, Inf.,  
Sr. (MMIA) LO,  
5th Army

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1st Ind  
BL/ajb  
HQ FIFTH ARMY, OFFICE OF PROVOST MARSHAL, APO 464, US Army, 7 August 1945.

THRU: Liaison Officer, MMIA, Headquarters Fifth Army, APO 464, US Army

TO: Commanding Officer, 511th Italian Military Guard Battalion

Forwarded.

FOR THE PROVOST MARSHAL:

BERNARD LEVIN  
Major, Infantry  
Adjutant

2nd Ind  
Sr. (MMIA) L.O. 5th Army, APO 464, US Army, 8 August 1945  
TO: Commanding Officer, 6th Guard Regiment.

RCV/jad

R.C. VAN KIRK  
Major, Inf.,  
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,  
5th Army

cc: MMIA

Vehicles - 6th Guard Regt

(48)  
RCV/jad

Sr C.O. 10 Jul  
MIA LO 6th 1945  
Guard  
Regt

Reference your vehicles on deadline.

You state that some of your trucks are deadlined for lack of repairs. I suggest that there are plenty of spare parts now available in dumps if properly requisitioned.

R.C. VAN KIRK  
Major, Inf.,  
Sr. (MIA) LO,  
5th Army

## INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Vehicles 6th Guard Regt

IND NO.	FROM	TO	DATE	
1	Ital LV	Sr MMIA LO	9 Jul 1945	<p>Ref your buckslip dtd 2 July 1945 to C.O. 6th Guard Regt. Attached is translation of answer from 210 Division on the matter.</p> <p>Allessandro Cicogna Capt, Artillery, Italian Liaison Officer G-4</p>
2	Sr MMIA LO	MMIA	10 Jul 1945	<p>1. Reference your letter C/5/8 of 22 June 45.</p> <p>2. In conformity with your request, attached is a status report on vehicles of the 6th Guard Regt. Am pointing out to them that there are now plenty of spare parts available, so that perhaps all those vehicles should not be deadlined.</p> <p>R.C. VAN KIRK Major, Inf., Sr. (MMIA) LO, 5th Army</p>



Vehicles for Guard Cos

BEV/jad

37 CO 9 Jul  
THIS IS 210 1945  
MIV

In accordance with LHM 11/13/2 of 30 June 45, you are authorized to issue 1 staff car, 3 motorcycles, and 5 trucks to each of the 6 guard companies authorized for the six territorial headquarters in this area. Any deficiencies should be supplied by the Recovery Commission or Territorial HQ #4.

R.C. VAN SICK  
Major, Inf.,  
Sr. (MIA) 13,  
5th Army

cc: Terr HQ #4  
Hqs Comm #21

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Territorial Gd Cos

(142)  
RCV/jad

Sr C.O. 3 Jul  
MMIA LO 2695 1945  
TSR  
Regt

1. Reference attached communication.
2. Request compliance with basic communication.
3. Am forwarding windshield stickers referred to in Para 1c (ii) to CG 210 Division.
4. Request you advise me when units are ready for dispatch and ETA of each unit.

R.C. VAN RIRK  
Major, Inf.,  
Sr. (MMIA) LO,  
5th Army

cc: CG 210 Div w/stickers

## Italian Military Guards

1. G-5 G-4 26 Jun  
(CPS) Liaison 1945

1. In confirmation of telephone conversation of Major Van Kirk - Lt Col. Bye on 25th June re Italian Military Guards:- The attached chart shows no. of troops required to adequately guard warehouses in Mantova Province where war material is stored.

2. Can Italian troops be allocated for this purpose please?

E.J. BYE, Lt Col.

2 Sr MMIA 29 Jun  
MMIA LO 1945

Further in reference to my buck slip of 26 June, subject: Guard Units for Territorial HQ, just received the attached from Col. Bye, 5th Army Public Safety Officer for guards. This as you will note is only what it is estimated that one province needs.

R.C. VAN KIRK  
Major, Inf.,  
Sr. (MMIA) LO,  
5th Army

Guard Units for Territorial HQ.

RCV/jad

Sr NMIA 26 Jun  
MMIA LO 1945  
attn:  
Col.  
Kerr

1. Reference your signal SD2759 of 13 June 1945.
2. Several days ago I prepared and started out of my office a signal to you on the guard units which I thought should be assigned to each Territorial Headquarters. Although the proposed signal plainly set out it was from me, G-4 has been passing it around for comment. I didn't know this until now. The signal won't get out of here under two weeks, if at all, hence this buck slip.
3. After consulting with the Generals of Territorial HQs, Colonel Bye, 5th Army AMG Public Safety Officer, Majors Edwards and Bird, I recommend that a battalion be assigned to each Territorial HQ with the same TO & E as the 511 and 512 Guard Battalions now have.
4. My reasons are that:
  - a. A large number of dumps will be turned over to the Italian Army in the near future.
  - b. Carabinieri which are now doing a large amount of this work should be released in order that they may handle the civilian population which is the Carabinieri's real function.
  - c. Some dumps or installations are not guarded at all, or not adequately or competently guarded, see copy of letter from General Negroni marked as Appendix "A".
  - d. Civilian guards would not be as dependable.
  - e. The units could be employed as needed in all the territorial regions in this area.
  - f. Until the Italian ammunition which is dangerous and is located in dumps in this area can be destroyed, it must be guarded.
5. The number of the units can be reduced as their duties decrease.

R.C. VAN KIRK

32 Major, Inf,  
SP. (MMIA) LO  
5th Army

Attached - Movement of Italian Guard Replacements

RCV/Jad

Sr	Ital	30 Apr
MIA LO	LO	1945

For your information and necessary action.

R.C.VAN KIRK  
Major, Infantry  
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,  
5th Army

Employment of 523 Gd Bn

(27)  
RCV/jad

Sr	Ital	30 Apr
MIA LO	LO	1945

For your information and necessary action.

R.C.VAN KIRK  
Major, Infantry  
Sr. (MIA) L.O.,  
5th Army

Italian Guard Battalions.

RCV/jad

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XXSr.  
MMIA  
LO

PM

23  
Sept  
1944

1. Our MMIA LO at Naples reports that one of the two guard battalions assigned to 5th Army and now located at Astroni, near Naples, is equipped according to the scale for Italian troops and is being held subject to your orders.

2. The Bn ready to move, consists of 24 officers and 719 enlisted men, is now designated as 2nd Guard Bn. from the 47th Art. Regt., Bari Division. It is organized into 4 companies of 4 platoons each. The size of the companies, is approximately 5 officers and 185 men. The men are armed with Italian carbines. Their equipment weighs 7 1/2 tons. Their cooking equipment consists of 21 cooking pots, 33 containers, 4 steels, 3 cleavers, 4 skillets, 15 ladles and 3 coffee grinders. No stoves.

3. The other guard battalion of approximately the same size, will be ready to come forward in a few days.

4. Any additional information may be obtained from the MMIA LO HQ., 123 Via Roma, Naples. Telephone No. 53622. Majors Smith or Long.

R.C. VAN KIRK,  
Major, Infantry,  
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,  
5th Army.



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BUCK SLIP

Subject: Italian Guard Battalions.

RCV/jad

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Sr.	PM	28
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LO		1944

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3. The other guard battalion of approximately the same size, will be ready to come forward in a few days.

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R.C.VAN KIRK,  
Major, Infantry,  
Sr. (MMIA) L.O.,  
5th Army.

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