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Port Detachment Personnel (Italian)5977
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May 9, 1944 - Sept 15, 1944

9 SEP 1944

Subject:- Italian Port Detachment - BARI.Army Sub Commission, (MELA),
HQ, ACC, ROME.
SE/30.

15 Sep 44

Direz. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.Copy to:- MELA LO. BARI.Reference our letter SE/30 dated 11 Sep 44, please regard this
letter as cancelled.

This refers to BRITISH, NOT ITALIAN Port Detachment personnel.

E.L. Mman-Masm
Capt.for D.L. PERONVAL.
Lt. Col. RASC,

ADST, Army Sub Commission, (MELA).

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14 SEP 1944

Subject:- Italian Port Detachment - BARI.Army Sub Commission, (MMIA),
HQ, ACC, ROME.
ST/30.Direz. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

// Sept. 4/4.

Copy to:- MMIA LO, BARI.

1. It is understood that the Italian Port Detachment at BARI is below the authorised strength of 2 Officers and 15 O.Rs.
2. Please investigate, complete the Detachment to full establishment, and report to this Hq when done.
3. It is brought to your attention that it is entirely the responsibility of the Italian War Ministry to keep such units up to strength.

Capt. Guthrie's weekly report misunderstood by ALLIED personnel. DVM/bc 15/9
Phoned Major CANN.



B.L. PERCEVAL.
Lt.Col. RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Commission, (MMIA).

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5 SEP 1944

Subject: Pay - Italian Military Personnel.
Italian Port Det. Bari.

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Army Sub Commission(MMIA)
H.Q., A.C.C.
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AQ/15/1

3. Sep 44

SECTOR LO BARI

Ref this HQ letter of 14 July 44.

1. Information has now been received that the Ministry of War have agreed to the payment of extra pay, at the rate of 20 Lire per day, to be paid to personnel of the a/m unit.

2. The Unit will receive confirmation of this through their Higher Formation.

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SP Archer Cpt.
SP. ARCHER Capt.
For Lt. Col. A.A. & G.M.C.
Army Sub Commission(MMIA)

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Subject:- Pay - Italian Military Personnel

25 AUG 1944

Army Sub Commission MIA
HQ A.C.C.
R.O.H.M.
AQ/13/1
21 Aug 44

MIA LO 2 District

Italian Port Det Personnel

Ref your letter of 14 July signed BELLARS (no ref).

1. The question (of the continuation) of extra pay, at 20 lire per day for personnel of the s/m Unit, has been taken up with the Italian War Ministry.

Above mentioned.

2. Their answer is still awaited, but you will be advised as soon as the Ministry's decision has been passed to this HQ.

S.P. Archer Capt
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S.P. Archer Capt
for Lt Col AA & MG
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.
(MIA)

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MFST/311 AGO 1944

Subject:- Italian Port Detachments - Pay.Army Sub Commission, (MMIA),
HQ, ACC,
ROME.
ST/23.3 August 44.MMIA Sector IO, NAPLES.
MMIA Sector IO, BARI.

Further to our ST/23 of 25 July 44, the following ruling has been given by HQ, MMIA:-

1. The payment of the special extra pay (20 lire per day) is made by the Italian Ministry of War only to those tps working for the Allies who are engaged on heavy manual labour, i.e, road builders, Dock Workers etc. It is not payable to all tps under Allied Comd.
2. The extra 20 lire per day is not, therefore, admissable for Mil Personnel of the Italian Port Dets who are employed in the administrative capacity of checking agents.

*B. L. Percival*for B. L. PERCIVAL.
Lt. Col. RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Commission, (MMIA).

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1 AUG 1944

Subject:- Port Detachments - PayArmy Sub Commission, (MMIA)
HQ A.C.C.
ROME
AQ/13/1

Aug 44

MMIA LO o/o PBS
NAPLES

Ref ST/23 of 25 July and your reply ST/8 of 28 July.

1. The following information is forwarded for future guidance; from which it will be seen that the extra 20 lire per day is not admissible for Mil. Personnel of the Italian Port Dets who are employed in an administrative capacity.

2. The payment of the special extra pay (20 lire per day), is made by the Italian M. of W. only to those tps who are engaged on heavy manual labour e.g. Road building, Dock workers etc. It is not payable to all tps under Allied Comd.

S.P. Archer Capt. RA

S.P. ARCHER. Capt.
for Lt Col AA & CME
Army Sub Comd. A.C.C.

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MMIA PORT DETACHMENT
Bari

14 July 1944

SUBJECT: Pay of Italian Port Detachment Personnel

TO : ADST, Army Sub-Commission, ACC, Rome

1. Numerous attempts have been made by the IX Corps Commissariato to secure a rate of pay for Italian Port Detachment personnel which is consistent with not only the work its members are called upon to perform but is also consistent with the pay scale of laborers performing similar but less exacting labor. In each case their requests to the War Ministry and the Ministry of Finance have been brushed aside, ignored, or trivial reasons given for disapproval.

2. A limited picture of the nature of the work the personnel perform and the conditions under which they work is as follows:

a. When supplies are off-loaded from ships, they often become mixed not only as to items but as to consignee as well. Port labor, because they are illiterate, or indifferent, or have not been properly instructed, make many errors in stacking supplies into piles of like items for each consignee. To prevent or to reduce to a minimum the errors of mixed loadings onto lorries, constant inspection of all stacks is necessary by Italian Port Detachment personnel and the recovery of Italian Military supplies from the piles for other consignees or the elimination of items for other consignees that have been stacked in their piles. This recovery actually requires heavy labor while carrying cases, bags, or other containers to the proper piles.

b. Although the Port Detachment personnel are selected soldiers of high intelligence, have received special training in their work (ref my letter dated 15 May 44), actually perform hard labor for efficient operation, and are on duty longer hours than the port laborers, they receive but 7 liras a day as against 27 liras a day, the pay of the port laborer. In addition, the lazy, indifferent, illiterate laborer receives additional food whereas the Port Detachment personnel do not.

3. As a result of the above conditions, morale in the Port Detachment is low. The personnel can not ignore continually the difference in pay scales particularly when their intelligence, their labor, long hours, and abilities demand that they receive at least equal pay.

4. It is requested that serious consideration be given this matter and adequate pressure applied to the Italian War Ministry and the Ministry of Finance.

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RAYMOND W. SELLERS
Captain, Infantry
Sector I no

11 MAG 1944

SUBJECT: Employment of Italian Port Detachment personnel.

ARMIA Port Det E.O. :
 NAPLES.
 BARI.
 CATANZARO.
 TARANTO.
 BRINDISI.

Army Sub Comm, ACC.
 Main HQ, ARMIA,
 LEBVILLE, (LEBOL).
 ST/30.
 9 MAY 44.

1. Reference this office letter No ST/30 dated 30 Apr 44, addressed Italian War Ministry, copy to you.
2. It is confirmed that the Italian War Ministry have now issued instructions in accordance with the above mentioned letter.

H. D. [Signature]
 for
 Lieut. Col.,
 ADST, Army Sub Comm, ACC.

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