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Capt Bires

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Subject: Muloteers

Headquarters
66 Group, Pioneer Corps
Ref: 66G/54

15 Nov 44

Col. G. SICARDI
Commando Artiglieria

Copies to:-

LO MMIA 54 Area
SLO Picca
SLO Fuglie

Confirming our conversation today will you please ensure that the 225 Muloteers in I and 2 Bns 403 Regt & 2 Bn 406 Regt are segregated and ready to move on 28th November. Reinforcements to fill the vacancies created in the Companies should be available within 14 days.

4 Blankets, Full Equipment and 4 days rations will be taken.

WHC/JM.

W. H. Harvey Conery
Lieut. Colonel,
(WSJ HARVEY CONERY)
Commanding 66 Group HQ, Pioneer Corps

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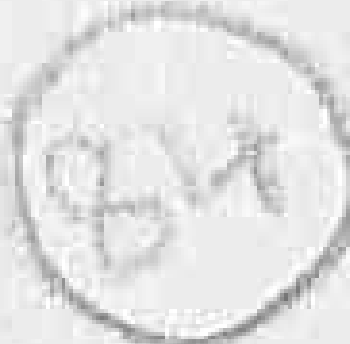
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Subject: 47 Inf. Regt. Depot, LECCE.

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.).
C/O 54 Area. CMF.
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18 NOV 44

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A.).

Ref. your 3D/46 of 11 NOV.44.

1. (a) When I visited LECCE on 21 Oct. I based my selection on their state of 28 Oct. ref. to which is made in your para.3 of 9/9 letter. On 28 Oct. strength in the depot was as shown in the state:

Offrs fit	126
Category	25
M.O.O's fit	800
Category	50
O.R's fit	422
Category	307

2,340

(b) I mentioned in my previous letter to you that, as Col. SELVAGGI and Capt. RIVGITA had been sent down from the War Ministry specifically to assign Offrs. and M.O.O's, I had only assigned the O.R's to units in the programme. The total O.R's on 28 Oct. was 1329, you say that I assigned 1365 personnel. If that is the case the reason for this is that on 2 Nov. when nominal rolls were submitted to me that only those assigned by me were present on that day, the others having been sent on leave or demob. or due for it shortly.

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Personnel on-routed from 47 Inf. Regt. LECCE week 23 Sep. to 30 Sep.

Offrs: 30 sent on leave or demobilised.
M.O.O's: 5 to 501 Gd. Bn.
1 to TARANTO central medical depot.
68 to TRIESTE Div.
90 to MANTOVA Div.
116 to CREMONA Div.
2 to Engrs depot GALLIPOLI.
1 att. 220 line sec.
32 sent on leave or demobilised.

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Category	25
N.C.O.'s fit	800
Category	60
O.R.'s fit	422
Category	907

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Personnel on-routed from 47 Inf. Regt. LECCE week 28 Sep. to 30 Sep.

Offrs:- 30 sent on leave or demobilised.

N.C.O.'s:- 5 to 801 Gd. Bn.

1 to TARANTO central medical depot.

68 to TRIOLI Div.

90 to MANTOVA Div.

116 to CREMONA Div.

2 to Engns depot GALLIPOLI.

1 att. 820 line sec.

32 sent on leave or demobilised.

315

O.R.'s:-

115 to 801 Gd. Bn.

20 to MARVE convalescent home.

65 to TRIOLI Div.

65 to CREMONA Div.

40 to TRIOLI Div. and transit centre.

50 to 503 Gd. Bn.

13 to TARANTO central medical depot.

1 to Mil. Hq. P and L.

4 to 924 Docks Gp. Coy.

6 to 503 Smoke Coy.

83 to 507 Smoke Coy.

7 to 406 I.P.L. Regt.

7 to 923 Docks Gp. Coy.

O.R.'S CONTINUED.

30 to Engr. depot GALLIOLI.
2 to 20 AA Reggimento.
196 on leave or demobilised.

612
Total onrouted week 23 to 30 Sep. - 957

Week 1 to 7 Oct. 44.

Offrs:- 53 sent on leave or demobilised.

N.C.O's:- 60 to CREMONA Div.
18 to TRIOLI Div.
26 to 113 Inf. Regt. MANTOVA.
1 to PIZANO Div.
105

O.R.'s:- 56 to 2 Smoke Unit, TARANTO.
52 to 507 Smoke Coy. BRINDISI.
59 to 3 Smoke Unit, BRINDISI.
19 to 402 Italian Pioneer Labour Regt.
35 to 502 Smoke Coy.
39 to 502 Gd. Bn.
7 to Labour Group HQ.
6 to TARANTO Garrison HQ.
15 to 139 AA Gp.
20 to 1424 AA Bty.
1 to 34 Signal Coy. MAGLIE.
1 to LECCE Military Academy.
2 to TARANTO Central medical depot.
1 to Campo Soste e Contumacia ROCCAPALMATA.
141 sent on leave or demobilised.
445

Total for week 1 to 7 Oct. :- 603.

Week 8 to 14 Oct. 44.

Offrs:-

1 to SARLETTA Mil. Dist.
1 to 402 I.P.L. Regt.
1 to 9 Subsistence Coy.
1 to 10 Engr Regt.
2 to NARDO Convalescent home.
1 to Interrogation Sub. Comd. TARANTO.
24 sent on leave or demobilised.
31

N.C.O's:-

3 to PIZANO Div.
3 to 503 Gd. Bn.
1 to 769 Forestry Coy.
1 to LECCE Academy.
5 to PW Interrogation Commission.
14

O.R.'s :-

13 to PIZANO Div.
30 to 503 Gd. Bn.
8 to 507 Smoke Coy.
30 to 534 Gd. Coy.

8545

O.R's:-
56 to 2 Smoke Unit, TARANTO.
52 to 507 Smoke Coy. BARIETTA.
59 to 3 Smoke Unit, BRINDISI.
19 to 402 Italian Pioneer Labour Regt.
35 to 502 Smoke Coy.
30 to 502 Gd. Bn.
7 to Labour Group Hq.
6 to TARANTO Garrison Hq.
15 to 139 AA GP.
20 to 1424 AA Bty.
1 to 34 signal Coy. MAGLIE.
1 to BRUCE Military Academy.
2 to TARANTO Central medical depot.
1 to Campo Costa e Contumacia NOCCAFONZATA.
141 sent on leave or demobilised.
446

Total for week 1 to 7 Oct. :- 603.

Week 8 to 14 Oct. 44
O.R's:-

1 to BARIETTA Mil. Dist.
1 to 402 I.F.L. Regt.
1 to 9 Subsistence Coy.
1 to 10 Eng. Regt.
2 to NARDO Convalescent home.
1 to Interrogation sub. comm. TARANTO.
24 sent on leave or demobilised.
31

8545

M.C.O's:-

3 to FICIANO Div.
3 to 503 Gd. Bn.
1 to 769 Forestry Coy.
1 to BRUCE Academy.
6 to PW Interrogation Commission.
14

O.R's :-

13 to PICENO Div.
30 to 503 Gd. Bn.
8 to 507 Smoke Coy.
30 to 534 Gd. Coy.
57 to 224 Docks Op. Coy.
9 to 769 Forestry Coy.
100 to 3 Bn. 408 Regt.
120 to 502 Gd. Bn.
63 to 4 MG Coy. GIOVINAZZO.
2 to Campo Costa e Contumacia No.2.
1 to 9 Medical depot.
10 to PW Interrogation Commission.
6 to C.I.L. rfts. centre.
56 sent on leave or demobilised.
506

Total for week 8 to 14 Oct. :- 551.

Week 15 to 21 Oct. 44
Offrs 1-

6 to Convalescent Home, CORIGLIANO.
1 to BARLETTA Mil. Hospital.
1 to Garrison Hq S. CESARENA TERME.
2 to BARI Dist.
1 to 92 Inf. Regt.
1 to 9 MT Regt.
1 to 921 Docks Op. Coy.
12 sent on leave or demobilised.
31

N.C.O's:-

12 to MANTOVA Div.
3 to Academy INFOS.
1 to BARI hospital.
2 to 403 I.F.L. Regt.
2 to 2 Barrage Balloon Coy. BARI.
9 to CORIGLIANO Convalescent home.
29

O.R's:-

111 to 501 Gd. Bn.
60 to 503 Gd. Bn.
19 to BARI Hospital.
74 to 2 Barrage Balloon Coy. BARI
3 to 47 Inf. Regt.
3 to 404 I.F.L. Regt.
3 to LUCERA censorship office.
5 to 1 Bn. 406 I.F.L. Regt.
2 to 923 Docks Op. Coy.
22 to CORIGLIANO Convalescent depot
302

Total for week 15 to 21 Oct. :- 362.

Week 21 to 28 Oct. 44
Offrs 1-

1 to PIERNO Div.
1 to 512 Inf. Regt.
1 to 1055 AA Bty.
1 to 210 Inf. Regt.
1 to 228 Inf. Regt. depot.
1 to FOLGORE Div.
4 to 11 Garrison Bn.
3 to BARI interrogation centre.
14 to MINERVINO for O'DONNELL.
1 to 403 I.F.L. Regt.
2 to LACCE Hospital.
1 to V and R BARI
4 to CORIGLIANO convalescent home.
2 to FOGGIA Dist.
2 to Tappa 8.
39

N.C.O's:-

2 to 503 Gd. Bn.
1 to 1008 GT Coy. CONVERSANO.
2 to PIERNO Div.
3 to Hq ACC ROAM.
3 to Campo Sosta e Contumacia BARI
10 to Tappa 8.

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9 to CORIGLIANO Convalescent home.

29

O.R's:- 111 to 501 Gd. Bn.
50 to 503 Gd. Bn.
19 to BARI Hospital.
74 to 2 Barrage Balloon Coy. BARI
3 to 47 Inf. Regt.
3 to 404 I.F.L. Regt.
3 to LUCERA censorship office.
5 to 1 Bn. 405 I.F.L. Regt.
2 to 923 Docks Gp. Coy.
22 to CORIGLIANO Convalescent Depot

302

Total for week 15 to 21 Oct. :- 362.

Week 21 to 28 Oct. 44
Offers :-

1 to PISANO Div.
1 to 512 Inf. Regt.
1 to 1053 AA Bty.
1 to 210 Inf. Regt.
1 to 226 Inf. Regt. depot.
1 to FORGORE Div.
4 to 11 Garrison Bn.
3 to BARI interrogation centre.
14 to MINERVINO for O'DONNELL.
1 to 403 I.F.L. Regt.
2 to LUCERA Hospital.
1 to V and R BARI
4 to CORIGLIANO convalescent home.
2 to FOGLIA Dist.
2 to Tappa B.

39

N.C.O's:-

2 to 503 Gd. Bn.
1 to 1008 GT Coy. CONVERSANO.
2 to PISANO Div.
3 to R. ACC. ROAD.
3 to Campo Costa e Contumacia BARI
10 to Tappa B.
1 to Campo Costa LAUCE.
14 to Campo Costa ORIA.
14 sent on leave or demobilised.

50

O.R's:-

125 sent on leave or demobilised.
105 to 503 Gd. Bn.
30 to British Mule camp.
42 to 7 Traffic Control Bn.
20 to Vet. Hospital MARTINA FRANCA
20 to " CISTERVINO
2 to 1008 GT Coy. CONVERSANO.
2 to 507 Smoke Coy.
2 to 503 Smoke Coy.
1 to 924 Docks Gp. Coy.

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11 to 922 Docks Co., Coy.

Total for week 21 to 28 Oct. :- 439.

Total for period 23 Sep to 28 Oct. :- 2912

After 25 Oct. these additional personnel were en-routed from the week 29 Oct to 4 Nov. (Pg. 1.)

Office

1 to 321 Docks Co. Coy.
1 to 413 I.P.L. Regt.
3 to Posto Sosta S. CESARELA TERM.
5 to 184 Regt. NEMBO.
6 to PIGENO Div.
8 to 48 Inf. Regt. depot.
A sent on leave or demobilised.

13 sent on leave or demobilised.
32

INC. C.O. 200

25 to MINERVINO for O'DONNELL.
8 to PIEMONO Div.
4 to TARANTO Military Tribunal.
2 to 403 Inf. Regt.
1 to BAKI Interrogation Commission.
3 sent on leave or demobilised.

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5 to Comando Sotterzona FI San Severo.
6 to 20 mm AA Coy, S.SPIRITO.
1 to SARI censorship Office.
2 to Campo Sosta SARI.
29 sent on leave or demobilised.

20
21

Total for week 29 Oct to 4 Nov. = 123.

Week 5 Nov 5 Nov 11 Nov 17 Nov 24 Nov 30 Nov

Office -

2 to LEOCS Academy.
3 to 48 Inf. Regt.
2 to 502 Gd. Bn.
3 to PIERNO Div.
1 to 408 I.R.L. Regt.
11 to St. Andrews Camp TARANTO 2556
11 to 209 Div.
1 to 3 Smoke Unit.
1 to CREMONA Div.
1 to 47 Arty. Regt.
2 to 210 Div.
5 to 228 Div.
1 to Vet. and Remount Directorate BARI.
1 to Admin. Directorate.
1 to 212 Div.
1 to 9 MT Regt.
1 to FOLGORE Div.
1 to Commissariato, BARI
1 to BRINDISI Military censorship.
1 to Delegazione "T"
1 to BARI Military Censorship.
5 to Gruppi rif Unit.
24 sent on leave or demobilised.

N.C.O's :-

25 to MINERVINO for O'DONNELL.
8 to PICENO Div.
4 to TARANTO Military Tribunal.
2 to 403 Inf. Regt.
1 to BARI Interrogation Commission.
8 sent on leave or demobilised.

48

P.R's. :-

5 to Comando Sottosono PI San Severo.
6 to 20 mm AA Coy. S. SPIRITO.
1 to BARI censorship Office.
2 to Campo Sosta BARI.
29 sent on leave or demobilised.

43

Total for week 29 Oct to 4 Nov. :- 123.

Week 6 Nov to 11 Nov.

Civilians :-

2 to LECOS Academy.
3 to 48 Inf. Regt.
2 to 502 Gd. Bn.
3 to PICENO Div.
1 to 403 I.P.L. Regt.
11 to St. Andrews Camp TARANTO for CRANFORD.
11 to 203 Div.
1 to 2 Smoke Unit.
1 to CREMONA Div.
1 to 47 Arty. Regt.
3 to 210 Div.
5 to 228 Div.
1 to Vet. and Remount Directorate BARI.
1 to Admin. Directorate.
1 to 212 Div.
1 to 2 MT Regt.
1 to FOLGORE Div.
1 to Commissariato, BARI
1 to BRINDISI Military censorship.
1 to Delegazione "m".
1 to BARI Military Censorship.
5 to Gruppo 1st Unit.
34 sent on leave or demobilised.
6 in hospital
10 on leave.

112

N.C.O's :-

24 to St. Andrews Camp for CRANFORD.
204 to MANTOVA - CREMONA - TRIOLI - PICENO Divs.
1 to Mil. Hq. P and I.
1 to 403 I.P.L. Regt.
1 to LECOS interrogation unit.
9 Demobilised.

249

O.R.'s :- 63 to ST ANDREWS Camp for GRANFORD.
 59 to rifle unit for GRUPPI.
 90 to call-ups for 3 Dist. Labour rif. Camp, Bari.
 12 to Dir. Art. HQs on officer courses.
 446 sent on leave or demobilised.

670
 Total for week 5 to 11 Nov. :- 1022.

For the period 30 Sep. to 11 Nov. therefore, a total of 4,077 personnel were sorted out and on-routed.

3. By allowing the Italians to reinforce units, and by guiding them, as I often did, in the assignment of rif. to particular units who had asked me for rif., I do not consider that I was sabotaging the war effort, as implied in your para. 4 of letter 30/45 of 11 Nov.

4. Arrangements have been made, as you know, to close down the existing organisation at 47 Regt, and the ration strength is to be reduced to 10 on 20 Nov. By this date all personnel except for 55 drivers and 130 Engineers, and ofrs and N.C.O.'s screened by Min. of War ofrs who have not yet moved, will be in TRANI. I have phoned G Branch MMIA and asked them to chase the Min. of War in their movement of remaining ofrs and N.C.O.'s, as I am not prepared to accept them into TRANI.

It is to be hoped that AFH will have arranged the movement of the 55 drivers and 130 Engineers by 20 Nov. or the ration strength from 20 Nov. until the above are moved will be 195.

5. In my several telephone conversations with G1 3D MMIA I have obtained that O.R.s of all categories are sorted out by Capt. O'DONNELL at TRANI who will now be receiving the influx of isolated personnel from hospitals, convalescent homes, prisons etc.

6. (a) As TRANI, for the moment, is of limited capacity, it is requested that MMIA make arrangements for early movement of screened personnel as signalled to you.

(b) We are warned of the following arrivals in the very near future. 600 AA and CB

197 of 253 Forestry Coy.

112 from ST ANDREWS Camp, TRANI.

likely to rise to 1500 call-ups from FOGGIA if they materialise.

7. If on the other hand early movement is not possible it is requested that tentage and soon stores as already demanded be made available soonest so that we can cope with a maximum of 6,000 as laid down by MMIA

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the war effort, as implied in your para.4 of letter BD/46 of 11 Nov.

4. Arrangements have been made, as you know, to close down the existing organisation at 47 Regt, and the ration strength is to be reduced to 10 on 20 Nov. By this date all personnel except for 65 drivers and 130 Engineers, and 600 N.C.O's screened by Min. of War officers who have not yet moved, will be in TRAMI. I have phoned G Branch MMIA and asked them to chase the Min. of War in their movement of remaining officers and N.C.O's, as I am not prepared to accept them into TRAMI.

It is to be hoped that AFHQ will have arranged the movement of the 65 drivers and 130 Engineers by 20 Nov. or the ration strength from 20 Nov. until the above are moved will be 195.

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CFM/jmr

Ch...
C.F. Purcell Maj. G.S.
Senior M.V.I. L.O.
C/o 54 Area.

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3144 GROUP 4
ARMY FORM C-2136 (Large)

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MMIA ROME

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54 AREA FOR MMIA LO

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SECRET.

YOUR SD1809.

FIRST. RECEIVED INTO ST ANDREWS CAMP B COMPOUND BETWEEN 11 AND 17.

INCLUSIVE 6166 DIRECT INTO HOSPITAL 143.

SECOND. DESPATCHES. TO HOSPITAL EX CAMP 239 FOR LEAVE THEN PIEDMONT

DALITE SEVEN FOR LEAVE THEN TRANI FOR BRITIS 22 DIRECT TO TRANI FOR

BRITIS 106 LOCAL CIVILIANS 49 CIVILIANS EMPLOYEES OF NAVY (LOCAL) 56

NAVY (LOCAL) 389 AIR FORCE (LOCAL) 239.

THIRD. REMAINS IN CAMP AS AT 2359 HOURS 17 5022. THERE ARE ALSO

855 PERSONS IN CAMP A FOR WHOM THERE WAS NO ROOM ON ARRIVAL IN

CAMPS. EXPECTING ABOUT 3800 ON 21. APPENDIX TO MY TLO/ 19 OF 12 OUT OF

DATE. (ONE CORRUPT WORD) YOU WITH NEW APPENDIX AND NOMINAL ROLLS

54 AREA FOR MMIA LO

Originator's No.

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SECRET.

YOUR SD1509.

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INCLUSIVE 6166 DIRECT INTO HOSPITAL 142.

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DATE. (ONE CORRUPT WORD) YOU WITH NEW APPENDIX AND NOMINAL ROLLS

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

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MMIALO 54 AREA

18 1900 A

For Action

MMIA

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GR

Originator's No.

TO 200 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) After move on 47 feet 400 mileteers
 strength today is 753 (.) 55 drivers and 150 extra plus 235 rits
 Docks on boys equals 423 leaves balance 336 of which 185 rits rits
 for Go Bns

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ARMY FORM 67 (6 (Small))

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For Action

MIA

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GR

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PS 324 (...) CONFIDENTIAL (...) Ref to PS 322 (...) Please give disposal instructions for category BSN arriving TRANI from Italy with homes GERMANY occupied Italy (...) also Italian officers ex hospitals CMA escapers BALKANS CMA escapers occupied Italy who previously filtered to LACCA CMA must we accept these TRANI query (...) At present we accepting rfts for IRI IRI at TRANI as nowhere else to put them CMA give disposal instructions

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MMIA

Original No.

PS 322 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) FIRST (.) Further to my PS/309 (.) With effect 20 NOV only 10 rations will be issued to 47 Inf Regt depot (.) 20000 (.) 65 drivers and 130 engineers selected by me will be kept ready at LACCE for movement shortly (.) 238 selected reinforcements for snake coys will move to TRANI and any other personnel selected or unselected which has arrived since my visit to LACCE starting tomorrow 50 per day (.) If by 18 NOV it is obvious all movements cannot be completed by 20 balance on 20 will be moved in a body to LACCE (.) After 19 NOV personnel ex hospitals CMA prisoners and apprehended deserters etc will report to TRANI and NOT LACCE for disposal by Capt O'DONNELL (.) Col SALVONI will be empowered to demobilise any soldiers to whom it is due (.) Those who cannot be demobilised owing to homes in GERMANY occupied ITALY will be disposed of by Capt O'DONNELL (.) Battle casualties or men of very low category CMA unemployable with homes in GERMANY occupied ITALY will be disposed of by Capt O'DONNELL following instructions from MMIA

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M. 5847/Ord. di prot.

P.E. 67 li, 12 Novembre 1944

OSG E T C : Scioglimento 153^a compagnia forestale in Perenza.

ALL'UFFICIO DEL GENERALE ADDETTO

B A R I

AL COMANDO SOGGERGIMENTO (COL. SALVORI SALVO); MINERVINO MURGE

e. per conoscenza:

ALL'UFFICIO AMMINISTRAZIONE DELLA FOLIA E LUCANIA P.E. 67

ALL'UFFICIALE COLLEGAZIONE SOTTOCOMMISSIONE FORZA

B A R I

SEMO A.C. (M.I.A.) presso 54^a Area

AGLI UFFICI: OPERAZIONI - PRINCIPALE - SERVIZI-

B A R I

STATISTICA - DIREZIONE AUG. - P.O.V. -

I.- Lo S.M.R.E. - Ordine - con foglio n. 7330 in data 18 ottobre
C.A. dispone il trasferimento al Campo di Minervino Murge della
compagnia in oggetto, lo scioglimento e la conseguente immissione
del personale ^{alla} in una delle compagnie pionieri colà in costituzione
ne impiegandolo, per quanto possibile, in un solo reparto.

II.- L'ordine è stato confermato in data odierna e pertanto pregasi di
sporre:

- il trasferimento della compagnia a Trani ove stà aspettandosi

l'attuale organizzazione del Campo di Minervino;

- lo scioglimento del reparto sotto la data del 20 corrente.

III.- A scioglimento avvenuto far tenere a questo Comando i dati presen-
ti per la sanzione.



d'ordine

COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.M.

(Giuseppe Rizzo)

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e. per conoscenza:

ALL'UFFICIO AMMINISTRAZIONE DELLA FUSILLA E LUCANIA P.L. 57
ALL'UFFICIALE COMANDO SOTTOCOMMISSIONE FORZA
SEALCO A.D. (S.M.I.A.) presso 54° Area
AGLI UFFICI: OPERAZIONI- PERSONALE - SERVIZI-
STATISTICA - DIREZIONE. - P.Q.V. -
S E D E

I.-- Lo S.M.R.E. -- Ordine -- con foglio n. 7930 in data 18 ottobre
c.e. dispone il trasferimento al Campo di Minervino Marge della
compagnia in oggetto, lo scioglimento e la conseguente immissione
del personale ^{alla} in una delle compagnie pionieri colà in costituzione
ne impiegandolo, per quanto possibile, in un solo reparto.

II.-- L'ordine è stato confermato in data odierna e pertanto pregasi di
sporre:

- il trasferimento della compagnia a Trani ove sta spostandosi
l'attuale organizzazione del Campo di Minervino;
- lo scioglimento del reparto sotto la data del 20 corrente,
- III.-- A scioglimento avvenuto far tenere a questo Comando i dati prescritti
ti per la sanzione.



d'ordine
IL COLONNELLO CAPO DI S.E.
(GIUSEPPE FUSILLA)

15/11/54
22/12/54

13 NOV 1944

COMANDC MILITARE DELLA PUGLIA E LUCANIA
Uff. S.M. - Ordinamento

P.M. 67 li, 14 Novembre 1944

PROMEMORIA PER IL SIG. MAGGIORE MURCELL

Salmeristi segnalati alla M.M.I.A. :

Da Lecce : Dep. 47° Rgt. Ftr.	489
da compagnia presidiaria	60
Da Brindisi	37
Da Taranto	23
Totale .	609

Partiti come da ordine di movimento:

Da Lecce	492
" Brindisi	37
" Taranto	23
Totale .	552

I rimanenti 57 uomini da Lecce partiranno oggi 14 c.m. alle ore 17.

Giungeranno a Bari alle ore 22 e proseguiranno in autocarro per Barletta ove si uniranno al convoglio.

COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
Vincenzo Dell'Aglio



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Vincenzo Dell'Aglio

COMANDO MILITARE DELLA
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ARMY FORM 21-16 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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For Action

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TO 211 B, PERLIA and LUCANIA (by hand)

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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Originator's No.

1631/GHQ

IS 30% OF THE STRENGTH (.) You will instruct 47 Regt Regt 211A and 211B to send any additional personnel into the Regt (.) When all personnel selected for assignment to units have been moved the Regt strength will be 10 all ranks and it will not be after this be greater at any time than 10 all ranks. All action to be completed by 20 Nov

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ARMY FORM C-113 (Large)

MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A)	ORIGINATOR MMALO 54 AREA		Date-Time of Origin 12 1045 A	
TO				
MMLA				
(W) For Information (INFO)				CR

Originator's No.

FS 305 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) Latest figures rfts as follows (.) A equals
 A. Regt B BRUCE DISTRICT C BARI Dist D BRIDISI Dist E TARANTO Dist (.)
 Muleteers A 553 B 60 C 23 D 37 E 23 Total 802 (.) Engineers A 175 B 3
 D 55 E total 188 (.) Drivers A 67 D 1 E 5 total 73 (.) Rfts docks A 238
 CMA note CMA B 15 C 11 D 5 E 13 total 282 (.) Signallers A 2 going to
 FRANCAVILLA (.) Traffic control A 1 (.) rfts Guard Bns KAKKXIMXKXKXKXKX
 category men A 185 (.) Note reduction strength here due to supply camp
 staff ST ANDREWS CAMP for CROSFORD and some demobs

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Originator's No.

FS 305 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) latest figures rfts as follows (.) A equals
 4. Regt B'LECOE DISTRICT C BARI Dist D BRINDISI Dist E TARANTO Dist (.)
 Muleteers A 653 B 60 C 29 D 37 E 23 Total 802 (.) Engineers A 175 B 3
 D 5 E 6 total 138 (.) Drivers A 87 D 1 E 5 total 73 (.) Rfts Docks A 238
 CMA note CMA B 15 C 11 D 3 E 13 total 282 (.) Signallers A 2 going to
 FRANGAVILLA (.) Traffic control A 1 (.) rfts Guard Bns KADKEXIMXSKRANGXIK
 category men A 133 (.) Note reduction strength here due to supply camp
 staff ST ANDREWS CAMP for CMA/FMA and some demob's

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ARMY FORM C2-36 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A)	Originator	Date - Time of Origin	OFFICE DATE STAMP
	RMIA LO 84 Area	09 1800A	
	For Action		
	RMIA		
TO	(W) For Information (INFO)		Message Instructions GR

Originator's No.

PS/ 295 Restricted (.) ref your AM 2165 of 06 1800 a publication
made by Southern Region SARI done to this office

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ARMY FORM 21-16 (Small)		MESSAGE FORM		Register No.
Call	Priority	Transmission Instructions		
ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY				
FROM	Originator	Date - Time of Origin	OFFICE DATE STAMP	
IA	IA 13 54 AREA	08 1715A		
For Action				
IA				
TO	(W) For Information (INFO)	Message Instructions		GR
Originator's No. 15/552 Restricted (.) 253 Coy FORMERLY at FORMERLY strength 4 of 18 and 175 Coy is working upon contract with civilian firm supplying timber for 54 Area (.) Ops are ALL OUT 1 and the last of several boys of this type (.) Min of war should be in the picture				
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ARMY FORM 24-66 (Small)			MESSAGE FORM		Register No. <u>74</u>
Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions		
ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY					
FROM (U) MIA 10 54 Area			Date - Time of Origin 08 1630A		OFFICE DATE STAMP
TO MIA			For Action		Message Instructions
			(W) For Information (INFO)		GR

Originator's No.

PS 291 "restricted (.)" Ref your query re CAMPC 3430A formation ordered by Min of War with WE 20 on Military rations (.) too in transit get civilian rations (.) suggest you contact SMRE

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SIGNAL

Subject:- 47 Inf Regt. Depot, LECCE.

(69)

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.).
C/o 54 Area. GAF.
MF/92

7 NOV 44

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A.). ROME.

1. To reduce the 47 Inf. Regt. Depot staff suddenly from its present figure to the authorised figure of 10 all ranks is not practical, owing to the large numbers of personnel to be administered.

2. (a) The function of this Depot Regt. has been that of a funnel into which Italian Soldiers from several sources have been poured.

(b) Soldiers from beyond the line filtering through have reported to Military Districts or other Depot Regts which, having only the minimum number of rations allowed them for their authorised strength, have passed them on immediately to 47 Regt. Depot.

(c) Others who arrived at 47 Regt. are soldiers who have completed sentences, excess personnel of other reduced Depot Regts. and Military Districts, escapees from GRASSE and the islands, or JUGOSLAVIA.

3. At LECCE these soldiers are dealt with as necessary. They are medically examined and graded, sent on leave or demobilised, paid their arrears, or held pending posting to units.

4. In the last few days the average daily intake from ~~these~~ sources has been 100 and the output about the same normally, though larger on some days.

5. Soldiers are only kept on in the Regt. over a period of three or four days if they are men fit for assignment to units, the others, as soon as they are dealt with which is usually from two or three days after arrival, are sent on leave or demobilised.

6. There is always a quota of unfit men, not employable, whose homes are North of the line with whom nothing can be done. Convalescent homes will not have them and they cannot be left to starve, so 47 Regt. looks after them.

7. It is obvious that some unit in this area must be allowed to carry out this necessary work. There are two Campi Costa e Contumacia one in BARI and one in TARANTO which could do it but they must be allowed the necessary staff and also they must be allowed to draw rations for transit personnel.

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3. At LEOCE these soldiers are dealt with as necessary. They are medically examined and graded, sent on leave or demobilised, paid their arrears, or held pending posting to units.
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8. My suggestion is that 47 Inf. Regt. be allowed to continue this job of theirs as accommodation is available there and in addition that LEOCE be used instead of MINERVINO as a centre for exiles etc.. Movement West Italy say that tpt to and from LEOCE is a much better proposition than to and from MINERVINO which is off the beaten track.
9. Please let me know what you think of these suggestions.

WJH
C.F. Marcell Maj. G.S.
Senior M.B.I.A. L.O.
C/o 54 Area.

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COPY TO:- MIL HQ PUGLIA and LOGANIA.

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ARMY FORM C2516 (Small)

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For Action

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TO

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Message Instructions

GR

H13 HQ P & L (by hand)

IA

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to 240 received (.) document received document 100 100 100 100
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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

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FROM
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UNIALO 54 AREA

07 1100 A

For Action

SKIA

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

AFHQ

Message Instructions

GR -

Originator's No.

RE 285 (.) RESTRICTED (.) Following RUMOUR that classes of Italian civilians are to be recalled to colours AC SOUTHERN REGION BARI ZONE have applied for exemption for 118 civilians employed by ROYAL NAVAL section of SACA works (.) Suggest you take matter up with AFHQ.

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Subject: 47 Inf. Regt.

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.).
C/o 24 Area. CNE.

MF 93
5 NOV 44

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A.).

1. 47 Inf Regt was visited in order to assign excess Italian Military Personnel against serials in MMLA priority list No.2.

2. Figures worked on were those as at 28 Oct. 47 Regt's latest weekly state copy of which is attached.

3. Ofprs. and N.C.O.'s were assigned to units by Lt.Col. SCHIACONI and Capt. RIVOLTA, Ministry of War reps sent to LECOS specifically for this reason.

4. It will be seen from attached state that figures for OR's as at 28 Oct were: Med. Cat.A.1 422 men, other categories 907, a total of 1329. Figures on the days when the visit was made varied slightly from these.

5. Selections were made as follows:-

(i) DESIGNATION	No.	Serial No.	Special Priority Bid.
(a) Muleteers	446		
(b) Engineers or Tradesmen	112	10	
(c) MT Personnel	55	30	
(d) Rits Docks Op.Coys.	352	15	
(e) Bakers and Supply pers	17	125	
(f) Traffic Control	1	140	
(g) Signallers	2	20	
(h) Rits 510 Gd.Bn.	100		Previously ordered by this office.
(i) Alpini	70		To be assigned to GRUPL.
(j) Awaiting demob.	130		
	1285		

(ii) In the last two days other tps have arrived which have been assigned as follows:-
Muleteers 43, Engineers 14, Rits Docks Op.Coys 8, Making totals by designation Muleteers 489, Engineers 130, Rits Docks 75, Coys 360.

6. Total figure quoted by you in your was that of an earlier 9 Corps state which showed effective strength as being 3 whereas actual present strength was half that figure.

7. As and when tps report to 47 Regt they will be screened by regimental Ofprs and selected into various categories required.

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| Iredesmen | 112 | 10 |
| (c) Lt Personnel | 55 | 30 |
| (d) Rfts Docks Op.Coys. | 352 | 15 |
| (e) Bakers and | | |
| Supply Pers | 17 | 125 |
| (f) Traffic Control | 1 | 140 |
| (g) Signallers | 2 | 20 |
| (h) Rfts 510 Gd.Bn. | 100 | Previously ordered by this office. |
| (i) Alpini | 70 | To be assigned to GRUPPI. |
| (j) Awaiting demob. | 130 | |
| | <u>1235</u> | |

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7. As and when tps report to 47 Regt they will be screened by regimental offrs and selected into various categories required. There is an average daily influx of about 100 personnel of which 40% are employees. Details of various assignments are communicated to me each evening by the Regt.

8. From the District Military the following selections have been made:-

	Muleteers	MT	Rfts Docks	Engs	DID
BARI	29	-	11	-	-
BRINDISI	37	1	5	5	-
LECCE	60	-	15	3	-
TARANTO	23	5	13	5	4
	149	6	44	13	4

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9. Grand total available for List 2 from 47 Regt and Military Districts in SARI, BRINDISI, LECCE and TARANTO is therefore:-

	Muleteers	MT	Rfts	Deck	Engrs	DID	IC	T
47 Regt	489	55	360		130	17	1	2
Districts	142	6	44		13	4	-	-
	638	61	404		143	21	1	2

CMA/jmr

C. F. Murcell
Major

C. F. Murcell Maj. G.S.
Senior R.M.I.A. L.O.
C/O 54 Area.

Copy to:- Mil H.Q. PUGLIA and LUCANIA.

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25 SEP 1944

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SUBJECT: Recall to the ITALIAN Army of ITALIANS of 1920 class

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY

R O M E

SD/15

23 Sep 44

PBS for MMIA

MMIA LO 2 District

Copy to: MMIA LO 1 District

MMIA LO 3 District

1. ITALIAN War Ministry have been authorized to recall ITALIANS of the 1920 class in CAMPANIA, and certain remnants of the same class in CALABRIA and APULIA

2. ITALIANS recalled in CALABRIA and CAMPANIA are disposed of to PBS through Comando Militare della CAMPANIA in NAPLES; ITALIANS recalled in APULIA are disposed of to 2 Dist through Comando Militare APULIA and LUIGIA in BARI.

3. W.e.f. receipt of this letter MMIA LO's in NAPLES and BARI will send a daily signal return to this office showing the numbers recalled on the previous day and assigned respectively to PBS and 2 Dist.

ABC

S.M. Long (signed)
Major General
MMIA
H-CL

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Subject: - FOGGIA call-up - MINERVINO Camp.

Capt. E.O. DONNELLY
C/O Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
C/O 54 Area. CMF.
TC/3

6 NOV 44

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 can give you 300 rpt 300 semi-trained and more if you MIA are not
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Subject:- TAPPA, POTENZA Station.

To: MMIA. I.O. 54 Area

MMIA. I.O.
c/o HQ 52 Area

TPD/6

Copy Movts, TARANTO, Mov/CI/4 dated 21 Oct 44
is forwarded for your attention; as POTENZA is in your
Sector.

24 Oct 44

Copies to: HQ, MMIA
Movts TARANTO

W. H. Paulford.
Capt. R.A.S.C.
Senior Liaison Officer - TARANTO

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Subject:- POTENZA Station.

M.M.I.A. I.O., TARANTO.

Copy to : H.Q., Movements, Eastern Italy.

Headquarters
MOVEMENTS,
TARANTO.
Tel : 2036
Ref : Mov/C1/l.

21 Oct 44

1. It is understood that the Tanna is very shortly to be withdrawn from POTENZA Station.
2. As some 100 Italian Military personnel are handled daily at POTENZA Station, and because the area is practically devoid of other British or Italian personnel, it is strongly recommended that the Tanna be kept there.

CAH/RD

(C.A. HAYGREEN) Major
D.A.Q.M.G.(M)
H.Q., Mov, TARANTO
for A.Q.M.G.(M)

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Restricted (.) Ref my previous correspondence on the subject please state
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13 OCT 1944

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SUBJECT: Deserters - Italian ArmyHQ '2' Military
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A/223/1

6 Oct 44

HQ AAI

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HQ 3 District

MIA

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2. Their refusal to hand these men over is based on the fact that they are Yugoslav by birth, having been in the border provinces of ISTRIA, GORIZIA etc, despite the fact that they are Italian citizens and members of the Italian Armed Forces.
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Subject:- No.8 Transit Camp, BARI.

Liaison Officer
Military Mission
Italian Army.
HQ No.2 Dist.CMF.
MF/23

6 OCT 44

Military Mission to Italian Army. ROME

1. The following is a resume of the use that the BARI Transit Camp has been put to in the past and gives an idea of the variety of jobs that the camp staff has to do.

- (a) Supervision of the Albergio LEON D'ORO with 130 beds for Officers stationed in BARI and in transit through BARI - Average daily movement 60 Officers. (Staff 1 Pte 1 Civilian).
 - (b) Billet in Via IVERIANI with 5 beds for General Officers. (2 Civilians).
 - (c) Billet in Via LOMBARDI with 20 beds for Officers stationed in and in transit through BARI. (2 Civilians).
 - (d) Huts with 150 beds for Officers of IRL units in BARI. (2 Ptes 3 Civilians).
 - (e) Shelter and canteen at BARI station for the catching trains late at night or in early morning. (1 Pte 2 Civilians).
 - (f) NICOLA A. TONIO mess in CORSO CAVOUR which feeds 250 Officers daily. Of these 30 are stationed in BARI, the remainder are in transit, and being without ration cards they are unable to feed at any other mess or restaurant. (1 Officer 2 Ptes 3 Civilians).
 - (g) Reception, onward routing and feeding of soldiers arriving from newly liberated territory in Italy, and the Balkans, and of soldiers returning from or going on leave who of necessity must stop in BARI until transport is available. (1 Officer 4 Ptes 2 Civilians).
 - (h) Interrogation of soldiers arriving from newly liberated territory; average 30 per day.
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 - (i) Information and travel bureau for soldiers whose units have moved during their absence on leave. (1 NCO 3 Civilians).
 - (j) Rolling centre for the awaiting trial. (1 NCO 6 Ptes).
 - (k) Formation and equipping centre for units destined to units employed by the Allies. (No particular staff assigned).
 - (l) Courts of enquiry on accused soldiers. (2 Ptes 3 Civilians).
 - (m) Leave pass stamping and forwarding of money to officers on leave. (1 NCO 2 Civilians).
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- (f) NICOLA A. TONIC mess in CORSO CAVOUR which feeds 280 Officers daily. Of these 80 are stationed in BARI, the remainder are in transit, and being without ration cards they are unable to feed at any other mess or restaurant. (1 Officer 2 Ptes 3 Civilians).
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- (k) Holding centre for tips awaiting trial. (1 NCO 6 Ptes).
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4. With only 1 Officer and 2 NCOs the BARI Transit Camp will not be able to cope and there is no other unit or formation in BARI that is able to carry out the above listed duties.

5. It is strongly recommended that the BARI Transit Camp be allowed its minimum requirements in personnel or we shall be finding that desertions will increase when the tips find that there is nowhere to shelter whilst in transit.

C.F. Murrell Maj.-Gen.
Senior L.M.I.A. L.S.O.
H.J. No. 2 District.

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