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MESSAGE FORM

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TO

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FROM

Capt C Hamilton Originator
Senior ELIA LO Eastern ITALY CEF

Date-Time of Origin

13.5.45.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

Major J.A.G. Gribble
O.I.C. GARIBALDI ALPINI REGT TRANI.

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Nil.

Message Instructions

OR

Originator's No.

M66(.) Reference our conversation HAMILTON-GRIEBBLE about Tentage left behind by 804 reinforcement Camp(.) Enquiries have been made as to whether this is still in TRANI and who is looking after it. It has been collected by the Rear Parties of 804 and by the Genio and sent back to BAEI(.) I am told that the tentage consisted of 150 ITALIAN Tents(.)

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

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Signed

J.A.G. Gribble
O.I.C. Garibaldi Regt

Signed

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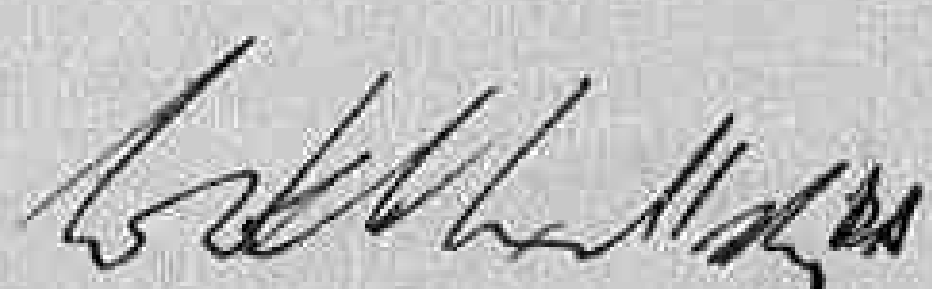
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Subject:- 804 BRD - Stores.Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
Q/OS/9M.M.I.A. L.O. 54 AREA.6 Aug/45.

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Ref. your IO/2/1SD of 31 July 45.

1. Tentage and accomodation stores held at 804 BRD will be allowed to remain there while the GARIBALDI Regt are in occupation of the site.
2. On their departure all ~~stores~~ ^{stores} tentage and equipment will be withdrawn to GIORDANO.

W.N.R. MAXWELL, Major
for Col. DA & QMG,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- Q/OS/18

WNRM/ab

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8 AUG 1945

Tel : BARI 11458

Subject : Tentage from 804 BRD

(213)
Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm, A/C
(MMIA) c/o 54 Area

Ref : LO/2/1/SD ✓
31 July 45

To : HQ MMIA Rome
Att: Q/OS

Ref your Q/03/359 of 30 July 45.

1. Upon Maj Holt's verbal order I as Ord representative did not press 804 BRD to return the tentage.
2. Maj Holt said to leave it there for the Garibaldi regt. as the regt was moving in and would require tentage. There was no action taken by this office in regard to tentage from 804 BRD in Trani. The answer to your query in Q/08/359 is nil, in so far as I know.

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Leverett C. Hamilton
Leverett C. Hamilton, C
Senior MMIA LO
Eastern Italy

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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI BARI (VI)
Ufficio I.M. - Ordinamento

N. 3244/Trani. di prov.

SEGRETO

Bari, 11.6.1943

O F F I T O: Scioglimento 804° Campo Affluenza Complementi.

ALL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO CON A.A. - 3° District - B A R I
S. per conoscenza;

AL COMANDO DISTACCATO DELLA 227° DIVISIONE
AL COMANDO 804° CAMPO AFFLUENZA COMPLEMENTI
ALLA M.M.I. - 10 presso 54° Area

B A R I
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I. - Il Comanda dell'804° Campo Affluenza Complementi di Trani, d'intesa con il Comanda Inglese del Campo stesso, richiese ha questo Comanda: - di pretrarre la data di scioglimento dal 30 giugno u.s. (come stabilito delle S.M.R.E.) al 30 luglio c.m.; - di aumentare l'organico consentito dell'Ufficio Stretto da 10 ufficiali e 50 sottufficiali e truppe a 11 ufficiali e 70 sottufficiali e truppe.

II. - Questo Comanda trasmise subito la proposta allo S.M.R.E. il quale, d'intesa con la M.M.I.A. di Roma, ha comunicato che le decisioni sono di competenza del 3° District col quale la pratica va trattata direttamente.

III. - Si prege pertanto voler interessare in merito il predetto Comanda 3° District tenendo presente che le proposte di cui sopra rispondono alla necessità di poter procedere ordinatamente all'assegnazione ed avvenimento di tutto il personale disponibile ed alla liquidazione delle numerose pendenze materiche ed amministrative del Campo. Le decisioni del Comanda 3° District siano comunicate direttamente al Comanda Distaccato della 227° Divisione ed all'804° Campo Affluenza Complementi di Trani e per conoscenza a questo Comanda.

(mva)

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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AL COMANDO DISTACCATO DELLA 227^a DIVISIONE
AL COMANDO 804^a CAMPO AFFLUENZA COMPLEMENTI
ALLA M.M.I.A. - IO presso 54^a Area

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- di aumentare l'organico consentito dell'Ufficio Straleio da 10 ufficiali e 50 sottufficiali e truppa a 11 ufficiali e 70 sottufficiali e truppa.

II. - Questo Comando trasmissa subito la proposta allo S.M.R.E. il quale, d'intesa con la M.M.I.A. di Roma, ha comunicato che le decisioni sono di competenza del 3^o District col quale la pratica va trattata direttamente.

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d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Col. V. Pettiti)



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SUBJECT: Disbandment of Cat 6(B)
BR-III Units

RESTRICTED

Land Forces Sup Com. AC (MMA)

SD/29/2

July 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

804 Base Reinforcement Depot - TRAMI

DISBANDEMENT

1. The above-mentioned Unit will be disbanded with effect from 15 July under the supervision of HQ No 3 DISTRICT. Disbandment will be completed by 19 July 45.

PERSONNEL

2. Unallotted personnel still remaining in the Depot both permanent staff and reinforcements are at the disposal of 227 Adm Div for filling vacancies and replacing demobilizable personnel of 3 District BR-III Units. Mail signal 1129 dated 20 June refers.

EQUIPMENT

3. (a) British equipment will be disposed of under the instructions of HQ No 3 DISTRICT.

(b) Italian equipment will be returned to BR-III Depot GICORDANO under the supervision of MM. LO 34 Area.

TRANSPORT

4. (a) British transport will be returned under arrangements HQ No 3 DISTRICT to 409 RVP NAFLES.

(b) Any Italian Military Tpt will be returned to No 3 Repairs Unit BAR.

5. AFHQ letter C-1 (ar) 1074/41 (SER 2544) dated 28 June refers.

CM/tvs

Major General

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3. (a) British equipment will be disposed of under the instructions of HQ No 3 DISTRICT.

(b) Italian equipment will be returned to ER-ITI Depot CICDAJO under the supervision of MML LO 54 area.

TRANSPORT

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- (b) Any Italian Military Tpt will be returned to No 3 Repairs Unit BARI.

5. AFHQ letter G-1 (Br) 1074/AL (SER 2544) dated 28 June refers.

CM/tvs

Copy to: MML LO 3 District.
MML LO 54 Area
MML LC PENNSOUTH
CC Br Cadre 804 HRD

Internal: A (Two)
Q (Three)
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Major General
MMLA

MAAD V LROF
QVR 1/3/4

NR 1684

FROM MMIA

TO 031800B
54 AREA
INFO DISTHREE
54 AREA FOR MMAL LO
OC BR CADRE 804 BRD

GR 47 BT L

SD2820 RESTRICTED

FOR MMIA LO . REF YOUR SD199 OF 29 .
IT IS NOT CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO RETAIN 804 B R D FOR DEALING
WITH COOPERATORS . INSTRUCTIONS IN A F H Q LETTER G1 (BR) 1074/A1
(SER 2544) OF 28 JUN FOR DISBANDMENT W E F 15 JUL VIDE MMIA
LETTER SD/29/2 OF 1 JULY STAND

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E READ AFTER SD199 OF 29 . IT IS NOT IMI IT IS NOT

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MAED V LROF NR 6724

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FROM MMIA 211415B

TO MINISTRY OF WAR

INFO AFHQ : 3 DISTRICT : BRITISH CADRE 803 BRD : BRITISH CADRE 804 BRD

54 AREA FOR MMIA LO : 3 DISTRICT FOR MMIA LO : PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO
GR 67 BT

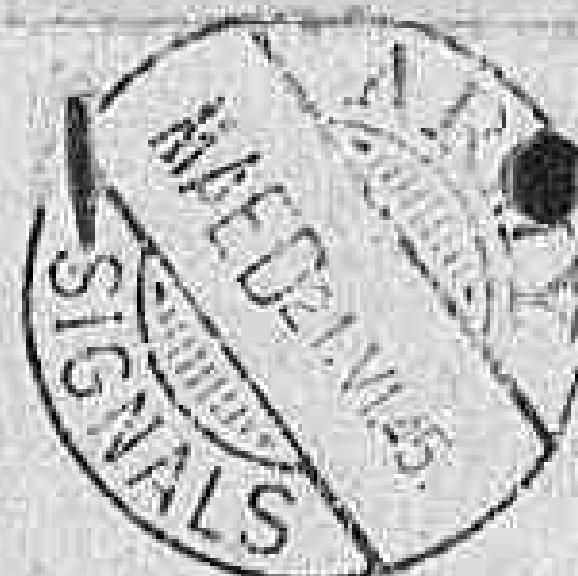
A1129 RESTRICTED .

DISBANDMENT ORDER // ORDER FOR 804 BRD TRANI IS SHORTLY TO BE ISSUED .
UNALLOTTED ITALIAN PERSONNEL IN DEPOT BOTH PERMANENT STAFF AND REINFOR-
CEMENTS ARE NOW AT 227 DIV DISPOSAL FOR FILLING VACANCIES AND REPLACING
DEMobilizable PERSONNEL IN BR-ITI UNITS UNDER COMMAND 3 DISTRICT .
PRIORITIES WILL BE DECIDED BY 3 DISTRICT . FUTURE REINFORCEMENTS FOR ALL
227 DIV UNITS WILL BE DRAWN FROM 803 BRD RAVISCANINA UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE

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TELEGRAMMA

Lo 2/1/50

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TRANI (a tele)

AL COMANDO 804° CAMPO AFFLUENZA COMPLEMENTI
si per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO DISTACCATO DELLA 227ª DIVISIONE
 AGLI UFFICI: Operazioni - Personale - Servizi -
 Statistica - P.Q.V. - Direzione
 Amministrazione del C/ao

→ ALLA M.M.I.A. - LO presso 54ª AREA

BARI (a mano)

S MD B (a mano)
 BARI (a mano)

Comiter Bari Ordineamento nr. 2981/Ord. data 19 giugno 1945 punto
 Ministero Guerra habet preavvisato via breve scioglimento code-
 sto Campo data 30 c.m. punto Sarà autorizzato costituzione uffi-
 cio stralcio punto Quente sopra per conseguenti predisposizioni
 punto Riserva disposizioni dettagli punto



20 JUN 1945



d'ordine
 IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
 (Col. V. Petitti)

Subject:- General Report.

To:- H.Q., 3, District.

Copy to:- H.Q., 54, Area.

M.M.I.A., Rome.

M.M.I.A.L.O., 54, Area.

EST/298/45

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804, Italian Base Reinforcements Depot, TRANI.

1. LIAISON.

(a) Movements, BAC, MTA have now closed down and Movement liaison is now carried out with BARI.

(b) Liaison with H.Q., 54 Area, MMIA and 227 Italian Division is maintained.

2. SUPERVISION & ADVISE.

(a) Organisation.

On account of the recent drop in reinforcement holdings, the 4th Battalion has now been disbanded.

(b) Reception Centre.

Work on a new reception centre is now well under way and when completed will be capable of receiving 1,000 reinforcements per day. The new reception centre will comprise the following:- hot showers, disinfection rooms, dressing rooms, documentation offices, M.I. room, "Q" stores, cookhouses, ablutions, latrines etc. with a tented camp capable of holding 1,000 men. The work is being carried out by civilian labour contracted by the Italian Command.

(c) Training.

(i) Advise and supervision on all matters relating to training is attended to daily by Lt. Stewart of this Cadre.

(ii) All recruits have now completed their four weeks course and a great improvement is noticed in dress, bearing and discipline. The recruits will continue to train on the same lines until they leave this depot.

(iii)

(iii) Training of the older soldiers continues on a daily training programme.

(d) Formation of Units.

(i) 221 and 222 Italian General Transport Coys. (AG) have now been formed and have departed TRANI.

222 Coy. have left an M.C.O. and 1 x 30cwt lorry in TRANI to pick up L.A.D. stores when released.

(ii) 223 Coy. vehicles viz 140 x 30cwt and 5 jeeps

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- (b) Liaison with H.Q., 54 Area, MIA and 227 Italian Division is maintained.
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- (a) Organisation.
On account of the recent drop in reinforcement holdings, the 4th Battalion has now been disbanded.
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Work on a new reception centre is now well under way and when completed will be capable of receiving 2,000 reinforcements per day. The new reception centre will comprise the following: - hot showers, disinfection rooms, dressing rooms, documentation offices, M.I. room, "Q" stores, cookhouses, ablutions, latrines etc. with a tented camp capable of holding 1,000 men. The work is being carried out by civilian labour contracted by the Italian Command.
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- (ii) 223 Coy. vehicles viz 140 x 30cwt and 6 jeeps have been collected. The Italian personnel is up to W/E. The British Cadre has so far only 1 officer and 18 O.R.s..

Continued on Sheet 11.

Sheet 11.PARA. 2 (d) Formation of Units, contd.

(d)

(111) 224 Coy. have not yet collected their vehicles.

The Italian personnel is up to W/R.
The British Cadre is not yet up to W/R.
1 officer and 15 C.R.s only have reported.

(1V) Release of stores for the above Coys.
continue to be ~~difficult~~ the chief difficulty.

(e) Discipline.

Generally speaking the discipline of the depot is continuing to improve. During the early part of May a few political incidents occurred in WRAH, none of a serious nature. This H.C. ordered pickets to be increased 50% and the situation was always well in hand. Everything is again normal.

(f) Hygiene.

Hygiene in the Barracks and tented camps has greatly improved. Col. Haydon, C.O. 75, British General Hospital was asked by this H.C. to inspect the medical and sanitary conditions of the depot. Col. Haydon agreed, and he carried out the inspection on 28th May. Afterwards, he commented most favourably on conditions generally.

(g) Welfare.

(i) The sports ground is now complete, except for a volley ball court now under construction. Football matches are played regularly and spectators from the depot turn up in strength.

(111) The recreational bathing beach is now being used and organised bathing parties use it whenever the weather is favourable.

(111) Free cinema shows continue to be given to troops of the depot at the local civilian cinema.

(1V) The Dance band and Brass band of the depot have regularly played in the Barracks and Camp, during the month. They are both very good value.

(V) The concert party is still active, and again the local cinema has been taken over for shows.

(h) Standing Orders.

Standing orders are supervised.

(1 & 3) Strength Returns etc.

Weekly strength returns and strength demands are supervised.

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(3) Welfare.

(i) The sports ground is now complete, except for a valley ball court now under construction. Football matches are played regularly and spectators from the depot turn up in strength.

(ii) The requisitioned bathing beach is now being used and organised bathing parties use it whenever the weather is favourable.

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(h) Standing Orders.

Standing orders are supervised.

(4 & 5) Strength Returns etc.

Daily strength returns and strength demands are constantly supervised.

3. CONTROL.

(a) Movements. Movement of draughts continues to be well controlled.

(b) Equipment & Clothing.

Personal equipment and clothing is in reasonably good condition. All personnel are now in K.D. and wear the Italian tricolour on the shoulder.

Continued on Sheet 111.

SHEET 111.3. CONTROL.contd..

- (c) Rations. The rations are good but the indents need constant supervision.
- (d) Transport. Transport is in reasonable condition. Periodic inspections are made by this H.Q. to ensure good maintenance etc..
- (e) G 1098. Satisfactory.
- (f) Medical Stores.

Still difficult to obtain, but improving.

4. MOVEMENT EXCH.

Lids are carried out as instructed.

5. GENERAL.

The British Cadre is again below strength, as Captain Whittington has now departed, under release group 1. Authority for promotion to Captain of Lt. Heckman has been requested. Could this please be expedited.

Field.

C.M.F.

31/5/45.

Major, R.A.,

Commanding British Cadre,

804, Italian Base Reinforcements Depot,

TRAN I.

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Subject: GENERAL FACTS.

To: H.Q. 3 District, D.D.P.

Copies to: H.Q. 34 Area.

H.Q. I.A., Rome.

H.Q. I.A., D.D., 54 Area.

504 Italian Home Reinforcement Depot, E.D.P.I.

1. MISSION.

Close liaison is constantly maintained with H.Q. 54 Area, H.Q. I.A., 240 Divisions, and movements.

2. SUPERVISION AND ADVICE.

(a) The Depot is organised on T.E. 08/11/01.

(b) Reception of all 1staken is carried out as they enter the Reception Centre on arrival at the Depot.

(c) i. Training is regularly carried out according to Training Programmes as laid down by this H.Q..

ii. Lt. WHELAN of this Cadre is constantly supervising and advising on training and good results are being achieved. iii. All recruits are put through a four weeks basic training course which includes lectures on Military Manoeuvres and Marching. Each morning is taken up with Armed Drill and Marching. P.T. is carried out in the afternoon.

iv. The results of the above training shows a very marked improvement in general bearing, discipline and moral throughout the Depot.

(d) Allocation of reinforcements is generally supervised by this H.Q., and is satisfactory.

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20/Jan 45
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1. TRAINING.

Closes liaison is constantly maintained with H.Q., 54 Area, S. D. I. I., 230 Division, and Movement.

2. SUPERVISION AND ADVICE.

- (a) The Depot is organized on S. D. I. I. M/P/1.
- (b) Documentation of all intakes is carried out as they enter the Reception Centre on arrival at the Depot.
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(e) Formation of Units Italian Transport Coys. (A.D.) has been carried out to the best of the ability of this cadre but it is most urgently pointed out that together with the work involved in liaison, supervising, advising and controlling 7000 Italians it is far too big a job to be carried out with the maximum of efficiency by such a small Cadre. If however the British cadres of these Coys. could be formed and sent to them before their vehicles are collected it would ease the position enormously.

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Para. 2, contd.

- (2) Discipline has greatly improved during the past four weeks and very few cases of nervous breakdowns of discipline are now reported. A prison stockade to hold if necessary up to 200 men has now been erected in the camp and four pickets have now been doubled.
- (3) Hygiene in the Barracks and toilet camp is improving but this work has been greatly hampered by the recall to his Unit of the S.M.O. (Non Medical) officer who was attached to the Cadre. Separate application has been made to your H.Q. for a replacement. The reason for this is that it is most difficult to make the Italians work to any hygiene system and therefore daily supervision is absolutely essential.
- (4) Welfare is being continually improved and facilities now available are as follows:-
- (1.) The sports ground under construction is nearing completion and when ready will comprise of 2 football pitches, 2 basket-ball pitches, bowls green and it is also hoped to construct a 440 yds. track.
 - (2.) Arrangements made with the local cinema still stand and cinema shows free to the troops of this Depot are given weekly.
 - (3.) A bathing beach, solely for the use of the Depot, has been requisitioned and diving boards and rafts are under construction.
 - (4) The concert party continue to give excellent performances and the local cinema is periodically used for this purpose.
 - (5) A Cinematograph for this Depot would be of immense benefit and attempts are being made to obtain one through

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(1) Standing Orders are supervised.

(2) Weekly Strength Returns and Strength Demands are constantly supervised.

ANNEX III3. CONTENT.

- (a) Movement of drafts is now under control.
- (b) Personal Equipment and Clothing is constantly supervised and General improvement is noted.

(c) Rations. Satisfactory but incidents need very close supervision.

(d) Transport. The Depot is now up to scale in transport but a further 500 tons are urgently required.

(e) Light. Satisfactory.

(f) Medical stores. Weekly written reports submitted to this R.C. from the senior M.O. of the Depot show some improvement.

4. MOVEMENTS in accordance with instructions are carried out.

5. GENERAL

(a) The present Reception Centre is too small so ground for a new Reception Centre has been requisitioned and the work is now under construction by civilian labour. When completed it will be capable of dealing with 1000 men per day and will include:-

- (i) Documentation Offices.
- (ii) Shower baths
- (iii) Disinfection centre
- (iv) R.I. Room
- (v) Clothing stores etc.
- (vi) Tented camp for 1000 men including Cookhouses, latrines and ablutions.

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(b) The British cadre of this Depot is still not up to strength.

A Captain posted to this Unit on the 19th April nearly 14 days

ago. H. WHITTINGTON ^{POWER CORPS} has not yet reported for duty.

Could this matter please be expedited.

(d) Transport. The Depot is now up to scale in transport but a further 500 tonnes is urgently required.

(e) Accommodation. Satisfactory.

(f) Medical Services. Weekly written reports submitted to this H.Q. from the senior M.O. of the Depot show some improvement.

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P1012,007.

10/4/45

[Signature]
Major, R.A.C.,
Commanding British Cadre,

834 Italian Base Reinforcement Depot, ITALY.

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MESSAGE FORM

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(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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804 BMD

Originator's No.

SD/169(.) RESTRICTED(.)

First(.) Present authorised scale of tent pieces for 804 BMD TRANI is one per man(.) THEOPHILUS considers and has advised GOC that three pieces per two men essential for sanitary living and to provide minimum adm accommodation(.)

Second(.) Ceiling strength of TRANI is 7000(.) Though actual strength now 6000 ceiling strength has been ^{never reached} reached and likely to be reached again short notice(.)

Third(.) Roofed accommodation exists for 2000(.) Therefore tented commitment is for 5000 men i.e. 7500 tent pieces(.) Total present holding tent pieces 5823 incl German tents on same basis

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TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions. GR

804 HED

Originator's No.

SE/169(.) RESTRICTED(.)

First(.) Present authorized scale of tent pieces for 804 BRO TRANI is one per man(.) THEOPHILUS considers and has advised GOC that three pieces per two men essential for sanitary living and to provide minimum adm accomodation(.)

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Signed.

Subject: Weapon Training - Italians

10/21 (137)
168/1 GS

To: MMIA LO.

1. Ref your G/Tng/19 dated 21 April, it is noted that Italian personnel at TRANI are to receive weapon training and that the Depot are to be supplied with the necessary weapons, presumably through MMIA.
2. The Depot at TRANI has applied to this HQ for instructors, which we are unable to provide. It is requested that MMIA allot the necessary personnel to the Depot to carry out the training.

CMT.
25 April 45.

Jacobs Mills
Major, GS.
54 Area.

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copy to: - O.C. 804 It Base Reinforcement Depot TRANI.

*Spoke Jacobs Mills
NA 27AM.*

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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE LI BARI (IX)
Uff.-S.M. - Ordinamento -135
SEGRETO

N.1679/Ord. di prot.

Bari li, 19 aprile 1945

O G G E T T O: Avviamento militari ai campi affluenza complementi.AL COMANDO CENTRO ALLOGGIO N.1 -N.2-N.3- BARI-LECCE-ROCCAFORZATA
e, per conoscenza:

ALL'UFFICIO DEL GENERALE ADDETTO

B A R I

AL COMANDO CENTRO ALLOGGIO

S. ANDREA (Taranto)

ALLA DIREZIONE SANITA' MILITARE TERRITORIALE

B A R I

→ ALLA M.M.I.A.-LO -54* AREA

B A R I

In seguito ad accordi col locale Ufficio di Collegamento della M.M.I.A. si dispone che a parziale modifica del capo VI lettera a) del foglio nr.1068/ord. in data 18 marzo di questo Comando, i militari provenienti da oltremare e prigionia, dopo la liquidazione degli assegni loro spettanti e dopo aver fruito del prescritto periodo di licenza, siano avviati come in precedenza ai Campi Affluenza Complementi di Trani ed Astroni invece che al Centro Alloggio di S.Andrea.

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Col.V. Petitti)

Pelli 609

SECRET

Subject: ORIGINAL REPORT.

H.Q. 3 District.

Copies for:

H.Q. 54 Area.

H.Q. I.A. Rome.

H.Q. I.A. S.O. 54 Area.

EST/132/45

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• Italian Base Reinforcement Depot, TIRI.

1. LIASON.

Close liaison is maintained with H.Q. 54 Area, and H.Q. I.A.,

S.O.

2. DISCIPLINE AND TRAINING.

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The camp is organized on S.O. 770/1. All reinforcements coming to the Depot report to a Reception Centre where they are bathed, clothed, medically inspected for H.Q. I.A., and inoculations, documented and posted to a Battalion.

3. TRAINING.

Basic training is carried out and has resulted in a marked improvement in discipline. The Depot strength does not show the true state of reinforcements available, category men are held here and are drift in from units other than those directed by H.Q. I.A., S.O. 3 District. This is being remedied.

4. A.C. TRAINING.

(by S.O. 3?)

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H.M.I.A. 24 Area

204 Italian Base Reinforcement Depot, Italy.I. LIAISON.

Close liaison is maintained with H.C. 54 Area, and H.M.I.A.,

L.O.

2. SUPERVISION AND ADVISE.

1184

The camp is organized on H.C. 54/730/1.

All reinforcements coming to the Depot report to a Reception Centre where they are bathed, clothed, medically inspected for T.F.I., and inoculations, vaccinated and posted to a Battalion.

3. TRAINING.

Basic training is carried out and has resulted in a marked improvement in discipline. The Depot strength does not show the true state of reinforcements available, category men are held here and men drift in from units other than those directed by A.F.H.C., H.M.I.A., H.C. 3 District. This is being remedied.

4. A.C. TRANSPORT.

221 Italian Transport Company is being formed at present.

5. DISCIPLINE.

Discipline is improving but occasional demonstrations are staged with a political foundation. Known leaders have been posted away from the Depot by the Italian C.O.

6. WELFARE AND RECREATION.

(a) Welfare and recreational facilities are improving. A canteen has been erected but supplies are difficult to obtain, local produce is sold;

General Report.SECRET.RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT.

- (b) A small concert party has been formed in the Depot, who give concerts in the canteen two afternoons a week.
- (c) Arrangements have been made with the local cinema proprietor to give one show a week, free to men of this Depot, 1000 men attend.
- (d) A bathing beach has been reserved for this Depot where organized bathing will be carried out.
- (e) Ground has been requisitioned for a Gaepe sportive, and this should be completed in the near future, in the meantime football is played daily on a local units ground.

7. GENERAL.

Moving of drafts is not yet completely tied up to guarantee full number of men will leave - the main difficulty has been due to the lack of supervision by Italian officers who do not have complete control of their men. This is improving.

main point of exchange!

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(b) Rations are good and no complaints have yet been received.

(c) Transport in this Depot has been a great problem due to W.I. Transport not yet been issued. The Depot has 3 very old lorries, 2, 1917 class which are invariably off the road. Use has been made of vehicles belonging to the Driving School in T24H1. Release has been applied for ADOS., and on receipt so further difficulties should be experienced.

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(e) Ground has been requisitioned for a Campo sportivo, and this should be completed in the near future, in the meantime football is played daily on a local waste ground.

7. CONTROL.

Moving of drafts is not yet completely tied up to guarantee full number of men will leave - the main difficulty has been due to the lack of supervision by Italian officers who do not have complete control of their men. This is improving.

8. MEN

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(b) Rations are good and no complaints have yet been received.

(c) Transport in this Depot has been a great problem due to M.A. Transport not yet been issued. The Depot has 3 very old lorries, 2, 1912 class which are invariably off the road. Use has been made of vehicles belonging to the Driving School in TRIESTE. Release has been applied for ADG., and on receipt no further difficulties should be experienced.

9. MEDICAL SERVICES AND HYGIENE.

The general standard of hygiene is improving. The Reception Centre at present is use in too small for dealing with intakes of over 500 men daily. Suitable land has been requisitioned for making a new centre. The tented camp is nearing completion. 2 camp sites are now completed except for shower baths which nearing completion.

General Report.

SECRET III.

9. MEDICAL STORES and HYGIENE. cont.

The third camp was started this week. All outgoing drafts are now medically inspected. Medical stores indented for on a monthly basis and are satisfactory.

Field, SWP.

30/3/45.

L. H. C.

Major, R.A.,

Commanding British Cadre,

804 Italian Base Reinforcements Depot, TRASI.

5/4 9/5

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Subject:- Tentage.

(132)

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.).
C/o 54 Area. CMF.
LO/2/1/SD
4 Apr 45.

British Cadre, 804 B.R.D., TRANI.

Ref your MMIA/143/45 dated 2 Apr 45.

1. The following observations are made:-
(a) There was standing tentage at TRANI only during the last fortnight of Dec. The number of personnel accommodated in the camp was approx 1700. The tentage was then taken down and put into store. The figure 865 pieces lost, is therefore manifestly absurd and requires further investigation. Further the estimate of loss made by the Bn Comd at the time was 300 in itself an excessive figure. It is not credible that in the last fortnight of Dec the number of desertions from the camp site (not incl barracks and mill) was 865, which presumes also that every deserter dismantled and removed a tent piece.

(b) Tent pieces are issued to TRANI for one purpose only i.e. accn for tps. Therefore all the remaining 563 tent pieces are available for the camp accn. As no rain is now expected till Sep the 363 tent pieces in bad condition can be used for side pieces of tents without inconvenience to the personnel.

(c) The accn at 804 B.R.D. is now as follows:-

In barracks -----	1500
In seminary -----	500
Under tent pieces ---	4963
In new tents -----	800

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2. The provision of further tent pieces is not therefore contemplated.

J.G. Bird
J.G. Bird Major.
Senior MMIA LO.
C/o HQ 54 Area.

JGB/jmr

Copy to:- 230 Div.

1. AL COMANDO MILITARE REGIONALE DI BARI

UFF. S. M. - C. M. - C. M.

2. 1301/Gen. di prot. **SEGRETO** Bari 11, 1° aprile 1945

3. **COMANDO MILITARE**: Invio di militari ai Campi di concentramento completati.

ALL'UFFICIO DEL GEN. AL. ADDETT.

AL COMANDO 230° DIVISIONE

AL COMANDO ARMIATA e GENIO MILITARE

AL COMANDO SPECIALE 12. ACCADEMIA MILITARE

ALLA DIREZIONE MILITARE o COMMISSARIATO REGIONALE

ALLA DELEGAZIONE TRASPORTI MILITARI N. 509

AL COMANDO DEPOSITO 9° REGIMENTO CAVALIERI

AL COMANDO VII REG. MV. SPADALE (UFF. Stralzo)

AL COMANDO GENIO MILITARE N. 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8 - 9 - 10 - 11 - 12 - 13 - 14 - 15 - 16 - 17 - 18 - 19 - 20 - 21 - 22 - 23 - 24 - 25 - 26 - 27 - 28 - 29 - 30 - 31 - 32 - 33 - 34 - 35 - 36 - 37 - 38 - 39 - 40 - 41 - 42 - 43 - 44 - 45 - 46 - 47 - 48 - 49 - 50 - 51 - 52 - 53 - 54 - 55 - 56 - 57 - 58 - 59 - 60 - 61 - 62 - 63 - 64 - 65 - 66 - 67 - 68 - 69 - 70 - 71 - 72 - 73 - 74 - 75 - 76 - 77 - 78 - 79 - 80 - 81 - 82 - 83 - 84 - 85 - 86 - 87 - 88 - 89 - 90 - 91 - 92 - 93 - 94 - 95 - 96 - 97 - 98 - 99 - 100 - 101 - 102 - 103 - 104 - 105 - 106 - 107 - 108 - 109 - 110 - 111 - 112 - 113 - 114 - 115 - 116 - 117 - 118 - 119 - 120 - 121 - 122 - 123 - 124 - 125 - 126 - 127 - 128 - 129 - 130 - 131 - 132 - 133 - 134 - 135 - 136 - 137 - 138 - 139 - 140 - 141 - 142 - 143 - 144 - 145 - 146 - 147 - 148 - 149 - 150 - 151 - 152 - 153 - 154 - 155 - 156 - 157 - 158 - 159 - 160 - 161 - 162 - 163 - 164 - 165 - 166 - 167 - 168 - 169 - 170 - 171 - 172 - 173 - 174 - 175 - 176 - 177 - 178 - 179 - 180 - 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AL COMANDO GENIO MILITARE

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AL COMANDO POSTO CARBURANTI DEL COMIT.

AL COMANDO 84° SEZIONE AUTOMOBILISTE

AL COMANDO 9° SEZIONE GUARDIA

AL COMANDO QUARTIER GENERALE DEL COMIT.

ALLA DIREZIONE PRIMO AUC. OBILITICO

ALLA DIREZIONE 9° L. FERRERIA QUADRUPEDI (G. 103)

ALL'UFFICIO MILITARE ASSISTENZA POPOLAZIONI CIVILI

ALL'UFFICIO ITALIANO DI COLLEGAMENTO CON A.A.-3° Dist. B.A.R.I.

9. PER CONOSCENZA:

ALL'ISPEZIONE SANITARIA REGIONALE

AL MINISTERO MILITARE REGIONALE DI GUERRA

AL COMANDO CAMPO AEREO 24 COMPARTI

ALLA DIREZIONE DI ANTI ISTRUZIONE DEL COMIT.

AL REGGIORE BIRG - Ufficio di Collegamento Sotto

Commissione Primo Esercito A.O. (M.I.A.) presso 54° Area BARI

AGLI UFFICI OPERAZIONI - PERSONALE - L. FERRERIA - 3° D. E.

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Riferimento capo VI del foglio 2. 1068/CFC di questo Comando in

data 18 marzo 1945.

4 seguito in base intercorse fra questo Comando ed il locale Ufficio

di collegamento della M.I.A. è stato stabilito quanto segue:

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Riferimento capo VI del foglio 2. 1058/CRC di questo Comando in data 18 marzo 1945.

È seguito il voto intercorso fra questo Comando ed il locale Ufficio di collocamento della M.I.A. È stato stabilito quanto segue:

c) - i militari recuperati delle forze assente che verranno trasferiti ai Campi di Frosinone, di Astori e di Trai debbono essere muniti, oltre che della bassa di passaggio, di un documento firmato dal comandante di reparto dal quale risulti il reparto di provenienza e rispettiva categoria nonché l'idoneità incondizionata del militare per il suo reimpiego nell'Esercito;

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- b) -- per ogni militare trasferito dovrà essere subito comunicato a questo Comando il nominativo del militare stesso, il reparto di provenienza e il campo di destinazione;
- c) -- tale disposizione abroge quella precedente relativa alle preventive autorizzazioni per l'avvicinamento al Campo Tieni dei militari recuperati sotto qualunque forma provenienti da reparti BR-TT.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI STABO MAGGIORE
(Col. V. Petitti)



Subject: - Discipline-M.P. Platoon.

EST/136/45.

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H.Q., 54 Area, CMF.

Copy to: - M.M.I.A., L.O.,

----- 54 Area, CMF. -----

Attached, proposed V.E. is submitted for your consideration. It is thought by the C.O. of the Italian Depot, and agreed by O.C., British Cadre, that the formation of a Police Platoon for this Depot will be advantageous in maintaining discipline.

Field, CMF.

30/3/45.

Alfred Cox

Major, R.A.,

Commanding British Cadre,

804 Italian Base Reinforcements Depot, TRAIL.

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1/4 HP

60D.

804 Italian Base Reinforcements Benot, TRANI.

Ref. 1328/R.

RESTRICTED.

Subject: T.I. for M.P. platoon.

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PERSONNEL	Officers	Sats.	Cpls.	ptes.
C.O. (Capt. or Subaltern)	1			
Subalterns.	2			
Clerks		1		
Storesmen (clothing)			1	1
Cooks			1	2
Orderly			1	1
Cycle orderly				1
Trumpeter				1
Tailor				1
Cobbler				1
Batman-messenger boys				1
Storesmen (foodstore)				3
H.Q.O's.		10	1	1
Corporals				
Privates			10	
Total.....	3	11	14	112
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				110

SCALE OF EQUIPMENT TO BE ISSUED TO M.P. PLATOON.

Rifles	100
Machineguns	120
Pistols "Beretta"	120
Sticks	110
Trumpet	1
Pots	3
Field-pots	

COAL OF EQUIPMENT TO BE ISSUED TO M.P. PLATOON.

S. Ten.
Officer Interpreter
30/3/45.

Subject:- Reinforcements - Italian Military

23 MAR 1945

Headquarters
66 Group Pioneer Coy
Ref: 66G/34

23 March 1945

MIA IO,
54 Area.

1. Ten reinforcements reported to 135 Italian Par Coy for duty on 21st March 1945 from TRANI Depot.

2. Immediately on arrival a check of the men's kit was taken and it was found necessary to make the following issues of clothing to complete the men to scale :-

Caps	-	2
Socks, prs	-	15
Greatcoats	-	7
Drawers, Cellular	-	19
Pants, woollen, prs	-	3
Boots, prs	-	2

In addition to this the following clothing was completely unserviceable and had to be exchanged :-

Boots, prs	-	6
Shirts	-	2
Socks, prs	-	1
Blouses B/D	-	1
Trousers B/D	-	2

3. The general appearance of the men left much to be desired. They were unshaven and all needed a haircut badly. The average time spent at the Depot was between 4 and 5 weeks.
4. For your information and necessary action, please.

W. H. S. Conner

(W. H. S. CONNER) Lt. Col.

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W. H. Harvey Conery

(WSJ HARVEY CONERY) Lt. Col.,
Commanding 66 Group HQ Pioneer Corps.

WEC/GP

SUBJECT: 802, 803, 804 Base Reinforcement Camps (BR-ITI)

(121)

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/42/1
24 March 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Copy to: OC BR CADRE 802 BRD ORVIETO
OC BR CADRE 803 BRD AFRAGOLA
OC BR CADRE 804 BRD TRANI
MMIA LO 1 DIST
MMIA LO 3 DIST
MMIA LO 54 AREA

Ref this HQ letter SD/42/1 dated 15 March 45.

1. The present War Establishments of Italian Base Reinforcement Camps are based on a holding of 4,500 reinforcements. As the actual holding in camps over the next two months is likely to amount to up to 6,000 men, you are directed to insure that the necessary reinforcements are held back over this period to form the battalion staff for the fourth battalion.
2. The full training staff of one officer and 9 corporals per company will be provided for each company in addition to the War Establishment holding.

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K. L. L.
Major General
M. M. I. A.

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COMANDO 230^a DIVISIONE
- S.M.-Ufficio Ordinamento e Personale -

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N. 2456/ST di prot.

Bari, 19 Marzo 1945.=

O G G E T T O: Campo Affluenza complementi di Trani.=

ALL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO M.M.I.A.

B A R I

Riscontro foglio Io/2/1/SD in data 17 corrente -
pari oggetto -

Ho già dato disposizioni al Campo Affluenza
di Trani perchè dia immediato corso allo sgombero dei militari
non idonei, secondo i criteri fissati da cotesto Ufficio
Collegamento.

Desidero peraltro far presente che gli enti
o reparti che hanno inviato personale non idoneo al Campo
di Trani non sono alle dipendenze amministrative di questo
Comando.=

GENERALE COMANDANTE
- Lorenzo Vivalda -*L. Vivalda*22/
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COMANDO 230° I MISCIO

- S.M.-Ufficio Ordinamento e Personale -

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N. 2455/ST di prot.

Bari, 20 Marzo 1945.

O G G E T T O: Campo Affluenza Complementi di Trani.=

AL COMANDO CAMPO AFFLUENZA COMPLEMENTI DI
ALL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO M.M.I.A.

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO 403° REGGIMENTO P.I.
AL COMANDO 404° REGGIMENTO P.I.
AL COMANDO 406° REGGIMENTO P.I.
AL COMANDO 541° REGGIMENTO PANTERIA
AL COMANDO 72° NUCLEO IT. PER C.D. GENIO 2° D.
AL COMANDO 2° CP. CONTROLLO E TRAFFICO
AL COMANDO 921° REPARTO PORTUALE
AL COMANDO 534° CP. SPECIALE GUARDIE
AL COMANDO 514° BATTAGLIONE SIC. E GUARDIE
AL COMANDO 923° REPARTO PORTUALE
AL COMANDO 501° BATTAGLIONE SIC. E GUARDIE
AL COMANDO DISTACAMENTO ITALIANO 14° RAD
AL COMANDO CP. FORMAZIONE CENTRO ADDESTRAMENTO
AL COMANDO SCUOLA AUTIERI PER A.A.
AL COMANDO 1009° AUTIERI SPECIALE PER A.A.

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L'Ufficio Collegamento M.M.I.A. di Bari, tenuto conto che ancor oggi risultano presenti al Campo Affluenza di Trani n. 500 militari meno idonei e che continua l'afflusso di tali elementi ad opera degli ospedali, convalescenziari, depositi e reparti, ha disposto:

- che tutte il personale meno idoneo, presente al Campo Affluenza, sia rimandato agli enti di prevenzione;
- che i militari in forza al Campo in attesa di congedo siano inviati al Distretto di Barletta per le ulteriori operazioni di congedo;
- che a partire dal 19 corrente, nessun militare dovrà essere preso in forza dal Campo Affluenza, eccezion fatta per quelli espressamente inviati dalla M.M.I.A. o dal Comando 3° District.

Ciò posto, prego ceteo Comando di dare immediato corso alle operazioni di cui sopra, dandone assicurazione a lavoro ultimato ed in ogni caso non oltre il 11 corrente mese.=

P. C. O.
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
- Lorenzo Vivalda -

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(ten.col.V. Insinna)

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
- Lorenzo Vivalda -



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URGENTE

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COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI BARI

UFFICIO S.M. - Ordinamento -

N. 1069/Ord. di prot.

Bari, li 18 marzo 1945

Risposta al foglio del

N. Alleg. N.

OGGETTO: Avviso di militari al Campo affluenza complementi di Trani.

Al COMANDO 230^a DIVISIONEB A R I

e. per conoscenza:

ALL'UFFICIO DEL GENERALE ADDETTO

B A R I

AL MAGGIORE BIRD -

Ufficiale di Collegamento Settecomissione

Forze Sbarco A.C.(M.M.I.A.) presso 54^a Area-

(rif.f.nr.10/2/1/SD data 17 c.n.)

B A R I

Con riferimento al foglio 10/2/1/SD in data 17 marzo c.n. del locale Ufficio di collegamento delle M.M.I.A., si prega:

- I.- far accertare di urgenza l'idoneità o meno dei 500 militari di cui al n.1 del citato foglio, avendo questo Comando già da tempo vietato l'avvicinamento al Campo di Trani di personale non idoneo;
- II.- far esaminare dal Comandante del Campo la situazione del personale di cui alle lettere a) e b) del n.3 che dovrebbe essere avviato al distretto militare di Barletta per le ulteriori incombenze, e far prendere i necessari accordi col suddetto Comando di distretto.
- III.- Riferire al più presto in merito.

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IL COLONNELLO CAPO di S.M.
(Giuseppe Piazza)

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Sivo essere avviati militari comune in possesso di documenti o avere particelle in corso per l'arrivo in congedo, in licenza illimitata o di qualunque altra specie.

Subject :- 804 BRIT Reinforcement Depot, TRANI.

(112)

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.).
C/o 54 Area. CMF.
LO/2/1/SD
17 Mar 45.

Territorial HQ, BARI.

HQ 230 Division.

1. There are at this date in 804 Reinforcement Depot, TRANI approx 500 personnel of low medical category. The greater part of these personnel have been sent to TRANI direct from Hospitals or from Units. Also in the period 20 Nov 44 - 12 Mar 45, no less than 1633 soldiers have been sent to TRANI to be demobilised i.e. in congedo, in licenza illimitata or in licenza di convalescenza.
2. The purpose of 804 Reinforcement Depot is to provide reinforcements for BRIT Units. It is obvious that it has, and is being used for purposes for which it was not intended.
3. The following action will therefore be taken immediately by 804 Reinforcement Depot :-
 - (a) All low medical category personnel will be despatched forthwith to the hospitals or Units from which they originally came. In cases of doubt, personnel will be sent to Comando Distretto, BARLETTA for disposal instructions.
 - (b) All personnel in the camp awaiting demobilisation will be sent immediately to Comando Distretto, BARLETTA, who will make all further arrangements for them. They will not remain in the camp for any purposes.
 - (c) NO personnel will with effect from 19 Mar 45 be received into the Camp, except those who have been expressly sent there through MMIA or HQ 3 District.
4. Please issue immediate instructions to all hospitals and Units under your Command to the above effect, otherwise unnecessary hardships will be caused to unauthorised personnel attempting to enter 804 Reinforcement Depot.

J.G. Bird
J.G. Bird Major.
Senior MMIA LO.
C/o Hq 54 Area.

JGB/jmr

Copy to:- HQ MMIA.
British Cadre, 804 Rft Depot, TRANI

Subject: DEMOBILISATION.

M.M.I.A. I.O.,
c/o H.Q. 54 Area,

C. M. F.

1. Herewith attached slip giving No. of men demobilised at this camp between 20th Nov 44 and 12 Mar 45.

2. All men were due demobilisation under the various Ministerial decrees on the subject.

3. It will be appreciated that this work of examining individual documents and preparing demobilisation papers puts a great strain on the administrative staff of this H.Q., and that reinforcement availability is seen in a false perspective.

4. It seems obvious that many Italian C.O's. are shirking the onerous work of demobilising men who are due demobilisation by sending them to the various Depots, for which they naturally come to this Camp. In order to avoid a vicious circle these men are demobilised from here. Thus this Camp is made to fulfill the functions of a Regimental Depot.

5. It would be appreciated if the matter could be taken up with Territorial H.Q., and if orders could be issued that Italian Commanders do their own "A" work.

Bo Donnell.

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

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FIELD, CEF.

Go Donnell.

Capt.

Liaison Officer.

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COMANDO CAMPO AFFLUENZA COMPLEMENTI
Ufficio Matricola

N.

Trani 11, 13 marzo 1945

Militari inviati in congedo, in licenza illimitata o
in licenza di convalescenza dal 20 novembre 1944 al 12 marzo 1945.

Congedo illimitato	Congedo assoluto	Licenza illimitata	Licenza di convalescenza sup. gg. 60	Congedati per parti- colari condizioni di famiglia
474	16	575	202	286

1633



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Subject. TRANI Rms.

Division Office.
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA) c/o 54 Area.
LO/2/1/SD
5 Mar 45. (160)

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA).

Ref MMIA Q/OS/18 dated 20 Feb 45.

1. Att. is a report from TRANI Camp on the condition of the men in reference, and an explanation why on this occasion they did not take blankets - a matter since rectified.

2. It is confirmed that no man left TRANI naked from the waist downwards.

J.G.Bird
J.G. BIRD Major.
Senior MMIA LO.
c/o HQ 54 Area.

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Subject: TRANI RFTS.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) R O M E
Q/OS/18

20 Feb 1945

To: MMIA LO 54 Area.

Ref att letter AFHQ/9187/Q(AE) of 12 Feb covering a report LID 400 of 30 Jan 45.

1. This report alleges that 161 men were sent from TRANI to AREZZO on 23 Jan quite naked from the waist downwards i.e. no boots, no trousers, no socks and majority with no underpants.
2. You will check the records of clothing of this draft and forward all information which will be of assistance in rectifying this matter in future drafts. You will in particular report why the draft was despatched without one blanket in view of the present orders on this point.
3. It is agreed that at 23 Jan rfts were all clothed by receiving formations and that the onus of equipment was NOT on TRANI, nevertheless no man should have been sent out in this alleged state.
4. You will confirm that ALL rfts in TRANI are fitted out with one pair boots and one suit battledress. All rfts will be sent fwd with one garment of each description as soon as AFHQ have completed their arrangements to overcome the immediate underclothing shortage. In the meanwhile you will use such stocks as are available in 230 Div.

FJN/le

F. J. Noakes
F. J. NOAKES, Col.
D.A. & Q.M.G.
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: AFHQ for Q/AE, your 9187/Q(AE) of 12 Feb refers (less enclosures)
HQ One District for Q - ref One District letter LID 400 of 30 Jan copy to Q.

5/4B *Rebored for TRANI with report.*

C O P Y

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Subject: Reinforcement - Italian
Pioneer Units.

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

AFHQ/9198/Q(AE)

12 Feb. 45

HQ, MMIA.

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter received by the Directorate of Labour this Headquarters from the Labour representative at 1 District - LID 400 dated 30 Jan. 45.

1. It was understood by this Headquarters that there was no shortage of greatcoats; in fact the impression was that there was no shortage in most of the items stated to be deficient.
2. Will you please investigate this matter with the District concerned and forward a report on your findings to this Headquarters.

/s/ R. W. BEASLEY, Major,
for Major General, G4 (B).

BSAC/DY.

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Copy to: No. 3 District - a copy of the above quoted letter is attached hereto.

C O P Y

Subject: Reinforcements - Ital Pnr Coys.

LID 400

DL AMHQ

1.

On 23 Jan. 45, 278 Ital Pnr rfts arrived at AREZZO from TRANI for ADL "C" Team. None of these rfts had a blanket and the state of clothing and necessities was as follows:

	In good condition	In bad condition	Nil
Boots		76	202
Trousers (BD prs)	103	14	161
Blouses (BD)	50	-	228
Caps	61	13	204
Greatcoats	50	3	225
Shirts	-	3	275
Underclothes (Vests & Drawers)	60	3	215
Socks	-	-	278
Fins Mess	21	-	257

2. It will thus be observed that the general condition of these men on arrival was quite deplorable. The misery they must have suffered on the journey can be imagined.

3. Neither was the situation easier at the receiving end, because the short time of one day between notification being received that the rfts were in transit and the time of arrival made it impossible to have clothing and necessities waiting at AREZZO for them, especially when no information was given as to the condition of clothing and equipment of the expected rfts.

4. Is it not possible to fit a whole draft out with a minimum of a complete battle-dress, boots, a shirt and a blanket before departure from the Depot?

5. It may be that extreme caution in the matter of prevention of illegal sale of clothing and necessities is being exercised at the rft depot; but to send 278 men on a long, very cold train journey in such a state of raggedness is a grave reflection on administration.

6. It will be appreciated that with the clothing store of 209 Div at OSIMO it takes a minimum of several days to collect details of deficiencies on arrival of drafts, to obtain MIA sanction for the release of clothing and equipment, and to collect same and issue to the men who

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7. May this matter be taken up, please, with a view to an improvement in the fitting out of rfts before departure, as this trouble is constantly recurring.

(signed) D.J. DEAN,
Colonel,
DDL.

CMB.

30 Jan. 45.

Copy to: ADL "C" TEAM. DISTONE Q. MIA LO

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20 FEB 1948

Bari, 11 17 febbraio 1948

Al COMANDO CAMPO

AFFLUENZA COMPLEMENTI

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COMANDO 230 DIVISIONE
UFFICIO Ord.e Pers.

Risposta al foglio del N.

Prot. N. 1438/ST Allegati

OGGETTO: campi affluenza.-

e, per conoscenza:

- ALL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO M.M.I.A. B A R I

In seguito ad intese con la M.M.I.A. lo S.M.R.E. -Ufficio Ordinamento e Mobilitazione- con foglio n. 10754 in data 12 corr. ha stabilito il nuovo organico dei campi affluenza come da specchio allegato.

Codesto comando curerà che detto organico venga posto in atto con tutte urgenze.

Le eventuali deficienze di personale:

- ufficiali: saranno segnalate a questo comando;
- sottufficiali e truppa: saranno tratte dai complementi.-

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
-Lorenzo Vivida-

COMANDO DI CAMPO

Comandante (colonnello)
 Aiutante maggiore
 Cappellano
 Interprete

Ufficio Comando

- ufficiale addetto (capitano)
- sottufficiali di maggioranza (marescialli)
- caporali maggiori e caporali
- scritturelli e dattilografi
- ordinanze d'ufficio
- telefonisti
- staffette su motociclo
- staffette su bicicletta

Totale ufficio comando

Ufficio commissariato

- ufficiale di commissariato (subalterno)
- sottufficiale (maresciallo)
- caporali maggiori e caporali

Totale ufficio comm/to

Ufficio amministrazione

- ufficiale di amm/ne (subalterno)
- ufficiale pagatore (subalterno d'arme)
- sottufficiale di amm/ne (1 maresc. 1 serg.m.)
- scritturelli e dattilografi

Totale ufficio amm/ne

Posto di medicazione

- ufficiali medici (1 cap. - 1 sub.)
- cap. magg. o cap. aiutanti di sanità
- infermieri

Totale posto medicazione

Ufficio vettovagliamento

- ufficiale di vettovagliamento (subalt.)
- sottuff. di vettov. (1 maresc. - 1 serg.m.)
- cap. magg. o caporali di cucina
- cuochi
- inservienti per mense ufficiali
- cuochieri
- magazzinieri (di cui 1 caporale)

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Sezione trasporti

- sottufficiale addetto ai trasporti
- meccanici
- autieri

Totale sezione trasporti

Sezione servizi generali

- sottuff.comandante (maresciallo)
- sott.allo spaccio, sala ritrovo, posta (serg.magg.)
- barbieri
- calzolari
- sarti
- falegnami
- muratori
- elettricisti
- addetti ai servizi idrici

Totale sez.servizi generali

TOTALE COMANDO CAMPO

Comando di reparto (1)

- comandante (maggiore o capitano)
- ufficiale addetto (subalterno)
- sottuff.di maggioranza (serg.m.o serg.)
- sottuff.di contabilità (serg.m.o serg.)
- capor.magg. o capor. di contabilità
- scritturelli
- ordinanze d'ufficio
- attendenti

Totale comando di reparto

Totale 3 o/di di reparto

Comando di sezione

- comandante (capitano o tenente)
- ufficiali per inquadramento
- sottufficiali per inquadramento
- magazziniere (caporale)
- militari per servizi vari (di cui 5 cap.magg. o caporali)

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Totale 18 o/di di sezione

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RIEPILOGO

Comando campo

3 comandi di reparto

18 comandi di sezione

TOTALE PERSONALE PERMANENTE DEL CAMPO

Uffic.	Sott.	Truppe
11	12	65
6	6	6
54	36	18
71	54	88

MEZZI DI TRASPORTO

- biciclette	3 (per ufficio comando)
- motociclette	2 (per ufficio comando)
- autovetture	1 (per ufficio comando)
- autocarri leggeri	2 (per sezione trasporti)
- autocarri pesanti	5 (per sezione trasporti)

N O T E:

(1) - Su 6 sezioni di 250 u. ciascuna. - 3 reparti hanno personale permanente; il 4° reparto sarà formato, se necessario, dai complementi.--

(2) - da trarre dai complementi.--

(3) - da trarre dai complementi.--

1161



Subject: Italian Senior Officers
 Surrender to W.E.

Confidential.

M.M.I.A. L.O. Trani,
 c/o Sigs. Office Barletta.
 TC/47.

9/Feb/45.

M.M.I.A. L.O.
 H.Q. 54 Area.

1. The following Senior Officers have been
 at Trani for the periods assigned against their names.

Col. Brunacci-----	10 days.
Lt.Col. Errico-----	2 months.
" " Belluso-----	2 months.
" " Zandoletti-----	10 days.
Major Stoppani-----	3 months.

2. None of them appear in the W.E. but Lt.Col.
 Belluso is considered 2i/c of the camp. This is, in my
 opinion, disastrous, as he is quite incapable.

3. It is requested that Territorial H.Q. be
 asked to post these Officers as soon as possible, and, to
 endeavour to arrange quick postings for all Senior Officers
 who may be sent here in future. Owing to the Italian
 idea that any Officer is better than any other Officer
 junior in rank, the temporary presence of Officers above
 the rank of Captain is undesirable at Trani.

9/2/45.
 Field.

G. O'Donnell,
 Capt.
 Liaison Officer.

11/2 9/5 Pared to
 M.M.A.

Subject: - TRANI C P.

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.).
C/o 54 Area. CMF.
LO/2/1/SD

9 Feb 45.

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

The following reports made on TRANI Camp

1. Accn
 - (a) Barracks - ablutions, cookhouses, Latrines built - cookhouses completed accommodation for 1500.
 - (b) Tented Camp - Ablutions, cookhouses, latrines completed for 3000 with tentage - without difficulty a further 1000 could be accommodated on same site.
 - (c) Convent - Engr work completed - excellent accn for up to 500 - used for students of Dvr Course,
 - (d) Old Mill - held in reserve for possible overflows - Engr work being completed.
 - (e) Total Accn Possible - 8000 (incl old mill)
2. Welfare: - Hot showers, hatted dining rooms and reading room, free shows in Italian cinemas in TRANI, footballs and use of ground. Football boots are required.
3. Clothing - 1000 each mackinaws, B/D, boots, caps, 5000 comforters, 3000 tent pieces, 6000 poles. Despatched to TRANI Camp.

JGB/jmr

G. Bird
G. Bird Major
Senior MMIA LO.
C/o HQ 54 Area.

NAVY FORM 6216 (Rev. 11-64)		MESSAGE FORM		Register No.
Call	Set No.	Priority	Te. Mission No.	Home
ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY			71	
FROM (1)	Originator MIA LO 54 Area		Date Time of Origin 25 1435 A	OFFICE DATE STAMP
	For Action H.Q. 54 Area			
TO	(W) For Information (INFO)		Message Instructions	CR
Originator's No. AC/ 79 (.) RESTRICTED (.) Ref your A2 3717 Q of 24 Jan (.) Ablutions night latrines and normal camp amenities (.) Major THEOPHILUS O C British Cadre TRANI CAMP knows full details and has discussed with Garrison engineer EARLETTA (.) Please contact him for specific details (.) Consider this better as TRANI Camp will become British responsibility				
THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT WIRELESS <i>But no ops</i>		IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES- SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER SIGNED		ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY 2758 Time cleared
SIGNED				

SUBJECT: E. stores.

D/5445

(70)

G.C.,
No. 12 R.E. Section,
H.Q. 54 Area.

It is proposed to build a Stockade Compound for the detention of Italian soldier defaulters at this Depot. The compound will be 100-yds. square.

May authority please be given for the issue of the undersigned estimated requirements :-

- 6 2750-ft. Pole Timber in 10-12-ft. lengths.
- 8000-yds. Single Stranded Barbed Wire.
- 1600-yds. Razor Wire.
- 1-cwt. Staples, 3/4-in.
- 1-cwt. Nails, 4-in.
- 5-cwt. Cement.
- 50 Pickets, Screw, Long.
- 50 Pickets, Screw, Short.
- 100-yds. Messian 5 (for latrines).

The above numbers are an R.E. estimate.

Alfred. G. G.
Major,
Commanding

British Cadre, Italian Reinforcements Depot

30 Jan 45.

1157

Copy to: Major J.G. Bird, E.M.I.A.L.O.

30/198

Noted

File TRANI Cap

Subject:- TRANI Camp.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

AQ/85.
27 January, 45.

To:- MMIA LO 54 Area.

1. Enclosed is copy of a letter (Ref 146Q dated 22 Jan) received from 3 District, together with copy of their notes re the release of R.E. stores.
2. This is forwarded for your information and to keep you "in the picture."

DSIG/gb

D.S.L. Gregson
D.S.L. GREGSON, Major.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

1156

31/1 JP

OK

C O P Y

Subject:- Acon - Italian Rft Camp TRANI.Q 54 Area
-----MMIA
5 Dist Eastern Det
MMIA LO
-----3 District
BASEBALL 13
146Q
22 Jan 45

Ref MMIA tpm AQ 2576 dated 17 Dec, copy to you.

1. AFHQ have confirmed that the target figure for TRANI BR-ITI Rft Depot is 6,000.
2. This HQ letter 146Q dated 7 Dec sets down the policy with regard to this Rft Camp.
3. It is not proposed at the this stage to assist with tentage as it is understood that the Italians have canvas available from which tents can be manufactured. It is requested however that you assist if possible with the supply of RE stores should you consider such stores are essential.
4. For your infm the procedure for release of RE stores at AFRAGOLA is in accordance with attached note. Some similar procedure should be adopted at TRANI.

1155

FWRS/EMP

for COL.
DA & QMG.

C O P Y

Camp Comdt will pass to MMIA (Naples) lists of stores required which he is unable to obtain from Italian Army sources.

MMIA will investigate, certify and forward to you for release.

CRE will check quantities against plan prior to release which is hereby authorized.

1154

Subject: Alien Reinforcement Camp.

1747.

Tel No 13427

12 CRE.

1. AMHQ have confirmed that the target figure for TRANS BR-ITI Reinforcement Depot is 6000.
2. This HQ has been requested to assist if possible with the supply of RE stores.
3. It is suggested the following procedure for release of RE stores be adopted.
4. (a) Camp Commd will pass to MMIA RARI a list of stores required, which he is unable to obtain from Italian Army sources.
- (b) MMIA will investigate, certify and forward to you for release.
- (c) CRE will check quantities against plan prior to release, which is hereby authorized.

1153

CMF
25 Jan 45.

EB Anderson
1 - LT. COL.
A.A. & Q.M.G. S. Area.

Copy to: 3 Dist East Dist
MMIA - RARI
CC British Cadre (Italian) Base Reinforcement Centre,
TRANS.

27
1/1 pp

O'Donnell informed
File

Subject: TRAMI Base at Camp.

35
 Liaison Office.
 and Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
 (MIA) c/o HQ 54 Area.
 10/2/1/52
 23 Jan 45.

N.O. 54 Area.

1. Major THOMPSON, C.C. British Cadre of TRAMI (Italian) Base Art Centre to-day called in this office, and discussed what was required to make TRAMI Camp into a suitable BRIT re-inforcement Centre.

2. It was considered that the Camp should be in two parts, a) the barracks of 3 Italian Engineer Regt for 2000 men, b) a tented camp in close proximity, for 3000 men, and work on this is at present in progress.

3. Material however is required to construct:-

- a) Two cookhouses.
- b) Two deep trench latrines.
- c) Roadways in the Camp.
- d) Planking for making dining tables and benches.
- e) Other Camp fixtures.

4. A certain amount of engineering work is being done by the Italians, but they are hampered by lack of materials and technical advice. It is therefore earnestly requested that the Garrison Engineer BATTAL be asked to help both in advice and materials, and it will be greatly appreciated if British Art - say 3 X 3 tonners, could be lent daily to TRAMI Camp during the period of reconstruction.

5. I should be grateful if the reply to this letter could also be sent to C.C. British Cadre, BRIT Art Centre, TRAMI

Ybird
 C.C. BRIT Major.
 Senior MIA LO.
 c/o HQ 54 Area.

Copy to: Major THOMPSON, C.C. British Cadre, BRIT Art Centre TRAMI
 Capt C.D. HELL, MIA LO, TRAMI CAMP c/o Signals Office BRIT

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- e) Other Camp fixtures.

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 advice. It is therefore earnestly requested that the Garrison Engineer
 REGIMENT be asked to help both in advice and materials, and it would
 be greatly appreciated if British troops - say 3 x 3 tonners, could be
 lent daily to the Camp during the period of reconstruction.

5. I should be grateful if the reply to this letter could
 also be sent to C.C. British Cadre, SIGNAL Regt Centre, TRANI

Y. Bird

C.C. BIRD Major.
 Senior REGIMENT HQ,
 c/o HQ 54 Area.

Copy to: Major THEOPHILUS, C.C. British Cadre, SIGNAL Regt Centre TRANI
 Capt C/O HQ REGT, REGIMENT HQ, TRANI CAMP c/o Signals Office BAF/AFM

Subject: TRANI Camp.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
AQ/85

2 / Jan 45

To: MMIA LO
54 Area

Ref your LO/2/1SDa dated 14 Jan 45.

1. Para 3(b) Tentage for 2000 men has *already* been provided. ✓
2. Para 5(a). It is not agreed that the old Mill or the Convent should be closed down. It is probable that the Camp will have to accomodate up to 6000 at various times, thus necessitating the use of this additional accomodation. You should use the 9th Genio Barracks and the tented camp for 4000, reserving the best accomodation offered by the Convent and/or the old Mill, and/or any other accomodation recommended by 54 Area for occasions when the strength rises above this figure.
3. Para 5(b). Agreed. ✓
4. Para 5(c). Agreed. ✓
5. The possibility of moving the Camp from TRANI is not envisaged as possible alternative sites (your Signal AQ/67 dated 18 Jan refers) will probably be required for other purposes. 1151

D.S.L. GREGSON
D.S.L. GREGSON Major.
for D.A. & Q.M.C.
M.M.I.A.

DSLg/hh

Copy to: 'G'

24/1/45

Noted

II.

COMANDO TERRITORIALE DI BARI

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Feb 11, '77 Gennaio 1945

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ALL'UFFICIO DEL GENERALE ADDETTO
OLTRETTUTTA DEL GIOIELLO

U.S. COMMAND 230th DIVISION

AL. COLONDO ARIGLIERI TERRITORIALE

AL CONFINO GENIO TERRITORIALE

THE COMMERCIAL SPECIES TRADING ASSOCIATION

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AL TRIBUNALE MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI GENOVA

AL COLANDO 93 RAAGRAADALANNO AUTTI

ALLA DELEGAZIONE DI SPOLTI ATTILIO V. 608

AL CONSIGLIO DELLO ATTORE PISANTI

AE COMA DO 147º AUTOREPARTO PTSA-TR

AI COMANDO QUARTIERE GENERALE DEL COMANDO

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 8-10-01 BY 60322 COMPACT; PRECINCT 1B1A

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AL MAGGIORE BIRD - Ufficiale di Collegamento Sottocina

missione forze sbarco AC (M.M.T.A.) presso 54° tra

PERSONALITÀ: COOPERAZIONI - PERSONALITÀ - SERVIZI -

INFORMAZIONI - DIREZ. AUTORE - STATIST. 1983

A notifica de quanto disposto al III paragrafo del Circolo di questo Comando n. 5890/Oni. in data 14 novembre 1944. 17

questo Comando n. 5000/001, in data 14 novembre 1944

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Tutti i miliardi meno atti che comunque vengono recuperati, vengono evviati al Camic di effluenze complementi di Transi saranno trattate fino a nuovo ordine presso i rispettivi centri, i quali dovranno farli figurare, nelle varie situazioni, in eccedenza all'organico per ciascuno stabilito.

COMANDO DELLA DIVISIONE
COMANDO GENIO

N. 57/1/Gen.di prot.

Bari, li 16 Gennaio 1945

O G G E T T O: Campo di Trani .-

ALL'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO M.M.I.A.

= B A R I =

e per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO TERRITORIALE - Ufficio Operazioni -

= B A R I =

Riscontro foglio LO/2/I/SD del 14 corrente, pari oggetto.

Le necessità di lavori alle caserme del Campo Affluenza di Trani erano a me già note, avendo effettuato di persona ~~multiple~~ sopralluoghi ed essendomi reso conto dei bisogni per una migliore sistemazione degli accantonamenti.

Sull'argomento avevo anche chiesto tempestivamente l'intervento del Comando Territoriale perchè fosse interessato il Comando Genio Territoriale e si provvedesse con urgenza all'inizio dei lavori, in particolare alla costruzione di gabinetti.

Colgo l'occasione per chiarire che, quale Comandante di Divisione, non ho alcuna facoltà di ordinare e dar corso a lavori di riattamento o costruzione: ragion per cui tutta la mia attività e competenza si devono necessariamente limitare ad inoltrare richieste e formulare proposte.

IL COMANDANTE DELLA DIVISIONE
(Generale Lorenzo Vivalda)



[Handwritten signature]

*Excuses
for?*

16/1/45

CC. Book in and file

Subject: TRANI Camp

(4)
Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.).
C/o 54 Area. CMF.
10/2/1/SDa

14 Jan 45

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

Ref your SD/56 dated 9 Jan 45.

1. On 12 Jan 45, I visited TRANI Camp, firstly on the urgent question of the breakdown of their lavatory arrangements, secondly, in consultation with Capt. C'DONNELL, to examine what was required to make the camp suitable for use as a BRITISH Base Rfts Depot.

2. Immediate action has been taken with 230 Div on the question of the lavatories (10/2/1/SD dated 14 Jan 45 refers).

Before however detailing recommendations for the improvement of TRANI Camp, it is necessary to give the present lay-out.

3. TRANI Camp is in four parts as follows:-

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Accommodation kitchens and hot showers are sufficient for 2000 men. Also two wooden huts for about 50 men each are being erected in the barrack square.

(b) A tented camp, within 100 yards, not at present suitable for winter quarters. Accommodation, kitchens and latrines for 500 men, but capable of extension to hold from 1500 - 2000 men, if tentage is provided.

(c) An old mill, between quarter to half a mile away. This provides covered accommodation, for 1000 men, but it is not suited for accommodation, and with the advent of spring, an open lavatory system within twenty yards of the kitchens will be a source of danger. There is no place to dig latrines, and the present lavatories cannot be made fly-proof.

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4. From the point of view of discipline, administration and the numbers of personnel available on the camp staff, this dispersal of the camp is not considered satisfactory. Moreover much of the accommodation is unsuitable for permanent use.

5. The following recommendations are therefore made:-
- (a) The old mill and the convent should be closed down as soon as alternative accommodation is available.
 - (b) The tented camp site should be properly constructed; drained, with its own latrines, kitchens etc. and tentage be provided to increase accommodation up to 2000. A report of the tentage required will be forwarded later. Further the two wooden huts should be moved here from the barracks, as part of the standing accommodation. The labour could be provided by personnel awaiting movement orders, and the technical advice by the engineer branch of Territorial HQ BARI.
 - (c) The present accommodation in the barracks of 9 Regt Genio should be retained.
6. If the above proposals are adopted, the BRITISH Base Rfts Depot, THAMI will then be composed of barracks to hold the permanent staff and 2000 rfts, and a tented camp in close proximity to hold a further 2000 rfts and both adjacent to the Rly Station. Administration and control would be simplified. This would not however cater for 6,000 as ordered in MMIA letter SD/56 dated 9 Jan 45.
7. Please say whether the above recommendations are to be implemented, or whether it is desired that a search be made for an alternative site in another locality.

JGB/jmr

Ward. 1147

J.G. Bird Major.
Senior MMIA IC.
C/o HQ 54 Area.

Copy to:- Capt. O'DONNELL, C/o Sigs BARLETTA

Subject: TRAN Camp.

URGENT

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.).
C/o 54 Area. CMF.
LQ/2/1/5D

14 Jan 45.

Headquarters, 230 Division. (for Gen. VIVALDA)

1. On 12 Jan 45, accompanied by Major SARDELLI, your Engineer Officer, I visited TRANI Camp. The state of the Camp is far from satisfactory, and energetic and immediate action is required firstly to make the camp hygienic, secondly to improve the living conditions of the soldiers while stationed there.
2. Major SARDELLI will have given you a full report on the engineering work required, but I wish to stress one point of vital importance which has already been reported several times before by Col. SALVONI, O.C. TRANI Camp.
The lavatory system of one wing of the barracks has completely broken down. The resulting overflow, has soaked down through two storeys, and is in itself disgusting to sight and smell, renders the lavatories completely un-useable, forms a considerable danger to health, and is depressing to the morale of the troops.
3. The following immediate action will therefore be taken.
(a) Deep trench latrines, not less than 12 feet, will be dug, sufficient for 1000 men. The latrines will be made fly-proof, and covered from the weather.
(b) The repair of the indoor lavatories will be undertaken, in order to provide night latrines.
4. Further recommendations for the improvement of the Camp will be the subject of a further letter, but meanwhile please give your personnel attention to the matters referred to above.

JGB/jmr

JGB
J.G. Bird Major.
Senior MMIA LO.
C/o Hq 54 Area.

Copy to:- H.Q. M.M.I.A.
Comando Territorial, BARI (for all assistance ref para 3 above).

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C/O HQ 54 Area.

Copy to:- H.Q. M.M.I.A.
Comando Territorial, BARI (for all assistance ref para 3 above).

Capt. O'DONNELL C/O Sigs, BRILETTA. (please inform progress).

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SUBJECT: Base Reinforcement
Depot TRANI.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

SD/52
21 Dec 44

TO : MMIA LO 54 AREA (2) ——— 1 for O'Donnell.

Copy to: War Ministry.

1. Ref your LO/2/1/30 of 17 Dec 44.

2. It is confirmed that you will accept into TRANI
Camp no personnel except those authorised by this HQ or/you
on our behalf. *by*

24/12/44 *Noted*

for Major General
M.M.I.A.

1145

Subject : TRANI Camp.

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C.(M.M.I.A.)
C/o HQ 54 Area
LO/2/1/SW
17 Dec 44

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

Further to phone conversation Maj STANTON - Maj BIRD
(spoke) on 17 Dec 44.

1. Forwarded herewith is a letter from Military H.Q.
Fuglia and Lucania, which illustrates the present use being
made of TRANI Camp by the Italians, i.e. a Camp for all the
flotsam and jetsam of the Italian Army in addition to Call-
ups and personnel ex S.Andrews.

2. May I please have MMIA authy to instruct Capt
O'Donnell that NO personnel will be received into TRANI Camp
except those duly authorised by MMIA.

JGB
J.G.BIRD Major
Senior MMIA LO
C/o HQ 54 Area

JGB/t

1144

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Comando Militare della Puglia e Lucania

UFFICIO SERVIZI

Prot. N. 03/19154/446

BAM 167, 16 Dicembre 1944

Risposta al foglio del

N.

Allegati N. 1

OCCETTO: Campo Affluenza Complementi per A.A. -
Trani.-

All'UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO M.M.I.A.

B A R I

Per il Campo Affluenza Complementi per A.A. di Trani, era prevista, come noto, una forza massima di 4.000 uomini.

Questa è già salita a 4.500 uomini, e si prevede maggiore aumento per il rientro a Trani di forti contingenti inviati regolarmente in licenza dal Campo di S. Andrea.

E' da presumere che la forza aumenterà a circa 6.000 uomini, verso la fine del mese.

Pregasi codesto ufficio autorizzare, pertanto, l'accantonamento del materiale strettamente indispensabile, per portare la dotazione del Campo, da 4.000 a 6.000 posti.

Quanto sopra ad evitare, che il tempo necessario per la richiesta alla M.M.I.A. di Roma dei materiali occorrenti, provochi crisi spirituali e disciplinari nella trappa, che è costretta nell'attesa, a rimanere priva dei principali ed indispensabili oggetti.

17/12 115 NA 1. File TRANI
Camp

Si allega elenco dei più importanti ma-

teriali da accantonare, che saranno prelevati in
dipendenza dell'aumento della forza presente al
Campo.-

d'ordine

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Ten.Col. Ugo Bianchi)

Ugo Bianchi

Allegato f.n. 03/19154/446 del 16-12-344
 diretto all'Uff. Colleg. M.M.I.

COMANDO MILITARE DELLA PUGLIA E LUCANIA
 S. M. - Ufficio Servizi

ELENCO DEI PIU' IMPORTANTI OGGETTI DA ACCANTONARE
 PER IL CAMPO AFFLUENZA COMPLEMENTI PER A.A. DI
 TRANI =

- coperte da campo	n. 2.000
- pagliericci	" 2.000
- ciotole o gavette	" 2.000
- tazzine	" 2.000
- cucchiai	" 100
- lenzuola (per infermeria)	" 25
- marmitte di circostanza	" 25
- padelle	
- accessori per il servizio generale e cucina.-	



Subject :- Weekly Return - TRANI Camp.

Capt E. O DONNELL
MIA IC, TRANI
c/o Signal Office BARLETTA

TC/21.

16 Dec 44.

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

Copy to:-
MIA LO HQ 54 Area.

I. Herewith return for week ending 15 Dec 44.

Arrivals.

47 Inf Regt	219	
48 " "	12	
140 " "	18	
14 Art "	7	
Arty Det BARI	28	
Tappa N° 8, BARI	9	
Presidio Militare TARANTO	14	
" " BARI	12	
Campo Contumacia BARI	82	
" " St Andrews	105	2
Presidio Militare LECCE	15	
253 Forestry Coy	11	
410 IPI Regt	10	3141
Presidio Militare POTENZA	20	
Hosp., Prisons, CC.RR, etc	137	
Total arrivals; :::::	699	

Departures

✓ Volunteers for Gruppi	34	
✓ To Farriers Course, BARI	2	
✓ Clerks to BARI for SMRE	53	
✓ V & R Personnel, PASSO CORESE	17	
✓ Engineers to PESARO (920 Bn)	118	
✓ Volunteers to COLLE SALVETTI	103	
✓ To IPI Regts BRINDISI	37	
		Replacements for personnel sent on Farriers Course.

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Camp Strength.....3718

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Liaison Officer
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A.C. (M.M.I.A.).
C/o 54 Area. CMF.
TC/4
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7. For the efficient running of this centre, certain stores are necessary. These are listed in the appendix to this letter.

8. Personnel, as available and allotted, will be signalled regularly to HQ MMIA.

Copy to:- 10, 54 Area.
CO/jmr

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E.O'DONNELL
M.A.I.A. L.O.

List of Stores Required Reinforcement Centre TRANI

In addition to stores requested in MMIA LO 54 Area signal PC/323 of 16 November, the following stores are necessary for the operation of the Centre.

Blankets	7,425	
Tent-pieces	1,364	
Palliassees	2,504	
Tent-pole pieces	3,750	
Tent pegs	1,500	
Bed sheets	102	(for camp hospital)
Pillow slips	106	(" " ")
Mattresses, hair	60	(" " ")
Mattresses, wool	10	(" " ")
Pillows	60	(" " ")
Cooking pots	54	
Thermos boxes	28	(transport of cooked food to MULINO Bks)
Aluminium pails	49	
Frying pans (with handles)	34	
Macaroni strainers	9	
Cheese graters	14	
Skimmers	19	
Ladles	34	
Knives, large	34	
Forks, "	10	
Meat baskets	20	
Barrels, 50 litres	19	
Barrels, 300/380 litres	6	
Demijohns, 25/50 litres	3	
Containers, aluminium	49	
15 litres		
Flasks, thermos, 10 litres	6	
Rubber pipes (for wine)	2	
Hurricane lamps	18	
Scales, hand	2	
Scales, table	2	
Forks	4,980	
Spoons	2,470	
Bowls, earthenware	2,600	
large		
Bowls, earthenware	2,600	
small		

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