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GUARD UNITS - GEN

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SUBJECT: ASCI - 5 Alpine Regt and N'AQUILA Battalion.

LARGE FORCES SUB-COM, AG. (481A)

/30/13

12 JAN 46

TO : MEMBER OF WAR

*File*  
*info obtained from Q*

The following table has been received from 5 EIR and is passed to you for your information:

\* Penetration reported by 5 Alpine Regt and N'AQUILA. In to be in Pontassio and area between 10000.

*Admitted*  
for Major General, *relot*  
M. M. I. A. *CS*

AKS/eb

Internal: 'Q'

*R/12/4*  
*CS*

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RECEIVED 4 APR 1946

Subject :- Guards - ITI-ITI.

10 British Liaison Unit  
Torre del Greco  
Tel. Naples 55502  
1 G

2 Apr 46

Land Forces Sub-Commission, AG.,  
(ITALIA) ROME.

Reference your letter G/16 dated 9 Feb 46, signal G.173 dated 7 Mar 46 letter SD. 13 dated 19 Mar 46 and this office letter 1 G dated 15 Mar 46 addressed 3 Dist copy to you.

1. 3 District state :-

(a) 3 Bn 60 Rgt relieved the 2 Bn 46 Rgt of all guard commitments at the Sila Hydro-electric plants in Jan 45. Both units were then under command Italian Military HQ CALABRIA with HQ at CATANZARO.

(b) This relief was made by 52 Area in so far as transport was supplied for the change over.

(c) Guarding of these installations was and still is an Italian responsibility and should continue as these plants form an important link in the electric supply for the whole of Southern Italy including the province of Naples.

(d) 1 Bn 60 Rgt no longer guards Transit Camp at CASTELLONCINO as it is now said to be closed.

(e) CROTONE Harbour is a purely Italian responsibility.

2. Territorial HQ state :-

It is their opinion that as long as the necessity for the guards exists it is not thought advisable to substitute the military guard for a civilian guard.

3. It would therefore appear that the employment of both I and III Bns of 60 Rgt are entirely an Italian concern.

M. H. Davis

Lt-Col.  
GS.

AND/bb

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SUBJECT : Guards - IPI-IPI

LAND FORCES SUB COMD, AC, (MILIA)

SD/13

19 Mar 46

To: 10 BLU

Copy to : 3 Dist

Ref your IG dated 15 Mar 46.

1. Comd of all IPI-IPI units for all purposes reverted to the ITALIAN Govt wef 0001 hrs 1 Jan 46.
2. 3 Dist Op Instr dated Aug 44 would therefore NOT appear to be still an effective document as far as orders to IPI-IPI tps are concerned.
3. Any guard duties performed by IPI-IPI tps at request of 3 Dist are now performed as a matter of "grace" by the ITALIANS.
4. Please therefore review with 3 Dist the employment of I/60 in view of the foregoing.

*Major General*  
Major General.  
M.M.I.A.

ARCS/1jb

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RECEIVED 16 MAR 46

Subject :- Guards. ITI-ITI.10 British Liaison Unit  
Tel. 20501 Naples  
1 GG. Branch  
Hq 3 District  
Naples

15 Mar 46

Land Forces Sub-Comm., AC.  
MIA, ROME.{ G/16 - 9 Feb 46 refer. }  
{ O/178 - 7 Mar 46 }

Reference 3 District Operational Instruction No. 11 dated 21 August 44 (this office NOT in possession) and letter 393/4 dated 12 Dec 45 addressed to Territorial Hq Naples, no copy this BLU.

1. May this Office please be informed how long I In 60 Regt. will be required to perform these guard duties.
2. It is pointed out that all communication referring to ITI-ITI units must be passed through this BLU. The fact that the a/m letter has not been received has caused considerable delay in answering certain queries put forward by MIA Rome.

RMD/bb

M. H. Jaine Major  
1st Lt-Col.  
GS.

Col. GS  
GSO I (SD)  
Dep. G3  
GSO II (SD)  
GSO II (I)  
GSO II (W)  
GSO III (SD)  
GSO III (ORBAT)  
G (Trg)

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DATE: 2/18/3

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : ROME AREA  
 TO : 30 CHESHIRE REGT  
 INFO : MMIA - 'F' BL & TU  
 REF : SD 5782

15 1115 A

ROUTINE  
 UNCLASSIFIED

MY 9/G3 BR OF 8 REFERS (.) MOVE GRANATIERI INSTRUCTORS  
 C E S A N O (.) RELEASE THESE PERSONNEL ESSENTIAL  
 AND WILL BE CARRIED OUT (.) PRIOR TO RELEASE COMD  
 GRANATIERI WILL ENSURE THAT GRANATIERI COYS RECEIVE  
 REPLACEMENTS FOR ABOVE MENTIONED (.) INSTRUCT OC  
 THAT NO MOVE WILL TAKE PLACE UNTIL ARRIVAL SUCH RFTS  
 OWING PRESENT DEFICIENCIES THESE COYS (.) OC  
 GRANATIERI TO PRESS FOR SAME THRU ITALIAN CHANNELS (.)  
 FOR MMIA YOUR SD/13 OF 13 ACK

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 ACTION : SD/13  
 INFO : A

sb 16 Nov 45.  
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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : ROME AREA  
 TO : AFHQ (G3 SEC)  
 INFO : LIMA - 30 CHESHIRE REGT  
 REF : GC 5751

130830 A

SECRET

SUBJECT GRANATIERI GDS UNDER COMD R O M E AREA AND POLICY REF  
 AGO 91.711/689 GCT-O OF 20 AUG AND N M I A SL/13 OF 24 AUG  
 APPROVING RETENTION GRANATIERI AS LONG AS REQUIRED (.) IN VIEW  
 HANDOVER DEFECTIVE ITALIAN GOVT AGO 91.711 GSD-O OF 2 NOV IN  
 RESPECT ITI-ITI TROOPS REQUEST CONFIRMATION GRANATIERI REMAINS  
 UNDER COMD THIS HQ (.) WITH BRIT RELEASES AND LIAF UNABLE MEET  
 COMMITMENTS WITHOUT ASSISTANCE IF GRANATIERI ARE RETURNED ITALIAN  
 ARMY CONTROL

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SUBJECT : GRAMATIERI Coy under Comd RAAC

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMIA)

SD/13

13 Nov 45TO : ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND

Ref your signal 9/G-3 (Br) of 8 Nov.

Posn appears to be as follows :

1. Trg instructors are required for CESANO.
2. It is within the competence of Italian authorities to name any specific officers or NCOs to go to CESANO as instructors.
3. In view however of the fact that this Coy is under your comd, replacements for any officers and NCOs so nominated should be provided by the Italians, at your insistence, before the actual departure of these officers and NCOs for CESANO.
4. It is suggested that you should so insist to the Coy Comd concerned, leaving to him action with his Italian superiors.
5. Copy of letter on the subject to Ministry of War att herewith.

*Attest*  
for Major General  
MMIA

ARCS/abc

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IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT:- GRANDTIERI Coy under Command RAAC

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMIA)

HD/13

12 Nov 45

TO : MINISTRY of WAR

1. RAAC have informed this HQ that you propose to post three officers and four NCOs from the a/m Coy to CESSANO as instructors.
2. The policy of providing the best possible personnel as instructors is fully endorsed by this HQ.
3. RAAC further state, however, that this Coy is already thirty under strength, and already unable fully to meet its commitments in Duty Officers and NCOs.
4. It is therefore requested that the necessary replacements in the Coy for these officers and NCOs intended as instructors for CESSANO, be provided before they in fact proceed to CESSANO.

*Am. Smith*  
for Major General G.I.  
MMIA

Copy to : R.A.A.C.Internal: G(Trg)  
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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

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FROM : ROME AREA

081655 A

TO : MMIA

REF : 9/G-3 (Br)

UNCLASSIFIED

INFO : 30 CHESHIRE REGT

REFERENCE GRANATIERI GDS COY UNDER COMMAND ROME  
AREA (.) UNDERSTOOD FROM ITALIAN CHANNELS MMIA  
PROPOSED WITHDRAWAL THREE OFFRS FOUR NCOS AS  
INSTRUCTORS C E S A N O (.) THIS HQ NOT INFORMED  
AND SITUATION NOT UNDERSTOOD (.) POSITION  
GRANATIERI ALREADY DEFICIENT 30 PERSONNEL ON  
WE AND UNABLE TO FULLY MEET COMMITMENTS EITHER  
IN DUTY OFFICERS AND NCOS : THIS IN ADDITION  
TO LOSSES THAT WILL MOUNT IN RELEASE GPS (.)  
SITUATION MAY REQUIRE REVISION ON QUIRINALE GD  
AND WHETHER CAN STILL BE MAINTAINED WITH PRESENT  
WASTAGE (.) REQUEST CLARIFICATION MATTER OF  
INSTRUCTORS

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re GRENADIERS

One gets from the number of 147 <sup>men</sup>  
 (allotted to Guard duties & attached  
 for these to RAAC) units

38% actual strength (310 in WE)

of the BATTALIONE SPECIALE GRANATIERI

(~~total~~ 489061 + 7924, Maja Moropp della

Rocca) by adding units these 2 units,

i.e.:

n° 1 Dof Provost Coy

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n° 85 Electro Mechanic Coy (strength about 80 or 90 men)

Side Number always varies on account of  
 sickness, inter. duties &c.

The operators ~~that were~~ also joined  
 the strength, now fine — 3695





Effective date 26 Apr 45.  
Ha effetto dal giorno 26 Apr '45.

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**RESTRICTED**  
**RISERVATO**

**AN ARMY**  
**VEHICLE DISPOSAL UNIT**  
(Italian Army personnel)

**REPARTO VEICOLI**  
**DISPONIBILI**  
(Personale dell'Esercito Italiano)

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Amdt No - Variante n.    | —         |
| Date - Data .....        | 26 Apr 45 |
| Offrs - Uff. ....        | 2         |
| ORs - Truppa .....       | 150       |
| Total - Totale .....     | 152       |
| Mjcs - Motoc. ....       | —         |
| Vchs - Veic. ....        | —         |
| Trailers - Rimorchi .... | —         |

**WAR ESTABLISHMENT — ORGANICO DI GUERRA**

**i) PERSONNEL — PERSONALE**

|                                                                 |     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Captains or Subalterns — Capitani o Subalterni .....            | 2   |
| Total Officers — (Totale Ufficiali) ..                          | 2   |
| Clerks, Ptes — Scritturali, sold .....                          | 2   |
| Cooks — Cucinieri                                               |     |
| Cpl — Cap .....                                                 | 1   |
| Ptes — Sold .....                                               | 3   |
| Drivers i/c, Ptes — Autieri, sold .....                         | 10  |
| Batmen, Ptes — Attendenti, sold .....                           | 2   |
| Order'y, Pte — Ordinanza, sold .....                            | 1   |
| Postal Dutymen, L/Cpl — Addetto alla corrispondenza, sold ..... | 1   |
| Interpreter, Sjt — Interprete, Serg .....                       | 1   |
| General dutymen — Militari addetti ai servizi vari              |     |
| S/Sjt — Maresciallo ord. o Serg magg .....                      | 1   |
| Sjts — Serg .....                                               | 3   |
| Cpls — Cap .....                                                | 8   |
| L/Cpls — Sold scelto .....                                      | 8   |
| Ptes — Sold .....                                               | 109 |
| Total ORs — (Totale Truppa) ...                                 | 150 |

**ii) TRANSPORT — MEZZI DI TRASPORTO**

Nil — Nulla

This Establishment will NOT be implemented without AFHQ authority.  
Il presente organico NON può entrare in vigore senza l'autorizzazione del  
Comando Alleato.

(File SD/10/2)

(4/16)



ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND  
APO No. 794 U. S. Army  
Office of G-3 (British)

G.

20 October 1945

9/305/G3(Br)

SUBJECT: Italian guards: Granatieri.

TO: MMIA (Attention 'G'(Ops)).

1. Reference telephone conversation Capt Temple and Chief Clerk of 19 Oct, subject duties of Granatieri under Command HQ Rome Area.

2. Attached list on duties as at 15 Oct is forwarded for information as requested.

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G32 (Ops)

G33 (SI)

G34 (SI)

G35 (SI)

G36 (SI)

G37 (SI)

G38 (SI)

NA

E. SEDGWICK,  
Major GS,  
G-3 (British).

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SHEET 2.

| PLACE.                                      | M/P REF. | CHARACTER.   | STRENGTH. |       |       |
|---------------------------------------------|----------|--------------|-----------|-------|-------|
|                                             |          |              | OFFRS.    | HCOS. | ORGs. |
| <u>ITALIAN COY.</u>                         |          |              |           |       |       |
| 92 DID.                                     | 766648.  | A/Pilfering. | -         | 6     | 21.   |
| 11 MPFC.                                    | 745725.  | "            | -         | 3     | 10    |
| 308 MPSC.                                   | 771674.  | "            | -         | 2     | 6     |
| 14. Fld. Bakery.                            | 760668.  | "            | -         | 1     | 4     |
| 557 Main Gun Park.                          | 813667.  | "            | -         | 4     | 23    |
| Res. Sir. D'Arcy Osborne, Via Parco Popoli. |          | Security.    | -         | 2     | 6     |
| 308 MPSS.                                   | 783675.  | A/Pilfering. | -         | 2     | 6     |
| 199 DID.                                    | 8165.    | "            | -         | 3     | 9     |
| Petrol Point. Route 7.                      | 8165.    | "            | -         | 1     | 4.    |
| Small Fox Hospital. Torre Gaia.             |          | "            | -         | 1     | 3     |
| 353 Coy. RASC.                              | 7565.    | "            | -         | 3     | 15    |
| 144 Coy. RASC.                              | 746657.  | "            | -         | 3     | 9     |
|                                             |          |              | -         | 31    | 116   |

TOTAL NUMBER ON GUARD,  
 OFFRS. HCOS. ORG. TOTAL.

|              |   |    |     |      |
|--------------|---|----|-----|------|
| 30 Cheshire. | 6 | 63 | 270 | 339. |
| Italian Coy. | - | 31 | 116 | 147. |

AVAILABLE FOR

30 Cheshire

Italian Troops x.

NOTE: Dogs are employed at: Army Broadcasting Station, UDF Transit  
 x Italian Troops: 1 Off, 3 HCOS & 23 ORs earmarked for guard UDF P.

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SHEET 2.

| MAP REF.   | CHARACTER.   | STRENGTH. |       |      | COMPANY. | REMARKS.    |
|------------|--------------|-----------|-------|------|----------|-------------|
|            |              | OFFRS.    | NCOs. | ORs. |          |             |
| 766648.    | A/Pilfering. | -         | 6     | 24.  |          | 24 hours.   |
| 765725.    | "            | -         | 3     | 10   |          | Night Only. |
| 771674.    | "            | -         | 2     | 6    |          | 24 hours.   |
| 760668.    | "            | -         | 1     | 4    |          | "           |
| 313667.    | "            | -         | 4     | 23   |          | "           |
| 30 Popoli. | Security.    | -         | 2     | 6    |          | "           |
| 783675.    | A/Pilfering. | -         | 2     | 6    |          | 12 hours.   |
| 8165.      | "            | -         | 3     | 9    |          | 24 hours.   |
| 8165.      | "            | -         | 1     | 4    |          | 24 hours.   |
|            | "            | -         | 1     | 3    |          | "           |
| 7565.      | "            | -         | 3     | 15   |          | "           |
| 766657.    | "            | -         | 3     | 9    |          | "           |
|            |              | -         | 31    | 116  |          |             |

## AVAILABLE FOR GUARD DUTIES.

OFFRS. NCOs. ORs. TOTAL.

|                   |   |   |    |    |
|-------------------|---|---|----|----|
| 30 Cheshire       | - | 2 | 20 | 22 |
| Italian Troops x. | 1 | 9 | 29 | 39 |

NOTE: Dogs are employed at: Army Broadcasting Station, UHF Transmitters & IED (2)  
 x Italian Troops: 1 Off, 3 NCOs & 22 ORs earmarked for guard 1001 Prince of Piedmont.

*[Signature]*  
 Capt  
 for Lt Col  
 (B. OATES)

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SUBJECT : - RELIEFS TRAIN GUARDS, ITALY.

RESTRICTED.

R/6/2AA/4.

1. H.Q. 2 A.A.Bde are taking over Train Guard Control from H.Q. Train Guard Control, ROME, wef. 10 Nov. 45 and come under Op. Comd. of G.H.Q. C.M.F. (Auth: - AFHQ Signal EX 49190 dated 17 Oct. 45.)

2. Units in the Bde comprise 1 HAA Regt.R.A. and 51 HAA Regt.R.A. H.Q. 2 AA.Bde assume command 55 HAA Regt.R.A., 53 LAA Regt.R.A. and 603 Regt.R.A. for Ops. and RA matters on arrival.

The following units remain under Op. Comd. of H.Q. Train Guard Control and remain under Adm. Comd. of the H.Q. in whose area they are located:

120 Bty. 30 L.A. Regt.R.A.  
466 Coast Bty (see para.6).  
30 Som.L.I.  
O Grn Coy.

3. 55 HAA Regt.R.A. are in the process of relieving 507 It. Gd. Bn. on the sectors FARRIANO-FALCONARA, PESCARA-BOLOGNA vide my R/6/55/1 dated 13 Oct. 45.

4. 76 HAA Regt.R.A. is being placed under command of H.Q. Train Guard Control and together with 603 Regt.R.A. is due for disbandment on 24 Nov. 45. Application has been made to AFHQ for personnel of these Regts. to be transferred on disbandment as follows : -

76 HAA Regt.R.A. to 51 HAA Regt.R.A.  
603 Regt.R.A. to 1 HAA Regt.R.A.

5. AFHQ has been requested in my signal TG 220 dated 23 Oct. 45 to authorise the following moves soonest after 30 Oct. 45.

- |     |                                |                                 |               |
|-----|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| (a) | H.Q. 2 AA Bde,                 | 47 AAOR and Sig. Sec.           | to ROME Area. |
| (b) | 1 HAA Regt.                    | RHQ, Sig. Sec. & Wksp and 1 Bty | to NAPLES     |
|     |                                | 2 Bty.                          | to SALERNO    |
|     |                                | 17 Bty.                         | to CASERTA    |
| (c) | 51 HAA Regt.R.A.               |                                 | to BARI Area  |
| (d) | Personnel of 76 HAA Regt.R.A.  | to arrive                       | BARI Area     |
|     | shortly after 51 HAA Regt.R.A. |                                 |               |

6. 1 HAA Regt.R.A. and 51 HAA Regt.R.A. will take over the guarding of trains and marshalling yards as stated in Appendix "A" (Not to all) soonest after arrival in their new areas.

466 Coast Bty.R.A. will come under Op. Control of 51 HAA Regt.R.A.

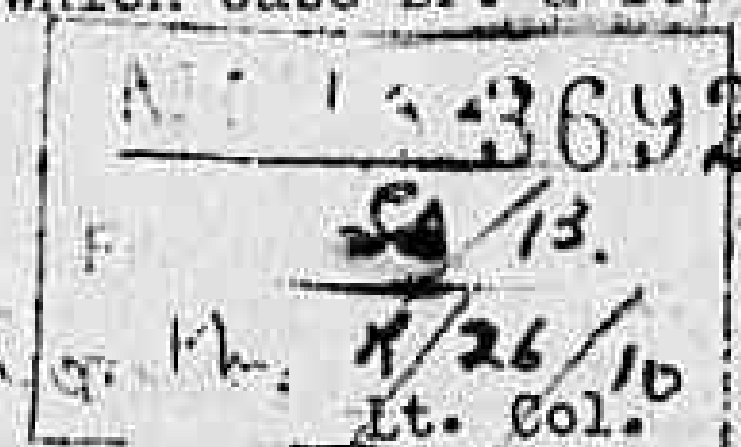
7. Owing to the reliefs being complicated by other factors due to previous commitments, strengths of units requiring adjustment owing to LIAP, release etc, it is probable that the take over will be sector by sector in which case Br. & It. units will continue their Op. role until finally relieved.

@ Amended by my signal TG 224 dated 25 Oct 45 to read AVERSA.

CMF.  
WHFR/RDP.

DISTRIBUTION : Overleaf

Commanding H.Q. Train Guard Control.





APPENDIX "A".

|                                   |     |   |
|-----------------------------------|-----|---|
| <u>DISTRIBUTION</u> : - 2 AA Bde. |     |   |
| 1 HAA Regt.R.A.                   |     | 6 |
| 51 HAA Regt.R.A.                  |     | 6 |
| 55 HAA Regt.R.A.                  |     | 1 |
| 53 LAA Regt.R.A.                  |     | 1 |
| 603 Re. t.R.A.                    |     | 1 |
| 120 Bty R.A.                      |     |   |
| 466 Coast Def.Bty.R.A.            |     | 1 |
| 30 Som. L.I.                      |     | 1 |
| 0 Grn. Coy.                       |     | 1 |
| 4 Coy 501 It. Gd. Bn.             |     |   |
| 507 It. Gd. Bn.                   |     |   |
| 510 It. Gd. Bn.                   |     |   |
| 525 It. Gd. Bn.                   |     |   |
| "A" Sec. (Rlys) SIB., CMP.(4)     |     | 4 |
| Mov. & Tn. A.F.H.Q.               |     | 1 |
| Arty. Sec. A.F.H.Q.               |     | 1 |
| G - 1 (Br) A.F.H.Q.               |     |   |
| G - 3 (Br) A.F.H.Q.               |     |   |
| Postal A.F.H.Q.                   |     |   |
| DMRS                              |     |   |
| H.Q. Mov. North Italy.            |     |   |
| H.Q. Mov. BOLOGNA.                |     |   |
| RIMINI.                           |     |   |
| ANCONA.                           |     |   |
| ROME.                             |     |   |
| NAPLES.                           |     |   |
| BARI.                             |     |   |
| TARANTO.                          |     |   |
| R1. Div. P.B.S.                   |     |   |
| R1. Div. PBS. South.              |     |   |
| R1. Div. Adriatic Base.           |     |   |
| H.Q. 2 District.                  | (3) | 3 |
| H.Q. 3 District.                  | (3) | 3 |
| H.Q. R.A.A.G.                     | (3) | 3 |
| 52 Area.                          |     |   |
| 54 Area.                          |     |   |
| 56 Area.                          |     |   |
| 59 Area.                          |     |   |
| 61 Area.                          |     |   |
| 217 Area.                         |     |   |
| 218 Special Area.                 |     |   |
| H.Q. MMIA.                        |     |   |
| MMIA LO 2 District.               |     |   |
| MMIA LO 3 District.               |     |   |
| MMIA LO 52 Area.                  |     |   |
| MMIA LO 54 Area.                  |     |   |
| MMIA LO 217 Area.                 |     |   |
| War Diary.                        | (2) | 2 |
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SUBJECT: Guarding of Material Dumps

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MIA)

SD/13

Oct 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WARReference your 222629/11 dated 17 Oct 45.  
227-5-2

1. The importance of safeguarding material which may become available from Allied sources is fully recognised.
2. The employment of troops from such units of the Italian Army as are under control of the War Ministry in support of the CC RR and GP is justified to a certain extent, which is a matter for the Italian Government to decide.
3. It is pointed out that such employment of Italian Army personnel in large numbers is to be deprecated in view of the interference caused to training and reorganisation.
4. For this reason it is urged that Territorial Comds be instructed to restrict their guard commitments to a minimum and to secure wherever possible storage accommodation which in itself will constitute a safeguard against theft, fire or other losses.

(Signed) C.P. KERR

col.

for Major-General,  
MIA.

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Letter to Lt. Col. Wilson

P 2 Sub 3691

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Subject: Guards for Italian Ports

Land Forces  
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)  
Rome  
SE/13.

22 October 1945

To : Headquarters, Allied Commission

Reference your AC/24/77/Tn6 of 19 October

1. MMIA has no Italian troops at its disposal for any purpose.
2. Certain troops (I.S. Brigades, Ex-Guard Battalions) are under command of the War Minister for internal security duties. The Italian Government should decide the duties and disposition of these troops, not MMIA.
3. The Italian Ministries of War, Treasury, Navy (who produce Port Security police and require SAN MARCO Regiment for this purpose) and the Interior (from the aspect as to whether internal security is more important than stopping theft) are all presumably concerned - as is also the Director General of Merchant Marine.
4. It is considered that it is not within the functions or power of MMIA to act as a go-between for the above Ministries.
5. It is therefore suggested that the Italian Government be told to examine the matter among themselves and come to an agreement.

LB/lak

Major General  
Land Forces  
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

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## HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref. AC/24/77/En6

19 October 1945

SUBJECT: Guards for Italian Ports

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A.)

1. The Italian Ministry of Treasury has pointed out the seriousness of thefts in Italian ports, especially in the case of goods arriving from abroad, and for which the Italian Government have to pay. It is foreseen that as winter approaches, these thefts will assume even greater proportions, to the point of jeopardizing the national economy.

2. In a letter (translation attached), the Ministry give a few typical instances of thefts in ports, and they ask that the Italian Ministry of War be authorized to place 1000 soldiers on guard duty at the various ports and motorpools for a period of a few months.

3. The lack of sufficient guards often holds up the dispatch of trucks at shipside, causing delay in port clearance, as frequently happens in Naples civilian port area and elsewhere.

4. However, we understand that these guards should not be assigned to the "Carabinieri" but be controlled by Port Authorities, the Pubblica Sicurezza, who are the police of this Country, and to whom public safety is entrusted, and whose number is at present insufficient.

5. The situation, as has been outlined to us by the Treasury and by other Government Departments and from our own knowledge, is a serious one, and the loan of 1000 men from guard battalions should help very considerably in diminishing theft from port areas.

6. In view of the present situation, it is hoped that the MIA will be able to authorize the assignment of the 1000 guards asked for by the Italian Treasury and so enable goods shipped by the Allied Authorities to Italy to be delivered safely to destination.

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7. The ports have for the last year been guarded by U.S.-IFI detachments who, as individual ports are handed over to the Italian Government, are being withdrawn. It is essential that these troops should be replaced.

8. I should be glad, therefore, if you would explain to the Ministry of War and emphasise to him the importance of replacing these troops. In order to arrange details he should consult the Treasury and Directorate General of the Merchant Marine. Please report action taken and results.

M. S. Luer  
Brigadier  
Executive Commissioner

Attachment:

As stated in para. 2.

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF TREASURY

No. 130971

Rome 28 Sept 1945

To : A.C. Transportation S/C  
ROME

Pursuant our No. 122893 dated 28 July 1945 we send you the attached list of missing goods in May and June from the "Magazzini Generali" where imported goods are stored and from transports from the ports to the deposit.

We also informed that beginning last month has begun the turning over to the Italian Government of numerous trucks. The motor - pools which are in uncontrolled country place are easy prey to robbers.

We therefore beg the Transportation S/C to recommend to the Allied Military Mission to put at the disposal of the Ministry of War at least 1000 soldiers or guards to be assigned to the "Arma dei Carabinieri" which together with its own men could guard the ports and the storehouses or pools.

We thank you

THE MINISTER

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NAPLES STOREHOUSES

On the 5th May 1945 a theft occurred at the deposit No. 596 and the following U.N.R.R.A. goods were stolen:

|                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| No. 2 cases of Oleomargarine | 50 lbs Net each |
| " 43 " " toilet soap         | 75 " " "        |
| " 4 " " acido ascorbico      | 48 bottles.     |

On the 24th May 1945 theft at the No. 676 Storehouse with the following goods stolen:

|                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| No. 2 bales of 200 used women dresses |  |
| " 3 " " 30 " " over coats             |  |
| " 1 " " 100 " men suits               |  |
| " 1 " " 1130 meters of new muslin     |  |
| " 1 " " 300 new women dresses         |  |

LEGHORN STOREHOUSES

On the 7th and 9th of May theft at the No 12 L 57 Storehouses the following goods stolen:

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| No. 2 bales of blankets       |  |
| " 10 " " 10 small quilts each |  |

On the 5th of June 1945 theft at the Nos. 12 L 58 and 12 L 54 with the following goods stolen:

No. 20 cases of powdered soup of 33 lbs each and 4,06 lbs of dried fish.

ANCONA STOREHOUSES

On the 6th of May 1945 theft at the No 12 Storehouse the following stolen:

No. 34 sacks of sugar theft at the Via Scrima 11 Storehouse. The following stolen:

No. 7 cases of fat of 74 lbs each.

On the 23rd June 1945 while the I.C.E. (on behalf of the Italian Government), was moving with Allied Trucks 3086



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cases of clothing from the port to the No 1254 Storehouse, a truck having 34 cases of hosiery escorted by a sworn guard did not reach to storehouse. Investigation brought to the finding of the empty and abandoned truck on the road Naples-S. Giorgio a Gremano.

The truck was recuperated by the M.P. but nothing has been know of the goods.

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TRANSLATION

From : M of War

Ref : 222629/II  
227-5-2

To : MMIA

Dtd : 17 Oct 45

Subject : Guarding of Material Dumps.

As is known, the Allied authorities concerned have forewarned the Italian government that there will be ceded, on payment, large quantities of residue war material, stored in many vast dumps.

The Ministry of Reconstruction has pointed out the necessity of providing for the custody of such dumps, during the period which, of necessity, must transpire between the cession of the said dumps and the handing over of the materials to civilian industries.

Taking into account the vital interest which this matter ~~present~~ holds regarding the national reconstruction, I would consider it advisable to employ units of the Italian Army, together with elements of the CC RR and the Royal Finance Guard, in the guarding of the above-mentioned dumps.

I should, therefore, be grateful, should the MMIA kindly authorize the temporary employment of units drawn from the territorial brigades at present being formed, and, in the event of the said dumps being located in garrison areas held by the Combat Groups, also the employment of these latter units.

For the present I cannot specify the size of the force ~~3684~~ would be employed in the above duty, because the Allied authorities have not yet communicated which dumps will be ceded. However, owing to the fact that the said cession might occur suddenly, it would be necessary for the maximum requirement for the maximum requirement.



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The Minister,  
sgd. Jacini.

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CSO 2 (S)

CSO 3 (S)

CSO 3 (S)

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2/19/10



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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MMIA

TO : AFHQ

INFO : A C FOR CH COMM  
A C FOR EX COMM  
MMIA LO MILAN  
MMIA LO GENOA  
MMIA LO TURIN

DATE TIME

17 0935<sup>A</sup>MIN OF WAR  
FLORENCE CITY CMD FOR MMIA LO  
DISPHREE FOR MMIA LO  
217 AREA FOR MMIA LO

UNCLASSIFIED

REF : SD 3014

REF MMIA SIGNAL SD 3005 DATED 10 OCT (.) IF MMIA PROPOSALS ARE  
AGREED MOVEMENT IS REQUIRED FOR 515 GD BN FROM AREZZO  
TO ALESSANDRIA AND FOR 520 GD BN FROM IESI TO  
MANTUA

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED

INTERNAL : A (Two)  
Q (Three)  
MOV (Two)  
SD/13/1  
SD/56/1

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TRANSLATION

from : M of War  
 To : MMIA  
 Subject : Phonogram

ref : 516770P  
 Dtd : 13 Oct 45

83*Signal.*

ref. Para 4 ~~Letter~~ No. SD.3005 dtd 10 Oct 45.

Herewith destinations requested : 515 Battalion - Alessandria  
 and 520 Battalion Mantua. ~~SMRE~~ Operations.

GSO 2 (Ops)

GSO 2 (SD)

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GSO 3 (SD)

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GSO 2 (SD)

sd Col Quercia.

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D. 16/10.

*24/10/45*  
*Q*

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0302 (L)

0303 (SD)

0303 (Qps)

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R/6/55/1

SUBJECT :- RELIEFS - TRAIN AND STATIC GUARDS.

TO :- 55 H.A.A.Regd.R.A.  
507 It. Gd. Bn.

13 Oct. 45.

1. 55 H.A.A.Regd. will take over from 507 It. Gd. Bn. soonest after 15 Oct. 45 the guarding of Military Traffic over the sectors of the Railway Line and the provision of Static Guards as stated in Appendix "A" and in accordance with Railway Working Instruction No. 13 dated 19 Apr. 45.

2. For this purpose 55 H.A.A.Regd. comes under direct operational command of this H.Q., under local Areas for Administration and under 2 A.A.Bde for R.A. matters.

3. On relief 507 It. Gd. Bn. revert to command of A.F.H.Q.

4. The following stores held by 507 It. Gd. Bn. on charge of this H.Q. will be handed over to 55 H.A.A.Regd.R.A. on A.F.G.1033 with copy to this H.Q.

|                                         |     |
|-----------------------------------------|-----|
| a. Torches TL 122 B                     | 200 |
| b. Arm Bands, Train Guard               | 100 |
| c. Maps, Railway                        | 6   |
| d. All Balances of Batteries and Bulbs. |     |
| e. CMF 20-76-78, used and unused.       |     |
| f. Maps of Marshalling Yards.           |     |
| g. SD NCOs Log Books.                   |     |

Deficiencies in Torches and Arm Bands will be made good on payment by 507 Bn. who will pay the monies due into this H.Q.

Prices as follows:- Torches TL 122 B. Lire 100  
Arm Bands Lire 25

5. Transport held by 507 Bn. on loan from 53 L.A.A.Regd.R.A. and 30 Som.L.I. will be returned direct to units immediately after relief.

6. British Liaison NCOs will remain for one week after date of relief of 507 Bn. to advise Bty etc Comds on Train and Static Guard working. Will 55 H.A.A.Regd.R.A. please issue the necessary instructions for their return to their own units.

CMF  
WHFR/RDP

Copy to :- H.Q. 13 Corps.

13 Oct 45  
13.00  
Comd. H.Q. Train Guard Control.

PMG 7(4 Rly Grand Div. (US).



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Copy to : - H.Q. 13 Corps.

H.Q. 2 District.

H.Q. 3 District.

H.Q. M.M.I.A.

M.M.I.A. LO. 2 District.

M.M.I.A. LO. 3 District.

H.Q. 61 Area.

H.Q. 217 Area.

H.Q. 218 Special Area.

G (SD), A.F.H.Q.

2 A.A.Bde.

53 L.A.A.Reg. R.A.

30 Som. L.I.

"O" Grn. Coy.

A Sec. (Rlys) SIB.CMP.

Comd. H.Q. Train Guard Control.

PMG 774 Rly Grand Div. (US).

H.Q. BOLOGNA Territorial Command.

Mov. & Tn. A.F.H.Q.

Mov. Rear 13 Corps.

Mov. North Italy.

Mov. ANCONA.

Mov. RIMINI.

Mov. BOLOGNA.

Mov. Liaison NCO, FABRIANO.

" " " " FALCONARA.

" " " " MONDOLFO.

" " " " RIMINI.

" " " " FORLI'.

R/6/507



APPENDIX "A"

| Serial. | Sector of line.    | Place.      | SD<br>NCO | Static<br>NCOs | Gds<br>Men. | Trail<br>Gds |
|---------|--------------------|-------------|-----------|----------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1       | PESCARA-ANCONA     | PESCARA     | 3         | -              | 9           | 36           |
|         | ANCONA-MONDOLFO    | ANCONA      | 3         | 3              | 24          | 42           |
|         |                    | FALCONARA   | 3         | 3              | 15          | 60           |
| 2       | MONDOLFO-RIMINI    | MONDOLFO    | 3         | 3              | 18          | 42           |
|         | RIMINI-BOLOGNA     | RIMINI      | 3         | 3              | 12          | 42           |
| 3       |                    | CESENA      | 3         | -              | 6           | -            |
|         |                    | FORLI'      | 3         | 3              | 12          | -            |
|         |                    | BOLOGNA     | 3         | -              | -           | -            |
|         | FABRIANO-FALCONARA | FABRIANO    | 3         | -              | 6           | 54           |
|         |                    | JESI        | 3         | -              | 6           | -            |
|         |                    | CHIARAVALLE | 3         | -              | -           | -            |
|         |                    |             | 33.       | 15.            | 108.        | 276.         |

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APPENDIX "A"

| Port of line.                     | Place.      | SD<br>NCO | Static<br>NCOs | Gds<br>Men. | Train<br>Gds | Trip<br>Gds | Total. |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------|----------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------|
| PESCARA-ANCONA<br>ANCONA-MONDOLFO | PESCARA     | 3         | -              | 9           | 36           | -           | 48     |
|                                   | ANCONA      | 3         | 3              | 24          | 42           | -           | 72     |
|                                   | FALCONARA   | 3         | 3              | 15          | 60           | -           | 81     |
| MONDOLFO-RIMINI<br>RIMINI-BOLOGNA | MONDOLFO    | 3         | 3              | 18          | 42           | -           | 66     |
|                                   | RIMINI      | 3         | 3              | 12          | 42           | -           | 60     |
| FABRIANO-FALCONARA                | CESENA      | 3         | -              | 6           | -            | -           | 9      |
|                                   | FORLI'      | 3         | 3              | 12          | -            | -           | 18     |
|                                   | BOLOGNA     | 3         | -              | -           | -            | -           | 3      |
|                                   | FABRIANO    | 3         | -              | 6           | 54           | -           | 63     |
|                                   | JESI        | 3         | -              | 6           | -            | -           | 9      |
|                                   | CHIARAVALLE | 3         | -              | -           | -            | 6           | 9      |
|                                   |             | 33.       | 15.            | 108.        | 276.         | 6.          | 438.   |

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## HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

SECRET

Ref: 8252/EC

12th October, 1945

Subject: Italian Armed Forces.

To: Land Forces S/C  
Navy S/C  
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The following extract from Minutes of SACMED's Conference held on 4 October 45 is forwarded for inclusion in your file:-

" MAJOR GENERAL LEMNITZER reported that arrangements were proceeding for the relief of the remaining seven Italian Guard Battalions and their subsequent handover to Italian government control. It was anticipated that most of these units would be handed over by mid-October. Italian units to relieve the San Marco Regiment were being prepared and in about two weeks time it should be possible to release this Regiment to the control of the Italian Naval authorities.

THE ACTING SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER:

Took note of the above."

WSD 1

WSD 2 (Ops)

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WSD 2 (S)

Chief Staff Officer  
to the Executive Commissioner.

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SA/13  
R/15/10.



So As

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UDN/MM/101/3  
8 Oct 45

1. Attached please find copy of a letter received from 13 Corps regarding gds for the MMIA Food Depots in VENICE/MESTRE area.
2. In view of the disbandment of 228 Div and of the fact that 13 Corps will not allow No. 5 Gd Regt in their area will you please advise me as to what action I should take in this matter as No. 5 Terr: H.Q. have no men available for this gd detail.

4 F. 79.

MAT STANTON TO SEE 16/10

SIGNAL FD 77A REFERS

13/0

MMIA LO, 201 Sub Area - UDINE, Major,

DATE: 8/12/10.

|             |       |      |
|-------------|-------|------|
| GEO 1       |       | 8 17 |
| GEO 2 (Cps) | \$    | 6 00 |
| GEO 2 (D)   | X P X | 5 00 |
| GEO 2 (V)   |       | 4 00 |
| GEO 2 ( )   |       | 3 00 |
| GEO 2 (f)   | f     | 2 00 |
| GEO 2 (w)   |       | 1 00 |
| GEO 2 (m)   |       | 0 00 |

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C O P Y  
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Subject:- Provision of gds

Rear HQ 13 Corps  
Tel No: 29390  
1016/Q

5 Oct 45  
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MMIA LO NE Italy  
c/o 201 Sub Area  
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Copy to: 86 Area  
G(Ops)  
ST  
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1. At present 17 LWON Bn are finding 19 men to gd the MMIA Food Deps in VENICE/MESTRE.
2. At a conference at Rome on 2 Oct GHQ CME considered that this gd commitment should NOT be undertaken by 13 Corps, and are taking the question up at once with MMIA.
3. Will you please take up the matter through your own channels, as it is urgently desired to reduce our gd commitments to the minimum.

Brigadier,  
DA & QMG.

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: AMIQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGCT

111926 A

TO : 13 CORPS

INFO: MMIA

REF : FX 48303

RESTRICTED

REFERENCE FX 47536 OF 6 OCTOBER (.) PARA 1 (.)

M M I A AGREE GUARDING OF 2 FOOD DEPOTS IN

M E S T R E AREA RESPONSIBILITY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT (.)

PARA 2 (.) 516 I T I GUARD BATTALION AT M E S T R E

SHOULD TAKE OVER COMMITMENT (.) SUGGEST YOU ARRANGE

ACCORDINGLY

## SD DISTRIBUTION:

Action: SD/13

Info: A  
Q (Two)  
ST (Two)

WS 12 Oct 45

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| GSO 2 (Cpe)  | _____ |
| GSO 2 (SD)   | _____ |
| GSO 2 (Wk)   | _____ |
| GSO 2 (L)    | _____ |
| GSO 3 (SD)   | _____ |
| GSO 3 (Cred) | _____ |
| GSO 3 (L)    | _____ |

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## OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MMIA

DATE TIME  
10/6/55 A

TO : AFHQ

INFO : - A C FOR CH COMM  
- A C FOR EX COMM  
201 SUE AREA FOR MMIA LO  
86 AREA FOR MMIA LO  
- MMIA LO MILAN  
- MMIA LO GENOA  
- MMIA LO TURIN

PENBASE FOR MMIA LO  
PENSOON FOR MMIA LG  
- FLORENCE CITY CMD FOR MMIA LO  
- DISTRICT FOR MMIA LO  
54 AREA FOR MMIA LO  
- 217 AREA FOR MMIA LO

217 AREA FOR 68 ARMY RECT FOR BYANT  
- MIN OF WAR - [TO ADVISE PARTICULARS REQUIRED IN PARA 4 SOONEST]

REF : SD 3005

UNCLASSIFIED

IN REPLY YOUR SIGNALS F47748 OF 7 OCT AND F47862 OF 8 OCT (.)

FIRST (.) RECOMMEND ALLOTMENT OF GD BNS AS FOLLOWS (.) 3 COYS

501 AT T A R A N T O TO MOVE TO F A S A N O P8354 TO UNDER COMD

B A R I TERR HQ (.) 507 AT A N C O N A TO UNDER COMD

B O L O G N A TERR HQ NO MOVE INVOLVED (.) 510 AT B A R I

TO UNDER COMD B A R I TERR HQ NO MOVE INVOLVED (.) 515 AT

A R E Z Z O TO MOVE TO NEW LOCN UNDER COMD T U R I N TERR HQ (.)

520 AT I E S I TO MOVE TO NEW LOCN UNDER COMD M I L A N TERR

HQ (.) 525 AT N A P L E S TO COME UNDER COMD N A P L E S TERR

HQ NO MOVE INVOLVED (.) HQ 518 AT F O R L I TO REMAIN UNDER ALLIED

COMD TO ADM ITS COYS ON MAIN GUARD DUTIES UNTIL COYS RELIEVED WHEN

ENTIRE BN WOULD BE ALLOTTED G E N O A TERR HQ (.)

SECOND (.) IF ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE AGREED EACH TERR HQ WOULD

HAVE THREE BNS UNDER COMD EXCEPT N A P L E S B O L Z A N O AND

UDINE (.) 504 AND 514 WILL PRESENTLY BE AVAILABLE TO COMPLETE

ALLOTMENT TO N A P L E S AND B O L Z A N O RESPECTIVELY (.)

U D I N E WILL HAVE ONE BN ONLY UNDER COMD BECAUSE (a) 517 IS UNDER  
COMD ANG 13 CORPS (b) 513 IS ON LOAN TO F L O R E N C E TERR COMD (.)  
FOR GUARDING FASCIST PRISONERS (.)

THIRD (.) 501 GD BN MAY BE RELEASED TO MIN OF WAR WHEN 16 OCT (.)

ON 15 500 GD BNS WILL BE



IN REPLY YOUR SIGNALS R47748 OF 7 OCT AND R47862 OF 8 OCT (.)  
 FIRST (.) RECOMMEND ALLOCATION OF GD ENS AS FOLLOWS (.) 3 COYS  
 501 AT T A R A N O TO MOVE TO F A S A N O P8554 TO UNDER COMD  
 B A R I TERR HQ (.) 507 AT A N C O N A TO UNDER COMD  
 B O L O G N A TERR HQ NO MOVE INVOLVED (.) 510 AT B A R I  
 TO UNDER COMD B A R I TERR HQ NO MOVE INVOLVED (.) 515 AT  
 A R E Z O TO MOVE TO NEW LOON UNDER COMD T U R I N TERR HQ (.)  
 520 AT I E S I TO MOVE TO NEW LOON UNDER COMD M I L A N TERR  
 HQ (.) 525 AT N A P L E S TO COME UNDER COMD N A P L E S TERR  
 HQ NO MOVE INVOLVED (.) HQ 518 AT F O R L I TO REMAIN UNDER ALLIED  
 COMD TO ADM ITS COYS ON TRAIN GUARD DUTIES UNTIL COYS RELIEVED THEN  
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 COMD AMG 13 CORPS (b) 513 IS ON LOAN TO F L O R E N C E TERR HQ  
 THIRD (.) 501 GD BN MAY BE RELEASED TO MIN OF WAR WEF 16 OCT (.)  
 FOURTH (.) DESTINATIONS FOR MOVEMENT OF 515 520 GD ENS WILL BE  
 ADVISED EARLIEST (.) CONFIRMED THAT ACCOMMODATION IS  
 AVAILABLE FOR 3 COYS 501 GD BN IN F A S A N O

INTERNAL : C O O S  
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 C (Four)  
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 X

SE  
 REME  
 MOV (Two)  
 SE/56

SD/13

PRECEDENCE I M P O R T A N T

AUTHENTICATED

*[Signature]*

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM: NMIA

TO : AFHQ

INFO: 13 CORPS FOR NMIA EO

REF : SD 3002

Date Time

09 A

UNCLASSIFIED

REFERENCE YOUR FX 47596 OF 06 (\*)

YOUR PARA 2 A (\*) FOOD DEPOTS ARE ITI-ITI HANDLING

ALL RATIONS FOR ALL ITALIAN ARMED FORCES IN NE ITALY (\*)

YOUR PARA 2 B (\*) NOT UNDERSTOOD WHY 13 CORPS

INTERESTED IN OR FURNISHING GUARDS FROM TROOPS UNDER 13 CORPS

COMMAND AS SIG ITI-ITI GUARD BATTALION IS NOW AT

WESTRE (\*) NMIA LETTER 0/12 DATED 4 OCT ALSO REFERS

PROCESSED \_\_\_\_\_

AUTHENTICATED \_\_\_\_\_

INTERNAL:

A

Q

(Two)

ST

File : SD/13

JV 09 Oct 45

R/ 10/10

R/ 9/10  
3674



AP.

for your  
approval please.

Do you wish  
to add reference  
of your signal  
offering for action? <sup>then</sup>

8/10.

yes.  
367 <sup>367</sup> P.



*[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten notes on a separate piece of paper pasted onto the main document. Visible fragments include:]*

*100-1000*  
*To A44P*  
*Info 13 Cr/12*  
*17/11/1960*



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To AFHQ

Info Blosps and AFHQ's Udine and Mestre  
Restricted - Routine

Ref your FX 47536 of 60

Para 2A @ MIA Depots Mestre feed  
all Italian troops in Istria and Istria-H  
Italian Navy Italian Air Force and  
CCRR in NE Italy @

Para 2B @ Their attention is wanted @

Recommended guard commitment be

Italian responsibility and accn be

made available by Blosps for

this including

AFHQ's J. S. Bell consisting of AFHQ and

three guard bns who will take

on this and other tasks in the

Udine Territorial Command

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGCT

061216 A

TO : MMIA

INFO: 13 CORPS

REF : FX 47536

RESTRICTED

PARA 1 (.) GUARDS CONFERENCE R O M E, 2 OCTOBER,  
REP 13 CORPS REPORTED GUARDS BEING PROVIDED BY THEM  
FOR 2 M M I A FOOD DEPOTS IN M E S T R E AREA (.)  
PARA 2 (.) PLEASE INVESTIGATE AND REPORT ON (.)

(A) PRESENT FUNCTION OF THESE DEPOTS (.)

(B) IF RETENTION DESIRABLE WHETHER GUARD COMMITMENT  
CANNOT BE MADE ITALIAN RESPONSIBILITY

## SD DISTRIBUTION:

Action: SD/13

Info: A  
Q (Two)  
ST (Two)

WS 08 Oct 45

GSO 1

GSO 2 (Ops)

GSO 2 (G)

GSO 2 (We)

GSO 2 (L)

GSO 3 (SD)

GSO 3 (GSO)

GSO 2 (M)

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28/9-45

| INTERNAL                 |     | EXTERNAL               |     |
|--------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| Fr.                      | To. | Fr.                    | To. |
| Vice President           |     | ECONOMIC SECTION       |     |
| Brig. Anderson           |     | Production Div.        |     |
| ✓ Col. Densmore          |     | Supply Div.            |     |
| Col. Walton              |     | Agriculture Sub-Comm.  |     |
| Lt. Col. Moore           |     | Commerce               |     |
| Lt. Col. Tooby           |     | Finance                |     |
| Mr. Hughes               |     | Food                   |     |
| Maj. Clark               |     | Industry               |     |
| Maj. Rively              |     | Labor                  |     |
| Maj. Smith               |     | P & U                  |     |
| Capt. Atkins             |     | Transportation         |     |
| Capt. Highland           |     |                        |     |
| Capt. Williams           |     | Chief Commissioner     |     |
| Lt. Arensberg            |     | Executive Commissioner |     |
| Lt. DiLoreto             |     | Civil Affairs Section  |     |
| Lt. Morgan               |     | Establishment Section  |     |
| Requisition Br.          |     | Attention:             |     |
| Price Control Br.        |     | <b>MMIA</b>            | ✓   |
| Message Center           |     |                        |     |
| For appropriate Action   |     | Note & Return          |     |
| Remarks, Recommendations |     | Signature              |     |
| Dispatch                 |     | Investigation & Report |     |
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REMARKS:

MMIA-10

FILE: 28/9/13

DATE: 8/1/10

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Subject: RELIEF - TRAIN GUARDS.

RESTRICTED.

To: 53 LAA Regt  
'O' Grn Coy.  
507 It Cd Bn.

R/6/507/62

23 Sep 45.

1. 507 It Cd Bn will take over soonest from 53 LAA Regt RA and 'O' Grn Coy the guarding of trains and marshalling yards on line 86 from MONDOLEO to BOLOGNA in addition to present commitments.

2. Estimated maximum number of trains per day :-

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| MONDOLEO - RIMINI | 9 |
| RIMINI - FORLI    | 6 |
| FORLI - BOLOGNA   | 4 |

3. Static Guards will be found in the marshalling yards at MONDOLEO - RIMINI - CESENA - FORLI.

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|----------|--------|----------------|------|---------------|------|
|          |        | NCOs.          | Men. | NCOs.         | Men. |
| MONDOLEO | 6      | 3              | 18   |               | 54   |
| RIMINI   | 3      | 3              | 12   |               | 54   |
| CESENA   | 3      | -              | 6    |               | -    |
| FORLI    | 3      | 3              | 12   |               | 36   |

6. Mov. Liaison NCOs will be detailed to remain as under until further notice to supervise working of guards.

53 LAA Regt RA one at each RIMINI and FORLI  
'O' Grn Coy one at MONDOLEO

These NCOs will forward a report on Railway Working direct to this HQ weekly on Saturdays.

7. 507 It Cd Bn will notify HQ 61 Area by signal, copy to HQ Bologna and this HQ, the number of officers and men and weight of baggage moved to new locations.

8. ACK.

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8. ACK.

CME.  
WHYB/FEP.

12 Dec 1945  
Lt. Col.  
Commanding HQ Train Guard Control.

Copy to:- HQ 2 District  
HQ 3 District  
HQ 61 Area  
HQ 217 Area  
HQ 218 Special Area  
HQ MIA  
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A Sec (Rlys) S.I.R. CME.

HQ 774 Rly Guard Div (HQ)  
179 M.P. Coy (US)  
G-4 Mov & Trn AFHQ  
HQ Movements North Italy  
HQ Movements Ancona  
HQ Movements Rimini  
HQ Movements Bologna  
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FROM : MMIA

TO : AFHQ

INFO : 13 CORPS

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PENBASE FOR MMIA LO FOR SCOTT

MINISTRY OF WAR (Two)

RESTRICTED

REF : SD 2951

SD/17/2

YETTER TO MMIA LATTER SD/56/2 OF 16 AUG (.)

FIRST (.) REF YOUR SIGNAL 41980 OF 8 PARA ONE (.) RECOMMEND AS  
FOLLOWS (.) 522 GD EN COME UNDER COMD MIN OF WAR IN PRESENT LOC  
EARMARKED FOR NO 6 I S BDE B O L O G N A (.) 526 GD EN BE MOVED  
TO AREA T U R I N FOR NO 1 I S BDE AND 527 GD EN BE MOVED TO AREA  
MILAN FOR NO 3 I S BDE MOV AND ACCN UNDER ARRANGEMENTS 2 DIST EACH  
EN TO COME UNDER COMD MIN OF WAR ON ARRIVAL (.)

SECOND (.) REF YOUR FX 41925 OF 8 (.) MIN OF WAR RESPONSIBLE ONLY  
FOR GUARDING PW ENCLOSURE 336 PISA OCCUPANT ESTIMATED ONE GD EN (.)

MIN OF WAR WILL ASSIGN TASK TO NO 7 I S BDE FLORENCE (.)

THIRD (.) REF YOUR PX 41979 OF 8 (.) RECOMMEND 501 504 AND 514 GD

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AND BE ALLOCATED AS FOLLOWS : 501 GD EN AND 514 GD EN TO I S BDE B A R I

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*L.M. F. G. L. S. H. C. L.*

217 AREA FOR PISA LG.  
PENBASE FOR MMIA LO FOR SCOTT  
MINISTRY OF WAR (Two)  
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SUBJECT: Strength of Guard Units serving Allies

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MMIA)

SD/13

5 Sep 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Request that you furnish MMIA the following information from your records:-

- (a) Numerical designation and strength of each Italian Guard Unit working with the Allies on 31 Dec 1943.
- (b) Numerical designation and strength of each Italian Guard Unit working with the Allies on 5 June 1944.

*for* *Major General* *MMIA* *Cart*

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SUBJECT: Orders of Battle. Dec 43 & June

TO : Capt. TEMPLE

ATHQ have asked for the  strength of Italian Army service units working for the Allies by Arms.

(a) on 31 Dec 43 (b) on 5 June 44

in respect of :-

Guard Units.

Will you please pass reply to <sup>G</sup>SD.

*Michael*  
Lt Col., Capt  
GS.

5 Sept 45

*Letter to Ministry  
of War 5 Sept.  
Sgt Sellers*

3666



SUBJECT : Guard Units Cat III(a) 3

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MMIA)

SD/13

2 Sep 45.

TO

: R.A.A.C. (2)GRENADEER BATTALION

Ref your 9/285/G3 (BrO) of 27 Aug 45.

1. Power to convert ITI-ITI Units to BR-ITI rests with AFHQ. The policy is, however, to hand back the Italian Army to the Italian Government shortly and NOT to form further BR-ITI Units. It is certain therefore that authority would NOT be given for Granatieri to transfer to BR-ITI.
2. There should be no difficulty in the Adm of the Grenadier Battalion which is the responsibility of No 8 (ROMK) Territorial HQ (ITI-ITI).
3. It is not the general rule to post BR-ITI soldiers to ITI-ITI units but we will ask the Ministry of War to investigate the reinforcement situation regarding the Granatieri Coys and any adjustment will be made direct.

Extra Copy for  
30 Cheshire Regt.

Internal : A (Two)

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Major General  
MMIA

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND  
APO No. 794 U. S. Army  
Office of G-3 (British)

S/285/G3(Pr)

27 August 1945

SUBJECT: Guards - Granatieri

SD/13

TO: Land Forces Sub-Commission AC (MMIA)

1. It is requested that information may be given on the question of ITI-ITI troops changing over to BR-ITI.

2. This question arises through the OC 516 Italian Adm Regt (Det 227 Div) who, at a meeting with Commander British Troops Rome, today, asked whether it would be in keeping with Allied policy to change the status of the two Granatieri Coys under command Rome Area from ITI-ITI to BR-ITI.

3. This change-over, if practicable, would be of advantage from the point of view of discipline and local administration, both to this Headquarters and to the Italian Adm Regt.

4. In conjunction with the foregoing, a further request made by OC 516 Italian Adm Regt was to the effect that it would assist his organisation if it should be possible for personnel from 884 It Art Wks Coy to be posted as replacements to the Granatieri Bn. The unit is at present converting to a new Wks.

5. This point raises the query as to whether the Granatieri would be permitted to accept this class of Italian Soldier in their ranks, as it has always been understood by this Headquarters that the qualifications required by the Granatieri were of a more exacting nature than those for most other Italian units.

6. My advice on these points be forwarded as soon as possible.

*E. Sedgwick*

E. SEDGWICK,  
Major GS,

for Commander British Troops Rome.

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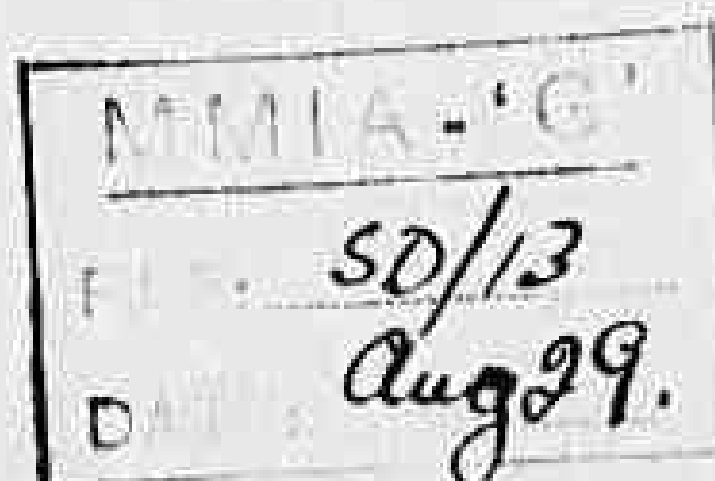
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Copy: 30 Cheshire Regt.



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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MMIA

DATE 27 TIME B  
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TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

INFO : DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO  
54 AREA FOR MMIA LO

REF : SD 2924

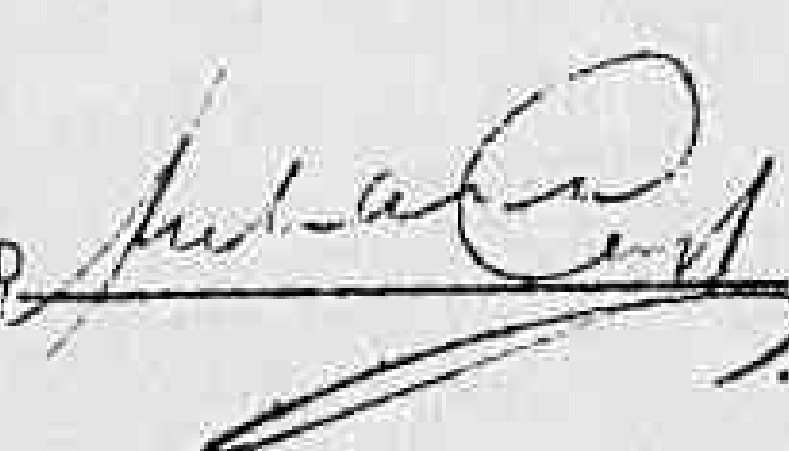
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REF YOUR 15656/ORD/11 DATED 4 AUG (.) NO EXTRA  
PERSONNEL CAN BE AUTHORISED FOR GDS IN B A R I  
AREA (.) ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE MADE FOR DET OF 524  
GD BN TO BE USED

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ROUTINE

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SD/56/2  
SD/7/2

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C O P YALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS  
APO 542SECRET 56A

19 April 1945

AG 091.711/051 GGT-0

SUBJECT: Ops Progress - Italian Army Units - Transfer of Category  
within RE-ITI Ceiling.TO: ALL CONCERNED. 80/2/4

1. Reference is made to letter from G-3, this headquarters, file ASD/922.2 dated 6 April 1945.

2. Combat status of all units shown in Part II of Appendix "A" to the above letter is confirmed. In addition the following units will be carried within the combat ceiling:

a. 1 Italian Guard Regiment - strength 2,473. This regiment will be issued with khaki battledress and may be administered in North West Italy in the same way as the Italian Combat Groups. The regiment will be equipped with Italian arms, to shortage of British equipment.b. CARDINALI BNCT - strength 2,683.c. Spare ceiling and rfts - strength 2,297. This total includes 607 spare ceiling and 25% holding of rfts for the new combat commitment.

3. To accommodate the transfers involved in paragraph 2 above, the breakdown of the RE-ITI ceiling will be adjusted by a changeover of 12,000 from service category to combat category. Revised totals will be:

|                                |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Service Tps including 5% rfts: | 85,800         |
| Combat Tps including 25% rfts: | <u>74,700</u>  |
| TOTAL                          | <u>160,500</u> |

4. Transfers in no way affect matters of purely Italian administration which will be discussed separately with the Italian War Ministry by Land Forces and Commission AG(MMIA).

5. Formal amendments to letter under reference will follow.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

(sgt) WIGGOT R. SHUGART  
Colonel, AGO  
Asst Adjutant General

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| FILE: _____ |
| DATE: _____ |

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SUBJECT: Italian Army Gd  
Bnc

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AG (MMIA)

SD / 13

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Aug 45

TO : ALLIED FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS

With reference to AG 091.711/089 GCT-0 dated  
20 Aug 45.

The two guard companies of Granatieri now  
operating as Quirinal Guards in Rome are Iti-Iti and  
will continue to remain on present duty.

It is agreed that the responsibility for the  
Quirinal Guards will pass to the Italian Government  
on the date of handover of the Italian Army and that  
the two companies will be left as long as they are  
required.

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FW Ch...  
Major General  
for MMIA

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
APO 512

AG 091.711/089 GCT-0

20 August 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Army Guard Battalions

TO: Chief Commissioner  
Allied Commission  
APO 394  
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)

1. Headquarters Rome Area Allied Command has requested information as to the policy affecting the future of the two Companies of Granatieri now operating as Quirinal guards in Rome.

2. There is no intention at this headquarters to withdraw these two companies as long as their commitment remains. It would appear that the responsibility for Quirinal guards should pass to the Italian Government at the date of handover of the Italian Army, and presumably the two companies will be left as long as they are required.

3. Request your comments.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

*R. H. Frese*  
R. H. FRESE  
Major, AGD  
Asst Adjutant General

Copy furnished  
Hq RAAC (RAAC/9/278/G-3  
(Br) of 15 August 1945)

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| FILE: | SM/B.   |
| DATE: | 8/22/45 |

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| GSO 1         | X | X |
| GSO 2 (Ops)   | X | X |
| GSO 2 (SO)    | X | X |
| GSO 2 (W)     | X | X |
| GSO 2 (L)     |   |   |
| GSO 3 (SO)    | X | X |
| GSO 3 (Crbat) |   |   |
| GSO 3 (I)     |   |   |

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Subject:- Guards.

M.M.I.A. L.O.,  
N.W. Italy,  
MILAN.

Phone: MILAN 13989.

NWI/2/SD.

16th. August, 1945.

To:- 3 Territorial HQ, MILAN.

Ref your 04/805 dated 26 July 45, and further  
to my NWI/2/SD dated 13 Aug 45.

1. The guarding of the Artillery Depots, shown in  
Allegato 1 to Terr HQ letter was disallowed by HQ, M.M.I.A.  
for two reasons:-

(a) The depots in question had not been shown  
on reports made to HQ, M.M.I.A. by the Ministry  
of War, nor had inventories of their contents  
been forwarded.

(b) The establishment of these depots had not  
been authorised by HQ, M.M.I.A., and they are  
not therefore in fact Italian Army establish-  
ments.

2. Please take immediate action through the Ministry  
of War in order to clarify the position.

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Major,  
Sr MMIA LO,  
N.W. Italy.

JGB/gb

Copy to:- HQ, M.M.I.A. (Phone Col NOAKES - Maj BIRD of  
(2-G and Q) 14 Aug 1945)

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| FILE | SD/13    |
| DATE | 11/18/45 |



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68. to G (for info) 50.  
 from - ST  
 16/8/45

Tel : BARI 1458

SUBJECT: Rations for Italian Military.

SD/13  
 See to 54A

Liaison Officer  
 Land Forces Sub Comm  
 AC (LMIA) c/o 54 AREA

Ref: ST/24

13 Aug 45

See SD/95 - to 68A

To : Comando Presidio Militare.

Ref your 5734/ di Prot. Of 5 Aug 45.

1. The ceiling of the 501 Guard Bn may not be increased to cover the personnel used on unauthorised activities.

The personnel will be posted immediately to local units who are deficient in strength.

/s/ Leverett C. Hamilton, Capt.  
 Senior LMIA LO  
 Eastern Italy

GSO 1

GSO 2 (Ops)

GSO 2 (G.D.)

GSO 2 (V.I.)

GSO 2 (L)

GSO 3 (S.D.)

GSO 3 (Orbat)

GSO 2 (I)

Copy to: HQ NMIA, ROME  
 52 AREA - your Q 421/5 dated 9 Aug refers.  
 9 Terr HQ - correspondence attached.

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 NMIA  
 FILE: SD/13.  
 DATE: 14/8.

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SD/13

Subject:- Prison Via CRIVELLI.M.M.I.A. L.O.,  
N.W. Italy,  
MILAN.

Phone: MILAN 13989.

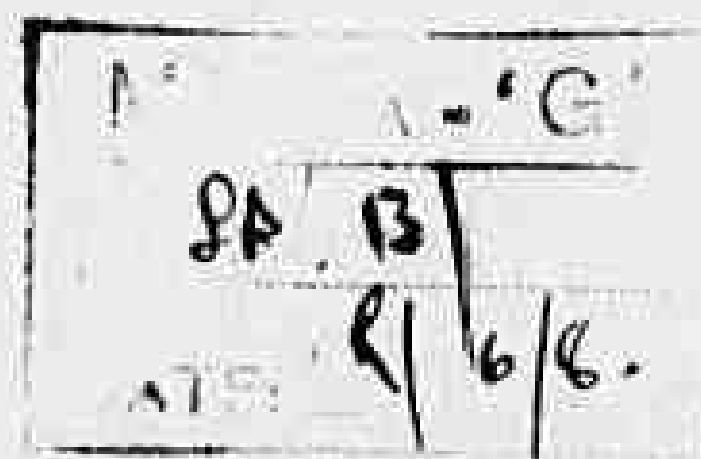
NWI/2/SD.

4th. August, 1945.To:- 3 Territorial HQ, MILAN.

SD.

Ref your O 4/805 dated 26 July 45.

1. It is noted in Allegato 1 to the above letter, that it is proposed to use 42 men of No. 3 Gd Coy to guard the Prison in Via CRIVELLI.
2. Such use is NOT authorised. Effective Army personnel will not be employed in the operation of Civil prisons, camps or detention centres, for the confinement of Army personnel for periods in excess of 30 days. Moreover the prisoners are not Italian Army personnel, but political suspects.
3. Territorial HQ will not therefore undertake guards for the above prison, and if any guards are so used at present, they will be removed by 1200 hours 5 August 45, or will be struck off the strength of the Italian Army.
4. Please confirm action taken accordingly.



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Major,  
Sr MMIA LO,  
for Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

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Copy to:- Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.  
( M.M.I.A. ) R O M E.Public Safety Sub Com.,  
A.M.G., Lombardia.

del 1945



Subject:- Reliefs, Train Guards.

Tel:-Rome 566213  
R/6/726

30 Som L.I. (4)  
507 It Gd Bn (4)  
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2 Aug 45

1. 507 It Gd Bn will come under operational command of this HQ and will take over the guarding of Military freight trains on the following sectors from 30 Som LI

- a. Line 86 ANCONA-MONDOLFO from A Coy 30 Som LI.  
b. Line 87 FABRIANO-FALCONARA/MONDOLFO from C Coy 30 Som LI.

2. An estimate of the number of men required for duty is given below:-

| PLACE.      | Station<br>Duty NCO | Static Gds<br>NCO | Men | Train<br>gds | Trip<br>gds |
|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----|--------------|-------------|
| ANCONA.     | 3                   | 3                 | 18  | -            | 12          |
| CHIARAVALLE | 3                   | 1                 | 6   | -            | 12          |
| FALCONARA   | 3                   | 3                 | 15  | 72           | 6           |
|             | 9                   | 7                 | 39  | 72           | 30          |
| CHIARAVALLE | 3                   | -                 | -   | -            | -           |
| JESI        | 3                   | 1                 | 3   | -            | -           |
| FABRIANO    | 3                   | 3                 | 6   | 60           | -           |
|             | 9                   | 4                 | 9   | 60           | -           |

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300-2 (W) -  
300-2 (L) X  
300-2 (SC) X  
300-3 (C) X  
300-3 (H) X  
300-3 (R) X

Appl. R. RSR Comd

3. Bn HQ will be established in the area FALCONARA, with one Coy HQ at FALCONARA and one at FABRIANO.
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- (c) A SOUTH bound train from MONDOLFO will be handed over at CHIARAVALLE. A SOUTH bound train from ANCONA or FALCONARA escorted to FABRIANO. 3856
5. Ten Copies of Railway Working Instruction No. 13 are forwarded together with Train Gd Routine Orders for strict compliance.
6. Relief will be completed soonest and will be reported to this HQ



| PLACE.      | Station  |     | Station Gds |     | Train |     |
|-------------|----------|-----|-------------|-----|-------|-----|
|             | Duty NCO | NCO | Men         | gds | gds   | gds |
| ANCONA.     | 3        | 3   | 18          | -   | -     | 12  |
| CHIARAVALLE | 3        | 1   | 6           | -   | -     | 12  |
| FALCONARA   | 3        | 3   | 15          | 72  | 72    | 6   |
|             | 9        | 7   | 39          | 72  | 72    | 30  |
| CHIARAVALLE | 3        | -   | -           | -   | -     | -   |
| JESI        | 3        | 1   | 3           | -   | -     | -   |
| FABRIANO    | 3        | 3   | 6           | 60  | 60    | -   |
|             | 9        | 4   | 9           | 60  | 60    | -   |

*Capt GR. ASK Comd*

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6. Relief will be completed soonest and will be reported to this HQ together with location of Bn and Coy HQs.

7. 30 Som LI will detail NCOs to act as Mov Liaison NCOs at the following stations :-

ANCONA I  
FALCONARA I  
CHIARAVALLE I  
FABRIANO I

CMF.  
WHFR/MG.

Copy to :- 'O' Grn Coy.  
HQ I District  
HQ 61 Area  
HQ MITA  
HQ PBS

G-4 Mov & Tn APHQ.  
HQ Movements, N.E. Italy  
HQ Movements, ANCONA  
A Sec (Rlys) SIB, CMP

Lt. Col.,  
Comd. HQ., Train Guard Control.

FILE: 30/13.  
DATE: 2/4/8.



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FROM: DISTHREE  
 TO : 56 AREA  
 227 Italian Adm Div  
 INFO: MOV NAPLES  
 MINIA  
 AFHQ (G-3 OPG APO)  
 AFHQ (G-3 OPS)  
 REF : GO 784

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IMPORTANT

REF AFHQ FX 30478 OF 31 JUL NOT TO ALL (\*)  
 EFFECTIVE FORTHWITH 506 ITALIAN GD BN (EX US-ITT) ALLOTTED  
 TO THIS HQ IS PLACED UNDER OF COMD 56 AREA ADM COMD  
 227 ITALIAN DIV (\*)  
 FOR 56 AREA (\*) ENSURE (A) INCREASED ALLOTMENT OF GDS TO  
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Subject:- Territorial Guard Coys.

SD  
Liaison Officer,  
Land Forces Sub Comm.  
A.C. (MMIA)  
c/CHQ., I District  
Tel : 22602  
Ref LO/G22.

12 July 45.

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E

Reference your SD/13/2 of 30 June 45.

I. Details of proposed employment of BOLOGNA Terr.  
Command Guard Coy are :-

110 men as guards at BOLOGNA for CM, Engr and Arty  
stores, military gael and other minor establishments.

13 men as guards at REGGIO for Arty Depots.

32 guards at FOGGIORENTICO for Arty depots.

About 45 guards at PIACENZA for Arty depots.

*W.A. Bourne*  
MMIA LO... I District.  
Capt.

MMIA  
FILE SD/13  
DATE 14/7

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HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMYSD/10/2  
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SD/13/2

SUBJECT: Proposed Plan of Gen. Negroni

FROM: TO DATE

Sr MMIA MMIA  
LO

6 Jul 1945

1. The proposed plan of General Negroni is forwarded for your consideration.

2. Verona will always be a most important rail center. It will be the 5th Army rail-head as soon as the railroad bridge is completed across the Po River which date is estimated as Aug 1st. Italian Food depots and similar installations should be located in that area. 210 Division would not be immediately available for the proposed assignment since 5th Army will want to keep the 210 Division as long as it has any Italian troops assigned or attached to it to administer these units.

3. At the present time in the transfer of Italian troops to other categories, pack saddles and similar equipment are not being sent to Verona which is the nearest Depot to Modena where such equipment is being turned in. Excess clothing will go to 210 Division Clothing Dump where it can be issued to units attached to 210 Division. Am having inventories made of all equipment and clothing turned in and will forward upon completion.

/s/ R. C. Van Kirk  
Major, Inf  
Sr (MMIA) LO  
5th Army

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To be discussed with Maj. Van Kirk  
in person around 14 July.

Capt Temple.

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## TERRITORIAL HEADQUARTERS

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IV.

2d. Section

P.M. 114

66/397/Ord

3 July 1945

SUBJECT: 218 DIVISION HQ.

TO : HQs 5th ARMY

Your HQs is certainly aware of the fact that Verona holds a very important place in the Italian Military set-up.

Verona is the center of all communications going from the Adige, Isarco, Pusteria Valleys into the Po Valley regions and is the only through road and logistic center for any military purpose towards North and East.

Already with the first administrative military organization of Italy, as established by the Allied Authorities concerned Verona has been chosen as the location of a District HQ, a Bersaglieri Depot, an Infantry Depot, an Artillery Directorate, a section of Engr Works, a Military Hospital, a Carabinieri Legion and other subsidiary outposts.

In the near future this first organization will certainly grow in size; the reopening of railway traffic will increase the military traffic of the town, and when the territory will be turned to the Italian Government by the Allied Authorities and the military matters will be taken over by this HQ's, it will be necessary to guard and maintain all depots of material, ammunition and explosives located in the area of the town.

Not considering the many dumps of various material (Engr, QM etc.) existing in Verona Area, the number of ammunition and explosives dumps is 35 (these need a particular care and precaution in order to prevent disasters, considering also the civilians)/

It is therefore necessary to have a particular HQs on the spot, in order to take the command and the responsibility of said important military task in Verona. Also before the war a divisional HQs was located in Verona, and had the above said responsibility.

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2)

The necessity to set up again a superior HQs who will coordinate the activities of the existing military agencies in said garrison is now felt every day more.

Since 210th Italian Infantry Division, under your Command, is being disbanded. I wish your HQs to consider the opportunity of assigning the 210th Divisional HQs to this Territorial HQs, in addition to 2 Guard Bns and 2 Engr Bns previously requested with ltr **01/26/op**, dtd 30 June 45. Attached is the proposed T/O, which is considered proper for the assigned duties. Said HQs could be denominated "Comando Zona Territoriale di Verona" and should work under this HQs command.

I consider 210th Div. HQs fit for this task for the following reasons:

- a) it is on the spot. If no building can be found in Verona it could stay in the present location, Peschiera.
- b) it has a good knowledge of the area on which it's command will be extended
- c) the officers forming the HQs are well harmonized together and have been well cooperating in the work carried out under your HQs command.
- d) The HQs is acquainted with the Allied Authorities with whom it will have to cooperate for the period of time of their stay in the territory.

/s/ Giacomo NEGRO  
Major General  
Commanding

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Encl. 1 Ltr 06/397/Ord, dtd July 3,  
45/

Part of 210th Div HQ and services to be transferred to Terr.  
HQ No 4

|                             | Officers  | N.C.O.s   | Privates   |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| General Staff               | 1         |           |            |
| C.G. Major Gen.             | 1         |           |            |
| AdC                         | 1         |           |            |
| Vice C.O. (Col)             | 1         |           |            |
| A.D.C.                      | 1         |           |            |
| Inspector General (Col)     | 1         |           |            |
| Office of the C.of S.       | 15        |           |            |
| Services (Surg.M, Ordn Adm) | 21        |           |            |
|                             | <u>41</u> |           |            |
| HQs Co.                     | 1         |           |            |
| C.O. (Captain)              | 5         | 37        | 149        |
| HQs Platoon (1)             | 3         | 2         | 8          |
| Post Office                 | 9         | 39        | 157        |
|                             | <u>1</u>  | <u>10</u> | <u>70</u>  |
| Carabinieri Section         |           |           |            |
|                             | <u>51</u> | <u>49</u> | <u>227</u> |
| Division HQs aggregate:     |           |           |            |

#### SERVICES

|                                         |           |           |            |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Medical : 525th & 865th Field Hosps     | 18        | 8         | 108        |
| QM : 210th Clothing & Ration Section    | 5         | 6         | 31         |
| Transport: 210th Transport Co & Main Co | 9         | 27        | 171        |
|                                         | <u>82</u> | <u>90</u> | <u>537</u> |
| <u>TOTAL</u>                            |           |           |            |

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TO TERRITORIAL MILITARY HEADQUARTERS \* Bolzano  
General Staff - Operations Office

SD/13

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Ref. No. 01/26/O.P.

P.M. 114 30 June 1945

Subject : Guard of dumps and depots .

To : Italian Liaison G4 - Fifth Army

sent July 2

1. As I have already stated in my memorandum dtd June 20 (copy attached), the guard of dumps and depots of various materials, located within the territorial jurisdiction of this HQ is not at all satisfactory. With said memorandum I pointed out a certain number of depots which are not guarded ; there are also others, among which those of this HQ, those with Allied HQs have given back to this HQ, and those containing the material turned in by 210 Division. In addition, it is pointed out that this material needs maintenance work and sufficient personnel for this purpose. This HQ has no unit under its command, and therefore can not furnish guards . In order to complete the guard duty carried out at present by "Folgore" Combat Group, it would be advisable to assign at least 2 Guard Bns to this HQ .
2. I furthermore inform you that a great part of the military buildings existing in the area are more or less seriously damaged . In order to begin as soon as possible the repair works and to guard properly the above buildings, the assignment of two Engr Bns is considered necessary .

(sgd)

Giacomo Negroni  
Commanding General

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may Van Runk 15 July 45  
Liaison F. 170  
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| 2 Eng Bns   |

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AL COMANDO DELLA 5<sup>a</sup> ARMATA ANTI-AEREA

SALERNO

PROMEMORIA PER IL CAPO UNIVOCO DI COLLEGAMENTO ITALIANO  
CAPITANO CICCONE.

10) - Come ho già fatto cenno nel mio promemoria del 20 giugno, che unisce in ordine, la vigilanza ed i magazzini e depositi di materiali vari esistenti nel territorio di giurisdizione di questo Comando locale ausiliario e lesinare.

Con il promemoria esposto ho segnalato un certo numero di depositi attualmente inusabili, ma altri ne esistono, fra cui quelli di questo Comando territoriale - i fabbricati che l'Autorità locale ha restituito a questo Comando, i depositi di materiali.

Questo Comando non dispone di alcun magazzino e pertanto non può provvedere in proprio. Allo scopo di integrare il servizio di vigilanza attualmente impegnato nel gruppo di combattimento "Poligono", sarebbe opportuna l'assegnazione a questo territorio di almeno due Battaglioni Guardie.

20) - Rendo inoltre noto che buona parte dei fabbricati militari esistenti nel territorio di giurisdizione di questo Comando sono quasi tutti più o meno gravemente danneggiati.

Per porre meno al più presto ai lavori di riattamento e per assicurare la custodia dei fabbricati predetti occorrerebbe l'assegnazione di almeno due Battaglioni del Genio.

IL COMANDANTE MILITARE

Gen. M. C. CICCONE

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di dalla 210<sup>a</sup> Divisione, si appoggia  
anche le necessità della nostra  
tempora dei materiali della 2  
210<sup>a</sup> Divisione che volende un  
rogo personale



Translation

TERRITORIAL MILITARY HEADQUARTERS

Bolzano

Subject : Memorandum .

P.M. 114

2 July 1945

TO : MMIA LC - 5th Army

The guard of the dumps is not satisfactory: there is no inventory of the material. This makes theft easy and causes losses both to the Allied Authorities and to the Italian Government, to which the dump will be turned in due time .

1. Cartridge factory in Val Sarentino ; it has been plundered of all the removable parts .
2. Vulcanising plant Mediterragomma - Milano Co., at Ortisei .
3. Quarts producing unit, Léawe Co., Milan
4. Auto repairing shop unit, Bertoni & Cetti, at Cles .
5. Establishments of the Sortena - Milano Co., at Tassullo .
6. Cartridge leading units formerly at Neceto, now at ~~RMXXXXXX~~ Dos (Trento) .
7. Stocks of Zentrallagergemeinschaft, at Bolzano .
8. Stocks of Neue Kellersgenossenschaft, at Caldarò .
9. Dumps at Bolzano, Merano, Laas and Bressanone .
10. Iron and steel stocks of the U.C.S., at Lana Passa .

And the following are temporarily guarded by Carabinieri who should be replaced and released for their normal duty :

11. Fort of Romagnano (Trento) .
12. Fort of S. Rocco (Trento) .
13. Fort of Eucc di Vela (Trento) .
14. Powderhouse of Premarquant (Trento) .
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20. Fort Danzolino di Lardaro (Roncone) .
22. Fort Nago (Torbole) .
23. Fort. S. Alessandro (Riva del Garda) .
24. Depot Ischiello (Mezzolombardo) .
25. Depot of Civezzano .
26. Powder "Marco" (Rovereto) .
27. All military buildings (barracks) given back to the Italian Military Authority in the "Presidi" of Bolzano, Trento, Rovereto, Verona, Vicenza, Belluno .

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28. Depots of material turned in by 210 Division, at Verona (armament and equipment) .

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## COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI BOLZANO (IV)

PRO MEMORIA PER M.M.I.A. - 5<sup>a</sup> ARMATA AMERICANA

P.M. 114, 11 2 luglio 1945

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- 5°)- impianto della ditta Sortena a Tassullo;
- 6°)- impianto caricamento proiettili a Dos (Trento);
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- 14°)- polveriera di Premarquant (Trento);
- 15°)- polveriera di Vela (Trento);
- 16°)- deposito munizioni sul Dos Trento (Trento);
- 17°)- deposito munizioni Dos Trento (Trento);
- 18°)- forte alto di Mattarello (Mattarello);
- 19°)- forte medio di Mattarello (Mattarello);
- 20°)- forte Larino di Lardaro (Roncone);
- 21°)- forte Danzolino di Lardaro (Roncone);
- 22°)- forte Nago (Torbole);
- 23°)- forte S.Alessandro (Riva del Garda);

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## COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI BOLZANO (IV)

PRO MEMORIA PER M.M.I.A. - 5<sup>a</sup> ARMATA AMERICANA

P.M. 114, li 2 luglio 1945

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- 23°)- forte S.Alessandro (Riva del Garda);

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- 24°)- deposito Ischiello (Mezzolomabardo);  
25°)- deposito di Civezzano;  
26°)- polveriera "Marco" (Rovereto).

27)- Tutti i fabbricati militari (caserme) restituiti  
all' Autorità Militare Italiana nei presidi di  
Bolzano - Trento - Rovereto - Verona - Vicenza -  
Belluno

28) Depositi dei materiali situati  
alla 210<sup>a</sup> Divisione, in Verona  
(armamenti, equipaggiamenti)

Gen - P. negroni



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FROM : FIVE ARMY  
 TO : W N I A  
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REFERENCE YOUR SIGNAL SD 2759 OF 13 JUNE SUBJECT  
 GUARD UNITS FOR TERRITORIAL HEADQUARTERS THIS AREA (.)  
 RECOMMEND THAT 1 ITI/ITI GUARD BATTALION BE ASSIGNED  
 TO EACH TERRITORIAL HEADQUARTERS IN AREA TO BE USED FOR  
 GUARD AND SIMILAR DUTIES (.) BATTALIONS TO HAVE THE  
 SAME TABLE OF ORGANIZATION AND EQUIPMENT AS THE BATTALIONS  
 NOW ATTACHED TO THIS HEADQUARTERS

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*Action taken: 1st Coy 200 AR's  
 auth for Jmr 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 letter 13/2  
 dtd 28 June (?)*

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## INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Redeployment of US-ITIS

| IND NO. | FROM          | TO                  | DATE           |
|---------|---------------|---------------------|----------------|
|         | Sr<br>MMIA LO | 2695<br>TSR<br>Regt | 30 Jun<br>1945 |

1. Reference MMIA signal 502605 of 29 June 1945.
2. Request you prepare and dispatch 3 officers and 196 EM, US-Itis, for guard duties to Territorial HQ #7 Florence, and advise me of ETA.

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

cc: MMIA ✓  
 MMIA LO Florence  
 CG Terr Hq #7 Florence

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MMIA - 'G'

FILE: 50/13

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## INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET - FIFTH ARMY

OFFICE AMG (G-5) FILE NO: 203/1 SUSPENDED DATESUBJECT: Italian Military Guards.

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| 1       | G-5<br>(CPS)  | G-4<br>Liaison | 26 June<br>1945 | <p>1. In confirmation of telephone conversation of Major Van Kirk - Lt. Col. Bye on 25th June re Italian Military Guards:- The attached chart shows no. of warehouses and approximate no. of troops required to adequately guard warehouses in Mantova Province where war material is stored.</p> <p>2. Can Italian troops be allocated for this purpose please.</p> <p><i>E. J. Bye</i><br/>E. J. BYE, Lt. Col.</p> |
| 2       | Sr<br>MMIA LO | MMIA           | 29 Jun<br>1945  | <p>Further in reference to my buck slip of 26 June, subject: Guard Units for Territorial HQ, just received the attached from Col. Bye, 5th Army Public Safety Officer for guards. This as you will note is only what it is estimated that one province needs.</p> <p><i>R. C. Van Kirk</i><br/>R. C. VAN KIRK<br/>Major, Inf.,<br/>Sr. (MMIA) LO,<br/>5th Army</p>                                                   |

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
MANTOVA PROVINCE

Mantova, 26th June 1945

TO: LT. COL. BYE

PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER

A.M.G. 5TH ARMY - HEADQUARTERS -

In compliance with your letter, dated 25/6/1945, which was delivered in hand to me, please find attached chart, in answer to questions A.B.C.

Last mentioned Casermas, are partially or totally destroyed and will not be occupied.

However it will be necessary to assign 4 M.C. Officers and 8 soldiers to guard same.

*E. Hughes*  
E. D. Hughes Major A.M.G.



## CHART INDICATING NUMBER OF SOLDIERS, NECESSARY FOR GUARD SERVICE OF MILITARY BARRACKS

DISTRICT - HEADQUARTERS -

| NAME AND LOCATION OF MILITARY BARRACKS USED AS WAREHOUSES | GUARDS AND PATROLS<br>on internal ground<br>of Barracks |          | RELIEF EVERY<br>24 HOURS |          | Cooks | Telephonist | Chauffeurs |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|----------|-------|-------------|------------|
|                                                           | N.C. OFF.                                               | SOLDIERS | N.C. Off.                | Soldiers |       |             |            |
| SS. TRIPITA' BARRACKS - MANTOVA -                         | 1                                                       | 3        |                          |          |       |             |            |
| CARABELINA " "                                            | 1                                                       | 6        |                          |          |       |             |            |
| S. CRISTOFORO " "                                         | 1                                                       | 6        |                          |          |       |             |            |
| GONZAGA " "                                               | 1                                                       | 6        |                          |          |       |             |            |
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| GOITO " "                                                 | 1                                                       | 3        | 5                        | 20       | 2     | 2           | 4          |
| MONTANARA & CURTATONE                                     |                                                         | 2        |                          |          |       |             |            |
| VIC BINOLO " "                                            |                                                         |          |                          |          |       |             |            |
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| BAVA " "                                                  |                                                         |          |                          |          |       |             |            |
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| EX POLVERIERA S. NICCOLO                                  |                                                         | 2        |                          |          |       |             |            |
| CAMPO MIGLIARETTO " "                                     |                                                         |          |                          |          |       |             |            |
| Total                                                     | 10                                                      | 39       | 5                        | 20       | 2     | 2           | 4          |

*J. P. Hyslop*  
Major M.C.



## NUMBER OF SOLDIERS, NECESSARY FOR GUARD SERVICE OF MILITARY BARRACKS, DEPOT AND MILITARY

DISTRICT - HEADQUARTERS -

| RY     | GUARDS AND PATROLS<br>on internal ground<br>of Barraks |          | RELIEF EVERY<br>24 HOURS |          | Cooks | Telephonist | Chauffeurs | Cyclist and<br>messengers | Office<br>personnel | Miscellaneous<br>service | TOTAL |
|--------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|----------|-------|-------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------|
|        | N.C. OFF.                                              | SOLDIERS | N.C. Off.                | Soldiers |       |             |            |                           |                     |                          |       |
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|        | 1                                                      | 6        |                          |          |       |             |            |                           |                     |                          | 7     |
|        | 1                                                      | 3        |                          |          |       |             |            |                           |                     |                          | 4     |
|        | 1                                                      | 3        | 5                        | 20       | 2     | 2           | 4          | 2                         | 6                   | 2                        | 47    |
|        |                                                        | 2        |                          |          |       |             |            |                           |                     |                          | 2     |
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|        |                                                        | 2        |                          |          |       |             |            |                           |                     |                          | 2     |
| total  | 10                                                     | 39       | 5                        | 20       | 2     | 2           | 4          | 2                         | 9                   | 2                        | 95    |



## INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Guard Units for Territorial HQ.

RCV/jad

| IND NO. | FROM          | TO   | DATE           |
|---------|---------------|------|----------------|
|         | Sr<br>MMIA IO | MMIA | 26 Jun<br>1945 |

attn:  
Col.  
Kerr

1. Reference your signal SD2759 of 13 June 1945.

2. Several days ago I prepared and started out of my office a signal to you on the guard units which I thought should be assigned to each Territorial Headquarters. Although the proposed signal plainly set out it was from me, G-4 has been passing it around for comment. I didn't know this until now. The signal won't get out of here under two weeks, if at all, hence this buck slip.

3. After consulting with the Generals of Territorial HQs, Colonel Bye, 5th Army AMG Public Safety Officer, Majors Edwards and Bird, I recommend that a battalion be assigned to each Territorial HQ with the same TO & E as the 511 and 512 Guard Battalions now have.

4. My reasons are that:

a. A large number of dumps will be turned over to the Italian Army in the near future.

b. Carabinieri which are now doing a large amount of this work should be released in order that they may handle the civilian population which is the Carabinieri's real function.

c. Some dumps or installations are not guarded at all, or not adequately or competently guarded, see copy of letter from General Negroni marked as Appendix "A".

d. Civilian guards would not be as dependable.

e. The units could be employed as needed in all the territorial regions in this area.

f. Until the Italian ammunition which is dangerous and is located in dumps in this area can be destroyed, it must be guarded.

5. The number of the units can be reduced as their duties decrease.

R.C. VAN JORD  
Major, Inf,  
Sr. (MMIA) IO  
5th Army

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APPENDIX "A"BOLZANO TERRITORIAL HQ (IV)  
P.M. 114

20 June 1945

Memorandum:

To: Sr MMIA L.O. 5th Army

The guarding of dumps everywhere is unsatisfactory, there is no inventory of the materials. This brings an embezzlement of material which is illegally removed and causes a loss both to the Allied authorities and to the Italian Government to which these dumps will be turned over in due time. Some depots are not guarded. List of the most important ones follow:

1. Cartridge factory in Val Sarentino. It has been plundered of all the removable parts.
2. Vulcanizing plant Mediterragomma - Milano Co at Ortisei.
3. Quartz producing unit, Loewe Co, Milan.
4. Auto repairing shop unit, Bertoni & Cotti, at Cles.
5. Establishments of the Sortena - Milan Co, at Tassullo.
6. Cartridge loading units formerly at Noceto, now at Dos, Trento.
7. Stocks of steel and iron, U.C.S. Co at Lana Bassa.
8. " of Zentrallagergemeinschaft, at Bolzano.
9. " Neue Kellereigenossenschaft, at Caldaro.
10. " of shoe leather and shoes at Bolzano, Merano, Laas and Bressanone.

(sgd) G. NEGRONI  
General Commanding

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See F. 41



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SUBJECT: Italian Troops to assist in Police protection  
of Thrashing Sets for the Granai del Popolo

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MMIA)

SD/13

25 June 45

TO : HQ EMILIA REGION, A.M.G.  
APC 394

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Ref your letter dated 22 June, subject as above.

1. It is regretted that present commitments involving Italian Troops for urgent duty elsewhere make it impossible for this HQ to recommend troops for services requested in your letter.

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Major General  
MMIA

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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

22 June 1945

SUBJECT: Italian troops to assist in Police protection of  
Thrashing Sets for the Granai del Popolo.

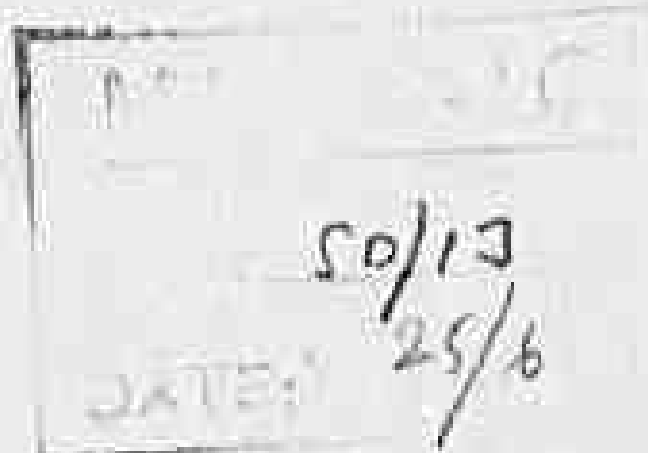
TO : LO.MMIA. HQ AC.

1. The Provincial Commissioners at Parma and Ferrara have written to this headquarters requesting the aid of Italian troops during the harvest season.
2. The reason for this request is explained in the attached letter, which is a proposal submitted by the Regional Agricultural Officer.
3. It is felt that the presence of these troops will do much to instil confidence in the minds of the public during the critical harvest period, and we recommend that consideration be given to this request.

For the Regional Commissioner

*Ansured  
Temple  
25 June*

*[Signature]*  
H. H-S. HARTLEY  
Lieut. Colonel  
Deputy Regional Commissioner



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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

28 May 1945

Reference : RIX/AGR/2

Subject : Italian troops to assist  
in Police protection of  
Thrashing sets for the  
" Granai del Popolo "

To : Regional Public Safety Officer

1. A proposal is submitted for your consideration for assistance to this Division in the coming "Granai del Popolo".

2. There will be between 3000 and 4000 thrashing sets licensed in the Compartment this coming month, when the harvest commences. There is an obvious fear that under the conditions now existing in the country unlawfull elements may choose to raid the thrashing sets and remove the grain.

3. The Police it is realised have neither the force nor the arms at their disposal to defend these large number of sets. Therefore the following proposal is made.

4. That a request be made to the Regional Commissioner for the assistance of one Battalion of Italian Infantry with their battalion transport.

5. This Division has asked H.Q. Italian Army the organization of an Infantry Battalion, and has received only this information, that it is composed of 30 officers and 738 other ranks ; it is thought however that the organization is 4 Coys<sup>3</sup> commanded by a Major or Captain, with 4 platoons commanded by a Lieutenant with 4 squads commanded by a sergeant or Corporal-Major.

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6. It is proposed that Bn.H.Q. could be established at Bologna, and that the Region could be zoned with a Coy responsible for two provinces, with a platoon responsible for a zone comprising 25 communes.
7. Such zone would be covered by flying squads in transport, who would tie up with the Carabinieri, to whom we could give the location of thrashing sets.
8. The squads could also have police powers to stop grain moving without the proper permit.
9. Each squad would be commanded by an N.C.O.



10. This is the outline of the proposal, if it meets with your approval, we could discuss the smaller details.

By order of Colonel Bowman

A.R. HOUGH  
Major  
Regional Agr. Officer

Copy  
Deputy Regional Commissioner

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Subject:- Guard Coys - Territorial Comds.

SD  
18/6

Liaison Officer,  
Land Forces Sub Comm.  
A.C. (MMIA)  
c/o HQ., I District  
Ref LO/GI7  
16 June 45.

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.

Ref your SD 2705 of 22 May 45 and my LO/GI7 of  
26 May 45.

Territorial HQ at BOLOGNA still appears to be in  
urgent need of Guard Coys, and have on several occasions  
approached 209 Div with requests for loans of troops  
for various duties.

Owing to shortage of men, it is impossible to lend  
any troops, particularly as BOLOGNA is outside 209 Div's  
admin area.

May I please be informed whether it is intended to  
allot any Guard Coys to BOLOGNA Terr Comd.

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| FILE: SD/13 |
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REF  
Major,  
MMIA LO., I District.

action taken 20 June

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FROM:

MMIA

TO : (FOR ACTION)

CG FIFTH ARMY

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REF SD 2759

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FOR MMIA LO (.) WHAT ARE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GUARD UNITS  
FOR DUMPS AS PER CONVERSATION LAST WEEK QUERY (.)

PRECEDENCE

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AUTHENTICATION

C. P. KERR, Col

FILE SD/13

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MMIA

IMPORTANT

REF : PENBASE 6991

See SD/13/2 to 84

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54 AREA SIGNAL SD 373 OF 7 MAY (.)  
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Subject :- Guard Coys, Terr. Comds.

Liaison Officer,  
Land Forces Sub Comm.  
A.C. (MMIA)  
o/c HQ., I District  
Ref LO/GI7.

1 June 45.

To :- Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E.

Further to my letter LO/GI7 of 26 May 45.

Capt Castner confirms requirements of C/do Terr.  
FLORENCE for Guard Coys., which will be employed on  
duties connected with guarding the new Supply Depot  
No.7, three Repair Plants, two Vehicle Parks, a  
Salvage Dump and various warehouses.

Major,  
MMIA LO., I District.

Copy to :- Capt. Castner, MMIA LO., FLORENCE.  
o/c C/do Terr. di FIRENZE.

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GD BNS

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1. Unit 501 HQs at ~~MESAGNE~~ (near Bari) Rome Under Comd of 3 Dist  
 2. Unit 504 NAPLES 3 Dist  
 3. Unit 505 RIVINI EIGHTH ARMY  
 4. Unit 506 DUGENTA PBS  
 5. Unit 507 LEGHORN PBS  
 6. Unit 508 NAPLES PBS  
 7. Unit 509 NAPLES PBS  
 8. Unit 510 BARI 3 Dist  
 9. Unit 511 FLORENCE FIFTH ARMY  
 10. Unit 512 MONTECATINI FIFTH ARMY  
 11. Unit 513 RIMINI 3 Dist  
 12. Unit 514 ~~BARI~~ *Bari* 3 Dist  
 13. Unit 515 AREZZO 1 Dist  
 14. Unit 516 VISERBA EIGHTH ARMY  
 15. Unit 517 (transit) 1 Dist  
 16. Unit 518 FROSINONE 1 X & 3 Dist  
 17. Unit 520 IESI 1 Dist  
 18. Unit 521 PERUGIA 1 Dist  
 19. Unit 522 CHIARAVALLE EIGHTH ARMY  
 20. Unit 523 (transit) FIFTH ARMY  
 21. Unit 524 BRINDISI 3 Dist  
 22. Unit 525 SALERNO 3 Dist  
 23. Unit Granatieri Bn. ROME RAAC  
 (310 all ranks)

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| 5.  | 507                                  | LECHORN                             | PBS          |
| 6.  | 508                                  | NAPLES                              | PBS          |
| 7.  | 509                                  | NAPLES                              | PBS          |
| 8.  | 510                                  | BARI                                | 3 Dist       |
| 9.  | 511                                  | FLORENCE                            | FIFTH ARMY   |
| 10. | 512                                  | MONTECATINI                         | FIFTH ARMY   |
| 11. | 513                                  | RIMINI                              | 3 Dist       |
| 12. | 514                                  | <del>BARI</del> <i>Bari-Barella</i> | 3 Dist       |
| 13. | 515                                  | AREZZO                              | 1 Dist       |
| 14. | 516                                  | VISERBA                             | EIGHTH ARMY  |
| 15. | 517                                  | (transit)                           | 1 Dist       |
| 16. | 518                                  | FROSINONE                           | 1 X & 3 Dist |
| 17. | 520                                  | INSI                                | 1 Dist       |
| 18. | 521                                  | PERUGIA                             | 1 Dist       |
| 19. | 522                                  | CHIARAVALLE                         | EIGHTH ARMY  |
| 20. | 523                                  | (transit)                           | FIFTH ARMY   |
| 21. | 524                                  | BRINDISI                            | 3 Dist       |
| 22. | 525                                  | SALERNO                             | 3 Dist       |
| 23. | Granatieri<br>Bn.<br>(310 all ranks) | ROME                                | RAAC         |

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A &amp; B Gd Bns being prepared and organised at Frosinone Base Depot.

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|    |     |            |        |
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| 1. | 502 | N.W. ITALY | 2 Dist |
| 2. | 503 | "          | 2 Dist |
| 3. | 519 | "          | 2 Dist |



Subject: Guard Coys, Terr. Comds.

Liaison Officer,  
Land Forces Sub-Comm.  
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)  
c/o 1 District.  
Ref. IO/G17/L.

To : Land Forces Sub-Comm.  
A.C. (H.Q. M.M.I.A.)  
Rome.

26 May 45.

Reference your SD 2705 of 22 May 45 and my signal IO/G17 of 24 May 45.

1. As requested I visited Comando Territoriale BOLOGNA with regard to their request for additional Guard Coys. Their requirements are based on the fact that :
  - (a) BOLOGNA has NO Italian unit at present.
  - (b) Several depots, a munition factory and a large workshops are in a damaged condition and require guards, which the Carabinieri cannot provide.
  - (c) A large quantity of salvage has to be collected and dumped.
  - (d) Certain duties regarding refugees have to be carried out, as a large number of Italian soldiers are returning from Germany.
  - (e) Various other admin duties are needed, and the provision of Guard Coys will enable Territorial HQ to meet normal exigencies and possible Allied requests.
2. Territorial HQ BOLOGNA at first suggested a complete Guard Battalion, but I consider, and they now agree, that two Coys will be sufficient.  
I think however that the HQ of the Bn should be located at BOLOGNA in preference to FLORENCE, because :-
  - (a) FLORENCE already has 230 Div to call upon.
  - (b) BOLOGNA has suffered more damage than FLORENCE, and there is consequently more need for guards over military installations.
  - (c) BOLOGNA is a more important centre, particularly as regards the refugee problem, as soldiers returning from Germany all gravitate to this Town.
3. I hope to discuss the requirements of FLORENCE Terr. Comd. with MMIA IO there shortly.

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Qua To. 23

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Major,  
MMIA IO 1 District.



8-8-23  
SUBJECT: 518 Gd Bn

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMA)

SD/13

28  
May 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. The Bn Hq and 4th Co of the 518 Gd Bn, now at FROSINONE, is assigned 28 May to One District. The Bn Hq and 4th Co will move from FROSINONE under arrangements of One District and Movt. S. Italy.

cgl.

REP  
for Major-General  
MMA

cc:4



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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: AFHQ Sgd SACMED

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TO : CMMIA

SECRET

INFO: DISTONE 15 A GP.

REF : FX 82547IMPORTANT

YOUR SD 2696 DATED 18 MAY REFERS (.) BN HQ AND 4TH  
 COY 618 ITALIAN GUARD BN NOW FORMED AT  
 FROSINONE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO DISTONE  
 ALL PURPOSES EFFECTIVE 28 MAY (.) TO MOVE IN TPT  
 UNDER ARRANGEMENTS DISTONE IN CONJUNCTION  
 SOUTHMOVES

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28 May  
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CONFIDENTIAL.SUBJECT: Gd Bns

LAND FORCES SUB COMM. AC (RMIA)

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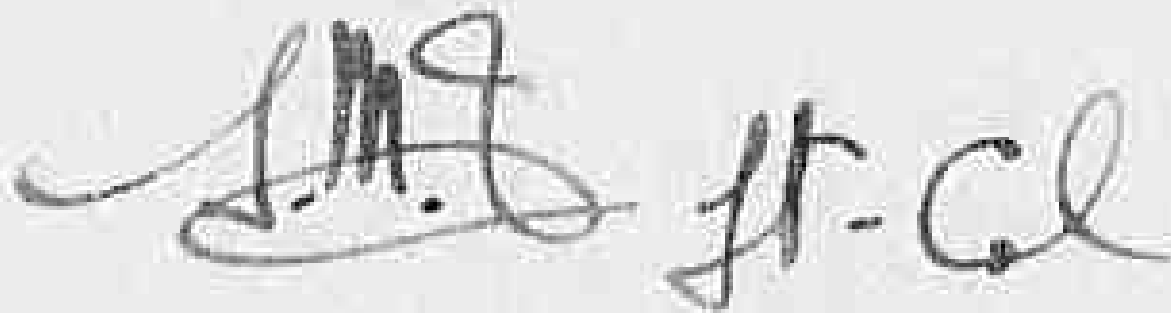
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May 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

S.M.R.S. reference 13666/Ord/I of 22 May 1945.

1. Gd Bn "B" will, for the present, remain at BROBINONE.
2. HQ 512 Gd Bn plus one company will be moved in the near future after being assigned by A.F.H.Q.
3. 526th Gd Bn (EF-ITL) will, shortly after being equipped to scale, be moved from ORVISTO.

  
Major-General,  
RMIA.

Copy to: 'A'

JV.

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Maj. Purley

Col Sausone (SMRE)  
informs me that  
Maj Baumann on  
28 Apr. <sup>verbally</sup> requested  
T/Col. Guida to form  
the 530 Gd. Bn.

On approx 14 May  
Maj Baumann verbally  
informed T/Col Guida that  
it would not be called  
530 but "C" Gd Bn.

~~He~~  
May the Min of War  
be informed whether it  
is definitely decided to  
form this Gd Bn or not.

A. Gross-Ravens  
25 May.



My P. 25/5  
attached translation of  
note from c/s & Ter. Com. to  
c/s (u.r.) after we had advised  
him that we were off 530 Id.  
He is in this Hq.  
P.S.



C O P YTRANSLATION

23 May 1945.

MEMO/Attn. Chief of Staff.

SMRE - Ordinamento and Mob. Office -- With letter 12983 dated 28 April 1945 -- orders, on MMIA's request, that 530th Guard Bn. be formed at Frosinone Trg. Centre.

Frosinone Trg. Centre requests to the General Commissary DIRECTORATE the materials necessary for said unit.

General Commissary Directorate does not comply with such request stating that MMIA granted no authority for the formation of such Battalion.

In reply to our phone message urging the allotment of the materials to Frosinone Trg. Centre, General Comm. Directorat confirms a/m statement with phone message 17507 dated 19 May.

On requesting information to SMRE, it is assured that the matter has been settled with MMIA and that authority has been granted.

With phone message 5107 dated 22nd May such information has been forwarded to the General Commissary Directorate.

Sgd. Lt. Col. -----



Ufficio Op. Add. Ord. Mob.

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23 Maggio 1945

## MEMORIA PER IL CAPO DI S.M.

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- S.M.R.E. - ufficio ordinamento e mobilitazione con foglio 12983 del 23 aprile dispone, su richiesta M.M.I.A., costituzione 530a bte. Guardia presso Centro addestramento Frosinone.
- Centro addestramento Frosinone richiede alla direzione generale di Commissariato i materiali occorrenti per il reparto.
- Direzione generale commissariato non aderisce alle richieste asserendo che M.M.I.A. non ha concesso autorizzazione per la costituzione del bte; in risposta ed un fonogramma dell'ufficio che sollecitava l'assegnazione dei materiali per il Centro, la direzione generale conferma la cosa con fono 17057 del 19 corr.
- Richiesti dall'ufficio chierimenti allo S.M.R.E. - ufficio ordinamento e mobilitazione, viene assicurato che la questione è stata chierita con la M.M.I.A. e che l'autorizzazione è concessa.
- Con fono 5107 del 22 corr. l'ufficio fa tale comunicazione alla direzione generale di commissariato.

*Com. al. C. M. M. M. M.*

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : MMIA LO DISTONE  
 TO : HQ MMIA ROME  
 REF : LO/G17

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 YOUR SD 2705 OF 22 (.) AGREE NECESSITY (.)  
 SUGGEST HQ AND 2 COYS B O L O G N A AND 2  
 COYS F L O R E N C E (.) DISTRICT INFORMED

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FROM: MMIA  
TO : DISTONE  
REF : SD/3710

Date Time

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CONFIDENTIAL

FOR MMIA LO (.) MY SD 2705 OF 22 IS  
CANCELLED (.) IT IS NOT OUR INTENTION TO  
ALLOW ITALIAN TERRITORIAL HQs TO BUILD  
UP THEIR OWN PRIVATE PRESIDIOS

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

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FOR NR1A LO (.) GOC BOLOGNA TERR  
 HQ AND GOC FLORENCE TERR HQ HAVE  
 BOTH REPRESENTED TO ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY  
 NECESSITY FOR ADDITIONAL GD COYS (.) SUGGEST ONE GD BN BETWEEN  
 FLORENCE AND BOLOGNA (.) PLEASE INVESTIGATE  
 THIS NECESSITY AND IF PROVEN ASK HQ 1 DIST TO  
 INITIATE REQUEST TO AFHQ

PRECEDENCE URGENTAUTHENTICATED BT

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SECRET

22 May 1945

S.D. Liaison Log

Col GUIDA visit at 1000 hrs

i. Florence and Bologna Territorial HQ Commanders have each written to Min of War asking urgently for guard unit. They are required for

- (a) depots left behind by advancing army units.
- (b) the more extended line of supply.
- (c) enemy ex republican etc stores and dumps captured in the advance and now left behind by 15 Army Group.
- (d) guarding installations, vehs etc from the flood of 1,000,000 displaced persons including ex-fascists republicans, ex POW, civilians, partisans etc.

The lack of sufficient Italian soldiers as sentries etc prompted the CCC Bologna to come personally to the War Ministry to ask for a guard bn to prevent losses of equipment.

2. Col Guida suggested the use of either

(a) "E" Gd Bn at Frosinone ready except for tpvt, or

(b) 526 Gd Bn at Orvieto which W/M has stated is "ready", or

(c) a "530" Gd Bn at Frosinone for which I have seen no formation order. Perhaps he refers to "C" Bn.

Major MORGAN 15 Army Gp, telephone 1030

3. Stated Bologna was no longer 15 Army Gp area but PBS - together with Florence.

Said that 527 Guard Bn being formed at Orvieto was for 5 Army.

Capt SHAUGHNESSY AFHQ, telephone 1045

4. Confirmed allocation of 526 Guard Bn to 3 Dist and 527 to 15 Army Gp.

Said he had had no further demands from Allied units for guard bns, but he'd check with Ops.

Major TUNNICLIFFE Orvieto, telephone 1115

Report on 526 and 527 Guard Bns:



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- (b) 526 Gd Bn at Orvieto which W/M has stated is "ready", or

- (c) a "530" Gd Bn at Frosinone for which I have seen no formation order. Perhaps he refers to "C" Bn.

Major MORGAN 15 Army Gp, telephone 1030

3. Stated Bologna was no longer 15 Army Gp area but PBS - together with Florence.

Said that 527 Guard Bn being formed at Orvieto was for 5 Army.

Capt SHAUGHNESSY AFHQ, telephone 1045

4. Confirmed allocation of 526 Guard Bn to 3 Dist and 527 to 15 Army Gp.

Said he had had no further demands from Allied units for guard bns, but he'd check with Ops.

Maj TURGATE Orvieto, telephone 1115

5. Report on 526 and 527 Guard Bns:

- (a) personnel: cfrs 49 short. War Min have been asked to provide.

GR's and MCC's: 526 to strength 527 nearly to WE.

- (b) equipment: each man has a rifle. War Min have some while ago been asked to provide the LMG's urgently.

- (c) transport: NIL  
71 Sub Area have been told by Maj Turgate that they must provide this as soon as possible.

- (d) training: basic only  
no firing has been done.



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Col GUIDA SD SAFE visit 1015 hrs.

6. Garibaldi Regt equipment RE: I stated that Q here were considering SEL's and that the fm was to have Italian arms and equipment.

Lt Col CURTIES (in his office) 1035 hrs

7. Asked him what the position was regarding Garibaldi SEL's and equipment.

He instructed Lt. Lamb to pass the papers to Maj COLE.

Lt. WARD (visited me) 1050 hrs

8. Informed him that "Q" were considering Garibaldi SEL's. He stated he had previously passed the matter back to Q2.

Capt PARODI 516 Arty Regt visited me 1055 hrs

9. (a) He is rep of art party sent up by Maj Watson of 3 Dist to prepare accm for 516 HQ comprising:-

8 offrs, 3 HQ's, 31 OR's  
3 lorries  
1 autocarrette (montagne)  
1 car

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Capt BURNES, Distone LO 1115 hrs.

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He will ring back.

Capt SHAUGHNESSY, AFHQ 1045 hrs

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Enquired for future requirements.

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Stated we awaited Sardinia LO's reply to MIA signal SD of 22, but expected a requirement of one or two more lifts.

Maj MORGAN AFHQ 1030 hrs

12. Further to UDINE HQ query, and Col BRISACH's telephone call yesterday. Could we let him have the results of our further investigation?



G.1. 1215

13. Stated Col GUIDA's request for additional guard personnel Florence Bologna.

G.1. drafted SD.2705 - signal sent 1430 - to MIA LC Distone asking him to investigate and if need found proven telling him to ask Distone to ask AFHQ.

G.1. is considering with 2 i/c allotment of E. Br. ex Frosinone to Florence Bologna as a temporary measure.

14. Col GUIDA 1700

Informed him of action at 13. He requested that the urgency of the matter be represented. A week's delay would reduce the effectiveness of the action by 50%.

'A' Branch 1730

15. Report on Current progress in allocation of personnel to Alcom Tpt Gps BR - ITI Units requested.

G.1. 18.00

16. Discussed Colonel MARSHALL (ANG Piemonte Region)'s signal P29 of 21 asking SCAC 4 Corps for comprehensive instructions relative to status and authority of Gen. PAMORHO comdg Turin Terr HQ.

G.1. drafted signal SD2707 referring to our SD2693 of 17 asking local comds to deal through PAMORHO and letter TS/C/12 of 26 December. This was sent 2050 to 4 Corps, copy to PIEMONTE Region.

G.2

17. Discussed set-up of RAAC BR - ITI units and requirement for an HQ (BR - ITI) Present.

Understand the project to move 516 Arty Regt HQ to Rome has been abandoned.

Letter prepared ordering disbandment of 516 and 513 Regt HQs Cat 3 BR - ITI w.e.f. 30th May. SD/95-CRRAT to be amended with a note "to be disbanded" in remarks column.

Med

18. Draft letter agreed regarding formation of 15 Hygiene Section - formerly 15 Hygiene Pl. - in Cat 1 (C) Section 1 (Med) Adjustment in letter SD/94 of 22 Feb required to accept and adjustment of 15 Section 1 by allocation of 53 ORs from "unallotted - Bilancio dell Organico"



41-420

As at May 22, the  
date of this letter,

536 Bu had approx

5 offers, no LMG's

and no H&I; was  
up to strength in

OR's. We can't  
move it like that

B-25/5



Translation

From: Mr. of W  
To: MMIA

Ref. No. 13666/Ord./I

Date: May 22, 1945

50/13

1. As already advised verbally, the following guard units are ready to leave:

a) at the Frosinone training center

guard battalion "B"

H.Q. 518<sup>TH</sup> guard battalion and 1 Company

b) at the 802<sup>nd</sup> Reinforcements Transit Camp  
at Orvieto

526<sup>TH</sup> Guard Battalion

2. In view of the necessity of cutting down the number of men at the above camps in order to:

- make room for other units to be organized
- prevent as much as possible breaches of discipline due to excessive crowding,

it would be desirable to transfer the above units as soon as possible to the areas in which they are to be used.

3. Please issue the corresponding instructions as soon as possible.

Signed: E. Rover  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
(for) Chief of Staff

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GSO 2 (100)

GSO 2 (50)

GSO 2 (10)

GSO 2 (15)

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GSO 3 (10)

GSO 3 (15)

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~~Interpreters~~

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S.D.

URGENTE

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
STATO MAGGIORE REGIO Esercito  
ufficio addestramento e mobilitazione

n° 13666 / Ord. / I. di prot.

P.M. 3800. 22 maggio 1945

OGGETTO: Battaglioni guardie. =



ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.) ROMA

e, per conoscenza:

AL GABINETTO

SEDE

22/5

1 - Come già comunicato verbalmente, sono xxx pronti a partire i seguenti reparti guardie:

- a) - presso il centro addestramento di Frosinone =
- . battaglione guardia "B";
  - . comando 518° battaglione guardia ed 1 compa- gnia;

- b) - presso l'802 campo affluenza complementi di
- Orvieto =
- . 526° battaglione guardia.

2 - Data la necessità di alleggerire i campi sopra- detti al fine di:

- aver posto per costituire altri reparti,
- evitare il più possibile atti di indisciplina, con- seguenti all'eccessivo acciampamento,

sarebbe desiderabile che i reparti su menzionati fossero tra- sferiti al più presto nelle previste zone d'impiego.

3 - Prego compiacersi voler impartire, appena possibi- le, le conseguenti disposizioni. -



IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
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(E. P. 100)

TRANSFORMATION

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| TRANSFORMATION | 17.30 | 22/5 | 17.30 | 23/5 |
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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: HQ 15 ARMY GROUP  
 TO : CG 5th ARMY (REAR)  
 INFO: MIA  
 AFHQ  
 REF : ORG 548

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ITALIAN MILITARY TERRITORIAL COMMANDER IN  
 F L O R E N C E HAS REQUESTED THIS H Q's TO  
 PROVIDE TWO COMPANIES OF THE 6th ITALIAN  
 G U A R D S REGIMENT OF ITALIAN 210  
 DIVISION TO CONTINUE IN F L O R E N C E DUTIES  
 THEY HAVE BEEN PERFORMING AS M P S AND GUARDS  
 OVER ITALIAN DUMPS AND IMPORTANT CIVIL INSTALLATIONS (.)  
 CARABINIERI NOT AVAILABLE FOR THESE DUTIES (.)  
 YOUR COMMENTS ARE DESIRED EARLIEST

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jv 10 May 45

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SUBJECT: CHANGING ITI ITI Cat 5(B)

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AG (MMIA)

SD/13

27 Apr 45.

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Re: this HQ letter SD/13 of 15 Apr 45.

526 and 527 Chang B's referred to therein are redesignated "A" and "B" respectively. This HQ letter SD/2 of 26 Apr also refers.

Confirm "A" and "B" Chang B's will be complete at PROSINONE by 30 Apr.

Copy to : MMIA LO 1 Dist  
 " " 2 Dist  
 " " 3 Dist  
 " " c/o 54 Area  
 MMIA LO HQ 5th Army  
 " " Br Iner 5th Army

Internal : Chief of Staff

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*MMIA*  
 Major General, MMIA.

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*A.1*  
*Director General, MMIA.*

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SUBJECT: 534 Special Gd Co.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MMIA)

SD/13

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Apr 45

TO : O.C. TROOPS FOGGIA, C.M.F.— GA  
Your ref.: 13/G of 20 April 45.

1. For your information, the approved WE strength of the 534 Special Gd Coy is now 5 Officers and 190 ORs. The same is also true for the 535 Special Gd Coy.

REP

for Major General  
MMIA

WS

R<sup>23</sup>/<sub>4</sub>3610  
1945

SUBJECT:- Organisation 534 Special Guard Coy

SD/13

6A

Ref: 13/G  
 Tel: Poggia 101  
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 20 Apr 45  
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vmt

HQ Land Forces Sub Comm AG,  
 (M.M.I.A.) Rome  
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With reference to the attached letter from 534 Special Guard Coy;  
 ref No 23/5-6 di prot dated 18 Apr 45, together with copy of translation.

1. It is requested that approval be given to the proposal as originally put forward by HQ 210 Sub Area that if it is necessary to post 3 RCOs and 45 men from 534 Special Guard Coy to 535 Special Guard Coy, this should only be done "on paper" so that the present disposition of men remains in force.

2. Please return original letter from 534 Coy with your reply.

Approved  
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| MMIA-'G'    |
| FILE: SD/13 |
| DATE: R22/4 |

C.M.F.  
-----Mike Troop  
Carr

Lt Col  
 OC Troops Poggia  
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 3509

C O P Y

534th SPECIAL GUARD COY - SAN SEVERO  
 - Office of Lt Col O Bozza -

Ref No 23/5-6

San Severo 18.4.45

SUBJECT:- Establishment Special Guard Coy

TO:- TOWN MAJOR  
 TO:- TOWN MAJOR

FOGGIA  
 SAN SEVERO

On 30th March 1945 I was informed from the Italian High Headquarters that S.M.R.E. had reduced the establishment of 534th and 535th Special Guard Coys to 5 Officers and 150 N.C.Os and ORs for each one.

Due to this order I shall have to transfer 3 NCOs and 45 ORs from 534th (which has a greater establishment) to 535th (which has a smaller).

On the same day 30th of this month I kept HQ 210 Sub Area informed, so that before carrying out the transfer will have to let me know if the establishment for 534th previously laid down by the same HQ had to be maintained or what variations had to be done regarding the strength or the services.

HQ 210 Sub Area informed me that:-

1. The a/m establishment had to be unchanged having therefore the same strength.
2. No chance to reduce the services laid down, except the case of transferring to the 535th all Lucera detachment (43 NCOs and ORs)

This morning I received the reply from Italian HQ in which is stated as follows:-

a. The request to reduce the establishment of 534th arrived from S.C. M.M.I.A. sheet S.D/13 dated 25/3/45.

b. It is impossible to transfer the Lucera detachment of 534th to 535th Coy S.G. stationed in Campobasso owing to the distances and difficulty of disciplinary and administrative establishment power.

c. To maintain intact 43 ORs of 534th (which need these men and 535th not) it would be necessary 210 Sub Area to write letter directly to M.M.I.A.

As HQ 210 Sub Area in the meantime has been transferred out I kindly pray you to settle this practice and give me kindly confirmation.

(Sgs) LT-COLONEL  
 (O. Bozza)



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SUBJECT: GD BnsCONFIDENTIAL

LAND FORCES SUB COM (AC (AMIA)

SD/13

15 Apr 45

For information the undermentioned is the present position with regard to the recent changes in Gd Bn status.

1. 502, 503 and 519 Gd Bns together with 1 Regt Gd HQ have been transferred from ITI-ITI to BR-ITI and will be used on internal security duties in NW ITALY under 2 Dist.

2. 523, 524 and 525 Gd Bns have been formed as under in the ITI-ITI Category to take the place of Units in para 1 above:

(a) 523 Gd Bn and 524 Gd Bn are now formed in FROSINONE and ready to move.

(Q is arranging issue of tpt as soon as possible.)

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Lt Col.  
GS.

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Fifth Army and Fifth Army Br Incr.

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FROM : AFHQ SGD SACMED CITE FHGCT  
TO : DISTHREE  
INFO : MMIA  
15 ARMY GROUP  
REF : FX 61404

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IMPORTANT

525 ITALIAN GUARD BATTALION WILL PASS TO UNDER OPERATIONAL  
COMMAND AFHQ AND LOCAL ADMINISTRATION DISTHREE EFFECTIVE 16  
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REP Maj Pinkley for info Lt.

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Maj H. and

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Subject: 1 Guard Regt.

M.M.I.A. L.O.,  
C/o British Increment,  
Rear H.Q. Fifth Army,  
C.M.F.

Phone: Lightning Rear 350.

5LO/9/G.

13th. April, 1945.

To: Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

Copy to: 59 Area.

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Brig MATTHEWS said that he had been informed at H.Q. MMIA on 10 Apr that no demand for rfts had been received and that 231 Div was virtually up to strength in BR-ITIS. Chief of Staff 231 Div stated that in their rfts Specchio of 7 Apr a figure of 184 rfts was shown as being due to 1 Gd Regt. I explained that a copy of this specchio had probably not yet reached H.Q. MMIA on 10 Apr and that the Regt did not figure on the previous one because it had then not yet been transferred to the BR-ITI category.

The present total requirements of men for the three Bns was given as follows:

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| MMIA       |
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| DATE: 12/4 |

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2. (b) Short on W.E.  
Category men to be replaced.  
5% holding over W.E. (Applied  
for by G.O.C. 1 District).

199  
42  
117

TOTAL

358

The total figure of low category men was 70 (42 from liberated Italy, 28 from north Italy) and Comd 59 Area had understood that he could have all the southerners replaced. It was explained however that current regulations provided for the discharge of category men of the older classes only (1920 and upwards). It was concluded, then, that part of the 42 mentioned above would have to be retained.

The question of employment of the category men carried on strength was brought up and Gen RICCA said that he would look into it.

It was finally decided that when the exact figures of men required had been ascertained, Comd 59 Area, would, in view of the urgency, write in officially to H.Q. MMIA requesting these men to be made available at FROSINONE, where a number of rfts for these units are said to be waiting. 1 Dist are prepared to move them by road if necessary.

*[Signature]*  
Capt.  
MMIA LO,  
British Increment,  
Fifth Army.

VCJT/gb

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM: AMIA  
TO : DISTHREE  
REF : SD 2591

Date 11/50 Time B

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SIX EIGHT OF FIVE APRIL

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