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HQ TRAIN GUARD CONTROL ITALY

RAILWAY WORKING INSTRUCTION No. 14.

HQ Train Guard Control, Italy, Working Instruction No 13 is hereby cancelled and the following substituted.

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INFORMATION.1. AUTHORITY.

Command of all Units doing duty as Train and Railway Guards on all British operated and controlled railway lines in Italy is vested in the Commander, Train Guard Control, Italy.

HQ Train Guard Control, Italy, is under Operational Command GHQ CME, in respect of all Train and Railway Static Guards working in Italy.

The working and command of Special Mail Guards is not affected by this order. Otherwise this order includes all Train and Railway Static Guards, except US Military Police Guard Companies, who remain under the Operational Command of the Director, Military Railway Service, Italy. These US Military Police Companies will continue to be responsible for the guarding of military traffic in the Rome marshalling yards of Ostiense and Trastevere and on the sections of the line between Rome - Leghorn, Leghorn-Florence.

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4. INTENTION.

To guard all trains conveying Military Traffic on the Railways as listed in Appendix "A" and to provide Static Guards at the Marshalling Yards also detailed in Appendix "A".

Except by special arrangement guards will not be provided on trains consisting entirely of civilian traffic or one comprising civilian traffic plus non-pillerable military stores.

5. METHOD.

A minimum armed guard of three men will be provided on all trains conveying trains consisting entirely of coal or

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5. METHOD.

A minimum armed guard of three men will be provided on all military freight trains excepting trains consisting entirely of coal or salvage in open wagons running between places named in Appendix "A".

The decision whether or not to provide a guard for any given train will always rest with the RTO. RTOs will however use their discretion in calling forward guards for trains consisting of non-pilferable stores.

6. SPECIAL GUARDS.

- (a) Special guards may be provided by the loading service to guard priority stores. In those cases where the consignor is unable to find personnel for these guards he should request the Area or Sub-Area to provide. Guard Units/Sub-Units will NOT be responsible for the protection of such specially guarded wagons. The individual numbers of the wagons so guarded will, however, be included on GNF Form 20.
- (b) Train Guards will afford every assistance to special guards escorting animals in transit particularly when they are being watered at halts, but the former will not be responsible for losses which may occur.

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SPECIAL GUARDS (Cont)

- (c) 157 Dty 53 L/A Regt RA are responsible for the guarding of rail on the following sections of the line in accordance with instructions issued by A.P.O.

BARI - CERVARO - NAPLES
 NAPLES - ROME
 ROME - ANCONA - RIMINI
 ROME - ANKERO
 ROME - FLORENCE

7. STATIC GUARDS.

Continuous guard will be kept by Static Guards on the marshalling yards listed in Appendix "A". The area to be guarded will be clearly defined by Det Comds in consultation with RTOs. Sketches showing these areas, signed and dated by both RTOs and Det Comds, will be posted on Det detail boards.

8. CALLING FORWARD OF TRAIN GUARDS.

(a) RTOs are responsible for calling forward guards to guard military freight trains starting from their station. Station Duty NCOs will ensure that close liaison is maintained with RTOs, Mil Rly Service, ISR and Det Comds in order that the latter may receive the maximum notice in advance of the probable time at which the guard will be required. The Tr Gd next for duty will always be standing by ready for duty.

(b) RTOs are responsible for the compilation of the railway portion of CMF 20 (Combined Checker's Sheet and Train Guard Trip Report) in triplicate, indicating those specific wagons which need special attention by reason of the highly attractive nature of their contents. In entering particulars of wagons on these forms, details regarding the first wagon will be entered in the first column and no spaces will be left blank. A line must be drawn across the form directly under the number of the last wagon.

CMF 20 will be disposed of as follows :-

Original (by hand of Tr Gd) to RTO at destination.
 Duplicate (by hand of Tr Gd) to his Det Comd on return.
 Triplicate retained by RTO at departure station.

(c) As soon as the train has been marshalled, the Train Guard Commander together with the RTO will inspect the train. When not otherwise engaged in checking an incoming train, the Station Duty NCO will also be present. Special attention will be paid to the condition of wagons, their sealing and labelling.

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9. ACCEPTANCE OF TRIP REPORT.

(a) Box Wagons which are damaged or have not been properly sealed on both sides vide para 10 will NOT be accepted unless the exigencies of railway operating necessities.

(b) Unlabelled or unsealed AG, UNRA and civilian wagons will NOT be accepted by Train Guards. If they are attached to a train the guard will not be responsible for the safety of the contents.

(c) The above facts and any other observations noted at the time will be recorded at para 4 of the Train Guard Trip Report (CMF 20). Such observations will be signed by the RTO, Stationmaster or Station Duty NCO of the departure station and the Train Guard Commander. NO additions will be made thereafter to this paragraph.

Until this is done wagons will NOT be deemed to have been accepted by the Train Guard.

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10. SEALING AND LABELLING.(a) Responsibility for Labelling and Sealing.

- (i) Military Traffic. Correct labelling and sealing of wagons is the responsibility of the loading service.
- (ii) Allied Commission Traffic. Correct labelling and sealing of wagons is the responsibility of the I.S.R. Stationmasters.
- (iii) The Consignor is responsible that Ventilators are secured from the inside, failing which they will be sealed.
- (iv) Re-sealing of Traffic. If a seal is found to be broken the RTO is responsible for :-
 - (i) Re-sealing the wagon and endorsing the wagon label :

Re-sealed at	New Seal No.	Date
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 - (ii) Advising the Station Duty RCO.
 - (iii) Advising his local Mov HQ.

(b) Method of sealing.

- (i) British Military Traffic. "Seals, Railway Wagon", of 5 m.m. gauge wire or "Shackles - Wagon Sealing" will be used. The 5 m.m. wire, when used, will be twisted with the special Tommy bar and the ends sheared off.

In addition "Seals, Metal", commonly known as Acme Seals, will be used, the numbers of the seals being inserted on the wagon label.

- (ii) U.S. Traffic. Nuts and Bolts or 5 mm wire will be used.
- (iii) A.C. Traffic. 5 mm wire or special I.S.R. lead impressed seal.
- (iv) M.M.I.A. Traffic. "Seals, Railway Wagon", 5mm wire will be used.

- (c) Loading Services are responsible for holding adequate stocks of "Seals, Rly, Wagon" and "Seals, Metal". In addition small emergency supplies will be held by RTOs.

(d) Types of Labels.

- (i) British Labels. The standard Label for British Traffic is A.F. W 5156 which is printed to indicate service and commodity as follows :-

Red. Green. Brown. Buff. Blue. Yellow and Black. Blue Diagonal. Dark Blue Border. Plain White. White with Black vertical stripe	W 5156 Vertical stripe - 556 Vertical stripe - Ora. Vertical stripe - RM. Vertical stripe - Fu. Vertical stripe - Supp. Vertical stripe - POL. - RAF. - RM. - Misc. - Backloading,
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- (i) Re-sealing the wagon and endorsing the wagon label :
Re-sealed at _____ New Seal No. _____ Date _____
- (ii) Advising the Station Duty NCO.
- (iii) Advising his local Mov HQ.

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Red.	Vertical stripe - Ord.
Green.	Vertical stripe - RM.
Brown.	Vertical stripe - Ta.
Buff.	Vertical stripe - Sups.
Blue.	Vertical stripe - POL.
Yellow and Black.	- RAF.
Blue Diagonal.	- RM.
Dark Blue Border.	- Misc.
Plain White.	- Backloading,
White with Black vertical stripe	WILL NOT BE USED.

(ii) U.S. Army Labels. The standard American label is designed in the same form as the British label but printed on coloured paper. There is no distinctive marking for commodities, but the commodity loaded is marked in the bottom right hand corner of the label.

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(iii) A.C. Labels. The label to be used for A.C. sponsored and approved civilian traffic will have a Green diagonal bar. A second type of label with Red diagonal bar issued under same conditions will be used for Railway service traffic. Labels are serially numbered.

(iv) M.M.I.A. Labels. M.M.I.A. labels are plain white in black type with a Red and Green band down the right hand side.

(v) A.C. Food Traffic. Use of code to indicate contents of Rail Wagons. The following will be used by all A.C. Warehouses and Consignee Agrari handling A.C. Supplies.

CODE TO BE USED TO INDICATE CONTENTS OF RAIL WAGONS.

BB.....	Lard.
CC.....	M & V.
DD.....	Flour.
EE.....	Biscuits.
GG.....	Soup, Dry.
HH.....	Milk, Evap or Condensed.
JJ.....	Milk powder.
KK.....	Cheese.
LL.....	Meat.
MM.....	Dried Vegetables.
NN.....	Sugar.
PP.....	Soap.
RR.....	Coffee.
SS.....	Fish.

11. HANDING OVER AT DESTINATION.

- (a) At destination station the Tr Gd Comd will report arrival to R.T.O.
- (b) R.T.O. will give the Tr Gd Comd a receipt on C.M.F. Form 20 for all wagons handed over, after inspecting them to ensure that seals are intact and that no apparent pilferage has occurred. This will be countersigned by the Station Duty N.C.O. whenever the latter is located at such station.
- (c) The Tr Gd Comd is not deemed to have handed over his train until he has obtained a clearance signature from the R.T.O.

12. PROCEDURE FOR HAND OVER OF TRAINS FROM BRITISH TO AMERICAN CONTROL.

The following procedure will be adopted for the handover of Wagons from Train or Static Guards under American Control to Train or Static Guards under British Control and vice versa:-

(a) British R.T.O. Rep and American Train Guard Comd. will work as a team in the matter of train inspections.

(b) Trains and/or wagons will not be handed over unless they have been

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- (b) Trains and/or wagons will not be handed over unless they have been jointly inspected by American and British Representatives, together with the Train Guard Commander.
- (c) Following the joint inspection called for in (b) above an identical copy of C.M.F. 20 containing all comments will be retained by both the American and British representatives so as to ensure consistency and accuracy of records.
- (d) R.T.O.s., British and American, have been instructed to ensure that no delay occurs in accepting wagons and giving the Train Guard Commander a clearance signature. If such delays do occur they will be reported by the Train Guard Commander to his Det. Comd. and the matter will then be forwarded to Mov. Control H.Q.s. concerned for investigation in the case of British personnel or to H.Q., P.B.S. in the case of U.S. personnel.

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13. WAGONS TAKEN ON OR HANDED OVER EN ROUTE.

Full details of wagons attached or removed en route, together with wagon numbers, contents, place, time and date, will be recorded on C.M.F. Form 20. The Tr Gd Comd will obtain a receipt for any wagon detached en route from the R.T.O. or if there is no Mov. Control Staff (either British or American) from the Capo Stazione, I.S.R., on C.M.F. Form 78.

14. CIVILIAN TRAVEL.

(a) Civilian train services are available over all lines SOUTH of

ROME and between

ROME - LEGHORN - BOLOGNA - GENOVA.
ROME - ORTIZ - AREZZO.
ROME - ANCONA - BOLOGNA - VERONA.
TURIN - MILAN - VENEZIA.

(b) Where civilian passenger services are NOT yet in operation, travel by freight train will be restricted to the use of empty stock or wagons carrying non-pilferable stores.

(c) Civilian travel by military passenger trains is NOT allowed except in the case of certain I.S.R. on duty.

(d) The movement of civilian labour by special workers trains is covered by special arrangements and is NOT subject to the above instructions.

(e) Train and Static Guards will take all possible steps to enforce the above.

(f) To prevent unauthorised travel by civilians, ISR have been encouraged to enforce the present laws in connection therewith. This allows the properly authorised train official to collect a fare when a civilian is apprehended, an additional fine, and to take his name from his identification card, which is, in turn, handed over to the Italian Police for prosecution, after which the rider is unloaded at the first available stop. Railway Guards will not interfere with ISR employees when legitimately collecting fares and obtaining necessary data.

The following types of pass are in issue :-

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| (i) | Pass for M.R.S. personnel. | Pink card signed by OC Unit. |
| (ii) | Pass for I.S.R. employee. | Pink card with RED band. |
| (iii) | Identity Pass. | WHITE. |
| (iv) | Travel Certificate. | BLUE with photograph for Railway employees with less than one year's service. |
| (v) | National Railway Pass. | BLACK leatherette for Rly employees with more than one year's service. |

(iii) (iii) and (iv) require the signature of the Capo Servizio or Capo Contabile signed by Brig Waghorn,

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M.R.S. personnel in possession of (i) above and I.S.R. employees in possession of (ii), (iii) and (v) and when applicable (iv) may be permitted to travel on military freight trains when on duty.

- (vi) Civilian Rail Travel Pass
 Mov Area Pass bearing rubber stamp of issuing office giving identification No and signature of bearer.
 Valid for one journey only.
 A.C. Pass bearing A.C. stamp of issuing office.
- (vii) Military Area Pass

Civilians performing work, in military areas only, of essential use to the Allied Forces, may be permitted to travel if in possession of a pass duly authorised as above.

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15. CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER SERVICES.

(a) Interference with Operation of the Railways. Railway Guards will under no circumstances interfere with the operational working of the Railways by Br, U.S. or I.S.R. personnel. If a situation arises wherein proper protection of Allied supplies is not possible, the best possible protection will be given at the time. If Train or Static Guards consider that trains are operated in an irregular manner for the purpose of facilitating pilferage or for any other reason a complete report of the situation will be made with the least possible delay to Mov. Control and this H.Q.

(b) Safeguarding of Rly Operating Communications. In certain of the A.M.G. controlled areas, Railway communications lineside patrols by Carabinieri are in action. Although not necessarily dressed in uniform they all carry identity papers signed by an A.M.G. Police officer. These men will not be hindered at their work. Their pass does not entitle them to travel by train.

(c) Public Security Agent. A number of I.S.R. personnel have been invested with status of Public Security Agent to supplement the policing of railways. They will not be employed or travel on military trains.

PILFERAGE.16. ACTION BY CONSIGNEE.

Pilferage which is discovered by Consignee is reported by Consignee to R.T.O. at destination station, to AFM/DIEM of the local AREA/SUB-AREA and to this H.Q.

17. ACTION BY R.T.O.

Pilferage which is discovered by or reported to R.T.O.s. will be telephoned or signalled by the R.T.O. to the Stn Duty H.Q.O. and to his local Movement H.Q. The Movement H.Q. so notified will advise the Mov. H.Q. to whose area the wagon is consigned. The latter will inform the destination R.T.O. who will advise Consignee.

18. ACTION BY TRAIN GUARDS.

Pilferage of all mil. traffic in transit which is discovered by or reported to the Tr Gds will be reported to the first available R.T.O. who will re-seal and endorse the wagon label "Re-sealed at.....New Seal No.....". Tr Gd Com's will also report to the Stn Duty H.Q.O. at destination and Det Coml. Para 5 C.M.F. 20 will be endorsed to this effect by R.T.O.

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19. ACTION BY STATIC GUARDS.

Pilferage of mil. traffic which is discovered by or reported to the Static Guards will be reported immediately to the Stn Duty H.C.O. and to the R.T.O. at the station concerned.

20. ACTION BY STATION DUTY H.C.O.

(a) Pilferage which is discovered by or reported to the Stn Duty H.C.O. will be reported by him to the R.T.O. The Stn Duty H.C.O. will render C.M.F. Form 76 to his Det Comd.

(b) Major incidents or pilferages will be reported by telephone immediately they occur to R.T.O., Det Comd and AFM/DAPM of the local AREA/SUB-AREA concerned and confirmed on C.M.F. 76.

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21. IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION.

In cases where immediate investigation is essential e.g.

- (a) Where a major pilferage has occurred.
- (b) Where pilferage is believed to have taken place at a particular point.
- (c) When several pilferages have been committed very recently, and in order to save delay, direct notification will be telephoned by Consignee, Stn Duty N.C.O. or R.T.O. to JPM/DAPM of the local AREA/SUB-AREA, failing which, to the nearest Allied Mil Police Unit. Location lists with telephone numbers of Pro Secs, and S.I.S. will be prominently displayed in offices of Stn Duty N.C.O.s. and Det Comds.

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- (a) Units will organise their own investigation section to deal with pilferages arising on Stores under the protection of the Unit either in transit or in guarded Marshalling Yards.

The I.O. or an officer should vet all C.M.F. 76s before despatch and ensure they produce the answers to the following:

1. Discovered by?
 2. Time, date and place.
 3. If discovered in Marshalling Yard, in what condition was it received in the yard, or, if taking over from a train guard, in what condition did the train guard take it over prior to its journey under their charge.
- All cases of bad Sealing will be investigated by Units at points of origin & H.Q. Mov advised.

- (b) Recovered Goods. When pilfered stores are recovered they will be taken on charge by the unit concerned. As soon as possible they will be handed over to the appropriate service and a receipt obtained.

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- (a) On the question of shooting by Patrols and Sentries at saboteurs, thieves or suspected thieves attempting to acquire or damage M. property the following policy shall be adopted.

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 - (iv) There will be no following up in order to shoot, beyond the immediate area guarded.
 - (v) Women and children will NOT be fired upon in any circumstances.
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- (c) Full protection is guaranteed to any Commander who, in good faith and in accordance with these principles, issues an order to shoot, and to every officer and soldier who, in like circumstances, does shoot.

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(A) If shooting results in the killing or wounding of any person the O.C. Unit will, within 24 hours, convene a Court of Inquiry, and forward the proceedings as specified as possible to the H.Q. ARMA/SUB-AREA concerned (copy to this H.Q.)

(e) The attention of guard personnel will be drawn to these orders at frequent intervals.

ADMINISTRATION.

24. CHARGE PROCEDURE - CIVILIANS.

(a) In all cases of arrest of Italian civilians or Military personnel the prisoner will be handed over to the Carabinieri or Questura and copies of A.C. Form completed and disposed of as follows:-

- One copy handed over with the prisoner at time of arrest.
- One copy to AM/DAFM, Area/Sub-Area or Staff Lieut Grn concerned.
- One copy to Zone Legal Officer, Allied Commission.

(b) In cases where an Italian police official is present at the time of an arrest and can report directly on the crime, the Italian police official will carry out the arrest and the A.C. Forms will be completed by him in Italian, and disposed of as above. Previous reports and/or statements taken from witnesses will be attached to all copies of A.C. Forms in the original language, i.e., English or Italian.

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Whenever sufficient personnel can be made available, Unit Comds will organise a small flying squad to make surprise raids at points where pillage is known or suspected. Such parties must be accompanied by Mil. Police and C.C.R.R. The actual searching or arrest will be carried out by C.C.R.R. in the presence of C.M.F.

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27. TORCHES.

When on duty Train and Static Guards will be in possession of torches.

28. LOCATION STATEMENT.

A Location Statement of existing Train and Static Guards is shown in Appendix "A".

29. REPORTS AND RETURNS.

O.S.C. Units will be responsible for:-

- (a) Maintaining a daily record of the number of trains guarded on all sectors of the line for which they are responsible showing times of arrival and departure.

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- (b) Collating all reports of Incidents and Pilferages from detachments under command.
- (c) Acting in close liaison with DAFM's and S.I.S. of Areas, Sub-Areas and Grns, and also with U.S. personnel.
- (d) Rendition of reports and returns to addressees stated in Appendix "B".

30. SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOR PERSONNEL.

1. All men on duty as Train or Static Guards will take every precaution against injury to themselves. Train Guards will ride in such a place and position that they will not be thrown off their balance in case of a sudden move or jerk of the train or in case of hard shunting.
2. Under no circumstances will train guards move along the tops of trains from one wagon to another whilst the train is in motion.
3. Train Guards will not dismount from trains in motion.
4. In addition the following safety rules will be adhered to : -
 - (a) Walking in the middle of the track is forbidden.
 - (b) Crawling under wagons is prohibited.
 - (c) When walking round the ends of a rake of wagons, each man will walk round it at least ten feet from the end of the wagon.
 - (d) Particular care will be taken to step OVER rails at junction points and switches.

To be repeated in Unit orders at intervals of three months.

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Asst. Com. Lt. Col.
Commanding HQ Train Guard Control.

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DISTRIBUTION.ACTION

HQ	2 AA Bde	6
	1 HAA Regt RA.	25
	51 HAA Regt RA	25
	55 HAA Regt RA	25
	30 LAA Regt RA	25
	53 LAA Regt RA	25
	47 A.A.O.R.	1
I	466 Const Bty RA	6
	30 Som.L.I.	25
	101 Grn.Coy	6
A	Sec.(Rlys) S.I.B.,CMP.	4
	4 Coy 501 It.Gd.Bn.	1
	507 It.Gd.Bn.	1
	510 It.Gd.Bn.	1
	525 It.Gd.Bn.	1

INFM

HQ	13 Corps	6
HQ	2 District	6
HQ	3 District	6
HQ	P.A.A.C.	6
HQ	52 Area	3
HQ	54 Area	3
HQ	55 Area	3
HQ	56 Area	3
HQ	59 Area	3
HQ	61 Area	3
HQ	86 Army Area	3
HQ	217 Area	3
HQ	218 Special Area	3
HQ	60 Sub-Area	2
HQ	71 Sub-Area	2
HQ	201 Sub-Area	2
HQ	211 Sub-Area	2
HQ	BTSCY	2

INFM

Mov & Tn. A.F.H.Q.	4
Arty.Sec. A.F.H.Q.	3
Pro (Br) A.F.H.Q.	1
Postal A.F.H.Q.	1
Tn. (Br) A.F.H.Q.	1
DMRS	3
DD.Tn.Rlys (Br)	1
Mov.Rear 13 Corps	12
Mov.North Italy	12
Mov.UDINE	12
Mov.TRIESTE	12
Mov.VENICE	12
Mov.MILAN	12
Mov.VERONA	12
Mov.BOLOGNA	12
Mov.RIMINI	12
Mov.ANGONA	12
Mov.ROME	12
Mov.NAPLES	25
Mov.BARI	25
Mov.TARANTO	12
Mov.DTA	3
Rly Anti-Theft Control Committee	12
Joint Railway Control,NAPLES	1
HO. AC. Tn.Sub-Commission	6
Senior Tn.Offr., A.C.,NAPLES	6
HQ MMIA	6
MMIA LO 2 District	1
MMIA LO 3 District	1
MMIA LO 54 Area	1
MMIA LO 217 Area	1
I Rly.Op.Gp. RE	1
154 Rly.Op. Coy., RE	1
192 Rly.Op. Coy., RE	1
PMG., 774 Rly.Grand Div. (US)	6
Rail Div., P.B.S.	3
Rail Div., P.B.S. (SOUTH)	3
Rail Div., ADRIATIC Base	3
War Diary	2

REPORTS AND RETURNS

SERIAL	RETURN	BY WHOM RENDERED	DATE DUE	TO WHOM RENDERED	REMARKS
1.	Incident Report	Det concerned	Daily	HQ Train Guard Control HQ Mov Area/Sub area AFM/DAPM Area/Sub Area "A" Sec (Rlys) SIB CMP HQ own unit Det SIB CMP concerned	Incidents and Pilfer firearms are used with all reports of American controlled NAPLES Area to Rail ROME Area to Rail CENTRAL ITALY to Rail EAST ITALY to Rail but not to HQ Mov Ar is necessary.
2.	No. of Trains guarded on each sector of line.	HQ Unit	Weekly	HQ Train Guard Control.	To be forwarded to 2359 hrs the Appendix "G"
3.	No of Pilferages and Incidents on Trains on each sector of line.	HQ Unit	Weekly	HQ Train Guard Control.	
4.	No of Pilferages and Incidents in guarded Marshalling Yards.	HQ Unit	Weekly	HQ Train Guard Control.	
5.	No of Arrests	HQ Unit	Weekly	HQ Train Guard Control.	
6.	Strength Return	HQ Unit	Weekly	HQ Train Guard Control	To show strength Saturdays, as per TGC Routine Or
7.	Serials 2 - 5	HQ Unit	3rd of month	HQ Train Guard Control	To include data 2359 hrs on the 2359 hrs on the attached Appen

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Appendix "B"

REPORTS AND RETURNS

BY WHOM RENDERED	DATE DUE	TO WHOM RENDERED	REMARKS
Det concerned	Daily	HQ Train Guard Control HQ Mov Area/Sub area AFM/DAPM Area/Sub Area "A" Sec (Rlys)*SIB CMP HQ own unit Det SIB CMP concerned	Incidents and Pilferages, including all those in which firearms are used will be reported on CMF 76. Copies of all reports of American traffic, or Incidents at American controlled stations will be sent in the case of:- NAPLES Area to Rail Div, PBS South. ROME Area to Rail Div, HQ PBS, APO 782. CENTRAL ITALY to Rail Div, HQ PBS, APO 782 EAST ITALY to Rail Div, HQ Adriatic Base, but not to HQ Mov Area/Sub Area unless positive action is necessary.
HQ Unit sector	Weekly	HQ Train Guard Control.	To be forwarded on Sundays to include data up to 2359 hrs the previous day, as per attached Appendix "G"
and HQ Unit line on line.	Weekly	HQ Train Guard Control.	
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HQ Unit	Weekly	HQ Train Guard Control.	
HQ Unit	Weekly	HQ Train Guard Control	
HQ Unit	3rd of month	HQ Train Guard Control	To show strength of unit as at 2359 hrs on Saturdays, as per attached Appendix "H". TGC Routine Order No.48 dated 2 Aug 45 refers. To include data as stated for the period between 2359 hrs on the last Saturday of each month to 2359 hrs on the last day of the month, as per attached Appendix "G".

REPORTS AND RETURNS (cont)

SERIAL	RETURN	BY WHOM RENDERED	DATE DUE	TO WHOM RENDERED	REMARKS
8.	Report on Working of Train and Static Guards.	HQ Unit	3rd of month	HQ Train Guard Control	General Report u Operational:- D Co-operation:- Administrative: Suggestions.
9.	Guard Commitments	HQ Unit	3rd of month	HQ Train Guard Control	As per attached Order No 48 dat No 73 dated 22
10.	Census of Stores	HQ Unit	5th of month	HQ Train Guard Control	To show all ite charge as at la attached Appent No.55 dated 11

Appendix "B"

REPORTS AND RETURNS (cont)

BY WHOM RENDERED	DATE DUE	TO WHOM RENDERED	REMARKS
HQ Unit	3rd of month	HQ Train Guard Control	General Report under headings :- Operational:- Delay on lines; Hours of duty; Length of turnaround. Co-operation:- Calling forward of guards; Measures taken to reduce pilferage. Administrative:- Strength; Tpt; Accn etc; in so far as they affect Rly working. Suggestions.
HQ Unit	3rd of month	HQ Train Guard Control	As per attached Appendix "I". TGC Routine Order No 48 dated 2 Aug 45 as amended by TGCRO No 73 dated 22 Oct 45 refers.
HQ Unit	5th of month	HQ Train Guard Control	To show all items of Train Guard Stores held on charge as at last day of previous month, as per attached Appendix "J". TGC Routine Order No.55 dated 11 Sep 45 refers.

APPENDIX "C".STANDING ORDERS FOR TRAIN GUARDS.1. RESPONSIBILITY.

The Tr Gd Comd will be responsible at all times throughout the journey for the safety of the contents of the train. He will ensure that his Gd is at all times alert and acquainted with its duties. He will ensure that magazines of rifles are charged but there is no round in the breach, that magazines of automatic weapons are loaded but weapons are not cocked and that immediately after handing over a train all rifles and automatic weapons are unloaded.

2. ACTION ON DEPARTURE.

The Tr Gd Comd will on arrival at the departure station, report personally to the R.T.O. or to the representative of the R.T.O. on duty and also to the Stn Duty N.C.O. Train Guards waiting on call at the Station will not leave the platform until called forward for duty. When the Movement Control Checker proceeds to check the train, the Gd Comd will accompany him and will take over from him the wagons allotted to his train, verifying the numbers of each wagon as recorded on the Checkers sheet. He will ensure that the copy retained by the checker shows any remarks which affect any wagon. He will obtain from the R.T.O. or his representative two copies of the Checkers sheet. He will ensure that all box wagons are correctly sealed on both sides and will refuse to take over any box wagons not properly sealed or in any other respects badly damaged, unless ordered to do so by R.T.O. in the interests of railway working.

3. ACTION DURING THE JOURNEY.

Special vigilance must be maintained during periods of the journey when the train is slowed down. At all halts or during shunting the train will be patrolled. For this purpose one sentry will be posted to watch the left side, one the right.

Full details of wagons taken on or removed en route, together with wagon numbers, contents, place, time and date will be recorded on the Guard Trip Report.

The Gd Comd will obtain a receipt on C.M.F. 78, for any wagon detached en route, from the R.T.O., or, if there is no Movement Control staff, the Capo Stazione I.S.R.

No smoking will be allowed on or near petrol or ammunition wagons.

The lighting of fires in railway wagons is forbidden.

4. ACTION ON ARRIVAL.

On arrival the Gd Comd will hand over his checkers sheets to the R.T.O.

who will check the train in his presence and that of the Stn Duty N.C.O.

The Gd Comd will obtain a receipt from the R.T.O., countersigned by the Stn Duty N.C.O., on his Guard Trip Reports, copies of which will be disposed of as follows:-

Original to R.T.O. at Destination.

Residuals to Det. Comd on return.

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Duplicate to Det Comd on return.

When a train is proceeding right through to its final destination the Train Guard dismounting at an intermediate station will hand over direct to the relieving Train Guard.

He will arrange with the R.T.O. for his guard to be returned by the first available means of transportation.

5. THREATS.

(a) Unknown or unauthorised persons seen or heard approaching or leaving a train will be challenged and if necessary apprehended. All persons apprehended

5. THEFTS. (Cont)

will be handed over to the Static Guard at destination, or if there is no Static Guard, to the R.T.O.

(b) All thefts occurring on a journey will be reported to the first available R.T.O. after the incident, and he will be asked to re-seal the wagon if necessary. Full details will also be reported to the R.T.O. and Stn Duty N.C.O. at destination and to his Det Comd on return.

(c) The form of challenge will be as follows.

The guard will give the challenge "Halt" (then after a slight pause) "Who goes there?". These words will be said in the most clear and commanding tone possible. If the person does not halt at once the second part of the challenge will be given in a similarly clear and definite tone, "Halt - or I fire!". This challenge will not be repeated.

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6. PASSENGERS.

Civilian travel on military freight trains will only be allowed:-

- (a) In organised bodies when authorised by Movement Control.
- (b) On empty stock or wagons carrying non-pilferable stores provided that such wagons are NOT next to wagons containing pilferable stores.

Under no other circumstances will civilians be permitted to travel on military trains. Such force as is necessary to achieve this object may be used except that no person will be ejected from a moving train and fire-arms will not be used.

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The taking of intoxicants or the use of narcotics just prior to going or while on duty is forbidden. All wines and beer will be construed as being within the meaning of intoxicants.

8. BRIBERY.

Any offer of a bribe will be reported immediately to the Det Comd. Concealment of the offer of a bribe is an offence.

9. ASSISTANCE.

Full assistance will be afforded to all Allied Police; C.C.R.R.; P.S. Agents, Railway Operating and I.S.R. personnel in the execution of their duty.

C.M.F.

Date 30 Oct 45.

A. H. A. Smith Lt. Col.
Commanding H.Q. Train Guard Control.

APPENDIX "D"

STANDING ORDERS FOR STATIC GUARDS

1. The bounds for Static Guards are defined on a sketch posted on.....
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and all Static Guards will make themselves familiar with these bounds before commencing their tour of duty.
2. Static Guards will act as roving patrols within the bounds set out in Para 1 and in accordance with special instructions given to them by the visiting Officer or NCO. They will remain on that duty in accordance with their individual instructions, until they are properly relieved, and will not leave their beat except in the execution of their duty. When men are given a break of duty by the visiting NCO, they will move away from their posts and remove their arm-bands before smoking etc. When a post of duty is handed over to the next relief, any information and special instructions will be handed on to that relief.
3. Static Guards will be responsible for guarding weapons containing Military Stores including AC, MG, UNRA and Italian Army weapons standing in yards, and note specially the position of these likely to be subject of theft.
The lighting of fires in wagons is forbidden.
4. Static Guard will be responsible for guarding Civilian Stores whilst standing within the area of marshalling yards as defined in Para 1.
5. On arrival of a train or a "shunt", Static Guards will examine all wagons.
6. All cases of wagons found unsealed or of theft will be reported immediately to the Station Duty NCO or to the RTO where there is no Station Duty NCO.
7. Static Guards will not proceed outside the bounds set out in Para 1 during their tour of duty except to escort prisoners to the Station Duty NCO or to report to the Station Duty NCO in accordance with Para 6 above.
8. Magazines of rifles will be charged but there will be no round in the breach. In the case of automatic weapons, magazines will be loaded but weapons will not be cocked. On completion of the tour of duty and before entering the billet, a Static Guard will unload his weapon. The unloading of his weapon will be supervised by an NCO.
9. Unknown or unauthorised persons seen or heard approaching or leaving the train or tampering with its contents will be challenged and if necessary apprehended. They will be handed over to the Station Duty NCO or to the RTO where there is no Station Duty NCO.
10. (a) The form of challenge will be as follows:
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The use of automatic weapons incapable of firing single shots is forbidden; automatic weapons capable of firing single shots may be used only as single-shot weapons, unless armed resistance is encountered, in which case automatic fire may be employed.

11. Special Guards provided by loading services will be responsible for guarding their own wagons when in marshalling yards.

12. Station Duty NCO's, Static Guards and Train Guards on duty are permitted to be within the areas of their respective Marshalling Yards. When "off duty" no other rank will be allowed in station buildings, in marshalling yards or loading sidings. Train Guards waiting on call at Stations will not leave the platform until called forward for duty.

13. The taking of intoxicants or the use of narcotics, just prior to going or while on duty is forbidden. All wines and beer will be construed as being within the meaning of intoxicants.

14. Any offer of a bribe will be reported immediately to the Det Comd. Concealment of the offer of a bribe is an offence.

15. Full assistance will be afforded to all Allied Police; CCRP; P.S. Agents; Railway Operating and ISR personnel in the execution of their duty.

CMF.

Date 30 Oct 45.

A. W. J. R. M. Lt. Col.
Commanding H.Q. Train Guard Control, Italy.

APPENDIX "E"ORDERS FOR STATION DUTY NCO

1. He will work in close co-operation with the RTO and Static Guard concerned.
2. He will inform his Det Comd at the earliest opportunity of any train guards required.
3. He will report by telephone to his Det Comd the arrival of train Guards from other Dets.
4. He will, in conjunction with Train Guard Comd confirm that all trains arrive and depart in good order. He will be present when trains are handed over by Train Guards to RTO and vice versa. Should two or more trains be present at one time priority will be given to an Incoming Train.
5. He will inform the Static Guards of the arrival in the yard of any stores such as EFI, Rations, etc., which are likely to be especially subject to theft.
6. He will at frequent but irregular intervals during his tour of duty visit the Static Guards and ensure that they are alert and acquainted with their duties.
7. He will keep a Station Book in which will be recorded all trains arriving and departing, incidents and pilferages. This book will be signed and handed over on relief.
8. Thefts of Military traffic reported to him by Train and Static Guards or discovered by RTO or himself will be reported by him immediately by telephone to the APM/DAPM of the Area/Sub-Area concerned and to his Det Comd. Thefts of Civilian traffic will be reported to the Italian Railway Police.
9. The taking of intoxicants or the use of narcotics just prior to going or while on duty is forbidden. All wines and beer will be construed as being within the meaning of intoxicants.
10. Any offer of a bribe will be reported immediately to the Det Comd. Concealment of the offer of a bribe is an offence.
11. He will render full assistance to all Allied Police, CCRR, P.S. Agents, Movement Control, Railway Operating and ISR personnel in the execution of their duty.

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GMR.
Date 30 Oct 45.

A. H. F. R. Jh. Lt. Col.
Commanding H.Q. Train Guard Control, Italy.

APPENDIX "F"
APPENDICE "F"RESTRICTED
RISTRETOPASS PRO FORMA
PRO FORMA PERMESSONOT TRANSMISSIBLE
NON TRASMISSIBILE

HQ Movements

Subject : Civilian Rail Travel Pass.
Oggetto : Permesso Viaggio Ferr. per Civili.

Area

Area

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1. The bearer
Il latere

Identification No.

No. Tessera d'identità

whose signature appears below is authorized to
la cui firma appare sotto e' autorizzato atravel from
viaggiare da

to

by military
a mezzo

freight train on

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treno da carico il

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2. This pass is valid for one journey only and will be collected on
completion.2. Questo permesso e' valido per un viaggio soltanto e sara' ritirato
a compimento del viaggio stesso.

Sd

Fto.

Rank

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Grade

Appointment

Qualifica

Signature of bearer
Firma del latere.

APPENDIX "G"
APPENDICE "G"

RAILWAY WORKING REPORT FOR WE 2359 HRS SATURDAY.....45.
RAPPORTO SUL SERVIZIO FERROVIARIO COMPIUTO DURANTE LA SETTIMANA
TERMINANTE ALLE ORE 2359 DI SABATO.....45.

UNIT.....
REPARTO.....

SERIAL No.....
No. PROGRES.....

To.....
Al
.....

DEPOT.	ROUTE.	NO OF TRAINS	NO OF TRAIN	NO OF TRAIN
DEPOSITO.	ROTTA.	" GUARDED.	INCIDENTS.	PILFERAGES.
		NO TRENI SCORTATI.	NO INCIDENTI	NO FURTI IN
			IN VIAGGIO.	VIAGGIO.

STATIC GUARDS.	STATIC INCIDENTS.	STATIC PILFERAGES.	ARRESTS.
GUARDIE FISCHE.	INCIDENTI NEGLI	FURTI NEGLI SCALI.	ARRESTI.
	SCALI.		

APPENDIX "H"
APPENDICE "H"

WEEKLY STRENGTH RETURN (As at 2359 hrs EACH SATURDAY) RESTRICTED.
SPEDICHO FORZA ENTITIMANALE (Come da Ora 2359 di ogni Sabato) RISTRETTO.

UNIT:
REPARTO

TO : HQ Train Guard Control Italy.
AL

DATE.....
DATA.....

[illegible]

NOTE : Officers will NOT be included in the totals.
Leave, Sick, Hospital etc., will be shown under the heading "MISC".
"Total Unit" MUST agree with the total strength of unit.

NOTA : Gli UFFICIALI non saranno inclusi nel totale.
Gli uomini in licenza, ammalati, in Ospedale ecc., saranno inclusi nella colonna "MIEG".
Il "TOTALE REPARTO" deve corrispondere al totale forza del Reparto.

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APPENDIX "J"
 APPENDICE "J"

STORES HELD ON CHARGE TO HQ TRAIN GUARD CONTROL.
 MATERIALI IN POSSESSO AFFIDATI AL H.Q. TRAIN GUARD CONTROL.

AS AT (date).....
 COME DA GIORNO

FROM:
 DA :

TO:
 AL:

ITEM articoli	No. held on charge Quantita' tenuta in carico	Serviceable Servibili	Unserviceable fuori uso	Deficiencies Deficienze	Remarks osservazioni
Lamps Electric No.1. Lamp. Elettriche No.1.					
Torches TL 122 B					
Torches 2 cell.					
Armbands T.O. Bracciali Gd.Tr.					
Lamps, Sets, Portable Lampade Portatili					
ITEM articoli	No. held Quantita' Tenute	No. required. Quantita' Richieste			
Batteries Lamp Elec. No.1 Batt. Lampade elet. No.1.					
Cell, Dry, Unit torch					
Bulbs Electric 2.5v Lamp. Elet. 2.5v					
Bulbs Electric 2.7v (TL122B) Lamp. Elet. 2.7v (TL122B)					

APPENDIX
APPENDIX

RETURN OF GUARD COMMITMENTS.

QUADRO DELLE DISPONIBILITA' PER SERVIZIO GUARDIE.

Formation or Area Formazione o Area	Unit/Sub-Unit or Det. Bt./Comp. o Distacc.	Location. Dislocazione.	Posted Strength. Forze Effettiva.	Ration Strength. Forza in Sussistenza.	Total No. Employed on G's at any one moment. No. dei militari del Reparto disponibili per il servizio guardie.
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APPENDIX "I"
APPENDICE "I"

RETURN OF GUARD COMMITMENTS.

QUADRO DELLE DISPONIBILITA' PER SERVIZIO GUARDIE.

Unit or Det.	Location.	Posted	Ration	Total No. Employed on	Remarks.
Distacco.	Dislocazione.	Strength.	Strength.	Gds <u>at any one moment.</u>	Osservazioni.
		Forze	Forza in	No. dei militari del	
		Effettiva.	Sussistenza.	Reparto disponibili per	
				il servizio guardia.	

SUBJECT : Gds for Dumps

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AG. (MMIA)

SD/13/2

5 Nov 45

TO : MMIA LO 54 AREA

GOC MMIA recently met Chief of Staff BARI Territorial HQ, and was informed as follows.

" From an Internal Security point of view, much concern is felt in BARI area about large quantities of virtually unguarded S.A. ammunition and grenades lying in British dumps where civilians can easily help themselves. It is felt that at least it should be possible to concentrate light ammo. under guard. G.O.C. said he would raise matter with GHQ. "

Please contact HQ 54 AREA BARI on this subject and report action taken soonest to this HQ.

Approved
Major General,
MMIA.

Copy to : Q (two)

ARCS/sb

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: AFHQ

071532 A

TO : MMIA

REF : F 47748

RESTRICTED

FROM G(SD) C M F (.)

FOLLOWING GD BNS WILL SHORTLY BE AVAILABLE FOR TRANSFER

TO I T I - I T I STATUS 507 510 515 520

525 518 LAST ONLY HQ REQUEST FUTURE LOCATIONS AND

DETAILS OF I S BDES TO WHICH ASSIGNED

SD DISTRIBUTION:

Action: SD/13/2

Info: A
Q (Two)
ST (Two)
SD/56/2

ws 08 Oct 45

GEO 1

GEO 2 (Ops)

GEO 2 (SD)

GEO 2 (Hq)

GEO 3

GEO 4 (Hq)

See 50/56/1

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TRANSLATION

From : M of War
To : MMIA

Ref : 6831/Sit.

Dtd : 28 Sep 45

Subject : Strength of Guards' Units serving with the Allies.

In reply to letter No SD/13 dtd 5 September 45.

Up to the 31 December ¹⁹⁴³, there ~~did not exist~~ ^{were no} Italian units formed exclusively for guard duties, while, on the 6 June 1944, there had been formed, for such duties, only the following units:

501° Security and Guards Battalion	Located at	Atella
502° " " " "	" "	Bari
503° " " " "	(awaiting, in Sardinia, transference	
504° " " " "	(to the mainland.	

Among the remaining units of the Italian Army under the command of the Allied Authorities, there were ~~many~~ ^{many} who were shown ~~to~~ ^{as} employed in various duties, and among them guard duties.

Therefore, in enclosures No. 1 and 2, we forward herewith the details ~~of~~ ^{of} units which, ~~xxxx~~ on the 31 December 1943, and the 5 June 1944, were employed chiefly on guard duties and defence and protection of plants and communications.

for General Giorgio Liuzzi,
sgd. illegible.

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20/8/13/2

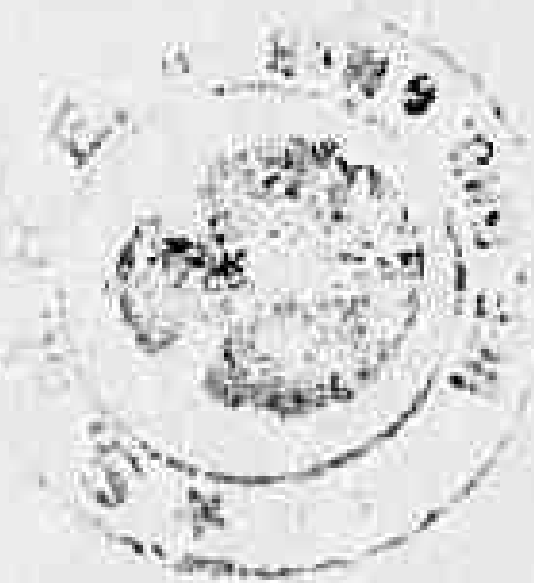
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20/8/13/2

allegato n.1 al f.n. 6811/Sit.del 27-1-1945

REPARTI IN SERVIZI GUARDIA AL 31.12.1943

REPARTI	DISLOCAZIONE	FORZA	INPIEGO
<u>IX CORPO D'ARMATA</u>			
- VII battaglioni movimento stradale	Puglia	304	controllo traffico stradale
<u>209° DIVISIONE</u>			
- 372° battaglione	Barletta	530	difesa costiera e servizio guardia
- difesa porto Bari	Bari	1003	difesa costiera e protezione impianti
- 41° raggruppamento artiglieria	"	501	"
- 96° battaglione	"	468	"
<u>DIFESA AEROPORTI</u>			
- 37° gruppo artiglieria c.e.	Puglia	573	guardia e difesa aeroporti
<u>SERVIZIO PROTEZIONE IMPIANTI E DIFESA ANTIPARACADUTISTI</u>			
- reparti vari e nuclei antiparacadutisti	Puglia	1671	guardia e difesa protezione impianti e difesa antiparacadutisti
- aliquota battaglione presidiario	Bari	70	servizio di guardia
<u>LI CORPO D'ARMATA</u>			
<u>231° DIVISIONE</u>			
- aliquota 162° reggimento fanteria	Brindisi	479	servizi vari
- aliquota 196°	S. Donaci	174	guardia e difesa aeroporti
- " 22° reggimento artiglieria	Novoli	210	"
<u>COMANDO FF.AA. CAMPANIA</u>			
- aliquota 210° Divisione	Campania	2070	tutta la divisione era e di sposizione A.A. per servizi di guardia e manovalenza. Nel presente specchio è riportata l'aliquota del personale prevalentemente impiegato in servizi di guardia.

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- 96° battaglione	"	468	"
<u>DIFESA AEROPORTI</u>			
- 37° gruppo artiglieria c.2.	Puglia	573	guardia e difesa aeroporti
<u>SERVIZIO PROTEZIONE IMPIANTI E DIFESA ANTIPARACADUTISTI</u>			
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<u>COMANDO FP. AA. CAMPANIA</u>			
- aliquota 210° Divisione	Campania	2070	tutta la divisione era a disposizione I.A. per servizi di guardia e manovalanza. Nel presente specchio è riportata l'aliquota del personale prevalentemente impiegato in servizi di guardia.
- aliquota 227° Divisione	Campania	1000	c.s.
- 113 reggimento fanteria "Mantova"	Aversa	437	manovalanza e guardia



allegato n.2 al f. 6831/Sit.del 22.9.1945

REPARTI IN SERVIZI DI GUARDIA AL 5.6.1944

REPARTI	DISLOCAZIONE	FORZA	IMPIEGO
<u>XII CORPO D'ARMATA</u>			
<u>DIVISIONE "SABAUDA"</u>			
- aliquota 45 reggimento fanteria	Catania	1100	servizi guardia
- aliquota 46 "	Palermo	1850	"
- " 16° " artiglieria	Caltanissetta	150	"
<u>REPARTI PRESSO 8° ARMATA</u>			
<u>COMANDO RAGGRUPPAMENTO FORZE ITALIANE 8° ARMATA</u>			
- II/514 battaglione fanteria	Vaireno	602	servizi guardia e manovra-lanza
- I/336 " " "piceno"	"	748	"
- 5° compagnia 120° reggimento fanteria	Campobasso	161	"
<u>REPARTI PRESSO P.B.S.</u>			
<u>212° DIVISIONE</u>			
- 113° reggimento fanteria	Napoli-Aversa	2858	"
- II/503 battaglione fanteria	Francolise	506	"
- II/512 " "	Aversa	585	"
<u>REPARTI PRESSO III DISTRICT</u>			
<u>227° DIVISIONE</u>			
- II/519 battaglione fanteria, "Mantova"	Torre Annunziata	729	"
- 114° battaglione mitraglieri	Salerno	281	"
<u>REPARTI PRESSO V CORPO ARMATA</u>			
<u>209° DIVISIONE</u>			
- III/522 battaglione fanteria	Rocca S.Giovanni	309	"
- IX battaglione mitraglieri e 692° compagnia mitraglieri	Torino di Sangro	534	"
<u>REPARTI PRESSO II DISTRICT</u>			
<u>209° DIVISIONE</u>			
- 372 battaglione fanteria	Barletta	484	servizi guardia e manovra-lanza

REPARTI PRESSO 8^a ARMATACOMANDO RAGGRUPPAMENTO FORZEITALIANE 8^a ARMATA

- II/514 battaglione fanteria
- I/336 " " "Picono"
- 5^a compagnia 120° reggimento fanteria

REPARTI PRESSO P.B.S.212^a DIVISIONE

- 113° reggimento fanteria
- II/503 battaglione fanteria
- II/512 " "

REPARTI PRESSO III DISTRICT227^a DIVISIONE

- II/519 battaglione fanteria, "Mantova"
- 114° battaglione mitraglieri

REPARTI PRESSO V CORPO ARMATA209^a DIVISIONE

- III/522 battaglione fanteria
- IX battaglione mitraglieri e 692^a compagnia mitraglieri

REPARTI PRESSO II DISTRICT209^a DIVISIONE

- 372 battaglione fanteria
- II/336 " " "Picono"
- 502 battaglione sicurezza e guardia
- VII battaglione movimento stradale
- 120 battaglione fanteria
- 501 battaglione sicurezza e guardia
- 107 battaglione "M"

Vairano	602	servizi lanza	guardia e manovra-
"	748	"	"
Campbasso	181	"	"
Napoli-Aversa	2858	"	"
Prancolise	506	"	"
Aversa	585	"	"
Torre Annunziata	729	"	"
Selerno	261	"	"
Rocca S. Giovanni	309	"	"
Porino di Seno	534	"	"
Barletta	484	servizi lanza	guardia e manovra-
Barletta Brindisi Bari	760	"	"
Ciovinazzo	774	servizio guardia	
Taranto Atella	329	controllo traffico	
S. Severo	885	servizi guardia e manovra	
	814	servizio guardia	
	245	servizio guardia e protezione impianti	

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- 503 battaglione sicurezza e guardia
- 504 " " "
- aliquota 570 reggimento artiglieria

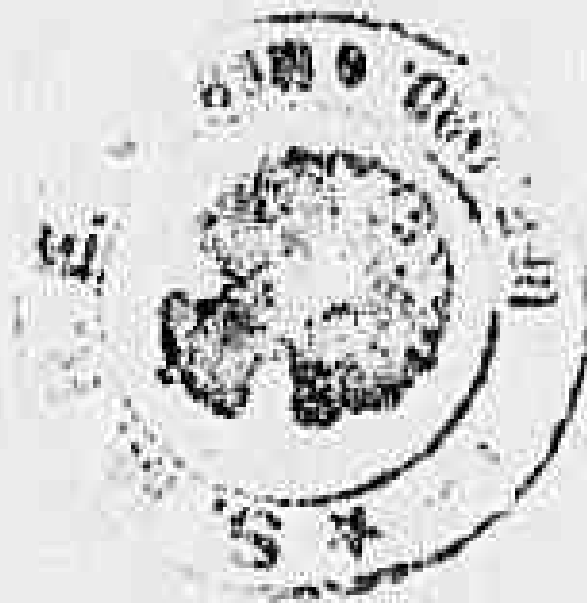
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129.OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM: MMIA

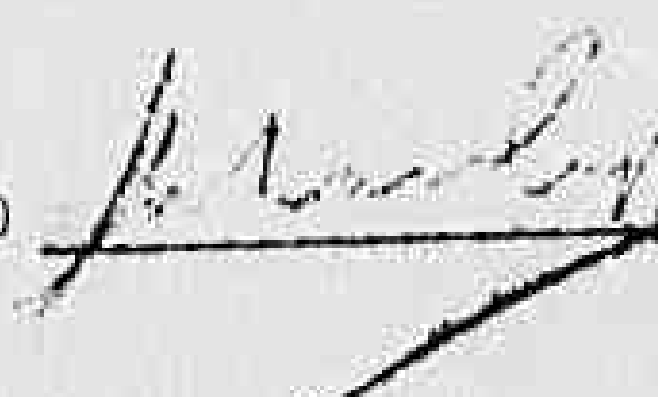
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TO : AFHQ FOR G3 ORG

UNCLASSIFIEDINFO: DISTHREE
DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO

REF: SD 2987

128
REF YOUR G-23045 DATED 27 SEP (.) RAIL MOVE
BE ARRANGED FOR 535 ITALIAN SPECIAL COY FROM
ARREZZO TO VITERBO (.) STR 100 ALL RANKS
15 TONS STORES APPROX

PRECEDENCE ROUTINEAUTHENTICATED 

Copy To ; Ministry of War

Internal

A

Q (Two)

Mov (Two)

SD/13/2

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL128

FROM: AFHQ
 TO : MMIA
 DISTHREE
 INFO: C- 23045

271348 A

UNCLASSIFIED

REF MMIA SD 2979 (*)

535 ITALIAN SPECIAL GD COY PASSES FROM COND DISTHREE
 TO COND ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY WEF 27359 A SEP

SD DISTRIBUTION:

Action: ~~SECRET~~
 Info: A
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③ Spoke Gunda M H W.
 - send to VITERBO

jv 28 Sep 45

GSO 1

GSO 2 (Ops)

GSO 2 (SC)

GSO 2 (W-1)

GSO 2 (W-2)

GSO 3 (Ops)

GSO 3 (W-1)

GSO 3 (W-2)

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Handwritten notes:
 1. Manner
 suggested this must be
 correct to suggest to
 G. B. W.
 12/20/59

②

A may ORV. 650 not
 possible 29/9/45
 - suggest VITERBO

29/9.
[Signature]

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MMIA

DATE TIME

TO : AFHQ FOR G3 ORG

25 1230^A

INFO : DISTHREE
DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO

REF : SD 2979

UNCLASSIFIED

ONE (.) UNDERSTOOD THAT 535 SPECIAL GD COY LOCATED A R E Z Z O

NO LONGER REQUIRED BY DISTHREE (.)

TWO (.) MAY THIS COY BE RELEASED FOR MIN OF WAR PLEASE

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED 1515

COPY TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

A
Q (Two)

FILE : SD/13/2

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL125

FROM: MMIA LO DISTH REE

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TO : HQ MMIA

RESTRICTED

INFO: 230 DIV (ITALIAN)

REF : 3 DLO/529

REQUEST 535 GD COY LOCATED A R E Z Z O

BE REMOVED FROM COMD 230 DIV (*)

NOT RPT NOT REQUIRED BY D I S T H R E E

SD DISTRIBUTION:

Action: SD/13/2 ✓

Info: A

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ST (Two)

SD/35/2

GSO 1

GSO 2 (Ops)

GSO 2 (SD)

GSO 2 (W3)

GSO 2 (L)

GSO 3 (SD)

GSO 3 (Orbat)

GSO 3 (H)

jv 21 Sep 45

Authorized ser 5 off 90 ops
 actual ser 3 off 89 ops
 (ang orbat)

disbandment ?

for AFHQ 8-29-5
 15 release 5 subs

24/9
 [Signature]

(122)

COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : AFHQ STATED SIGNED CIRE THGOT
 TO : MILA
 REF : F 44152

101452 B

RESTRICTED

HQ AND 3 COYS 513 GD BN NOW READY FOR TRANSFER OF 3RD
 TO ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY (.) FOURTH COY AVAILABLE AFTER
 25 SEP (.) REQUEST YOUR DECISION OF FUTURE LOCATION AND
 MOVEMENT (.)

See 56/2

SD DISTRIBUTION

Action Copy: SD/13/2

Info: A

2 (Two)

ST (Two)

SD/56/2

WS

jc/2 9/9/55

GSO 1
 GSO 2 (Ops)
 GSO 2 (SD)
 GSO 2 (W-)
 GSO 2 (L)
 GSO 3 (SD) X *[Signature]* X
 GSO 3 (Orbat)
 GSO 3 (I)

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COPY INCLUDING SIGNAL

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FROM : FREEDOM SCD. SACHED CITE FHGOT
 TO : DISTWO
 INFO : MEMIA
 REF : 41980

081831 B

SECRET

IMMEDIATE

REF OUR FX 36913 OF 20 AUG (.)
 PARA 1 (.) 522 526 AND 527 ITALIAN GUARD PWS WILL BE
 RELEASED NOT LATER THAN 25 SEPTEMBER 1945 (.)
 PARA 2 (.) DISTWO WILL ARRANGE RELIEF BY ALLIED
TROOPS UNDER COMMAND INCLUDING TROOPS OF POLISH STATION
 AUTHORIZED ONE FX 40979 OF 4 SEPTEMBER AND FOR 10
 INDIAN INT DIV

SD DISTRIBUTION

Action Copy: SD/13/2

Info: A
 Q (Two)
 ST

GEO 1

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GEO 9

GEO 10

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Gd Bns - Employment

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm, AC,
(MMIA)
Rear HQ 13 Corps

MM/101/3
1 Sep 45

Land Forces Sub Comm, AC,
(MMIA)
ROME

"G" Main HQ 13 Corps (Ref spoke G90 II - MMIAIO 1 Sep 45)

1. 3 Coy 513 Gd Bn is detached from its parent unit and has up to now been under Comd 86 (Army) Area at MESTRE, performing gd duties.

2. It is thought probable that this coy will be moved out of the area in order to join the remainder of 513 Gd Bn.

3. Owing to ~~by~~ commitments and the large number of Brit tps now on LIAP 86 Area have need of the further services of an Italian gd coy for about one month.

4. As it has not been possible to move 516 Gd Bn from MESTRE to its intended future locn (UDINE) 13 Corps wish to be allowed to emp a coy of 516 Gd Bn at MESTRE until the gd posn is eased.

5. May consideration please be given to the above request?

Cancelled due to 732 F.4).

SD/56 (SD/56)
of 04 (SD/56)
SD/56

See 111.

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Major,
MMIA IO, Rear HQ 13 Corps,

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5. May consideration please be given to the above request ?

Cancelled day 732 F. 4).
SD/56 (SD/56-2)
of 04 set 2602

Major,
MMIA IO, Rear HQ 13 Corps,

MODA-21
FILE: SA 1312
DATE: 8/4/9.

050 1 +

uncertainty

Subject: - 1 Ter. Gd. Coy

105A

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M.M.I.A. L.O.

T U R I N

TUR/10/SD

22 Aug 45.

SD/13/2.

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Land Forces Sub-Comm., A.C.

Herewith copy of letter received from Territorial
H.Q., T U R I N relative to employment of 1 Gd. Coy.

GSO 1

GSO 2 (M)

GSO 2 (M)

GSO 2 (M)

GSO 2 (M)

GSO 2 (M)

Copy to: -

GSO 3 (M)

TRANSMISSION

IN

Time 1430

Date 25/8

OUT

Time 16.00

Date 28/8

60 Darnell,
Capt.

Liaison Officer

M.M.I.A. L.O., N.S. Italy.

11441-3931

FILE SD/3/2.

DATE 28 Aug.

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TRANSLATION.

105 B

From: Military Territorial H.Q. TURIN

Dtd : 21 Aug 45

To: Captain O'Donnell, L.O. MMIA - TURIN.

Subject : Employment of the 1st Coy Territorial Guards.

- Strength of the Coy. : 200 men (including officers).

A) - GUARDS ALREADY ORGANISED AND FUNCTIONING.

1 - Barrack Stores of the 5th Field Artillery Regt. at Venaria Reale:

Strength : 1 Officer - 1/2 section (24 men) ;

Duty : Avoiding the ~~transported~~ incessant thefts complained of.

2 - Military Engineers' Stores, Turin, formerly belonging to the Todt ex-organisation

Strength : 1 M.C.O. - 17 men ;

Duty : Safeguarding the stock of the stores.

3 - Food Distribution Stores - Turin:

Strength : 1 Junior M.C.O. - 10 men ;

Duty : Guarding of the stores.

4 - Small Guard (3-4 men) with various units :

Pay-office of the Military District (1 Junior M.C.O.-3 men) ;

Small building at 16 Corso Cavour (1 M.C.O. - 2 men).

5 - Military H.Q. of the Station (3 men) (1)

B) - GUARDS IN COURSE OF FORMATION.

1 - Detached munition dumps (in charge of the Art. H.Q.).

The employment of 40-50 men to guard the dumps of greatest importance located in the vicinity of the city.

Military Prison in Via Ormea, Turin.

To be defined later.

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C) - Although the necessity of supplying Garrison fatigues has been pointed out, the Garrison Commander has the opportunity of having these

Duty : Avoiding the ~~repeated~~ incessant thefts ~~complained of~~.

2 - Military Engineers' Stores, Turin, formerly belonging to the Todt

ex-organisation

Strength : 1 N.C.O. - 17 men ;

Duty : Safeguarding the stock of the stores.

3 - Food Distribution Stores - Turin:

Strength : 1 Junior N.C.O. - 10 men ;

Duty : Guarding of the stores.

4 - Small Guard (3-4 men) with various units :

Pay-office of the Military District (1 Junior N.C.O.-3 men) ;

Small building at 16 Corso Operto (1 N.C.O. - 2 men).

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1 - Detached munition dumps (in charge of the Art. H.Q.).

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Major Sella.

(1) To receive and assist military personnel in transit.

SP. 1/2

COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI TORINO

S.M. - Ufficio Op. Adm. - Orto, to e Mob. ne

210, 11 21 agosto 1945

Oggetto: - Impiego della 1^a Compagnia Guardia Territoriale.

PROMEMORIA PER IL CAPOITANO O'DONNELL I.O.

- M. M. I. A. +

TORINO

- Forza della op. : 200 uomini (Ufficiari compresi).

A) Guardie già reclutate ed in funzione1 - Caserma dep. 5^a reg. art. da Campagna in Venaria R. 12

. forza : 1 ufficiale - 1/2 sezione (24 uomini);

. compito : evitare i lamenti incessanti furvi.

2 - Magazzino militare del genio in Torino già dell'ex

organizzazione Enea

. forza : 1 sottoufficiale - 17 uomini;

. compito : salvaguardare le dotazioni del magazzino.

3 - Magazzino distribuzione viveri in Torino.

. forza : 1 graduato - 10 uomini;

. compito : custodia del magazzino.

4 - Piccola guardia (3-4 uomini) presso enti vari.

. cassa del distretto militare (12 ~~magazzino~~ ^{magazzino} - 3 uomini)

. palazzina di Corso Operaio 16 (1 sottuff. - 2 uomini)

5 - Comando Militare di stazione (3 uomini) (1)

B) Guardia la cui istituzione è in progetto

1 - Depositi staccati munizioni (a cura del comando artiglieria)

TORINO

- Forza della Cp. : 200 uomini (Esercizi compresi).

A) Guardie già istituite ed in funzione

- 1 - Caserma dep. 5° reg. art. da campagna in Venaria Reale
 - . forza : 1 ufficiale - 1/2 sezione (24 uomini);
 - . compito : evitare i lamenti incessanti fatti.
- 2 - Magazzino militare del genio in Torino già dell'ex organizzazione Todt
 - . forza : 1 sottufficiale e - 17 uomini;
 - . compito : salvaguardare le dotazioni del magazzino.
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- 5 - Comando Militare di stazione (3 uomini) (1)

B) Guardia la cui istituzione è in progetto

- 1 - Depositi staccati munizioni (a cura del comando artiglieria)
 - . E' previsto l'impiego di 40-50 uomini per sorvegliare i depositi di maggiore importanza dislocati nelle vicinanze della città.
- . Carcere militare di Via Orsica in Torino.
- . Da definirsi.

C) Qualora si presenti la necessità di compiere servizi di pattuglia presidiando il comandante del presidio ha la facoltà di affidare l'esecuzione alla 1° Cp. Guardie. -

Magg. Sella

(1) - destinati ad accogliere ed assistere i militari in transito.

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DATE/TIME 221736B

FROM : FIFTH ARMY

IMPORTANT

TO : A F H Q

INFO : DISTWO DISTREE 13 CORPS
MTOUSA POW COMD MMIA DISTONESECRET

REF : 3740

REF URAD FX 36916 TIME DATED 201939B AUGUST (.)

PARA ONE (.) SIXTH GUARD REGT ITAL NOW CONCENTRATED AT FOLLOWING

LOCATIONS: REGT HQ 1978, 511 GUARD BN Q 5387 and 512 GUARD BN Q 2074 (.)

REPLACEMENTS NOT REQUIRED FOR THESE UNITS (.) MAY BE RELEASED

IMMEDIATELY (.) REF CURAD 5831 TIME DATED 111947B AUGUST 1945 (.)

PARA TWO (.) SUB-PARA (A) (.) LOCATIONS OF UNITS UNDER COMMANDFIFTH ARMY GUARDING DUMPS AND INSTALLATIONS: (1) FRIULI GRUPPO A 9116

(.) 87 INF G 2588, 1ST BN B 0422, 2ND BN G 4889, 3RD BN B 6229 (.)

88 INF (?FIVE) 9646, 1ST BN G 0865, 2ND BN F 4828, 3RD BN F 6554 (.)

(2) FOLGORE GRUPPO B 2295 (.) NEMBO REGT B 6596, 1ST BN B 7561,

2ND BN 6895, 3RD BN W 4303 (.) SAN MARCO REGT A 9772, BAFILE BN A 8975,

CAROLE BN A 5387, GARDO BN A 8967 (.) (3) 178 FA GROUP F 456586 (.)

536 BN F 456490, 527 BN F 440580, 985 BN F 448581 (.) (4) 349 INF

REGT A 9672 (.) 1ST BN A 9872, 2ND BN B 2195, 3RD BN A 8491 (.)

SUB-PARA (B) (.) FRIULI GRUPPO - ALL GUARDS ON CEM

DUMPS VIC BASSANO (G 2588), LEVICO (A 9116) AND BELLUNO (B 6229) (.)

✓ FOLGORE GRUPPO - ALL GUARDS ON CEM DUMPS VIC BOLZANO (A9772) AND DOBBIACO

(B 6895) (.) 178 FA GROUP - GUARDS ON CEM DUMPS AND CSU's VIC BOLOGNA

(L 8948), MILAN (K 2625) AND VERONA (F 6554) (.) 349 INF REGT - ALL

GUARDS ON SUPPLY INSTALLATIONS VIC BOLZANO (A 9772) (.)

SUB-PARA (C) (.) STRENGTH ON DUMPS: READ IN FOUR

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 GUARDS ON SUPPLY INSTALLATIONS VIC BOLZANO (A 9772) (.)

SUB-PARA (C) (.) STRENGTH ON DUMPS: READ IN FOUR
 COLUMNS A - UNIT, B - OFFICERS, C-ENLISTED MEN, D - TOTAL (.) A FRIULI
 GRUPPO, B 20, C 1236, D 1256 (.) A FOLCORE GRUPPO, B 30, C 1142,
 D 1172 (.) A 178 FA GROUP (GSU), B 3, C 372, D 375 (.) A 178 FA
 GROUP (CEM), B 1, C 256, D 257 (.) A 349 INF REGT (SUPPLY INSTALLATIONS),
 B ZERO, C 27, D 27 (.) GRAND TOTAL OFFICERS 54, ENLISTED MEN 3033,
 COMBINED TOTAL 3087 (.)

SUB-PARA (D) (.) ACTUAL STRENGTH: READ IN
THREE COLUMNS, A - UNIT, B - OFFICERS, C - ENLISTED MEN (.)
A FRIULI GRUPPO, B 430, C 7500 (.) A FOLGORE GRUPPO, B 479,
C 7377 (.) A 178 FA GROUP, B 108, C 1949 (.) A 349 INF
REGT, B 168, C 2230 (.)

PARA THREE (.) NO INFORMATION ON PARAGRAPH THREE OF YOUR MESSAGE
IS AVAILABLE IN THIS HQ

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FEGCT

201928 B

TO : 5TH ARMY
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13 CORPSINFO: MTOUSA PW COMMAND
MMIA
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SECRET

REF : FX 36916

FURTHER TO OUR FX 32362 OF 5TH AUGUST PARA 4 AND VISIT
OF LIEUT COLONEL HACKETT (.) PARA 1 (.) REQUEST YOUR
PROGRAMME FOR RELEASE OF REMAINING ITALIAN GUARD BNS
WITH RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO REPLACEMENTS REQUIRED (.)
PARA 2 (.) ALSO RETURN OF FULL INFORMATION OF ALL TROOPS
NOW ENGAGED IN GUARD DUTIES UNDER YOUR COMMAND UNDER THE
FOLLOWING HEADINGS (.) SUB PARA A(A) (.) LOCATION
SUB PARA B(B) (.) PURPOSE OF GUARD (.) SUB PARA C(C) (.)
TOTAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED SOLELY FOR GUARD DUTIES DURING
24 HOURS (.) SUB PARA D(D) (.) UNIT AT PRESENT FINDING
GUARDS TOGETHER WITH UNITS APPROXIMATE STRENGTH (.) PARA 3 (.)
PRESENT AND PROPOSED DISPOSITIONS 2 POLISH CORPS SHOULD BE
INCLUDED WHERE APPLICABLE

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SAGMED CITE FHGCT 201840 B
TO : DISTHREE
INFO: MMIA
REF : FX 36919 RESTRICTED

BAINES - SCRAGG SPOKE 20 AUGUST (.)
COMPANY OF 501 ITALIAN GUARD BN NOW ATTACHED TO
HEADQUARTERS TRAIN GUARD CONTROL CANNOT BE RELEASED
YET TO REJOIN 501 ITALIAN GUARD BATTALION UNDER
COMMAND THREE DISTRICT

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RESTRICTED3 District
Ext 8
9339/G

13 Aug 45

SUBJECT: Relief of ITALIAN Gd Units

All Concerned

Ref AFHQ BIG PX 32562 of 3 Aug and this HQ GO 391 of 9 Aug, neither to all, and meeting HACKETT - WATSON 12 AUG.

1. Att at Appt 'A' is statement of ITALIAN Gd bns at present under order this HQ, showing locations and order in which they are offered for withdrawal.

2. Their release is offered on the following assumptions:-

(a) 4/13 FIR and RHOPAL Inf remain available for gd duties in Southern Italy at least until the end of September.

(b) The 1st Arty Regts, Gen Regts and 31 LAA Regt now under command remain at approx their present strengths.

(c) When 61 HAA Regt is heavily depleted owing to PYTHON withdrawals during Sep, that regt is either brought up to strength or replaced by another or else the normal PW camp is implemented for the 3 camps concerned. (This HQ 451A of 7 Aug to AFHQ G-1 Brit refers).

(d) No substantial new commitments not now envisaged arise.

3. It is confirmed that, while 506 Bn can be withdrawn now without replacement, the equivalent of three British gun bns will be required to replace the remaining four ITALIAN Gd bns (524, 501, 504 and 514) when the latter are withdrawn in the order shown.

4. On the information at present available to this HQ it seems unlikely that Gd commitments will be substantially reduced before the end of September. No large scale reduction of Base Installations, BODs, RADs, etc, has yet taken place; on the contrary some of these are now holding larger tonnages than ever before.

5. It is not yet clear how many personnel will be ultimately required to provide the small scale of gds for GERMANY PW and SEP units, which are to op in this District, as laid down in your recent directive. Further, the value of the newly formed POLISH Gd Bn and availability of further units from this source is not yet known.

6. It is understood that 1 District have offered for early release, without replacement, 521 ITALIAN Gd Bn which (less one coy) is located in flag territory to be taken over by this HQ from 1 District on 20 Aug. This arrangement will be confirmed soonest, after discussion with HQ 1 District.

(J.P. WATSON) Lt Col.
for Maj Gen.
Comd.

- (a) 4/13 PIR and RHOPAL Inf remain available for gd duties in Southern Italy at least until the end of September.
 - (b) The 8d Arty Regts, Gm Regts and 3d LAA Regt now under comd remain at approx their present strengths.
 - (c) When 6th HAA Regt is heavily depleted owing to PYTHON withdrawals during Sep, that regt is either brought up to str or replaced by another or else the normal PIR camp is implemented for the 3 camps concerned. (This HQ 451A of 7 Aug to AFHQ G-1 Brit refers).
 - (d) No substantial new commitments not now envisaged arise.
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5. It is not yet clear how many personnel will be ultimately required to provide the small scale of gds for GALLIUM EV and SEP units, which are to op in this District, as laid down in your recent directive. Further, the value of the newly formed POLISH gd bn and availability of further units from this source is not yet known.
6. It is understood that 1 District have offered for early release, without replacement, 524 ITALIAN Gd Bn which (less one coy) is located in the territory to be taken over by this HQ from 1 District on 20 Aug. This arrangement will be confirmed soonest, after discussion with HQ 1 District.

J.P. Watson

(J.P. WATSON) Lt Col.
for Maj Gen.
Comd.

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APPX 'A' to 3 District
359/G of 13 Aug 45

Serial	Unit	Location	Under Comm	Remarks
1	506 ITALIAN G4 Bn	NAPLES Area	56 Area	Men op. Can be withdrawn forthwith without replacement.
2	524 Bn	BRINDISI Area	52 Area	Available 28 Aug.
3	501 Bn (less one coy)	TARANTO and GROF MACLIE	52 Area	On replacement see para 3 of covering letter.
4	504 Bn	NAPLES Area	56 Area	
5	514 Bn	BARI Area	54 Area	

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Subject:- Relief of ITALIAN
Gd.Units.

Liaison Office,
Land Forces, Sub Comm;
A.C.(MMIA) 3 District.

Ref. 3DLO/4.

15 August 45.

To:- HQ.MMIA.

Please see 339/G of 13 Aug.45,
copy attached.

Capt Mann

*Pl. Note in master copy
of 50/56/2 of 16 Aug 45
when these Gd Units are
due*

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MMIA LO 3 District.

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INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: Territorial Guards Companies

SD/13/2
RCV/jad
(69)

IND NO.	FROM	TO	DATE
	Sr MMIA LO	MMIA	11 Aug 1945

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

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

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GSO 3 (I)

MMIA

FILE: *CO/13/2*DATE: *1/13/8*

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TERRITORIAL MILITARY HQ

TERRITORIAL MILITARY HQ # 4 - BOLZANO
2nd Section
P.M. 114

MEMORANDUM

6 August 1945

Subject : 4th Guard Company "Montecassino"

4th Guard Co "Montecassino" has been formed on July 14, 1945, with a T/O of 3 Officers and 197 men, from the 5th Pack Mu-
le to "Montecassino". The Co was moved on July 14, 1945, with
a convoy of German vehs, provided by 2695 T.S.R., 5th Army Hq.
The Co has been billeted in the ex 4th Engr Regt. barracks, at
Gries. The men sleep on wooden double superposed beds, with
straw mattresses. Room and furniture are largely available.

On July 17, 1945 the Co has been issued 58 mules,
assigned by War Ministry to Bolzano Terr Hq and is responsible
for their care.

The services carried out by this Co in Bolzano, in
addition to the normal Company and barracks duties, are: a guard
service, at the Bolzano Terr. Hqs building (1 Post chief and 6
guards) and a patrol service, together with "Folgore" Combat Gp.
personnel, in the evening and night hours.

On July 31 and Aug 1, the Co has detached two platoons
(1 officer and 50 men each) at Verona and Trento, at the disposal
of the local presidio HQS, for the guarding of military buildings
and dumps.

The Verona Det. is billeted in the ex "Lancieri di No-
vara" Reg. barracks and the Trento Det. in the ex 46th Arty Reg
barracks. Accommodation in Trento is very good; that in Verona is
still to be bettered, owing to the very bad present condition of
said barracks.

The duties of both dets are the same as those carried
out by the unit in Bolzano.

These Dets will return to their Co as soon as other complete guard
units will be made available to said "Presidi".

Shipment of 15 mules will be shortly made to each deta-
ched platoon and will be used with military carts for the services
of the "Presidi", and of the Dets.

Remaining mules will be kept at the disposal of Territorial Hq Bolza-
no at Bolzano and will be employed as needed.

s/a Edgardo Ricci,
Lt. Col. Ass C. of S.

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SUBJECT: 3 Terr. Guard Coy

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

SD/13/2

Aug 45

TO : MMIA LG H.W. ITALY, MILAN

Ref your NWI/2/SD(A), subject as above, dated 4 Aug 45.

1. The employment of Italian Military to guard Italian District HQs is not agreed.

2. The 3 Terr. Guard Coy will not be used for guarding Arty Depots. The guarding of Arty Depots by military personnel is not authorized.

Major General
MMIA

WB

R/10/8.

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COPY OF INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : DIS THREE
 TO : 52 REG 56 AREA, 56 AREA, 227 AIR DIV,
 INFO : AFHQ, 61 AREA., 211 SUB AREA, 66 AA BDE ,
 1040, 1011A,
 REF : GO 891

100950 B

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IMPORTANT

INTENTION IS TO WITHDRAW ALL ITALIAN GD BNS NOT LATER
 THAN 30 SEPT (.) AVAILABILITY OF REPLACEMENTS NOT YET
 KNOWN (.) FOR 56 AREA (.) REF BY GO 792 OF 1 AUG NOT
 TO ALL YOU WILL BE PREPARED TO RELEASE 506 GD BN BY 15
 AUG AFTER ARRIVAL OF 2 ADDITIONAL POLISH GD COYS (.)
 FOR AFHQ (.) REF PARA 3 OF YOUR EX 32362 OF 5 AUG (.)
 REQUEST DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR 506 GDS BNS (.) FOR
 227 DIV (.) ENSURE THAT 506 GDS BNS IS BROUGHT UP TO
 STRENGTH IMMEDIATELY WITH GOOD QUALITY REINFORCEMENTS

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Originally on 8/3/61

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACHED CITE PHGOT

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REF: FX 32362

GSO 3 (Gp)

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IMMEDIATE

See 101

ONE (.) IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT WHEN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ASSUMES

RESPONSIBILITY FOR CIVIL ADMINISTRATION OF ITALY LESS VENEZIA

GIULIA AND OTHER SPECIAL AREAS CERTAIN FORCES WILL HAVE TO BE

HANDED OVER TO THEM AT SAME TIME TO ENABLE THEM TO MAINTAIN LAW

AND ORDER IN AREAS FOR WHICH THEY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE (.) THIS

HANDOVER WILL TAKE PLACE BY 30 SEPTEMBER (.) AT PRESENT AUTHORITY

OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT RESTS ON PRESENCE OF ALLIED TROOPS (.) IT

IS OBVIOUSLY IN ALLIED INTERESTS THAT ITALIAN ARMED FORCES BE HANDED

BACK TO CONTROL OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE AS EFFICIENT AS

POSSIBLE SO THAT ALLIED INTERVENTION IS NO LONGER NEEDED. (.)

TWO (.) PART OF PROPOSED FORCE OF 140,000 TO BE HANDED BACK CONSISTS

OF TEN INTERNAL SECURITY BRIGADES (ONE FOR EACH SECTION OF MAINLAND) (.)

OWING TO IMPRACTICABILITY OF FORMING NEW ITALIAN UNITS AND

DESIRABILITY FOR MAINTAINING SUCH ESprit DE CORPS AS EXISTS THE

BULK OF THESE BRIGADES MUST BE PROVIDED BY THE 27 ITALIAN GUARD

BATTALIONS NOW EMPLOYED BY THE ALLIES.

THREE (.) IT IS PROPOSED THEREFORE TO RELEASE INITIALLY ITALIAN

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NTCUSA PW COMMAND

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GSO 3 (SO)

REF: FX 32362

GSO 3 (Orbat)

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GSO 3 (A)

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THREE (.) IT IS PROPOSED THEREFORE TO RELEASE INITIALLY ITALIAN GUARD BATTALIONS AS UNDER BY 15 AUGUST (.) IN VIEW OF THEIR FUTURE ROLE THE BEST AVAILABLE MUST BE SELECTED: 5 ARMY 1 DISTONE 2 DISTWO 1 DISTHREE 1 13 CORPS 2 (.)

FOUR (.) IT IS ALSO PROPOSED TO RELEASE THE REMAINING GUARD BNS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER AND AT LATEST BY 30 SEPTEMBER (.)

PLANS FOR PROGRESSIVE RELEASE MUST THEREFORE BE PREPARED NOW (.)

- 2 -

FIVE (.) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THIS HEADQUARTERS WILL VISIT ADDRESSEES NOT BEFORE 7 AUGUST TO DISCUSS THE EFFECT OF THE ABOVE PROPOSALS AND IN PARTICULAR

- (A) THE PRESENT EMPLOYMENT OF GUARD BATTALIONS
- (B) HOW COMMITMENTS CAN BE CUT DOWN
- (C) THE SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR PROGRESSIVE RELEASE
- (D) WHAT TROOPS IF ANY WILL BE REQUIRED TO REPLACE ITALIAN GUARD BATTALIONS WHEN RELEASED.

WS 09 Aug 45

Distribution:

SD 13/2

3917

Subject : 3 Terr. Guard Coy.

M.M.I.A. L.O. *q38*
N.W. Italy,
MILAN.

Phone: MILAN 13989.

NWI/2/SD(a)

4 Aug 45.

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

Ref your SD/13/2 dated 30 Jun 45.

1. A translation of 3 Terr. H.Q. letter 04/305 dated 26 Jul 45 is forwarded herewith.
2. 3 Gd. Coy. is now complete, but without any vehicles (see para 1 (c) (i) of above MMIA letter).
3. The question of the prison guard has been answered in my NWI/2/SD dated 4 Aug 45, copy to H.Q. MMIA.
4. The case for District H.Q. guards is forwarded for MMIA decision. It is claimed these personnel are necessary both for military appearance and to safeguard the District H.Q. safe, where money is kept.
5. May I please be informed whether 3 Gd. Coy. can be used for guarding Arty depots.

GSO 1

GSO 2 (Ops) *X W.C. X*

GSO 2 *X A. X*

GSO 2

GSO 3

GSO 3 (Ops)

GSO 3

JGB/gl

2916 Major
Gr. MMIA L.O.
N.W. Italy.

MMIA	
FILE: SD	13/2
DATE: R	1/8

What act?

*He of-5
with approved
letter 9 Aug 45*

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938.
Territorial H.Q., Milan.
"Op. Add. Ord. & Mob." Office, Sec. 2.

Ref. No 04/805

Milan, 26 July, 1945.

Subject: Territorial Guards.

To: M.M.I.A. L.O. N.W. Italy.

Ref. your letter (para. 2) dated the 11th inst..

The Territorial Guard Coy has to supply the guards named in the attached list, in the area under command of this H.Q. and including the whole of Lombardy.

The said Coy, which has been signalled as coming here to Milan, is of 200 Men as mentioned in your letter dated 30 June, 1945. Of these however only 168 can be put to work as guards because the rest of them are officers or personnel of the H.Q. Platoon.

The attached list shows that the total number of Men needed is 436. Another 268 Men are therefore still needed to reach the 436 wanted for guard duties.

Foreseeing furthermore the splitting up of all the personnel into two Coys, and taking into consideration one H.Q. Platoon for each Coy (32 Men to each Platoon), the total strength needed is of 500 Men, comprising 10 Officers, 18 N.C.O.s and 462 E.M..

I have only considered two tours of duty (the normal number is three) so as to adhere to a strict economy of personnel requested by the present state of affairs.

I however think it is indispensable to have the guards mentioned in the attached list put on both for reasons of security and order in the Barracks, in order to safeguard the costly stores in the Depots and other Premises and also for the care and guarding of the prisons.

Sgd E. Marras, G.O.C..

List of Guards needed in Sector

Unit or Establishment to be Guarded.	Location	Guards needed	Total
2nd Military Regt Depot	Milan	18 Men x 2 (1)	36
Via Crivelli Prisons	Milan, via Crivelli	21 " x 2	42
Commissary Depots	Milan	!	!
-Bakery & D.I.D.	! " Via V. Monti	59! 10 " x 2	20
-No 3 Clothing Depot	! " Via V. Monti	105! 10 " x 2	20
-Beggars area Depots	! " { 2-7-9, via Olivieri	13 Men x 2!	26
Mil. District H.Q.	! Milan	! 7 Men x 2!	14
Engineers Directorate	! Milan	!	!
-Stores Depot	! " Via d. Revera	! 8 " x 2	16
- " "	! " V. Decembrio	! 4 " x 2	8
- " "	! " V. Delfino	! 8 " x 2	16

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Commissary Depots	Milan	!	!
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Engineers Directorate:	! Milan	!	!
-Stores Depot	! " Via d. Revera	! 8 " x 2	16
- " "	! " V. Decembre	! 28! 4 " x 2	8
- " "	! " V. Delfico	! 52! 8 " x 2	16
!! Outside Districts	! Brescia, Pavia, Varese, Monza, Como, Cremona, Lodi, Sondrio, Bergamo, Treviglio, Mantova.	! 11 dist.s x 4 Men x 2	88
Artillery Directorate:	!	!	!
Depots at	!	!	!
- Solbiate Olona	!	16 Men x 2	36
- Novate Milanese	!	12 " x 2	24
- Cassano D'Adda	!	10 " x 2	20
- Albate	!	10 " x 2	20
- Vigevano	!	10 " x 2	20
Total outside Milan			238

Grand Total: 436

(1) 2 Tours of Duty have been taken into consideration to give the guards 24 hrs rest at the 24 hrs duty: 40 hours rest.

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50/13/2.

LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION (M.M.I.A.)
GENOA, c/o 60 SUB AREA

1 August 1945

J.

SUBJECT: Detail Report.

TO : Commanding General, No.2 Territorial Hq. Genoa

Copy to: M.M.I.A. IO., N.W. Italy
No.5, Piazza Carnaro, Milan
→ Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C. (MMIA)

1. Please submit to the above Office a detail report on 2 Compagnia Guardia.

2. This Company consists of 3 officers and 200 soldiers. Detail report will show allocation of troops, location, type of installation they are guarding, number of troops at each installation, etc. Include address, telephone number and name of officer commanding unit.

3. Civilians now in installation will continue to be employed by your Headquarters. Civilians will be under the surveillance of soldier guards.

C. P. Benatti
C. P. BENATTI,
Captain, GFC.

GSO 1

GSO 2 (Ops)

GSO 2 (Adm)

GSO 2 (Int)

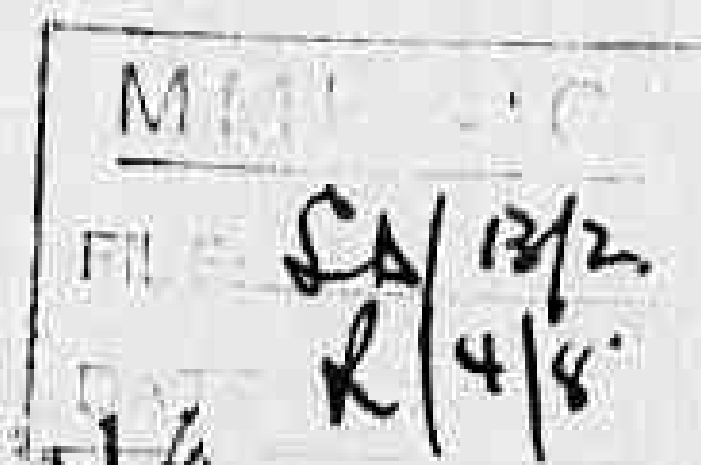
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GSO 2 (Trn)

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UNITED NATIONS
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
ITALIAN MISSION
July 26, 1945

Ref. No. 2/55

To Col. Belser
Economic Section
Allied Commission, H.Q.

From S. M. Keeny
Chief of Mission

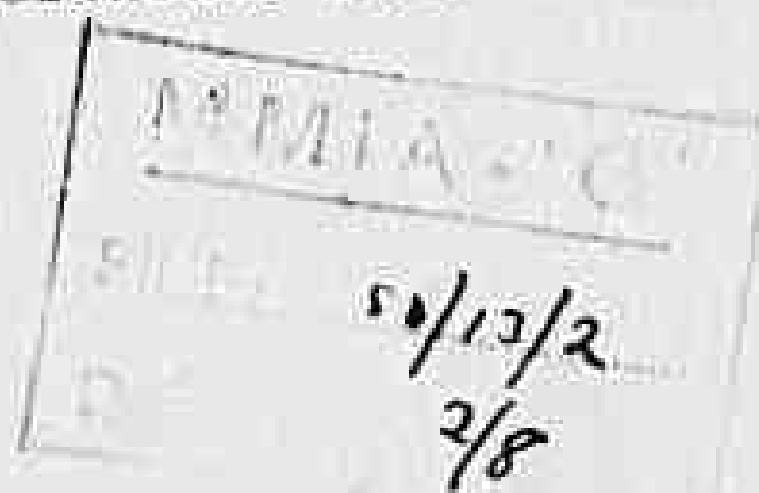
Subject guards for UNRRA Supplies.

1. Confirming the conversation between Mr. Maclean and Mr. Miele of this Mission and yourself yesterday, UNRRA requests the good offices of the Allied Commission in the provision of an Italian Army Guard Unit in Rome, a complement of two Companies with Officers for the purpose of guarding UNRRA supplies.

2. (a) Our monthly import averages 15,000 tons and for the next six-month period, the expected tonnage is 90,000 tons. We have already received 85,000 tons of supplies in scattered warehouses.

(b) The estimated value of food, clothing, shoes, medical supplies, etc. is \$25,000,000. To date, neither we nor the Federazione Italiana Dei Consorzi Agrari have been able to assure an adequate number of guards when needed. The risk of theft from present supplies and those to be received is, as you know, very great. All goods arriving for UNRRA belong to UNRRA until a plan of distribution is made and the goods are formally turned over from the port warehouse to the Italian Government.

(c) In addition to guards needed for at least 10 different warehouses in Rome and Civitavecchia, we consider it necessary to have at least 100 guards on call to accompany trucks with UNRRA stores moving from ship to warehouses and from warehouses to Provinces. Even when no stocks are being moved, warehouses must have a 24-hour guard and when goods are being received or shipped, it is necessary to have guards on loading and unloading platforms both in ports and warehouses, and guards at exits and entrances of port areas and warehouse installations to check vehicle and personnel.



- 2 -

Our experience to date covering the unloading of over 20 ships has proved that the guards for this purpose have not been available in sufficient quantities when needed.

3. For the above reasons, it is requested that the Allied Commission approve the setting up of a permanent detachment for the specific purpose of safeguarding UNRRA stores. It is requested further, that because of the value of the goods, the Allied Commission interest itself in providing the most reliable guards at the disposal of the Commission and the Government.

4. UNRRA will attempt to assist the Italian Government Authorities in the housing and welfare of the guards. It is our belief that the Government Military Authorities are eager to assist UNRRA and the food, health and refugee agencies of the Government, in this important work, and upon receipt by them of approval from Allied Commission, suitable arrangements could be worked out between them and UNRRA.

5. It may be of interest to point out that the bulk of UNRRA resources are being supplied by the UNITED STATES and the UNITED KINGDOM and that this Mission is, through its Headquarters in Washington and London, responsible for the safeguarding of the resources supplied by these countries. It is, therefore, hoped that the Allied Commission as the Agency of these two countries, will cooperate in safeguarding their interests.

AP/pe

Distribution:

UNRRA Liaison Office,
A.F.H.Q., Caserta
UNRRA H.Q.
Washington, D.C.
UNRRA E.R.C.
London
Reckman
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File

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: NMIA LG MILAN

311200 H

TO : NMIA RUE

RESTRICTED

INFO: C.G. 5th ARMY FOR NMIA LG

REF : SD/27

NMIA LETTER SD/13/2 OF 30 JUNE PARA ONE C 1

IS AT PRESENT QUOTE NOT IN FACT EFFECTIVE UNQUOTE (*)

NUMBER 1 AND 2 GUARD COY DID NOT RPT NOT ACTIVE
WITH VEHICLESSD DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION: SD/13/2

INFO : A
Q (Two)

jv 01 Aug 45

Action 8

GSO 1

GSO 2

GSO 3

GSO 4

GSO 5

GSO 6

GSO 7 (RHS)

GSO 8 (L)

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FRGOT

281605 B

TO : NMIA

RESTRICTED

INFO: PBS
MTOUSA
POW COMMAND

See to do

REF: FX 29269

506, 507, 508, 509 ITALIAN GUARD BATTALION WILL BE
TRANSFERRED SHORTLY TO BRITISH OPERATIONAL COMMAND (*)
M T O U S A P O W COMMAND REPORT BATTALIONS IN
POOR STATE OF EFFICIENCY (*) ENSURE BATTALIONS
REORGANISED AND COMPLETED URGENTLY WITH EFFICIENT
SOLDIERS

Require training

recruits

Letter sent 31 July
to AFHQ re Tag
of ad base
W/1/3

SD DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION: SD/13/2
A
INFO : Q (Three)

GSO 1
GSO 2
GSO 3 (153)
GSO 3 (Orb3)
GSO 3 (1)
G22yx

jv 30 Jul 45

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I have asked 'A' to

signal AFHQ copy PBS etc

to ask PBS to fill deficiencies 3910

with efficient exUS-171 & 150 soldiers

31/7.

TRANSLATION

FROM: S.M.R.E.

REF: 15496/Ord/1

TO: M.M.I.A.

SIGNAL

212 DIV HQ HAS INFORMED US THAT THE 3rd GUARDS REGT HAS BEEN
 RELEASED BY F B S. AND IS ACTUALLY ENGAGED IN THE
 CAPODIMONTE AREA (*) F B S HQ DO NOT NEED
 ANY LONGER A/R REGT AND THEREFORE SAME SHOULD BE PUT UNDER
 COMMAND OF 212 DIV(*) W B. BEG YOU TO CLARIFY THE POSITION OF
 A/R REGT AND IF M.M.I.A. WILL ORDER THE DISBANDMENT OF THIS
 FORMATION WE PROPOSE THAT A QUANTITY OF THE PERSONNEL BE
 EMPLOYED TO FORM 5th, 8th, 9th, 10th TERRITORIAL GUARDS COYS
 (SEE LETTER 15309/Ord/11 DATED 21st JUNE)

*No more Territorial Coys
 Guard Regt at disposal of AFHQ
 will not be disbanded*

Signed: GENERAL GIGLIO L. I. U. Z. Z. I

Translated: Cav
 Typed: JV

27 July 45

SD DIST

ACTION

INFO

50/13/2

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SHAUGHNESSY

3418
REPLIED*get letters*

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: PENBASE SITE RPLNG AND RFGCT

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TO : MTCUSA

RESTRICTED

INFO: 5th ARMY
IMIA
PENSOUTH

REF: 8882

I T I - I T I 507 GUARD BATTALION IS SUBJECT
 P E N B A S E RADIO 6991 TO M T C U S A DATED
 6 JUNE 1945, AND M T O U S A CABLE FX 94539, SITE
 MAGCT, DATED 17 JUNE 1945 PERTAIN (*)
 PRISONER OF WAR COMMAND HAVE NOT AS YET TAKEN OVER
 THE OPERATION OF THE 507 GUARD BATTALION, AND IT IS
 UNDERSTOOD FROM THE P I S A - L E G H O R N - F L O R E N C E
 SUBCOMMAND OF THE PRISONER OF WAR COMMAND, M T O U S A THAT
 THE SERVICES OF THE 507 GUARD BATTALION ARE NOT NEEDED (*)
 RECOMMEND THAT PRISONER OF WAR COMMAND, M T O U S A STATE
 WHAT THE STATUS OF THE 507 GUARD BN IS AND IF THEY DO NOT
 DESIRE ITS SERVICES, THAT IT BE RELEASED TO THE ITALIAN MINISTRY
 OF WAR

SD DISTRIBUTION:

ACTION: SD/13/2
 INFO: G/107/1
 A
 Q (Two)

jv 26 Jul 45

GSC 1

GSC 2

GSC 3

GSC 4

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GSC 5 (30)

GSC 6 (100)

GSC 7 (1)

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Telephone Conversation

1000 hrs 26 July 45

AFHQ G-3 AMO - GSD MMIA

Inter alia-

US element G-3 AMO reported

506, 507, 508 and 509 Gd Bns ITI-ITI are shortly due for release
by PBS P.W. Comd.

Re-allocation of 507 Gd Bn to 3 District has already been authorized
by Gps AFHQ.

All these Bns are currently reported to be under strength. AFHQ want
MMIA to report

- (a) Deficiencies per bn
- (b) Rfts being despatched to meet those deficiencies.

Action: "A"

Copy to: *seen ABC 28/7*
SD/13/2 G(ops) and Orbat to see
G/107/1

G II (SD)

jw

3916 *200 27/7*

SECRET

SUBJECT:- Territorial Guard Companies

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

SD/13/2

25

Jul 45

TO :- MINISTRY OF WAR

1. With ref to your letter, 15309/ORD/II dated 21 Jul, it is regretted that the authorisation of the formation of the 5th, 8th, 9th and 10th Guard Coys is not agreed.

2. Authorisation was given for the fan of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th and 7th Guard Coys to handle what we consider a temporary condition that existed in the NORTH. The 8th and 10th Guard Fls at ROME and NAPLES and 350 Labour personnel at NAPLES are considered sufficient for the SOUTH.

[Signature]
Major General
MIA

INTERNAL

A

Q (Two)

R/26/4

SUBJECT:- Guard Coys.

81
X/c SD/13/2
into A
Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA)
c/o HQ., I District
Tel : 22602
Ref LO/GI7

23 July 45.

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E. (3 copies)

Ref your SD/13/2 dated 30 June '45.

1. No.4 Guard Coy, BOLZANO, has recently arrived and will shortly be split up on various Guard duties in the local military garrisons.

In the meantime SMRE has allotted 60 mules to this Coy. These arrived on 18 July 45.

2. No.4 Territorial HQ intend employing the Coy as under:-

- (a) Two pls at BOLZANO for guard duties at the supply depot which is in course of formation, and for transport of supplies.
- (b) One pl at VERONA for similar duties. 3915
- (c) One pl at BOLZANO with the 60 mules until such time as these are sub-allotted to dependent units and drivers are found for them.
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~~X~~ ~~ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED~~

GPO 2 (W) —MIA LO., I District.

GPO 2 (L)

GPO 2 (S)

GPO 2 (C&U)

GPO 2 (I)

MMIA - 'G'
FILE: 50132
2/1/87
DATE:

Secret

Translation

From : SMRE
 To : MMIA
 Subject : Territorial Guard Companies.

Ref. : 15309/Ord/II
 Date : July 21, 1945

Ref. letter 50/13/2 dated June 30, 1945. — 69

1. With the a/m letter, MMIA authorized the formation of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th, and 7th, guard companies respectively assigned to the Turin, Genoa, Milan, Bolzano, Bologna, and Florence military territorial commands.

The reasons which made the formation of said units necessary (see the Cabinet's letter no. 212062/II dated June 9, 1945) also apply for the Rome, Bari, and Naples, military territorial commands, which, as is known, use soldiers who come under the strength authorized for engineer territorial units for guard duties at ammunition depots.

2. Therefore, we beg MMIA to kindly:

- authorize the formation of the 5th, 8th, 9th, and 10th, guard companies to be assigned respectively to the Udine, Rome, Bari, and Naples, military territorial commands;
- point out the units (under the work command of the Allies) that are being disbanded from which personnel required for the formation of said companies may be drawn, as it is impossible for this SMRE to assign the personnel.

(Sgd) E. Ronco

Cpl. V. J.

MMIA - 'C'	
FILE	50/13/2
DATE	2/7

CSO 1 (a) AWC
 CSO 2 (a) X
 CSO 3 (a) X
 CSO 4 (a) 514
 CSO 5 (a) X
 CSO 6 (a) X
 CSO 7 (a) X
 CSO 8 (a) X
 CSO 9 (a) X
 CSO 10 (a) X

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COPY TRANSLATION

50/13/2

77A

FROM : WAR MINISTRY

Ref : 14993/Ord/II

TO : LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (MMIA)

Date : 9 July 45

SUBJECT : Org of Terr. Gd Coys

Ref MMIA SD/13/2 of 30 Jun 45.

Further to MMIA verbal request, we forward herewith
to you for approval, 5 copies of the WE for Terr. Gd Coys.

signed

Giorgio LIUZZI

General

1/ go to take all necessary action pl.

MMIA - 'G'
FILE: 50/13/2
DATE: 12/2

GSO 1
 GSO 2 (GSO) X REP X
 GSO 2 (GSO) X K X
 GSO 2 (GSO) X TMC X
 GSO 2 (GSO)
 GSO 2 (GSO) 3913 X
 GSO 2 (GSO)
 GSO 2 (GSO)

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Include:
Coy H.Q.
4 Guards platoon.

Coy H.S.-

C/o (Captain)
Junior Officer(1)
G .S.M. (2)
N.C.O. i/c accounts
(Sergeant or L/Serge.)
N.C.O. for various du-
ties.(Ser.or L/Serg)(3)
Clerk(Jun.Nco's)
Dispatch riders(J.Nco)
Drivers
Cooks
Batman
Militt for various duties

TOTAL:

Guard Platoon (2 squads)

O/C (Junior Officer)
NCO's (Section Leaders)
Sergeants (2nd i/c Sect)
L /Cpls
Ptes
Batman-Dispatch Rider

TOTAL GUARD PLATOON

TOTAL 4 PLATOONS

Cov. Total

PERSONNEL			ARMS		M.T.			
Officers	Nco's	O'Rs	Automatic Carbines	L.M.G.	Cars	L orries	Motorcycles	Bicycles
---	1							
	1							
	5		5				2	
		1					1	1
		2			1	5		
		6						
		2						
		1						
		3						
2	7	15	5		1	5	2	1
1								
2			1					
	2		2					
		2						
		4		2				
		34						
		1						
1	2	41	3	2				
4	8	164	12	8				
6	15	179	17	8	1	5	3	1
200								

- 1) i/c Administration, supplies and materials.-
- 2) ~~ixx~~ He is the ^{highest} ~~man~~ in rank or senior Coy Nco, ^{sworn} ~~discipline~~.
- 3) Employed for cadres, Training and inspection of ~~sworn~~ guards, (as a rule two of said senior officers are motorcyclists).-
- 4) They are 1 Barber, 1 tailor, 1 Shoe maker (Cobbler).-
- 5) Beside the L/Cpls and Cpls foreseen in the w/ex a certain number of Nco's could be included in the total in replacement of same number of Or's, according to the needs of cadres of the armed guards employed for guard duties of units and Territorial establishments of particular importance.

Ref.

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SUBJECT: 501 Gd Bn Strength

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MMIA)

SD/13/2 ✓

9 July 45

TO : AFHQ

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Ref your FX 90869, our SD 2758, your FX 93715, 3 District
LO's 762/G of 16 June.

1. Actual strength 501 Gd Bn as of 1 July is reported as 26
Offrs and 662 ORs as against WE Strength of 25 Offrs and 775 ORs.

for Major General
MMIA

Internal: A

WS

3912

Subject:- Formation of New Units

10/13/41/A

AFHQ G-1 (Br.)

1 Jul 45

G(SD)

3/7

So/13/2

526-527 Italian Guard BN

Reference your AFHQ G1(Br)/1116/A1 (Serial 2179)
dated 6 May 45.

1. Herewith progress report in connection with the formation of the above units.

70 75A7 31

CMP

Wm. D. ...
Brigadier
Commanding
No. 1 District

Copy to:-

AC (HQA) ✓
HQA LO
GSD
'Q'
Ord

GSD 1

GSD 2 (GSD)

GSD 2 (GSD)

GSD 2 (GSD)

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GSD 3 (GSD)

GSD 3 (GSD)

GSD 3 (GSD)

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GSD 3

14-4E
So/13/2
3/7

78A
From: Italian Base 2
(271137)
Ref: 14/04/501
23 June 45

U. S. Y.

Subject: Progress Report

To: GILL 72 Sub Area, 1012

62/13/2

1. Herewith final progress report on 526 and 527 and 2nd.
2. The following personnel were detached from this depot on the dates shown:

17 June 45	526 (3 men)	402ns	26
		440	740
			THROCKMOLLA
19 June 45	527 (4 men)	402ns	23
		440s	761
			TO MULLI

3. The deficiencies against 526 are as follows:

526 (4 men)	2 402ns	22 440s
527 (4 men)	5 402ns	11 440s

The officers are on leave and have instructions to report straight to their respective Pns.

The deficiencies in 526 are caused by absence without leave, additional members to complete to 48 are being detached to the 44 line in the transport which is to be sent from this depot against 526.

4. Equipment. At least 75% of above personnel were equipped with new boots, and at leaving had the 44 clothing was in excellent condition. Each man was equipped with a rifle, haversack and water bottle.

5. Transport. Up to date, only two 15 cubs, have been received, and these have been detached - one to each line.

Transport to complete to 48 will be detached when received of 10.

6. Training. Training has consisted of 'Guard mounting drill', 'Duties of sentries' and 'Lectures on security'.

Each man has had the opportunity of firing at least 3 rounds on the open range.

7. Equipment. No 44 38 scale or special equipment list has been received.

A truck was detached to 1012 to collect ammunition, pistols, etc., but has broken down and is under repair in 1012.

On 1012 authority 17562/10 dated 8 June 45, a number of 1012, 1012, 1012, and 1012 were collected from 1012, and sent off 1012, 1012, 1012.

8. General. The 44 line are in need of further training, but are to come with any guard action which

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3. The deficiencies against all are as follows:

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327 Ad. In	3 Officers	11 SAs

The officers are on leave and have instructions to report straight to their respective SAs.

The deficiencies in this are caused by absence without leave, additional numbers to complete to all are being despatched to the Ad. In the transport which is to be sent from this depot against all.

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5. Transport. Up to date, only two 15 units, have been received, and these have been despatched - one to each Co.

Transport to complete to all will be despatched when received by us.

6. Training. Training has consisted of 'Guard mounting drill', 'Articles of sentries' and 'Lectures on Security'.

Each man has had the opportunity of firing at least 5 rounds on the open range.

7. Stores. The 01.98 scale or special equipment list has been received.

A truck was despatched to TARKA to collect ammunition, pistols, etc., but has broken down and is under repair in TARKA.

On this authority 1752/10 dated 5 Jun 45, a number of 1945 SAs, and kitchen utensils were collected from TARKA, and sent off to the Ad. In.

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(Sgt.)

Major,

Local British Cadre,

Sgt Italian Air Force Depot

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Comm. AG (1071A)

MNA A - 'C'

FILE: 07/1/2

Date: 2/7

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MMIA
TO : 5 ARMY
INFO : MMIA LO DISTONE
MMIA LO DISTWO
REF : SD 2810

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

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FOR MMIA LO (*) SUBJECT IS DISPOSAL US-ITI MULE COYS (*)
BALANCE OF MULES REMAINING AFTER BRITISH HAVE DISPOSED OF
THEIR REQUIREMENTS WILL REMAIN IN PRESENT LOCATION AND BE
MAINTAINED BY MINIMUM MAINTENANCE PARTIES FROM PRESENT
MULE UNITS CARRIED ON ITI-ITI ACCOUNT (*) BALANCE OF
PERSONNEL WILL BE AVAILABLE AS ITI-ITI OR BR-ITI RPTS (*)
DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR MULES AND MAINTENANCE PARTIES
WILL BE FORWARDED SOONEST

PRECEDENCE

IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

Belmont
- Mai 02

SD DIST:

Copy to: A. (Two)
Q. (Two)

tvs. 1 Jul 45

File 80/202

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SD/13/2

SUBJECT: Territorial Cd Coys

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MMIA)

SD/13/2

30 Jun 45

TO : HQ 5 ARMY
for MMIA LO

Ref Ministry of War 212062 II and MMIA SD/13/2 of 22 Jun 45,
SD/2759, SD/2805, SD/2806,
and your Inter-Office Memo subject above dated 26 Jun 45.

1. Territorial Guard Companies will be formed as follows:-

(a)	<u>Territorial Command</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Designation of new unit</u>
7		FLORENCE	7 Cd Co
1		TURIN	1 Cd Co
3		MILAN	3 Cd Co
2		GENOVA	2 Cd Co
4		BOLZANO	4 Cd Co
6		BELGONA	6 Cd Co

(b) Strengths (ea. co.) : 200 all ranks.

(c) Transport:-

(i) Each of the six companies authorized will be issued by you one staff car, three m/cs, and five trucks from the number of vehicles released by US-ITI units on disbandment, before any vehicles are turned into ITI depots in accordance with our signal Q.382.

(ii) Windscreen labels enclosed. Report target numbers of vehicles to which allotted. 2308

2. Movement from 5 Army area will be arranged for and coordinated between LO 5 Army and LO of territory concerned, LO Distone acting in the case of BOLZANO.

3. WEs for each company will be proposed and forwarded by territorial HQs concerned to the Ministry of War by 7 July 45.

4. Territorial HQs will be responsible for furnishing necessary housekeeping equipment.

5. Full justification in detail will be furnished by MMIA LOs for 200 all ranks allotted as well as any additional personnel which may be requested in future. 68

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See to 79

Designation of new unit
Cat 11-11
See to 814 87

Ref Ministry of War 212062 II and MMIA SD/13/2 of 22 Jun 45,
SD/2759, SD/2805, SD/2806, 22-5-18
and your Inter-Office Memo subject above dated 26 Jun 45.

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(a)	Territorial Command	Location	Designation of new unit
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2		GENOA	2 Gd Co
4		BOLZANO	4 Gd Co
6		BOLOGNA	6 Gd Co

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6. It is to be noted that our SD/2805 allots 196 EM and 3 Cifrs rather than 200 all ranks. This letter supersedes SD/2805 in that respect. Further note that company for FLORENCE Territorial HQ referred to herein is same as referred to in SD/2805.

7. Report action.

Copy to:

Ministry of War
Distone
Distwo

MMIA LO FLORENCE
" " TURIN
" " MILAN

MMIA LO GENOA
" " LO 1 DISTRICT

Internal:

'A' : 'Q' : ST
Territorial HQs, FLORENCE, TURIN, MILAN, GENOA, BOLZANO, BOLOGNA.

for Major-General, Cpt
MMIA.

COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

67,

FROM : MMIA LG FLORENCE
 TO : MMIA HQ ROME
 REF : -

261529 B

RESTRICTED

REF YOUR SD/2734 DATED 21 JUNE 1945 (.)
 FIRST (.) TOTAL NUMBER OF ESSENTIAL INSTALLATIONS IN
 FLORENCE REQUIRING ARMY GUARDS 8 (.)
 SECOND (.) MINIMUM NUMBER OF MEN REQUIRED FOR THIS
 PURPOSE 3 OFFICERS AND 196 OTHER RANKS (.)

SD DISTRIBUTION

Action Copy: SD/13/2
 Info: A
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3907

Subject :- Progress Report.

From :- 802 Italian Base Rft. Depot,

ORVIETO.

Ref. BI/GB/587

23rd June 45.

To :- G111, H.Q. 71 Sub Area,
C. M. F.

1. Herewith final progress report on 526 and 527 Gd. Bn.

2. The following personnel were despatched from this depot on the dates shown :-

17 June 45.	526 Gd. Bn.	Officers - 26	
		O.Rs. - 740	to TRECENNA
19 June 45.	527 Gd. Bn.	Officers - 23	
		O.Rs. - 761	to PORLI

3. The deficiencies against W.E. are as follows :-

526 Gd. Bn. 2 Officers 32 O.Rs.

527 Gd. Bn. 5 Officers 11 O.Rs.

The Officers are on leave, and have instructions to report straight to their respective Bns.

The deficiencies in O.Rs. are caused by absence without leave; additional numbers to complete to W.E. are being despatched to the Gd. Bns. in the transport which is to be sent from this depot against the W.E.

EQUIPMENT.

At least 75% of above personnel were equipped with new boots, and on leaving here the K.D. clothing was in excellent condition. Each man was equipped with a rifle, haversack, and water-bottle.

TRANSPORT.

Up to date, only two 15 cwt. have been received, and these have been despatched - one to each Bn.

Transport to complete to W.E. will be despatched when received by me.

TRAINING.

Training has consisted of "Guard Mounting Drill", "Duties of Sentries", and "Lectures on Security".

Each man has had the opportunity of firing at least 3906 rounds on the Open Range.

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No 3 1998 scale or Special Equipment List has been

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G 1098.

No G 1098 scale or Special Equipment List has been received.

A truck was despatched to TARANTO to collect Automatics, Pistols, etc., but has broken down and is under repair in TARANTO.

On M.V.I.A. authority 17562/VC dated 8 June 45, a number of meat boxes, and kitchen utensils were collected from FARMERS, and sent off with the Gd. Bns.

N.M.I.A.-C
File: 50/45-67
DATE: 12/5/6

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GENERAL.

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W. Turgate Major,
Comd. British Cadre,
802 Italian Base Rft. Depot.

TIC/HB.

Copy to :- Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (NDIA)

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SUBJECT: Italian Military for supplementary
Guard Duty

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

SD/13/2
22 June 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref 212032/II dated 9 June 45, 211999/II dated 29 May 45.
222-5-18

1. Your proposals for supplementing Sworn Guards with Italian Military are being considered in the cases of Territorial HQ at TURIN, MILAN, BOLZANO, BOLOGNA, GENOA, UDINE, and FLORENCE.
2. MMIA has not received authority to form Territorial Brigades as recommended in your letter 211999/II dated 29 May 45.

Major General
MMIA

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RHF/jcm

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Land Forces 9/c

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

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SD/13/2.

AG 370.091/159 GCT-0

20 June 1945

SUBJECT: Arming of Guards

TO: Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 394
FOR: Land Forces Sub Commission, MMIAG
B M/b1. The attached copy letter G/4 of 12 June 1945 from MMIA,
LO NAPLES is forwarded.2. Request that you advise whether the request for guards
is supported and whether the number of men can be provided from the
appropriate category of the ITI-ITI ceiling.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

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

21 JUN 1945

1 Incl
Ltr, MMIA, LO, Naples,
dated 12 June 1945.50/13/2
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What is the reply? Referred back to LO Personnel for action. See to 4B. Note: Refers to arming of guards; not activation of guard unit.

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Copy.

SUBJECT : Arming of Guards.

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LIAISON OFFICER
 LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.
 (M.M.I.A.)
 NAPLES
 G/4

12 June 1945

AFHQ for G-3 Foreign

1. May permission please be granted to Naples Territorial HQ to establish armed guards on the following Italian military installations:-

LOCATION	STRENGTH OF GUARD.
Capua, Deposito Cappuccini	16
" Deposito Carditello	12
" Magazzino Sala d'Armi	3
" Caserma Mezzacapo	4
" Caserma Pianelli	4
" Polveriera Spiriti	3
Aversa, Clinica Gironi in Ducenta	20

(SGD)

GEORGE D. SMITH JR.
 Lt. Col. Infantry
 Senior Liaison Officer

FJAC/nl

Ref back to LO Naples by
 telephone 23 June 1730 for direct
 request to CO 3 Dist
 JCF

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SUBJECT: Italian Military for supplementary
Guard Duty

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

SD/13/2

22 June 45TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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222-5-18

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W. L. J. - Capt
for Major General
MMIA

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F. 58 for
very ref.
original on "A" file

PARA 4B MY 762/GS OF 16 JUN SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH
THIS H Q 300/12A OF 16 JUN TO WHICH REQUEST URGENT REPLY (.)
FOR 56 AREAS (.) YOUR 9/3/1 (B) OF 18 JUN REFERS

Actual copy 'A'

jc/21/6/45

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MMIA
 TO : DISTONE
 INFO : MMIA LO FLORENCE CITY COMMAND
 REF : SD 2784

Date 20 1800 B
 Time

RESTRICTED

FOR MMIA LO (.) REF YOUR LETTER LO/G17 OF 16 (.)
 PLEASE SIGNAL FOLLOWING INFORMATION SOONEST (.)
 ONE (.) TOTAL NUMBER OF ESSENTIAL INSTALLATIONS
B O L O G N A AND F L O R E N C E THAT REQUIRE
ITALIAN ARMY GDS (.)

TWO (.) MINIMUM NUMBER OF MEN REQUIRED FOR THIS
 PURPOSE (.)
 THREE (.) POSSIBILITY OF CONCENTRATING INSTALLATIONS
 SO AS TO REDUCE ESSENTIAL GJARD PERSONNEL GIVING
 FIGURES FOR REDUCTION IN PERSONNEL AND DATE BY
 WHICH THIS COULD BE EFFECTED

PRECEDENCE

IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

HAC. H. J. J. J.

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Q (AE)SD/13/2
SD/13

File

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : DISTWO

191055 B

TO : AFHQ CITE FHGCT

RESTRICTED

INFO : 15 ARMY GP

FWD FIFTH ARMY BRIT INCR

REAR FIFTH ARMY BRIT INCR

MMIA

DISTONE

REF : SD1/1384

REF YOUR FX 93753 OF 15 JUN (.)

AG 091.711/051 GOT-O OF 19 APR 45 NOW DISCOVERED

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SAME WAY AS COMBAT GPs

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FROM: MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref.: 212082/II
222-5-18

TO : MMIA

Date: 9 June 1945

SUBJECT: Surveillance of military establishments and dumps.
Guarding of Railroads.* 62015. Jnl
6 sec.

G20. Please make

700 recommendation

See folio 63 as put up draft

uplet to 4.1.1.

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1. Present conditions have brought to the fore the great importance of the question of guarding military establishments and dumps.

2. As a result of information received from certain Territorial Commands, I have contacted the General HQ of the Carabinieri and Royal Finance Guards requesting them to cooperate as much as possible in guarding military depots. But the well-known emergency burdens placed upon basic services limit such cooperation to a degree insufficient to meet actual needs.

3. The personnel required to perform the vital task of guarding military establishments and depots cannot consist entirely of civilians.

Not only can the "Sworn Guards" not be relied upon in so far as trustworthiness and the ability to use arms and fire-fighting equipment is concerned, but their recruitment is difficult and expensive, especially for depots far removed from inhabited places or in war-damaged communities.

4. Accordingly, I gave orders to draw up a plan showing the number of soldiers strictly necessary to guard military establishments and depots.

In order to keep military personnel at a minimum, the plan was drawn up with the following principles in mind:

- (a) Employ troops as a supplement to civilian personnel (Sworn Guards) of which they represent the cadres.
- (b) Implement guard duty with military personnel only for those establishments or depots which, because of their importance or location cannot be placed under the exclusive surveillance of "Sworn Guards".
- (c) Order, for each service, the concentration of materials at certain depots, eliminating detached depots.

5. According to this plan the guard system in question will require the organization of units as per attached table 1. IN substance:-

- For each Territorial Command, one battalion of two companies (for TURIN, MILAN, BOLZANO, BELLUNO, FLORENCE, PALERMO) or of three companies (for GENOA, UDINE, ROME, NAPIES) with a War Establishment.

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See 1079

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- A high percentage of Senior and Junior NCO's as against EM, to permit the addition to each battalion of a certain number of Sworn Guards, which will vary in accordance with actual needs.

6. To the above needs must be added the guarding of railways, which has become indispensable for the enforcement of discipline on trains on which - in view of their limited number - a great many soldiers are always to be found.

MIA.	
FILE	30/13/2
DAY	17/6

The Ministry has already made arrangements with the Navy and Air Ministries and the General Hq of the Royal Carabinieri in order to have them contribute an adequate quota of their personnel to the service in question. Army personnel required for this purpose is shown on the attached table No. 2.

The guarding of railroads could be done at each Territorial Command by using the personnel of the battalion as per preceding paragraph, with the exception of the 110 Officers needed for train supervision, who should be assigned to each battalion on an extra-war-establishment basis.

7. In total, the following would be needed for the 11 battalions:

289 Officers (including the 110 for train supervision)
540 Senior NCO's
3190 Junior NCO's and EM.

8. I shall be obliged if your Sub-Commission will give benevolent consideration to this important question, and, in recognition of the necessity of ensuring a minimum of protection to military establishments and depots as well as the enforcement of discipline on trains, will grant:-

- Its authorization to organize the above-mentioned units and to take proper measures in order to ensure the availability of personnel.
- The allotment of 4,000 rations to be added under category 5 (Internal Security Troops)

9. I deem it advisable to point out that:-

- The battalions indicated above would constitute at each territorial military command of the Peninsular the first nucleus of the "territorial brigades" (recommended with letter 211999/II dated May 29th last) by which they would be absorbed at the time such brigades are instituted.

- The problem might be solved by drawing the necessary personnel from units serving under the Allies (3rd category) which, according to information received from your Mission, will have to be gradually cut down.

Sgd : Casati
Minister

Translation by: WEL

Typed : W.E.S. 19 June 1945

598.

Units needed for the guarding of military establishments and depots.

(1) Una delle quali in Sardegna.
one of which in Sardinia

Allegato n. 2 al f. n. 212062/b
del. 9-6-45

PERSONALE PER IL SERVIZIO DI VIGILANZA FERROVIARIA

Personnel to be used as railroad guards.

Comando Mil. Terr./le Territ. Mil. Com- — -mend	Rinforzo stazioni (1) Reinforcement of stations			Sorveglianza treni (1) Train supervision	TOTALI Totals		
	stazione station	uff. officers	Sott. Senior NCO's	Trup. EM	uff. officers	Sott. Senior NCO's	Trup. EM
TORINO (I)	Torino	1	2		10	2	
GENOVA (II)	Genova	1	2		10	2	
MILANO (III)	Milano	1	2		10	2	
BOLZANO (IV)	Verona	1	2		10	2	
UDINE (V)	Udine	1	2		10	2	
BOLOGNA (VI)	Bologna	1	2		10	2	
FIRENZE (VII)	Firenze	1	2		10	2	
ROMA (VIII)	Roma	1	2		10	2	
BARI (IX)	Bari	1	2		10	2	
NAPOLI (X)	Napoli Reggio C.	1 1	2 2	15	10 10	4	15
PALERMO (XI)	Palermo	1	2		10	2	
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(1) Il personale dell'esercito sarà completato con sottuff. e truppa dei
CC.RR., della R. Marina e della R. Aeronautica.

in N. ... ta ... NCO's and EM from the Royal

— unit	stazione station	uff. officers	Sott. Senior NCOs	trup. EM	uff. officers	Sott. Senior NCOs	trup. EM
TORINO (I)	Torino	1	2		10	2	
GENOVA (II)	Genova	1	2		10	2	
MILANO (III)	Milano	1	2		10	2	
BOLZANO (IV)	Verona	1	2		10	2	
UDINE (V)	Udine	1	2		10	2	
BOLOGNA (VI)	Bologna	1	2		10	2	
FIRENZE (VII)	Firenze	1	2		10	2	
ROMA (VIII)	Roma	1	2		10	2	
BARI (IX)	Bari	1	2		10	2	
NAPOLI (X)	Napoli Reggio C.	1	2	15	10	4	15
PALERMO (XI)	Palermo	1	2		10	2	

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Army personnel will be supplemented with NCO's and ~~EM~~ EM from the Royal Carabinieri, the Navy and the Air Force.

RESTRICTEDSUBJECT: WE - Gd Bns3 District
Ext 5
762/G

227 ITALIAN Div

52 Area

56 Area

AFHQ (G-3 Org AMO)

Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MIL)

MILIA LO BARI

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MILIA LO

ITALIAN LO

Spike WATSON - AIELLO 15 Jun 45.

1. It is confirmed that action should be taken at once to complete to full WE 501 Gd Bn. This will be effected by forming or bringing up to strength, as the case may be, two coys 501 Gd Bn at TARANTO.

2. This location is selected for convenience of formation only.

3. You will report to this Branch, copy to MILIA LO, completion to WE strength of this Bn. Instructions will then be given for the employment of the Coys in process of formation.

4. For info addressees.

(a) The change in location for forming these Coys arises owing to the disappearance through discharges and normal wastage of the surplus strength of 504 Gd Bn which it was originally intended to absorb into 501 Bn. Now the personnel to complete 501 Bn are being found entirely from normal rfts ex FROSINONE.

(b) 504 Bn is now at approx WE strength.

(c) 501 Bn was deficient of approx 400 all ranks but the necessary rft bids have been made and personnel are expected to arrive at TARANTO shortly.

5. For AFHQ This answers your EX 90869 of 10 Jun to MILIA. Spike WATSON -

6. For MILIA Your SD 2750 of 13 Jun also refers.

GRALIAN 15 Jun.

(J.P. WATSON) Maj.

Spoke WATSON - ATELLO 15 Jun 45.

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4. For info addressees.

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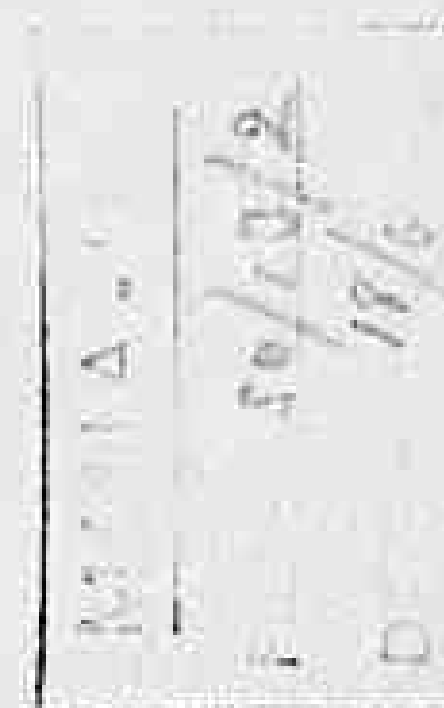
(b) 504 Bn is now at approx full strength.

(c) 501 Bn was deficient of approx 400 all ranks but the necessary rft bids have been made and personnel are expected to arrive at TALEMTO shortly.

5. For AFHQ This answers your EX 90069 of 10 Jun to MIA. Spoke WATSON -

6. For MIA Your SD 2753 of 13 Jun also refers.

(J.P. WATSON) Maj.
for Lt Col.
GS.



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SUBJECT: Rfts - 504 Guard Bn

3 District
Base 11 18
300/12A
16 June 45

MMIA

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227 Div
504 Gd Bn (Through 1 LO)
MMIA LO

1. 504 Guard Bn have, in the last few days, completed collection by road from FROSINONE BRD of the 333 reinforcements assigned them by your HQ signals A 1091 dated 26 May and A 1093 dated 31 May 45.
2. The parade strength of the Bn is now 779 all ranks.
3. Of the 333 new reinforcements an estimated 70% are eligible under a recently published War Ministry circular, for agricultural leave. 50 % of the remainder of the Bn are also eligible. If this leave, to which it is presumed eligible persons are entitled, is granted, it will have a serious effect on the ability of the Bn to carry out its task.
4. It is requested instructions regarding these men may be given.
- 5/ In addition to the above there still remain in the Bn 150 persons due for discharge on grounds of age and 162 ex PW eligible for 60 days leave. May, therefore, a further 312 reinforcements be allotted to 504 Bn as soon as possible.

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SIR:

F. 62 refers to the letter
Yps Sella

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FROM : AFHQ SIGNED SACRED THGCT
 TO : NMIA
 INFO : DISTHREE
 REF : FX 93715

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IMPORTANT

Toronto

No 3 & 4

Rail Control
(Carleton)

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April

YOUR SD/2758 OF 13 (.) 501 AND 504 GUARD BNS
 GAVE UP COYS TO FORM 525 TRAIN GUARD BN (.)
 REPLACEMENT COYS WERE TO BE PROVIDED BY YOU AS
 ORDERED BY OUR FX 43319 OF 14 MAR 45 (.) SECOND
 SENTENCE OF YOUR SD/2758 THEREFORE INCORRECT (.)
 REQUEST YOU COMPLY FX 90869 OF 10

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See 70 60.
See 76SD distribution

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TRANSLATION
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FROM : MOW - SMRE
TO : MMIA
SUBJECT: 526 th GUARD BN

Ref : 13141/Mob
Date: June 12, 1945

ACTION

1. Personnel: complete A

2. Armament :

- rifles: already issued Q
- light machine guns (32), automatic carbines (48), relative ammo: already assigned but have not arrived ; if it be the case , they could be sent to the bn. at the new destination;

3. Equipment: being completed: in regard to this, the Directorate General of Commissariat and Administrative Services has already approached the MMIA office concerned;

4. Vehicles : (1 truck , 1 car, 1 m/cycle) : already assigned but have not arrived, Q

5. Cartage : still to be assigned: we are waiting for the assignment of harnesses; Q

6. Animals : already assigned: however , they will be sent to the battalion's new destination, according to orders issued by MMIA. Q

We request MMIA to see to the completion of the allowances of materials, in order that the total efficiency of the 526th Guard Bn. may be reached as soon as possible.

(Sgd) Gen. Liuzzi

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Q (three)) MMIA signal
SD 2745 of

6 June

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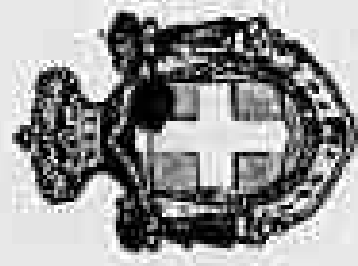
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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Fo/da

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE

SEGRETO

N. 18141/Mob. di prot.

P.M. 3800, R. 12 giugno 1945

Allegati

OGGETTO: approntamento 526° btg. guardie.

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA) ROMA

1°) Personale: al completo.

2°) Armamento:

- fucili: già distribuiti
- fucili mitragliatori (32), moschetti automatici (48), relative munizioni: già assegnati ma non giunti; potrebbe anche, se del caso, raggiungere il btg. nella nuova destinazione;

3°) Corredo: in corso di completamento; in proposito la Direzione Generale dei servizi di Commissariato ed amministrativi ha già interessato il competente ufficio di codesta M.M.I.A.

4°) Automezzi: (1 autocarro, 1 autovettura, 1 motociclo): già assegnati ma non giunti;

5°) Carreggio: ancora da assegnare; si attende che il competente ufficio di codesta M.M.I.A. autorizzi l'assegnazione dei finimenti;

6°) Quadrupedi: già assegnati; l'invio avverrà però alla nuova destinazione del btg., come da disposizioni di codesta M.M.I.A.

Perchè la totale efficienza del 526° btg. guardie possa al più presto possibile essere raggiunta si chiede l'interessamento del competente ufficio per le dotazioni dei mate-

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TRANSLATION

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Giorgio Liuzzi)

Giulio

OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM: MMIA

Date Time

TO : AFHQ

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INFO: DISTHREE

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REF : SD 2758

FX 90869

YOUR F X NINE ZERO EIGHT SIX NINE (.) DISTHREE
IN THEIR S D NINE NINE THREE OF TWO THREE MARCH TO
YOU GAVE THEIR PLAN FOR FIVE ZERO ONE AND FIVE ZERO
FOUR G D BNS (.) REPORT ON COMPLETION NOT UNDERSTOOD
BECAUSE FIVE ZERO ONE AND FIVE ZERO FOUR HAVE BEEN
OPERATING SINCE LAST YEAR AND ONLY QUESTION WAS OF
FURNISHING RPTS (.) LATEST ORDER OF BATTLE SHOWS BOTH
BNS TO BE OVERSTRENGTH

~~RECEIVED~~PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

Major

Internal: SD/13/2

WS 13 June 45

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: DISTWO
 TO : AFHQ
 INFO: 15 ARMY GP
 FWD
 5 ARMY FOR BRIT INCR
 REAR 5 ARMY FOR BRIT INCR
 MMIA
 DISTONE
 REF : SD/1/1345

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IMMEDIATE

TO FACILITATE EQUIPMENT DISPERSAL ITAL GD
 REGT INCLG 502 503 AND 519 I T I G D B NS
 PARTICULARLY WITH K D REQUEST YOU ISSUE
 SIGNAL CONFIRMING TO 5 A R M Y AND
 D I S T O N E R P T D D I S T W O THAT REGT
 IN B R - I T I COMBAT TPS CATEGORY (.)
 UNIT APPEARING IN M M I A O R B A T IN
 COMBAT TPS SECTW BUT ORINANCE DEMANDING SPECIFIC
 AUTHORITY BEFORE PREPARED TO ISSUE DIRECT FROM
 BRITISH DEPOTS

N/A.
 remember we have
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 we are
 not here
 for fun!

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TO : MMIA

IMPORTANT

INFO: DISTANCE

REF : FX 90869

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MY FX 43319 OF ¹⁴19 MARCH 45 (.)

REQUEST EARLIEST REPORT ON COMPLETION

501 AND 504 GUARD BATTALIONS

See to 55
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 See to 58
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	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Hqs at</u>	<u>Under Comd of</u>
1.	501	MESAGNE (near Bari)	3 Dist
2.	504	NAPLES	3 Dist
3.	505	RIMINI	EIGHTH ARMY
4.	506	FUGENTA	PBS
5.	507	LEGHORN	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	BARI	3 Dist
13.	515	AREZZO	1 Dist
14.	516	VISERBA	EIGHTH ARMY
15.	517	(transit)	1 Dist
16.	518	FROSINONE	2 & 3 Dist
17.	520	IESI	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 Bn.	ROME	RAAC

(310 all ranks)

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6.	508	NAPLES	FBS
7.	509	NAPLES	FBS
8.	510	BARI	3 Dist
9.	511	FLORENCE	FIFTH ARMY
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19.	522	CHIARAVALLE	EIGHTH ARMY
20.	523	(transit)	FIFTH ARMY
21.	624	BRINDISI	3 Dist
22.	525	SALERNO	3 Dist
23.	Granatieri ROME Bn. (310 all ranks)		RARO

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

PR - III

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

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LO/4/SD

29 May 45

Ref. LO/4/SD dated 14 of May 45.

1. I visited 524 Gd Bn on 28 May 46 and found its condition much improved.
2. This was particularly noticeable in point of discipline. In elementary knowledge of weapon handling has also been acquired.
3. One coy has actually been on guard duties for some days, and I understand have performed them satisfactorily.
4. Clothing and equipment are fairly satisfactory. There are NO serious deficiencies.

Comalt Major
Senior Staff LO
Eastern Italy

Copies to:- HQ MMA. ✓
 HQ 52 Area.
 9 Terr. HQ.
 227 Division.

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SUBJECT :- Personnel employed as escorts for material sent by road and rail

LAND FORCES SUB COM A.C.
(MIA)

SD/13/2

29 May 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR 29

Ref your 12833/Ord/1 of 30 April 45.

1. Your letter was written before the end of hostilities with GERMANY and the general situation has changed.
2. Allied policy is now rather to cut down than to increase Italian Army commitments. Your proposal means an immediate increase of 300 other ranks, and a possible further increase if guards platoons required for all Territorial HQs. As category 1 ceiling is fully allotted this increase cannot be approved.
3. In any case Combined Chiefs of Staff have ruled that no increase is possible in the ITI-ITI categories.

abc

[Signature]
Major-General
MIA

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50/13/247

Investigations with M. of W.

Informed Col. Sansone of report given on 524 Gd. Bn. on arrival at Brindisi. Requested the following particulars.

- a) Strength of 524 Gd. Bn. prior to departure for Brindisi
- b) Explanation as to shortage in W.E. strength by 145 men
- c) Position regarding tpt now that this had been released
- d) Condition and scale of clothing of 524 Gd. Bn.
- e) Explanation as to why men were equipped at Trani.

Was informed as follows:-

- (a&b) 524 Gd. Bn. was 77 men short at departure owing to fact that 523 was supposed to leave first and was consequently made up to strength at expense of 524, 524 departure was too sudden for adjustments to be made. Some 58 men deserted on way and an explanation has been asked of Bn. Comdr. On 1 May 1 offr 50 men departed as part replacements and whole Bn. has been put up to strength since.
- c) Tpt for 524 Gd. Bn. left Frosinone for Brindisi on 7 May (in accordance DADT NMIA).
- d) It was admitted that 524 was not efficiently clothed owing to 523 being completed first and M. of W. stocks arriving late.
- e) Men were equipped at Trani as result of arrangements Col. Nabissi (M. of W.) - M.M.I.A.

[Signature]
Major

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM:	DATE	TIME
WIA	24	B
TO : AFTR		
REF : <u>SD 2713</u>		

REF BY SD 2696 OF 18 MAY REQUEST YOU
ASSIGN DUTY TO BN H & AND FOURTH
COY 518 QD BN FOR AT PROSINON

PRESENCE _____

AUTHENTICATED _____

Internal: File: SD/13/2 _____

SD/13.

JV 24 May 43

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Tel-Bari 11458.

Subject:- 524 Gds Bn.

Liaison Office,
Land Forces, Sub Comm.,
A.C. (MMA) C/o 54 Area.

Ref. LO/4/SD.

17 May 45.

To:- HQ. MMA.

Further to my LO/4/SD of 5 May addressed to you.

1. I now forward:-

App A Copy of 227 Div's reply, ref. 08/191/BRD of 12 May, to my LO/4/SD addressed to them.

App B Comd 230 Div's report on 524 Gd. Bn. ref. 01/ORD of 3 May.

App C OC 524 Bn's report to 230 Div, ref. M4 of 28 Apr.

2. If OC 524 Bn's statement, that administrative control of the Bn was never handed over to him by the training coy at FROSINONE and that he had to start from scratch at BRINDISI, is true, then it is impossible for us here to check what was issued to the unit at FROSINONE. We can only go by what was found to be in their possession at BRINDISI.

3. If the statements contained in his reports are in fact true, the desirability of investigating the circumstances of the formation of this unit at FROSINONE would seem high.

4. If they are untrue, it is questionable whether he could be considered sufficiently reliable to remain in his present command.

5. As the occurrences to which these statements relate took place at FROSINONE, I am NOT in a position to assess their truthfulness.

6. Ref. your ST/1303/52 of 12 May.

(a) Four Motorcycles, four heavy Lorries and one ~~truck~~ arrived at BRINDISI on 11 May.

(b) According to the reports of Lients VITALI and MAVGLIANI, the officers entrusted with the drawing and delivery of this transport, the interval of approximately a fortnight which occurred between their signing for these vehicles and delivering them at BRINDISI is accounted for by two things.

(c) First, they did NOT take drivers' with them to collect the vehs. as they were under the impression that they would find drivers with the vehicles. This meant that they had to send down to FROSINONE for drivers after signing for the vehicles at ROMA.

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(d) Second, great difficulty and delay was experienced in ^{been} obtaining petrol for the trip. In ROME, where they are said to have referred backwards and forwards between SMER and TERR HQ, they were only allowed petrol to take them to FROSINONE, where they arrived 2 May. They had to wait at FROSINONE till 8 May before petrol for BRINDISI was authorised. It then took them three days with slow vehs. and engine trouble to make BRINDISI.

(e) In the opinion of 227 Div. Eastern Det., these Officers did all they could in the matter.

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Eastern Italy.

Maj.
Senior MMIA LO.

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GSO 3 (L)

Copia524 BATTAGLIONE GUARDIE
- C o m a n d o -

n. di p.o. allegati 2

OGGETTO: Efficienza del battaglione.

AL COMANDO 230 DIVISIONE

TRANSMISSION

IN

Brindisi 28 aprile 45

OUT

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Il 524 Battaglione guardie, partito il 23 c.m. dal C.A.R. Frosinone, per ordine del Ministero Guerra, (con preavviso di circa 20 ore), e' giunto a Brindisi il 25 c.m. con tre compagnie (la IV che era stata smistata lungo il viaggio per Taranto, e' giunta il 26), e' un reparto in crisi.

Non costituito altro che sulla carta, con solo parte della truppa cominciata a riunire il 16 s.m. per l'addestramento e la disciplina, restando, pero', sempre alle dipendenze amministrative delle compagnie di origine (addestramento e disciplina senza efficacia per le condizioni difficili, turbolenti di tutto l'ambiente del campo).

L'immediato ordine di partenza ha provocato l'affannarsi delle ultime ore:

- a)- per la sostituzione di parte del personale onde raggiungere l'organico (assegnazione di circa altri 200 uomini);
- b)- per prelevare e distribuire l'armamento, per prelevare i materiali di cucina e di infermeria;
- c)- Per le sistemazioni amministrative, poi avvenute solo parzialmente ed in modo caotico; per rintracciare coloro che cercavano di esimersi dalla partenza (avvenuta con cinque ore di ritardo per la materiale impossibilita' di risolvere tutte le dette operazioni, ed avvenuta mentre affluivano ancora alla stazione gli uomini assegnati o sostituiti all'ultimo momento o non sostituiti - non potuti ne' riconoscere ne' curare (tipico l'esempio dell'eliminazione di un sergente gia' armato e sul treno, da parte del comandante della compagnia di origine).

Nel viaggio si e' dovuto lamentare la mancata distribuzione del pane per il giorno 24, che si sarebbe dovuto trovare lungo il percorso, e del vino per lo stesso giorno.

A Brindisi il disagio e' continuato, prima per il passaggio in baracche a distanza di c.8 km., non abitabili, poi ~~il~~ per il passaggio in accantonamento in citta', risultato molto infestato di cimici e pidocchi; per mancanza (in due accantonamenti) di acqua e latrine, e mancanza totale di luce; per impossibilita' di poter cucinare in tempo e tutto una volta, data l'insufficienza di utensili (oggi ricevuti); per mancata distribuzione di vino, rifiutandosi il consegnatario locale del magazzino di sussistenza di fornire momentaneamente la botte per ritirarlo; per non avere autonomia amministrativa (ottenuta poi da Bari il 27 c.m.* e quindi impossibilita' di disporre di mezzi finanziari (non ottenuto neppure un anticipo dal Comando C.A. di Frosinone); per non avere stampati ne cancelleria, ne timbri onde eseguire e fissare, specie amministrativamente, la vita del btg.; per vestizione incompleta varia ed arrangiata alla meglio, (alcuni militari e due ufficiali in borghese); per deficienza di coperte (non avute, rubate o

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smarrite); per teli tenda non distribuiti a tutti, e per mancanza di zaini (teli e zaini in parte oggi ricevuti).-

Specie per le condizioni del vestiario e quelli antigieniche, la truppa e' con morale alquanto depresso; molti non alloggiano nei locali preferendo l'addiaccio, o abusivamente d'andarsi a cercare altrove alloggio (si e' provveduto ad una prima disinfestazione con i mezzi di circostanza ottenuti sul posto).-

Inoltre gli ufficiali non hanno mezzi per poter fare la propria mensa (oggi ricevuti), non hanno alloggio (qualcuno e' adatto soddisfatto temporaneamente per tre o quattro giorni con le disponibilita' del presidio, mentre altri, o sono stati all'addiaccio e nelle barracche nelle suddette condizioni, con scapito del prestigio, non potendo affrontare le spese di centinaia di lire serali per alloggiare presso alberghi o abitazioni private.-

La loro opera si svolge per migliorare le condizioni suesposte della truppa, nonostante che siano quasi tutti-compreso il sottoscritto-con famiglia nell'Alta Italia, rimasti delusi e in disagio per la sistemazione piu' lontana che non offre la possibilita' prossima di sapere e meglio di vedere le famiglie.

Il btg quindi e' in approntamento, ma ha bisogno di un minimo confortevole di vita per diventare un organismo idoneo all'impiego a cui e' destinato (per il quale, inoltre, alcuni uomini non sono indicati o perche' provenienti dalle carceri o perche' ammalati, deficienti, turbolenti o poco scrupolosi).-

Infine si richiede, oltre il materiale gia' segnalato a voce (in parte oggi avuto, anche quello di cui agli allegati 2 elenchi.

IL COMANDANTE DEL BATTAGLIONE
F/to Magg.A.Fantini

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Copia

Allegato n.1

524 Battaglione Guardie
- Comando -

Specchio numerico delle deficienze di corredo:

Pastrani	251	Pantaloni g.v.	491 paia
Pantaloni Kaki	387 paia	pantaloni verde oliva	335 "
Giubbe g.v.	568	camicie g.v.	361
Giubbetto verde oliva	499	scarpe	601 paia
Mutande	383 paia	camicie verde oliva	103
Maglioni	471 "	Zaini	98
Fasce gambiere	345 "	Fasce ventriere	410
Bustine g.v.	177	Bustine verde oliva	121
Coperte	319	Asciugatoi	283
Fazzoletti	564	Pezze da piedi	665 paia
Gavette	95	Borracce	318
Cucchiai	138	Stellette	400 2
Cinghie per pantaloni	250	Lacci per scarpe	800
Paletti per tenda	200	Picchetti	202
Gavettini	150	Spazzole per scarpe	400

Le deficienze segnate si intendono per il tipo di corredo adottato. Nel presente elenco non sono compresi gli assenti arbitrari. (99).

Il Maggiore C.te R/to A.FANTINI

Copia

Allegato n.2

524 Battaglione Guardie
- Comando -

Collo per calzolaio	N.1	collo per sarto	N. 1
Bilancia (avuta una piccola bilancia non suff.)	" 1	scure	" 1
Borse per porta lettere	" 1	grasso per scarpe	" 1
badili	" 8	cassaforte	" 1
brandine complete per Uff.	" 25	gravine	" 4
Mezzi per assistenza, morale (cartoline, giornali, fisarmoniche, assegnazione di fondi).		macchina da scrivere	1

Il Comandante del BTG.
A.Fantini

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Copia

COMANDO DELLA 230 DIVISIONE
S.M. Ufficio Operazioni e Ordinamento

Bari 3 maggio 1945

N.91/Ord.di prot.

O G G E T T O: Situazione approntamento 524 Battaglione Guardie.

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI BARI
Ufficio Ordinamento

B A R I

A scioglimento della riserva fatta con fono n.61/Ord. del 27/4/45.-

1. Il giorno 22 aprile u.s. giungeva a questo comando comunicazione telegrafica del 3 Distretto dell'arrivo nella zona di Taranto-Brindisi, proveniente da Frosinone, da dove sarebbe partito il giorno 23 aprile, del 524 Battaglione Guardie.
Di tale arrivo dato, il giorno 23, presavviso ai presidi di Taranto e Brindisi soggiungendo di agevolare la sistemazione del reparto.-
2. Il giorno 27 si presentava a questo comando il comandante del btg. maggiore Fantini, giunto a Brindisi il giorno 25 s.m.-
Detto ufficiale superiore rappresentava la situazione già prospettata a cotesto comando con fono 61/Ord. del 27 Aprile.-
3. Questo comando provvedeva lo stesso giorno 27 a fare ottenere al btg. l'autonomia amministrativa ed i materiali sottoelencati:-
sacchi per armi a piedi 400- fodere per pagliericci 800-teli da tenda 800- cucine per ufficiali (per tre) 8- marmitte da circostanza 5- bilancia 1- macinino da caffè- scure per legna 4.-
In tale occasione invitavo il maggiore Fantini a compilare una relazione particolareggiata sullo stato di efficienza del btg.-
Detta relazione, giunta il 30.4 e allegata in copia (allegato 1).
4. Mi sono recato ieri a Brindisi per visitare il btg. ed ho interrogato uno per uno tutti i militari; dopo ho parlato ai militari riuniti ed agli ufficiali.-
La situazione può dirsi invero migliore di quella rappresentata nella relazione.
I militari sono quasi tutti reclute di origine sarda e pugliesi.-
Le condizioni morali e materiali del reparto potranno in breve tempo migliorare con l'assidua, costante e volenterosa cura degli Ufficiali.-
5. Il btg. ha bisogno:
 - a) - di una larga distribuzione di oggetti di corredo e particolarmente calzature, come può rilevarsi dalla richiesta allegata (allegato 2) che in data odierna ho fatto sottoporre alla approvazione della M.R.I.A. -LO per l'autorizzazione al prelevamento;
 - b) - di materiale lettericcio, già richiesto (allegato 2) il btg. Nel caso non fosse possibile ottenere detto materiale, il btg. potrà ricorrere all'attendamento avendogli fatto già ottenere 800 teli da tenda.
- 6) E' da prevedere che con l'assegnazione dei materiali richiesti la situazione come ho detto migliorerà notevolmente.

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Da ciò ho riportato netta impressione parlando particolarmente agli ufficiali i quali nel complesso mi sono sembrati animati da buona volontà e sentimento del dovere.-

7. Nel btg. vi è un gruppo di una dozzina di studenti universitari, assenti assenti arbitrari all'atto della partenza dal campo di Prosinone e dal comando del campo obbligati successivamente a raggiungere il reparto. Essi sono riottosi ed un po' turbolenti e insoddisfatti di essere stati chiamati alle armi.
Mi riprometto di ripartirli fra i vari btg. Guardie dipendenti.
8. Concludo affermando che il btg. va particolarmente seguito e di questa necessità ho fatto specifica raccomandazione al vice comandante della 227 divisione che, come è noto, subentra da domani nei compiti della 230 Divisione.-

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
F/to Lorenzo Vivalda

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SCOPIA-

COMANDO DELLA 227 DIVISIONE FANTERIA
Vice Comando

N. 08/191/Ord di prot.

Bari 12 maggio 1945

O G G E T T O: 524 Battaglione Guardie.-

ALLA M.M.I.A. L.O.- Corso Vittorio Emanuele

B A R I

e per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE

B A R IAL COMANDO DELLA 227 DIVISIONE
(all.f.LO/4/SD-5 Maggio 1945)P.M.126

Rifer.f.n.LO/SD datato 5 maggio 1945

1. E' stato provveduto ad accantonare il Btg. nei locali del liceo "Marzolla". Per rendere piu' confortevoli allo scopo detti locali sono stati richiesti e sollecitati al Comando Genio Territoriale i lavori necessari per le riparazioni alle tubazioni dell'acqua e dei gabinetti e per l'imbianchimento.

Sono stati interessati inoltre gli enti competenti per l'urgente assegnazione di:

medicinali e disinfettanti;
400 lentini bi-posto;
lampade elettriche per illuminazione locali;
25 brande complete per la sistemazione degli ufficiali;
stappati e tromba per segnali;
materiale suppletivo per uso generale.

Per i mezzi di trasporto assegnati al battaglione e' stato incaricato un ufficiale per il ritiro. Appena giungeranno se ne dara' comunicazione.

2. Non si ritiene necessaria per il momento la sostituzione di ufficiali e sottufficiali in quanto e' risultato che quasi tutti si sono con volenterosita' adoperati nei limiti delle proprie possibilita', per il benessere e la disciplina della truppa. Purtroppo la causa della poco soddisfacente condizione del reparto deve attribuirsi alla fretta con cui e' stato costituito ed e' stato fatto partire da Frosinone, come si accennera' nel N.4.

La sostituzione dei quadri investe un problema disciplinare molto delicato che mi riprometto di approfondire con la conoscenza personale e prendere i provvedimenti che caso per caso saranno necessari. Una sostituzione intempestiva ed estesa a molti elementi porterebbe, tra l'altro, una grave crisi d'inquadramento dei reparti.

3. Si e' dato inizio allo svolgimento del programma di addestramento che sara' portato a termine nel piu' breve tempo possibile: non meno di cinque settimane a cominciare da lunedi 14 c.m. Trattasi infatti di militari, in gran parte reclute di distretti Sardi e Pugliesi che si presentano alle armi per la prima volta.

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Si prevede che i [] sano svolgere le prime lezioni di tiro con moschetto entro il 25 c.m.-

Pertanto non sara' consigliabile fare iniziare il servizio tra il 20 e il 25 Maggio a tutto il battaglione, bensì affidare inizialmente pochi servizi in sede - per ogni reparto, anche a fine addestrativo.

4. Con l'occasione comunico che la situazione del 524 btg. era già nota al comando della 230 Divisione che ne aveva già fatto oggetto di particolare attenzione. Infatti il 27.4., non appena avuta notizia dell'arrivo del reparto e conosciute verbalmente dal Comandante del Btg. le prime più urgenti necessità, provvedeva nella stessa giornata a fare ottenere al Btg. l'autonomia amministrativa, la somministrazione dei fondi e l'assegnazione dei seguenti materiali più urgenti: 400 sacchi per armi a piedi - 800 fodere per pagliericci - 800 teli da tenda - 8 cucine per ufficiali - 5 marmitte di circostanza - 1 bilancia - 4 macinini da caffè - 4 scuri per legna.

Il due maggio il Comandante della 230 Divisione si recò a Brindisi a visitare il battaglione. L'Ufficiale Generale interrogò uno per uno tutti i militari e parlò al battaglione riunito riportando la netta impressione che la situazione del Btg. sarebbe migliorata in breve tempo con l'assegnazione dei materiali e la sistemazione dei reparti.

5. Attualmente il Btg. 8° stato messo alle dipendenze disciplinari del 403 Rgt. Pionieri (Col. Ricciardi) che si è recato a Brindisi ove ha presi i provvedimenti di cui ai numeri 1-2-3 e che segue costantemente, in collaborazione allo scrivente, l'attività anche addestrativa del reparto.

IL VICE COMANDANTE
(Col. f.g.s.L. Lorito)

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TRANSLATION

FROM: H.Q. 524 Guard battn.

REF: 4

TO: H.Q. 230 Division

DATE: 28 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Efficiency of the battalion

The 524 Guard Battalion, which left the U.A.N. Province on orders of the War Ministry on the 23rd, inst., after about 24 hrs. advance notice, and arrived at Brindisi on the 25th, inst., with three companies (the 1Vth. was routed on the trip via Taranto and arrived on the 26th.), is a unit in trouble.

It is formed only on paper, with only part of the troops commencing to join the unit, for training and discipline, on the 16th, ult., the latter, however, still remaining under the administrative control of their original companies (inefficient training and discipline because of the difficult and turbulent conditions met with in all the aspects of the camp).

The order for immediate departure caused confusion in the last moments:-

- a) - because of the replacement of part of the personnel in order to reach the war establishment (assignment of about another 200 men);
- b) - for the drawing and issue of arms, and drawing of cooking and medical stores;
- c) - for administrative arrangements, afterwards agreed upon only partially and in a chaotic manner, because of tracing those who tried to miss the draft (the departure was delayed by five ~~hours~~ hours because of the physical impossibility of carrying out all of said operations in time, and because the actual departure was going on while newly assigned ~~men~~ or replaced men were still arriving at the station at the last moment or ~~men~~ were not being replaced it not being able to either recognise them or look after them (a typical example being the taking off of a sergeant, already armed and on the train, by the O.C. of his original company)

On the journey we regret to say that there was no issue of bread on the 24th., which should have been found en route, nor of wine for the same day.

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At Brindisi the troubles continued, firstly in the journey to uninhabitable barracks, 8 Km. away, and afterwards in the journey

to billets in the city, which turned out to be largely infested with fleas and lice; troubles because of the lack (in two of the billets) of water and latrines, and a total lack of light; because of the impossibility of being able to cook for all at one time because of the insufficiency of utensils (received today); because of the lack of vino issue, the local i/c of the ration stores refusing to supply the temporary loan of a barrel to draw it in; because of not having independent administration (afterwards received from Bari on the 27th.) and it therefore being impossible to have financial means at disposal (it not even being possible to obtain an advance from the C.A.H.Q., at Frosinone); because of lack of stationary forms, stamps in order to be able to follow and establish, especially administratively, the running of the battalion; because of incomplete clothing, which was varied and made up as well as possible (some of the men and two of the officers in civilian clothes); because of the lack of blankets (not issued, stolen, or lost); because of canvas tents not being issued to all, and because of lack of ~~xxxx~~ packs (tents and packs today received in part).

The troops' morale is somewhat low particularly because of the condition of their clothing and hygienic condition; many of them do not live in the billets, preferring the fields; alternatively they improperly find billets elsewhere (arrangements have been made for a primary disinfection with such makeshift means as have been found on the spot)

Furthermore, the officers have no means of fitting up their own mess (received today) and have no billets (some have been temporarily fixed up for three or four days with the availabilities of the garrison, while others either live in the fields or in the barracks in the above mentioned condition, with consequent loss of prestige, they not being able to meet the expense of hundreds of lire a day for living in hotels or private homes).

They are working in order to improve the conditions of the troops, as set out above, notwithstanding the fact that they are practically all - including the writer - with families in Northern Italy and are disillusioned and troubled by being stationed so far away, which holds out no hope of receiving speedy news of their families, or, better still, of seeing them. 3870

The battalion is, thus, being prepared, but is in need of at least some of the minor comforts of life in order to turn out as an organisation for the duty for which it is intended (for which, moreover, some of the men are not suitable either being ex-convicts or being invalid, unintelligent, unruly, or unscrupulous).

We request, finally, in addition to the materials verbally asked for, (partly received today) those shown on the enclosed two lists.

O. Danin Cpl.

Sgd. FANTINI Major.

TRANSLATION

H.Q.524 Guard Battalion

Numerical return of deficiencies in clothing and necessities

Cloaks	251	Trousers g.g.	491
Trousers, Khaki	387	Trousers, olive green	335
Blouses, g.g.	568	Shirts, g.g.	361
Blouses, olive green	499	Boots	601
Pants	383	Shirts, olive green	103
Vests	471	Packs	98
Puttees	345	Body belts	410
Hats, g.g.	177	Hats, olive green	121
Blankets	319	Towels	283
Handkerchieves	564	Anklets	665
Mess tins	95	Water bottles	318
Spoons	138	Stars	400 prs.
Trouser belts	250	Boot laces	800
Tent ~~stakes~~ stakes	200	Pickets	202
Bowls	150	Shoe brushes	400

The deficiencies shown are intended for the type of equipment adopted. A.W.O.L.s are not included on this list.

Sgd. FANTINI Major.

Shoemakers ~~kit~~ kit	1	Tailors kit	1
Weighing machine (in poss-		Axe	1
-ession of 1 small scale ins.)	1	Dubbin	
~~Briefcases~~		Strong-box	1
Shovels	8	Pick-axes	4
Officers beds complete	25	Typewriters	1
Envelopes			
Welfare equipment (postcards, papers, accordions, allotment of funds)			

Sgd. FANTINI
Major.

O. Danin Cpl.

TRANSLATION

FROM: H.Q.230 Division

REF: 91/Ord.

TO: Bari Military Territorial Command DATE: 3 May 1945.

SUBJECT: Preparedness of 524 Guard Battalion

Further to information promised in ~~letter~~ tele.61/Ord.of 27.4.45.

1. This H.Q. received telegraphic information from 3 District on 22nd.April,of the arrival in the Taranto-Brindisi area of the 524 Guard Battalion which had arrived from Frosinone having left the latter area on the 23rd.April.

On the 23rd.,I gave advance notice of this arrival to the garrisons of Taranto and Brindisi ~~suggesting~~ adding that they facilitate the arranging of the unit.

2. On the 27th.,the O/C of the unit,Major Fantini,reported to this H.Q.,having reached Brindisi on the 25.th.

The said senior officer submitted the situation already described to that H.Q. in telegram 61/Ord.of 27 April.

3. On the same day,the 27th.,this H.Q. arranged to obtain for the battalion,independant administration,and the materials listed hereunder:-
Infantry haversacks - 400 - mattress covers - 800 - bivouacs
- 800 - officers kitchens (for three) - 8 - Dixies - 5
Scales - 1 - coffe-mill - wood axes - 4.

I took the opportunity to ask Major Fantini to compile a detailed report on the state of efficiency of the battalion.

This report,which arrived on the 30th.April,is enclosed.

4. I went to Brindisi yesterday to inspect the battalion and questioned the soldiers one by one;I afterwards addressed the troops altogether and the officers.

The situation can truthfully be said to be better than that submitted in the report.

The troops are practically all recruits of Sardinian and Pugliese origin.

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The moral and material condition of the unit could be speedily improved by assiduous, constant, and voluntary care, on the part of the officers.

5. The battalion needs:-

- a) - a large-scale issue of items of clothing and necessities and especially footwear, as can be seen from the enclosed request, which I have today submitted to the M.M.I.A., L.O., for approval to authorize the drawing.
- b) - the bedding effects already requested (enclosure 2). If such material can be obtained the battalion can resort to setting up under canvas, having already obtained 800 bivouacs.

6. It is to be expected that, with the assignment of the materials requested, the situation, as I have said, will improve appreciably.

I have ~~stated~~ ^{reported my net} impression, having spoken particularly to the officers who, on the whole, appeared to me inspired by with a voluntary spirit and a sense of duty.

7. There is, in the battalion, a group of a dozen university students who went A.S.O.L. at the time of the departure from the Frosinone Camp and were afterwards compelled by the Camp H.Q. to rejoin the unit. They are riotous and unruly, and resentful at having been called up in the Army.

I promised to split them up among the various Guard Battalions under my command.

8. In conclusion I assure you that the battalion will be closely watched and I have made specific mention of this necessity to the 2nd. i/c of 227 Division, who, as is known, w.e.f. tomorrow assumes duty ~~from~~ ^{of} the 230 Division.

Sgd. LORENZO VIVALDA

G.O.C.

© Danin Cpl.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: H.Q.227 Infantry Division REF: 08/191/Ord.
TO: M.M.I.A., L.O., ~~Bari~~ Bari DATE: 12th. May 1945.
SUBJECT: 524 Guard Battalion

Reference letter LO/SD dated 5th. May 1945.

1. It has been arranged to billet the battalion on the premises of the "Marzolla" College. In order to render said premises more suitable, the Territorial Engineer Command have been requested and urged to carry out the necessary works for the repairs to the water pipes and toilets, and for whitewashing.

Furthermore, the competent departments have been approached for the urgent assignment of:

Medicines and disinfectants,
400 double tier bunks,
electric light bulbs for ~~improvement~~ illumination on the premises,
25 beds complete for officer accommodation,
Stationery and bugles,
Supplementary materials for general use.

An officer has been detailed to draw the transport assigned to the battalion. As soon as he returns information will be forwarded about it.

2. It is not considered necessary, for the moment, to replace any officers or NCOs, insofar as it appears that practically all of them are freely doing their best, within their limits, for the welfare and discipline of the troops. Unfortunately the cause of the unsatisfactory condition of the unit must be attributed to the haste with which it was formed and made to leave Frosinone, as is stressed in No.4.

The replacement of the staff is a very delicate disciplinary problem which I promise to go into deeply and on personal knowledge, taking such action as may be necessary in each case. An untimely and widespread replacement of many men would cause, amongst other things, a serious crisis in the staffing of the unit.

3. A start has been made on the carrying out of a training programme which will be completed as soon as possible; it will not be less than five weeks and is to commence on the 14th inst., Monday.

We are, in fact, dealing with soldiers who are for the most part recruits from the districts of Sardinia and Pugliese, and are under arms for the first time.

It is expected that they will be able to carry out their first arms firing lessons before the 25th inst.

It will, therefore, not be advisable to put the whole battalion into service between the 20th and 25th May, but rather to give, initially, a few duties to each unit, locally, also from the training point of view.

4. I take the opportunity to point out that the situation of the 524 Battalion was already known to the H.Q. of the 230 Division which had already made it the subject of particular attention. In fact, on 27.4, as soon as it received information as to the arrival of the unit and was verbally informed by the O.C. of the battalion as to its most urgent prime necessities, the H.Q. arranged to obtain for the battalion, independent administration, the issue of funds, and the assignment of the following most urgent items:-

400 Infantry Haversacks - 800 mattress covers - 800 bivouacs -
8 officers kitchens - 5 dixies - 1 scales - 4 coffee mills -
4 wood axes.

On the 2nd May the G.O.C. 230 Division went to Brindisi to inspect the Battalion. The General questioned the men one by one and spoke to the assembled battalion, reporting the net impression that the situation of the battalion would be improved shortly with the assignment of the materials and the settling in of the unit.

5. At present the battalion has been placed under the disciplinary control of the 403 Pioneer Regt., (Col. Ricciardi) who has been to Brindisi and taken the measures referred to in 1, 2, 3, and will, in collaboration with the writer, maintain a constant check on the activities, also in respect of training, of the unit.

Sgd. LORITO

O. Danin Cpl.

Col.
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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM: MMIA
 TO : AFHQ
 REF : SD 2696

Date Time

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THE BN HQ AND FOURTH COY OF 518 GD BN IS
 NOW FORMED AT FROSTINGH AND AWAITING
 ASSIGNMENT (.) YOUR LETTER A G ZERO NINE ONE
 POINT SEVEN ONE ONE SLASH ZERO EIGHT NINE G C T
 DASH ZERO SUBJECT 518 GD BN DATED SIX MAY FOUR FIVE
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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM MMIA

Date Time

TO AFHQ

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YOUR FA 71101 OF THE 5 REFERS (.)
F I R S T (.) DEFICIENCY IN PERSONNEL HAS NOW BEEN
MADE UP (.) ONE COY WAS LATE IN ARRIVING AT DESTINATION
AND FIGURES WERE NOT INCLUDED IN 52 AREAS REPORT (.)
S E C O N D (.) TRANSPORT TO SCALE WAS ISSUED AT BASE
DEPOT PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OF EN BUT THIS ROAD PARTY
HAD NOT ARRIVED WHEN REPORT WAS MADE UP (.) TPT HAS NOW
JOINED UNIT (.) THIRD (.) EQUIPMENT LOST EN ROUTE HAS
BEEN REPLACED AND ISSUED TO SCALE

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AUTHENTICATED

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SUBJECT:- Formation of New Units - ITALIAN ARMYALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G.I.(BR) 1116/4.1(Ser 2246)
16 May 45.LAD ATTACHED GARIBALDI ITALIAN INFANTRY REGIMENT

F.27. SD/10/2

Reference AFHQ letter of even number (Ser.2179) dated 6 May 45.

1. The above mentioned unit will now be designated:-
" 154 LAD att GARIBALDI ITALIAN INFANTRY REGIMENT "
2. The above quoted letter will be amended accordingly.

Field-Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.DISTRIBUTION:-

(as per G-1(BR)1116/4.1(Ser.2179) of 6 May 45) (CCT-ASD/922.8(B)1 of 12 May 45 refers).

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Appendix "A"
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AFHQ SERIAL NO.	WAR OFFICE MOB SERIAL	UNIT DESIGNATION	W.E.	OFFRS	ORS	VEHS	MCs	LOCATION FOR FORMATION	SUPERVISOR AUTHORITY
926	95224	526 Italian Gd Bn	CM/990/1*	28	772	2	1	802 BRD ORVIETO	HQ No. 1 DISTRICT
927	95225	527 Italian Gd Bn	CM/990/1*	28	772	2	1	802 BRD ORVIETO	HQ No. 1 DISTRICT

* Restricted implementation of vehicles
See Para 4 of covering letter.

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Appendix "A" to MMIA letter
SD/13/2 dated 12 May 1945

UNIT SIGNATION	W.E.	OFFRS	ORS	VEHS	MCs	LOCATION FOR FORMATION	SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY	REFERENCE FORMATION ORDER
lian Gd Bn	Gm/990/1*	28	772	2	1	802 BRD ORVIETO	HQ No. 1 DISTRICT	G-1(Br) 1116/A1 (Ser.2179) of 6 May 45
lian Gd Bn	Gm/990/1*	28	772	2	1	802 BRD ORVIETO	HQ No. 1 DISTRICT	G-1(Br) 1116/A1 (Ser.2179) of 6 May 45.

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MMIA
TO : AFHQ
REF : SD 2868

Date _____ Time
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YOUR FX SEVEN ONE ONE ZERO ONE RECEIVED (*)
SITUATION BEING INVESTIGATED

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED _____

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MMIA:G
FILE: SD/13/2
DATE: R 11/5

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

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FROM : ROME AREA

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TO : FREEDOM

INFO : FREEDOM G3 OPS & ORG (FORIEGN)
MMIA
DISTHREE
DISTWORESTRICTEDROUTINE

REF : SD 2315

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REF AG.091.711/089 GCT-O SUBJECT GRANATIERI (*)
NOTIFIED THAT TWO COYS GRANATIERI (ITI - ITI)
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EMPLOYED MILITARY VPS IN AREA (*) DESIGNATION QUIRINALE
GD INCORRECT (*) MAY AMDT TO ABOVE QUOTED LETTER BE MADE
ACCORDINGLY

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Te) - Bari 11458.

Subject:- 524 Gd. Bn.

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

Ref. LO/4/SD.

5 May 45.

To:- HQ. MMIA.

Ref. para 2(a) of SD 13 of 15 Apr.

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2. I inspected the unit myself on 3 May together with ORD LO. His report was forwarded under Ref ORD/4 of 4 May (copy att'd at App B).

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GSO 2 (L)

GSO 3 (SD)

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GSO 4 (D)

Copy to:- MMIALO 52 Area.

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W. P. M. Maj.
Senior MMIALO

Eastern Italy.

MMIALO - 'G'
FILE: 50/13
DATE: 29/5

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Subject:- Italian Gd.Bn.

At App A.

HQ. 52 Area,
G 85

"G" 3 District

27 Apr 45.

524 Italian Gd Bn arrived at BRINDISI on 25 Apr 45 and was inspected on 26 Apr 45.

The following observations of this inspection are fwd for infm.

1. Str.	WE	Actual	Deficient
Offrs.	25	25	Nil
OR	775	630	145

2. Trg

(a) Offrs. Majority have five years service.

(b) OR 108 (mainly NCOs) are trained men whilst the majority of the remainder are untrained, being of the 1925 class and having less than three weeks service.

(c) The bn was formed on 22 Apr 45.

3. Arms & Eqp.

ALL OR are armed with a rifle, except for approx 40 who have TSMGs; all appear to have eqpt of a kind.

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- (c) Blankets All ranks appear to have one or two.
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- (e) It is noticeable that the personnel equipped by Base Rft & Trg Depot TRANI are considerably better clothed than the others.

5. Tpt

There is none.

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sgn,

Brig.
Comd.

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Investigations with M. of W.

Informed Col. Sansone of report given on 524 Gd. Bn. on arrival at Brindisi. Requested the following particulars.

- a) Strength of 524 Gd. Bn. prior to departure for Brindisi
- b) Explanation as to shortage in W.E. strength by 145 men
- c) Position regarding tpt now that this had been released
- d) Condition and scale of clothing of 524 Gd. Bn.
- e) Explanation as to why men were equipped at Trani.

Was informed as follows:-

- (a&b) 524 Gd. Bn. was 77 men short at departure owing to fact that 523 was supposed to leave first and was consequently made up to strength at expense of 524, 524 departure was too sudden for adjustments to be made. Some 53 men deserted on way and an explanation has been asked of Bn. Comdr. On 1 May 1 oftr 50 men departed as part replacements and whole Bn. has been put up to strength since.
- c) Tpt for 524 Gd. Bn. left Frosinone for Brindisi on 7 May (in accordance DADT MEMA).
- d) It was admitted that 524 was not efficiently clothed owing to 523 being completed first and M. of W. stocks arriving late.
- e) Men were equipped at Trani as result of arrangements Col. Nabissi (M. of W.) - M.H.I.A. (M. of W.)

Myad
Major

Tel-Bari 11458.

Subject:- 524 Gd. Bn.

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Liaison Office,
Land Forces, Sub Comm.,
A.C.(MIA) c/o 54 Area.

Ref. LO/4/SD.

14 May 45.

To:- 3 District.

Ref LO/4/SD of 5 May addressed to 227 Div.

1. Most of the unit's transport, which had been delayed in transit, arrived on 11 May.
2. 227 Div have replied to my para 3 and are attending satisfactorily to these points.
3. They inform me however that they do NOT consider that the unit will be fit to undertake Guard Duties until the following dates:-

50% 7 June.
50% 21 June.

Henry Maj.
Senior MIA LO

Eastern Italy.

Copies to:-

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52 Area
9 Terr.H. BARI.
227 Division

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Car	2	str	4	2	=	1
Lorry	5	ton	4	2	OS=	1
Motor Cycle					=	1

6. ATTN: Letter Q-1(BR) 1116/AL(SER 2179) of 6 May refers.

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for
Major General,
St. Albans,
Vt.
3054

Tel: -BARI 1386

At App B.

Subject: - 524 Guard En. - Supply Status

MMIA Liaison Office
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
C/o 54 Area, C.M.F.

ORD/4

4 May 45.

To: HQ. Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMIA)

1. An inspection of 524 Guard En., Brindisi on 3 May revealed that the unit is in deplorable state as regards individual clothing and equipment and accommodation stores. Some men had been in the Army for two months and were still in civilian clothes. The majority of the boots were of Italian origin and in a bad state of repair.
2. The Battalion had no records of what had been issued at Frosinone, But had sent an Officer to Frosinone to obtain this information.
3. The items requested on attached indent were released as per attached authorization notices. K.D. and cotton drawers will be issued from rear 227 Div. Sub. Depot. (Drawers when available) Pullovers have not been released nor have the beds.
4. The En. is billeted in barracks at present, and the release of beds would be advisable, if the unit is to remain in its present location for any length of time. Sufficient beds are available here at present.

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Ira V. Fordyce, Capt.
for Senior L.O.
Eastern Italy.

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FILE: 3853
DATE: 2915

Tel:-BARI II45

Subject:- 524 Guard Bn.

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Liaison Office,
Land Forces, Sub Comm;
A.C. (MMIA) 54 Area.

Ref. LO/4/SD

5 May 45.

To: 227 Div. Eastern Det.

1. I visited this unit at BRINDISI on 3 May and found it for various reasons in a most unsatisfactory condition.

2. I have authorized the release of the clothing and equipment required as far as it is available, and have asked MMIA to allocate the authorized scale of transport.

3. You are required to take action to ensure that:-

- (a) The unit is suitably and hygienically accommodated, if possible in a tented camp clear of the town.
- (b) Suitable officers and NCOs are provided; Making drastic changes if necessary.
- (c); A programme of training designed to instill discipline and knowledge of weapon handling is started immediately and energetically pursued.

4. You will please give this matter highest priority and report action taken by II May 45.

5. The battalion must be fit to assume its guard duties by 25 May 45. I shall visit it again between 20-25 May.

GPH/cep

Copies to:

W. H. H. H.
Senior MMIA IO Maj.

Eastern Italy.

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3 District
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Eastern Italy.

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SUBJECT: Formation of New Units - ITALIAN ARMY.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-1(BR) 1116/A.1. (Ser. 2179)
6 May 45.

(K)
LAD att CARIBALDI ITALIAN INFANTRY REGIMENT
526 & 527 ITALIAN GUARD BATTALIONS.

1. (a) The above mentioned units will be formed as shown below with effect from 1 May 45:-

Unit (i)	W.E. (ii)	Serial No Allotted (iii)	Basic Scale (iv)	SEL Authority (v)	Supervisory Location (vi)	Location (vii)
LAD att CARIBALDI Italian Inf Regt	CM/540/1	95223	6508/2	130/1	HQ RAMC	VITERBO
526 Italian Guard Bn	CM/990/1	95224	6038/1	To be issued by District	HQ No. 1	ORVIBO ✓
527 Italian Guard Bn	"	95225	"	Q(AE)AFHQ.	-do-	-do- ✓

- (b) Copies of the W.Es will be distributed automatically by Supervisory Authorities. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from No. 10 Publications Depot. Indents should state that these copies are in addition to those received from Supervisory authorities.

See to. 72

2. PERSONNEL

Personnel will be provided under arrangements Land Forces Sub Commission AG (231A).

3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT.

- (a) Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by supervisory authorities:-

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- (ii) Unit equipment to scales as in para 1(a) scales (iv) and (v) above.
- (iii) Anti-gas stores in accordance with AFHQ Operation Memorandum No. 48.
- (iv) Transport to complete to W.E. (see sub para (b) below).
- (b) The following vehicles only will be implemented in respect of 526 & 527 Italian Guard Bns (each):-

Car, 2 str, 4x2 - 1
Lorry, 3 ton, 4x2, GS - 1
Motor-cycle - 1

- (c) Horses and Carts will be provided under arrangements Land Forces Sub Commission, AG (231A).

4. STATIONERY

Demands, based on two months' estimated requirements, will be submitted as indicated below:-

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- (ii) Publications (indent form A.F.I. 1394) to No. 10 Publications Depot (indents to be endorsed "Initial Demand").

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Guard Bn

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- (iii) Office Machinery (indent form A.F.L. 1392) to AIPSS, AFHQ.

5. POSTAL

Units will use the Posta Militare numbers of the Italian Adm HQ of the formation of which they form a part.

6. COMPLETION

Supervisory authorities will report to G.1.(B), AFHQ, copy to G.3.(Org.4) Foreign, AFHQ, when formations are complete.

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FILE: 50/13/2
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Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

SD/13/2

6 May 1945

AG 091.711/089 491-0

SUBJECT: 518 Italian Guard Battalion

TO: Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)236
See 44

1. Reference is made to MMIA letter SD/13/2 of 30 April 1945 and conversation Colonel Kerr - Major Barnes, 2 May 1945.
2. This headquarters letter, file as above, dated 14 April 1945 is rescinded.
3. The two Grenadier Companies now used to guard the Quirinale Palace in Rome will be withdrawn from 518 Guard Battalion, which will be made up to the standard ITH - ITH WG of Headquarters and Four Coys as soon as possible.
4. Authority is given for formation within the ITH - ITH category of a Quirinale Guard at a strength of 330 all ranks on a WG to be approved by your War Establishments Sub-Committee.
5. Completion of reorganization of 518 Guard Battalion will be notified to this headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

R. H. Treese
R. H. TREESE
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

MMIA - 'G'
FILE: SD/13/2
DATE: R7/5

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BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

R. H. FRISE
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant GeneralCopy furnished
Hq 2 District
Hq 3 District
Hq RAAC

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Received
SD or May.

Translation

Secret.

From: SMRE.

To: MMIA.

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Ref: 12883/Ord/11.

Date: 30th April 45.Subject: Personnel employed as escorts for material sent
by rail and by road.90(50/11) Further to letter 11551/Ord. dated 16th March 45.
and with reference to your SD/11 dated 30th March 45.The present N/E of Guard Platoons,
following authority granted by you, to escort material
despatched by rail and by road, proved to be insufficient
to meet with the requirement of the service in question.In fact, the average daily transport
and personnel employed by each Territorial HQ are:-- 25 Railway Wagons and 10 Lorries - employed
for the transport of material by rail and road respectively.

- 10 military - employed on escort duties.

In view of the above and considering
that the escort service lasts from a minimum period
of 4 days to a maximum period of 20 days, (depending
on whether the transport of material is carried out
within the territory of each Territorial HQ or outside that
territory), the Guard Platoon is not in a position to
get back in time the personnel out on duty in order to
maintain regularly the service requested.Therefore, this office beg you once more
to authorize the increase in personnel employed on
escort duties by each Territorial HQ from 50 to 150 men.

S/P. FAORE.

MMIA 'G'

FILE: 50/11/2

DATE: R7/5

See F.493848
(Sgd) S. L. V. 22,

SEGRETO

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Ordinamento

n° 12833/Ord./I. di prot.

P.M. 3800, 30 aprile 1945

OGGETTO: Servizio scorta di materiali spediti per ferrovia e con autocarri.-



ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA)

ROMA

e, per conoscenza:
AL GABINETTO

SEDE

Seguito foglio 11551/Ord. del 16 marzo u.s. e riferimento foglio SD/1/1 del 20 stesso mese di codesta M.M.I.A.-

I plotoni guardia adibiti, in seguito ad autorizzazione di codesta M.M.I.A., al servizio scorta ai materiali spediti per ferrovia e con autocarri si sono dimostrati, con gli attuali organici, insufficienti rispetto alle necessità del servizio stesso.

Risulta infatti che giornalmente, in media, presso ogni comando militare territoriale :

- il movimento per ferrovia e per via ordinaria relativo al trasporto materiali è rispettivamente di 25 carri ferroviari e di 10 autocarri;
- il personale impiegato per il servizio scorta ammonta a 10 militari.-

Ciò stante e in considerazione che la durata del servizio scorta si protrae da un minimo di 4 ed un massimo di 20 giorni a seconda che il trasporto materiali avviene nell'ambito del territorio di ciascun comando militare territoriale o fuori dal territorio stesso, il plotone guardia non è in grado di recuperare in tempo utile il personale assente per provvedere a fornire regolarmente il servizio richiesto.-

Questo S.M., pertanto, interessa nuovamente codesta M.M.I.A. perchè voglia compiacersi autorizzare l'aumento del personale impiegato.

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO

Giorgio Liuzzi) *a. s. t.*

Cd. A. B. Liuzzi

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GSO 3 (H)

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SUBJECT: OPG Guard Units Cat 5 TFI - TFI

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AG (ASIA)

30/13/2

4 May 45

TO : MINISTER OF WAR

Granatieri Bn. - 516 Guard Bn.

1. The 516 Gd. Bn. will be organized wef 15 May 45, on the same HQ as other Gd. Bns.

2. Unit of the 516 Gd. Bn. will be

(a) Bn. HQ

(b) 534 Special Gd. Co.

(c) 535 Special Gd. Co.

(d) Sign. Co.

(e) Fourth Co.

3. The Bn. HQ and Fourth Co. will be nominated by you from PROSLATIONS and will be held there until ordered forward.

4. The two Granatieri Cos with RAC will be formed with effect from 15 May 45 into the "Granatieri Bn" and will remain with RAC. The strength of this Bn. is approved as for 510 all ranks. This Bn. will be carried in category 1G. Submit proposed HQ to this HQ by 15 May 45.

5. Prior completion of reorganization to this HQ.

Copy for *Supervisor*
Major General *WHLA*
28/5/45

Grenadier Bn. - 518 Grenadier Bn.

1. The 518 Gd. Bn. will be organized wef 15 May 45, on the same basis as other Gd. Bns.
2. Unit of the 518 Gd. Bn. will be
 - (a) Bn. HQ
 - (b) 534 Special Gd. Co
 - (c) 535 Special Gd. Co.
 - (d) Kings Co.
 - (e) Fourth Co.
3. The Bn. HQ and Fourth Co. will be nominated by you from PROBATIONERS and will be held there until ordered forward.
4. The two Grenadier Cos with Bn. HQ will be formed with effect from 15 May 45 into the "Grenadier Bn" and will remain with RAC. The strength of this Bn. is approved as for 310 all ranks. This Bn. will be carried in category 13. Submit proposed to this HQ by 15 May 45.
5. Report completion of reorganization to this HQ.

Copy to: AMSG
HQ 5 DIST
HQ RAC
HQ 10 5 DIST
ONG B.

*Copy to the above units
of the above category 2
Supreme*

*By 28.2.45 tele.
Major General
HETA*

*310 all ranks
will be as stated in
which has not
yet been
submitted
approved*

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SUBJECT: 524 Italian Gd Bn

MMIA

AFHQ (G-3 Crg For)
52 Area (your G85 of 27 Apr 45 refers)
MMIA IO
MMIA LC att HQ 54 Area

CONFIDENTIAL

3 District
Ext 8
355/C

2 May 45

1. Copy is enclosed of letter received from HQ 52 area regarding 524 Italian Gd Bn for such action as you consider necessary.

2. The relief of gd units required for operational duties elsewhere has been very considerably affected by the fact that this unit is unable, at present, to undertake the gd duties for which it has been assigned to 3 Dist.

GSO 1

GSO 2 (Crg)

GSO 2 (Gd)

GSO 2 (We)

GSO 2 (S)

GSO 2 (Gd)

GSO 2 (Crg)

GSO 2 (I)

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MMIA - G

FILE

SD/13/2

DATE

3/5

(R.B. SHAW) Maj.
for Lt Col.
CS.

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SUBJECT: Italian Cd BnHQ 52 Area, OIF.
C 85'G' 3 District27 Apr 45

524 Italian Cd Bn arrived at BUNHUI on 25 Apr 45 and was inspected on 26 Apr.

The following observations of this inspection are for info:-

- | 1. <u>Str</u> | EE | Actual | Deficient |
|---------------|-------|--------|-----------|
| | | | |
| | Offrs | 25 | Nil |
| | OR | 775 | 630 |
2. Trg Majority have five years service.
108 (mainly MOOs) are trained men whilst the majority of the remainder are untrained, being of the 1925 class and having less than three weeks service.
(c) The bn was formed on 22 Apr 45.

3. Arms & Equip

All OR are armed with a rifle, except for approx 140 who have TS/CS; all appear to have eqpt of a kind.

4. Clothing.

- (a) Boots As a conservative estimate, 80% are US.
(b) Uniform The greater part of the men have only one shirt and one pair of trousers, which are both serviceable. A few have jackets, greatcoats, vests and drawers.
(c) Blankets All ranks appear to have one or two.
(d) 15 of the personnel are in multi incl two oftrs - one a coy comd and the other a MOO.
(e) It is noticeable that the personnel equipped by Base Rpt & Trg Depot TRAI are considerably better clothed than the others.

5. Trt

There is none.

6. Stores

The amount of cooking utensils appears to be quite inadequate for a bn.

7. Conclusion

The bn is neither in a satisfactory state of trg or adequately clothed to carry out gd duties.

It will therefore be impossible to use this bn to relieve Det Jaipur Gds, one coy 514 Gd Bn or 'Y' Indian Gd Coy of their present commitments.

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- (a) Officers have five years service.
 (b) CR 108 (mainly NCOs) are trained men whilst the majority of the remainder are untrained, being of the 1925 class and having less than three weeks service.

- (c) The bn was formed on 22 Apr 45.

3. Arms & Equip

All CR are armed with a rifle, except for approx 40 who have TSINGs; all appear to have eqpt of a kind.

4. Clothing.

- (a) Boots As a conservative estimate, 80% are US.
 (b) Uniform The greater part of the men have only one shirt and one pair of trousers, which are both serviceable. A few have jackets, greatcoats, vests and drawers.
 (c) Blankets All ranks appear to have one or two.
 (d) 15 of the personnel are in multi incl two others - one a coy comm and the other a NCO.
 (e) It is noticeable that the personnel equipped by Base Rft & Trg Depot PRANI are considerably better clothed than the others.

5. Tpt

There is none.

6. Stores

The amount of cooking utensils appears to be quite inadequate for a bn.

7. Conclusion

The bn is neither in a satisfactory state of trg or adequately clothed to carry out gd duties.

It will therefore be impossible to use this bn to relieve Set Jangur Gds, one coy 514 Gd Bn or 'Y' Indep Gd Coy of their present commitments.

sgd.

Brig.
 Comd.

HCP/DET	GSO 1	_____
	GSO 2 (CPT)	_____
	GSO 2 (SS)	X _____
	GSO 2 (W-)	_____
	GSO 2 (S)	_____
	GSO 3 (SD)	_____
	GSO 3 (Ordn)	_____
	GSO 3 (U)	_____

MEMO 'G'
 FILE 52/13/2.
 DATE: 3/5

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CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT: Org of Guard Bns Br ITI Cat 3

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

SD/13/2

3 MAY 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR526 Guard Bn
527 Guard BnRef this HQ letter SD/2/2 dated 27 Mar as amended
serials 926 and 927.1. Formation orders are expected shortly for the above
two units. Available details appear at Appx "A" att.2. It has been recommended that each Bn be allotted
1 M/C, 1 light vehicle and 1 load carrier from Allied sources.
The remainder of the transport of each Bn would consist of
10 horse drawn vehicles, 20 horses and 2 riding horses
provided by you from Italian sources, as you are already
aware.B.L.
Major General,
MMIA.Info : AFHQ for G-3 ORG
OC Br cadre 802 BRD
MMIA LO 1 DistrictCopy to : A.1
Q.2
S.T.

Org. B.

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jv.

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APP. "A" to RMIA letter
SD/13/2 of May 45

AFHQ Ser. No.	Designation of Unit	WE	WE STRENGTH		PROPOSED TRANSPORT						LOCAT
			OFFRS	CRS	M/Co	Cars	Load Carriers	H.D. Vehs	Horses		
									I.D.	Riders	
926	526 Guard Bn	CM/990/1 (less tpt)	28	772	1	1	1	10	20	2	802 ORVIL
927	527 Guard Bn	CM/990/1 (less tpt)	28	772	1	1	1	10	20	2	802 ORVIL

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APP. "A" to NMIA letter
SD/13/2 of May 45

WE	WE STRENGTH		PROPOSED TRANSPORT						LOCATION	SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY
	OFFRS	CRs	M/Cs	Cars	Load Carriers	H.D. Vehs	Horses			
							L.D.	Riders		
CM/990/1 (less tpt)	28	772	1	1	1	10	20	2	802 BRD ORVIETO	HQ 1 DISTRICT
CM/990/1 (less tpt)	28	772	1	1	1	10	20	2	802 BRD ORVIETO	HQ 1 DISTRICT

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COPY INCOMING MESSAGE

FROM AFHQ SGD SACMED CITE FHGCT

Date Time
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TO DISTONE

S E C R E T

INFO MMIA DISTHREE

I M P O R T A N T

REF FX 68819

TELEPHONE CONVERSATION C A T T R E L L -

S H A U G H N E S S Y REFERS (.) I T A L I A N (?)

GUARD RFTS (?) AVAILABLE O R V I E T O FORMATION

526 527 I T A L I A N GUARD EN

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Action A

ogl 2 May 45

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GSD 6 (100)

GSD 7 (100)

GSD 8 (100)

X REF X3 M
X 15 X

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Lend Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
SD/13/2

20 April 1945

see 30

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Colonel Harris
G-3 (Org) Section, AFHQ

1. In confirmation of our telephone conversation this date.
2. The 518 Guard Battalion has been organized in five companies consisting of five officers and 150 men each. It has no Battalion Headquarters. This organization is not in accordance with the organization of the other guard battalions which consist of four companies.
3. Two of the companies of this 518 Guard Battalion, called the No 1 and No 2 Grenadier Companies are under command, RAAC, but are actually used as guards on the Quirinale.
4. If the battalion were reorganized in accordance with your letter of 14 April, attached, it would mean that the strength of the two companies guarding the Quirinale would be reduced from 310 to 215; and the increase in the other companies, 534 and 535 and the First King's Company would amount to about 40 men per company.
5. We are in receipt of a letter this morning from the Lieutenant General of the Realm expressing his concern in this matter, and asking that the two companies be not reduced below the 310 now authorized.
6. To reduce the one company and reinforce with one platoon of the King's Company now under command Two District would not greatly assist for the reason that Two District would probably not want to release the platoon, and the men which would be released are not properly trained, whereas the present personnel in Rome is trained and organized for the job.

7. Considering the unsettled state of affairs in this locality, we feel that it will not be profitable to reduce the Quirinale Guard, and therefore suggest that the 518 Guard Battalion be left exactly as shown in our Order of Battle on Page 53. This will really mean that Three District will not get any increase in the 534 and 535 Guard Companies, which they probably do not need anyway, inasmuch as you just sent them another complete battalion.

8. In accordance with your instructions, no action is being taken to reorganize this battalion as directed in the letter of 14 April. It will be left with five companies of five officers and 150 men each as presently assigned.

9. Please cancel your letter of 14 April so that all will understand the position, and we can cancel our instructions.


CLAYTON P. KERR
Colonel, Infantry

CPK/lak

1 Incl: Ltr, AFHQ, 14 Apr 45.

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Was 2 coys of 150 CR's x 5 of each = 310
 Suddenly changed to 1 coy of 150 CR's + 25 Bn. HB
 Rth. C. object strongly = 215.



UFFICIO DEL PRIMO AIUTANTE DI CAMPO GENERALE
 DI S.A.R. IL LUOGOTENENTE GENERALE DEL REGNO

n. 1567/444 di prot.

Roma 27 aprile 1945

Caro General Browning,

mi viene segnalato che in conseguenza delle riduzioni apportate all'organico del btg. granatieri sarebbe stato deciso di sopprimere per detta unità il servizio di guardia onore al R. Palazzo del Quirinale.

Dato l'alto valore morale che tale servizio rappresenta per i granatieri e tenendo conto che esso è effettuato da un plotone, mi rivolgo alla Sua ben nota cortesia, caro Generale Browning, per pregarla di voler autorizzare la continuazione del servizio di guardia, considerando il plotone, a ciò designato, al di fuori, del nuovo organo previsto per il battaglione; ciò anche in considerazione che una decisione in tal senso sarebbe assai grata a S.A.R. il Luogotenente Generale del Regno.

Grato per quanto vorrà fare le invio i miei più cordiali saluti

A. Infante
 (Gen. Alfredo Infante)

Maj. Gen. L. BROWNING

Army Sub-Commission A.C.H.Q.

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ROMA

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGCT
TO : NMIA
INFO: DISTHREE
REF : FX 67803

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YOUR SD/2642 OF 28 (.)
SEE MY FX 61404 OF 17 (.)
SD/13 (copy attached for file) [initials]

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jv 30 April 45.

1A - 'G'
REF: SD/13/2
DATE: 30/4/45

- GROUP 1
- C [initials] X REP [initials]
- GROUP 2 (S)
- GROUP 2 (V)
- GROUP 2 (L)
- GROUP 3 (SD)
- GROUP 2 (C/S)
- GROUP 3 (V)

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SECRET

SUBJECT: Formation of New Units - Italian Army.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

CR/1116/G-1(IV)(Ser.2106)

27 Apr 45.

ITALIAN ARMY UNITS - VARIOUS.

1. (a) The Units detailed in Appx 'A' to this letter will be formed as shown.
 (b) Copies of the W.Es will be distributed automatically by Supervisory Authorities. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from No.10 Publications Depot. Indents should state that these copies are in addition to those received from supervisory authorities.
2. PERSONNEL
 Personnel will be provided under arrangements to be made by Land Forces Sub Commission, AFHQ (MIL).
3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT
 Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by supervisory authorities:-
 (i) Replacements of clothing, necessities and personal equipment to scale.
 (ii) Unit equipment to Basic Scales as in Appx 'A' (Coln (iv)) and Special Equipment Lists to be issued by AFHQ, AFHQ.
 (iii) Anti-gas stores in accordance with AFHQ Operation Memorandum No.48.
 (iv) Transport to complete to W.E. in accordance with existing priorities.

4. STATIONERY

Demands, based on two months' estimated requirements, will be submitted as indicated below:-

- (i) Army Forms, Books and Stationery (indent form A.F.L.1393) to the nearest Stationery Depot (see GPO 337/44).
- (ii) Publications (indent form A.F.L.1394) to No.10 Publications Depot (indents to be endorsed "Initial Demand")
- (iii) Office Machinery (indent form A.F.L.1392) to AFHQ, AFHQ.

5. POSTAL

Units will use the Posta Militare number of the Italian Adm HQ of the formation of which they form a part.

6. COMPLETION

Supervisory authorities will report to G.1.(B), AFHQ, copy to G.3.(Org.A.) Foreign, AFHQ, when formations are complete.

7. ACKDISTRIBUTION:-

The Under Secretary of State,

The War Office (S.D.2.)

CG 15 Army Group

CG Fifth (US) Army (for Br Incr) 9 x

HQ Eighth Army 13 x

G.1.(B) A.9/10

G.2

+++ G.5. (Org.2) (Manpower) (2)

G.5. (Org.2) (ORLAT)

G.3. (Org.4) Foreign (2)

(Maint)

Field Marshal,
 Supreme Allied Commander,
 Mediterranean Theatre.

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CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

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ACKDISTRIBUTION:-

The Under Secretary of State,

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CG Fifth (US) Army (for Br Inor)

HQ Eighth Army

Hq No.1 District

Hq No.2 District

Hq No.3 District

HQ RASC

GHQ 2nd Echelon

GHQ 2nd Echelon (STATS)

HQ Land Forces Sub Commission,

Allied Commission (AMLA).

Hq Allied Commission

No.9 Publications Depot, RASC

No.10 Publications Depot, RASC

No.6 Command & Control Office

Signalmaster, CASERTA

& incl copy for new units and

distribution as necessary.

Field Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

G.1.(B) A.9/10 (10)

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+++ G.3.(Org.2) (Manpower) (2)

G.3.(Org.2) (ORBAT)

G.3.(Org.2) Foreign (2)

G.3.(Org.2) (Maint)

G.3.(Org.2) (A.E.)

Liaison Sec

S.T.

Org. (Br)

R.E.M.E.

Hq Infantry

D.I.C.

A.D.A.S.S.

D.D.A.F.S.

Historical Sec

War Diary

M & D

+++ ASD/922.8(E)1 dated 21 Apr 45, 22 Apr 45, 23 Apr 45 & 24 Apr 45 refer. (7 letters).

APPENDIX 'A' TO CR/1116/G-1(BR)(Serial 2106) dated 27 Apr 45.

Unit (i)	W.E. (ii)	Serial No Allotted (iii)	Basic Scale (iv)	Effective Date (v)	Supervisory Authority (vi)
1651 Italian Air Interpretation Det	CM/988/1	93290	6508/2	25 Apr 45	HQ Eighth Army
1652 -do-	-do-	93291	-do-	"	-do-
1653 -do-	-do-	93292	-do-	"	-do-
1654 -do-	-do-	93293	-do-	"	-do-
1655 -do-	-do-	93294	-do-	"	Br Iner HQ Fifth (US) Army
HQ 1 Italian Guard Regt	CM/989/1	93295	6508/2 (a)	"	HQ No.2 District
502 Bn 1 Italian Guard Regt	CM/990/1	93296	-do- (a)	"	-do-
503 -do-	-do-	93297	-do- (a)	"	-do-
519 -do-	-do-	93298	-do- (a)	"	-do-
152 Italian Driving and Maint School	CM/991/1	93299	6508/2	"	HQ RAMC
HQ CARIBALDI Italian Inf Regt	CM/526/1	93300	6508/2 (b)	"	HQ RAMC & 'F' HLU
1 Bn CARIBALDI Italian Inf Regt	CM/527/1	93301	-do- (b)	"	-do-
2 Bn -do-	-do-	93302	-do- (b)	"	-do-
3 Bn -do-	-do-	93303	-do- (b)	"	-do-
MATELLA Patriot Bn	CM/931/1	93304	6508/2	19 Mar 45	HQ Eighth Army
461 Italian LAD (AC) att	CM/875/1	93353	6058/7 (c)	25 Apr 45	HQ No.3 District
221 Italian Tpt Coy AC	-do-	93359	-do- (c)	"	-do-
462 Italian LAD (AC) att	-do-	93359	-do- (c)	"	-do-
222 Italian Tpt Coy AC	-do-	93359	-do- (c)	"	-do-
463 Italian LAD (AC) att	-do-	93575	-do- (c)	"	-do-
223 Italian Tpt Coy AC	-do-	93575	-do- (c)	"	-do-
464 Italian LAD (AC) att	-do-	93612	-do- (c)	15 May 45	-do-
224 Italian Tpt Coy AC	-do-	93612	-do- (c)	"	-do-
465 Italian LAD (AC) att	-do-	93613	-do- (c)	"	-do-
225 Italian Tpt Coy AC	-do-	93613	-do- (c)	"	-do-
466 Italian LAD (AC) att	-do-	93614	-do- (c)	1 Jun 45	-do-
226 Italian Tpt Coy AC	-do-	93614	-do- (c)	25 Apr 45	HQ RAMC
153 Italian LAD	CM/540/1	93615	6508/2	"	-do-

- (a) Arms will be Italian and will be provided under arrangements to be made by Land Forces Sub Comm.
- (b) Personnel will be provided from CARIBALDI Div. Basic Scale 6508/2 will be less 2" & 3" Mortars & 81mm and 45mm Mortars. Special Equipment Lists will be 135/1 for CM/526/1 and 136/1 for CM/527/1.
- (c) Wksp vehicles will be provided from Wksp Pls attached 1000, 1001, 1002 & 1004 Italian Gen Tpt C by C.(AE) and ST, AFHQ and HQ Allied Commission. Load carrying vehicles for stores etc will be provided by Personnel will be provided from AC Mech School.

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INDEX 'A' TO CR/1116/G-1(BR)(Serial 2106) dated 27 Apr 45.

W.E.	Serial No Allotted	Basic Scale	Effective Date	Supervisory Authority	Location
(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)	(vii)
CM/988/1	93290	6508/2	25 Apr 45	HQ Eighth Army	Eighth Army
-do-	93291	-do-	"	-do-	"
-do-	93292	-do-	"	-do-	"
-do-	93293	-do-	"	-do-	"
-do-	93294	-do-	"	Br Incr HQ Fifth (US) Army	Fifth Army
CM/989/1	93295	6508/2 (a)	"	HQ No.2 District	SIENA.
CM/990/1	93296	-do- (a)	"	-do-	"
-do-	93297	-do- (a)	"	-do-	"
-do-	93298	-do- (a)	"	-do-	"
CM/991/1	93299	6508/2	"	HQ RAAC	CESANO
CM/526/1	93300	6508/2 (b)	"	HQ RAAC & 'F' HLU	VITERBO
CM/527/1	93301	-do- (b)	"	-do-	"
-do-	93302	-do- (b)	"	-do-	"
-do-	93303	-do- (b)	"	-do-	"
CM/931/1	93304	6508/2	19 Mar 45	HQ Eighth Army	Eighth Army
CM/875/1	93353	6058/7 (c)	25 Apr 45	HQ No.3 District	TRANI
-do-	93359	-do- (c)	"	-do-	"
-do-	93575	-do- (c)	"	-do-	"
-do-	93612	-do- (c)	15 May 45	-do-	"
-do-	93613	-do- (c)	"	-do-	"
-do-	93614	-do- (c)	1 Jun 45	-do-	"
CM/540/1	93615	6508/2	25 Apr 45	HQ RAAC	CESANO

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and will be provided under arrangements to be made by Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA) & HQ No.2 District.
 ided from GARIBOLDI Div. Basic Scale 6508/2 will be less 2" & 3" Mortars and snipers rifles, plus Italian
 Special Equipment Lists will be 135/1 for CM/526/1 and 136/1 for CM/527/1
 provided from Wksp Pls attached 1000, 1001, 1002 & 1004 Italian Gen Tpt Coys under arrangements to be made
 and HQ Allied Commission. Load carrying vehicles for stores etc will be provided from AC Stocks.
 ided from AC Mech School.

OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM: NMIA

Date Time

TO : AFHQ

28 1745 B

INFO: DISTHREE

RESTRICTEDREF : SD 364E

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in flow

REF YOUR FX 43319 (.) 525 GD BNS WAS FORMED
WITH SURPLUS OTHER G D BNS AND IS
EMPLOYED BY DISTHREE (.)
PLEASE ISSUE ORDERS CONFIRMING THE ASSIGNMENT
OF THE 525 G D BNS TO DISTHREE (.)
FOR DISTHREE (.) YOUR SD 506 OF 25 APR
REFERS (.)

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PRECEDENCE

ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED

Internal: File: SD/13/2

jv 28 Apr 45.

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: FREEDOM Sgd SACMED Cite FHGCT

281636 B

TO : DISTONE,
DISTWO,
DISTTHREE.

SECRET

INFO: MMIA

REF : FX 67228

(14)

AMMENDMENTS TO OUR FX 64985 DATED 24TH APR IS AS

FOLLOWS (.) NEW PARA (.)

PARA 2 (.)

ONE COY 518 ITALIAN G D B N TO REMAIN

UNDER COMD OF DISTWO (.) NEW PARA (.)

PARA 5 (.)

RELIEVE ONE BTY 610 REGT FROM UNDER COMD OF DISTWO

TO UNDER COMD OF DISTONE

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jv 29 Apr 45

GEO 1

GEO 2 (COM)

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GEO 2 (INT)

GEO 2 (EXT)

GEO 3 (COM)

GEO 3 (SEC)

GEO 3 (ADM)

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JVS

SUBJECT: Formation of New Units - Italian Army

SECRET

57 Area (2)
59 Area (2)
151 Sub Area (2)

HQ 2 District GMP
2106/1 G(SD1)

26 Apr 45

Copy to:- A (2)
Q (2)
MMIALO (1)

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LF Sub-Commission AC MMIA

1. Copies of AFHQ ASD/922.8(B) 1 dated 21 Apr 45 ~~are~~ forwarded for info.
2. This is a G 3 (Org) AFHQ authority and no action will be taken until the G 1 (Brtd) AFHQ instructions are issued.

AT/ear

J. Brown
Lieutenant Colonel,
General Staff.

MMIA - 'G'
FILE: SD/13/2
DATE: 22/4

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G - 3 DIVISION

21 April 1945

FILE NO : ASD/922.8(5) 1

SUBJECT : Plan of Italian Units

MEMO TO : G-1(E) A.1

1. Authority is given for the formation of the undermentioned units w.e.f. 25 April 1945.

<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>W.E.</u>	<u>Location for Formation</u>	<u>Supervising Authority</u>
HQ 1 Italian Gd Regt	GS/989/1	SIENA	2 District
502 " " BA	GS/990/1	"	"
503 " " "	"	"	"
519 " " "	"	"	"

2. Personnel to be provided from existing III-III units under arrangements Land Forces Sub Commission, (SCLA).

3. Equipment to be provided to be based on the following and SMLS to be provided by G(AE) except for arms, which will be Italian, as per agreement to be made direct between 2 District and SCLA.

4. Vene will be issued when available and in accordance with existing priorities.

5. You are requested to issue necessary instructions implementing this authority.

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INFO: TRAIN GD CONTROL

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SD 13 OF 18 MAR NEITHER TO ALL (.)
FMN ORDER NOT YET RECEIVED FOR 525 I T A L I A N
GD BN (.)
REQUEST YOU STATE EFFECTIVE DATE OF FMN AND FWD
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PARA 1 (.) FOLLOWING CHANGES IN COMD OF GUARD
UNITS WILL TAKE PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND

DISTRICTS WILL MAKE MUTUAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR
RELIEF (.)

PARA 2 (.) ONE COY 518 ITALIAN GDBN

PASSES FROM COMD DISTWO TO DISTONE

TO RELIEVE BTY 615 REGT RA (.) ON COMPLETION
OF HAND OVER ONE BTY 615 REGT RA PASSES FROM COMD
DISTONE TO DISTHREE (.)

PARA 3 (.) ON BTY 615 REGT RA COMING UNDER
DISTHREE 603 REGT RA (LESS ONE BTY) PASS
FROM COMD DISTHREE TO AFHQ FOR TRAIN
GDS AND ONE COY 50 BEDS AND HERTS REGT (TRAIN GDS)

PASS FROM COMD AFHQ TO DISTHREE (.)

PARA 4 (.) ONE PLN 30 R NORFOLK REGT PASS

FROM COMD DISTWO TO DISTONE (.)

PARA 5 (.) TWO BTYS 610 REGT ARE TO BE EARMARKED FOR

FUTURE EMPLOYMENT BY AFHQ (.)

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FROM COMD DISTWO TO DISTONE (.)

PARA 5 (.) TWO BTYS 610 REGT ARE TO BE EARMARKED FOR
FUTURE EMPLOYMENT BY AFHQ (.)

PARA 6 (.) 534, 535, SPECIAL GD COYS (518 ITAL
GD BN) TO BE RELIEVED OF DUTIES FROM UNDER COMD
DISTHREE TO UNDER COMD DISTONE (.)

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Capt Meanley
Acem

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PARA 7 (.) UPON RELIEF BY 534/535 SPECIAL GD COYS,
ONE COY (502 I T A L I A N GD BN) WILL PASS
FROM UNDER COMD D I S T O N E TO UNDER COMD
D I S T W O (.)

PARA 8 (.) ONE COY 519 I T A L I A N GD BN
TO PASS FROM UNDER COMD D I S T O N E TO UNDER
COMD D I S T W O

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 NOT AGREED DISTONE (*) PERSONNEL
 MAY BE REQUIRED ONE WEEK LATER (*)
 FOR AFHQ (*) YOUR FURTHER INSTRS REF
 PERSONNEL FOR 526,527 GD BNS ARE AWAITED (*)
 SERIALS 926/7 PRIORITY LIST 8 AND DISTONE
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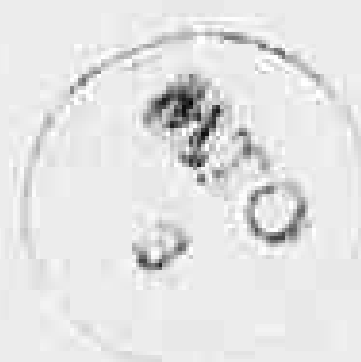
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SUBJECT: Horse Transportation for 526th Italian Guard Battalion

TO: President, Allied Commission
FOR: Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA)

Reference telephone conversation Ryder, Jones, Stainton,
investigate the possibility of supplying the 526th Guard Battalion,
to be formed in Number 1 District, with horse transportation and
forward your findings to this headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

ALBERT W. KARR
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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W. PinkleyI believe Q.2. and ADST were
intending to investigate.

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DESIGNATION IS FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE (*) YOUR SD
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REF YOUR SD 2605 OF 16 APRIL

REQUEST YOU FORWARD DESIGNATION OF UNIT REFERRED TO (.)

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SUBJECT: 519 04 Bn

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.G. (MIA)

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16 Apr 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. The 519 04 Bn is to be organized on the approved WE/TO us for the other 04 Bns.

2. Units of the Bn are assigned to Allied Units as follows:-

(a) 3n HQ and one Co. (Grenadier) to HQ RAAG.

(b) One Co. (Kings Co) assigned to 2 District and at call on Fifth Army British Increment.

(c) Two Companies (534 and 535 Special Guard Coys) to HQ 3 District.

3. The necessary administrative change and posting of Bns up to the approved WE is to be completed not later than 30 April 1945. Notify MIA of the completion of the actual reorganization.

Robert Pinkley
Major General
MIA

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C.O. FIFTH ARMY
HQ 2 DIST
HQ 3 DIST
HQ HOME ARMY ALLIED COMMAND
MIA 10 2 DIST
MIA 10 3 DIST

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. The 518 Gd Bn is to be organized on the approved WE/TO as for the other Gd Bns.

2. Units of the Bn are assigned to Allied Units as follows:-

- (a) Bn HQ and one Co. (Grenadier) to HQ RAAC.
- (b) One Co. (Rings Co) assigned to 2 District and at call of FIFTH ARMY British Inland.
- (c) Two Companies (324 and 533 Special Guard Bays) to HQ 3 District.

3. The necessary administrative change and posting of Bns up to the approved WE is to be completed not later than 30 April 1945. Noting that, of the completion of the actual reorganization.

Robert R. Pickles
Major General
MIA

Copy to: AMHQ (Your HQ 691.7M/035 601-0 of 14 April refers) **3822**

C.S. FIFTH ARMY

HQ 3 DIST

HQ 3 DIST

RA HOME ARMY ALLIED COMMAND

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IF THE FIVE TWO FIVE GD BN IS NOT UP TO WE
STRENGTH CMA INFORM OF NUMBER NEEDED AND RFTS
WILL BE FURNISHED

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 091.713/389 GRT-2

14 April 1945

SUBJECT: Reorganization of 513 Italian Guard Battalion

TO: President
Allied Commission
APO 324
FROM: Land Forces Sub Commission (LSCS)

1. It is noted that 513 Italian Guard Battalion has not yet been organized on to the approved IPI-III HQ/CO. You are requested to arrange for the necessary adjustments to be made as soon as possible, with a battalion headquarters and one full strength grenadier company in HQ assigned to Headquarters RAC, one Kings Company assigned to 2 District and at call Fifth Army British Increment, and 514 and 515 Companies assigned to 3 District.

2. If necessary, one platoon of the Kings Company will be assigned to HQ to maintain the present strength in HQ, but this action is to be avoided if possible. You are authorized to deal direct with RAC and 2 District on this point.

3. Completion of reorganization will be notified to this Headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ARMANDO

A. B. KING
Lt Colonel, AG
and Adjutant General

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to 2 District
to 3 District
to RAC

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TO : AFHQ
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FIVE TWO THREE AND FIVE TWO FOUR ITALIAN GUARD
BATTALIONS ARE NOW FORMED AT FROSINONE
AND ARE READY TO MOVE (*) YOUR F 58765 OF 11 APRIL
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REF YOUR SD 2568 OF 05 AND SD 2591 OF 11 (.)
HQ 525 BN NOW IN THE PROCESS OF FMN AT SALERNO
STR 1 OFFR(ON LOAN FROM 504 BN) 15 ORS (.)
1 COY 501 BN AT BENEVENTO STR 4 AND 120 (.)
S 2 COY 501 BN AT SALERNO WITH DET NOCERA STR
157 ALL RKS (.) 2 COY 504 BN AT SALERNO STR 180
ALL RKS (.) 550 GD COY AT REGGIO STR 6S AND 166

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YOUR SD 2479 OF 18 MAR (*) CONFIRM DATES ? READINESS ? 523
AND 524 GUARDS BNs

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HQ 2 District CME
 2102/15 (SDL)

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1. Ref my letter 2102/15 (SDL) dated 29 Mar 45.

2. Brig. MATTHEWS Comd 59 Area who is responsible for the training of the 1 (Italian) Guard Regt under HQ 2 District saw Major General BROWNING at HQ AFHQ on 9 Apr and discussed with him the following matters which are causing considerable difficulties and which are serious in view of the important role of this Guard Regt in NW ITALY.

- (a) Large Sick Parties owing to high proportion of men in poor medical categories
- (b) Virtual uselessness of Italian vehicles owing to poor mechanical condition and lack of Italian spares.

3. Brig. MATTHEWS stated that a considerable number of this Regt's personnel come from NW ITALY and there is every indication that on arrival in NW ITALY the incidence of absence without leave or desertion will be high.

4. AFHQ recommended that HQ 2 District should apply to AFHQ for authority for

(a) Strength of 1 (Italian) Guard Regt to be increased to 15% over AFHQ as to maintain Regt's efficiency in NW ITALY. AFHQ stated that they can supply these extra personnel.

(b) 1 (Italian) Guard Regt to be issued with AFHQ Regt 1000 condition to enable the Regt to function efficiently and guarantee arrival in NW ITALY when their move is ordered.

AFHQ recommended that approval be given earliest to

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1. Ref my letter 2102/15 (SCL) dated 29 Mar 45.

2. Brig. MATTHEWS Comd 59 Area who is responsible for the training of the 1 (Italian) Guard Regt under HQ 2 District saw Major General BROOKING at HQ IIA on 9 Apr and discussed with him the following matters which are causing considerable difficulties and which are serious in view of the important role of this Guard Regt in NW ITALY. -

(a) Large Sick Parades owing to high proportion of men in poor medical categories

(b) Virtual uselessness of Italian vehicles owing to poor mechanical condition and lack of Italian spares.

3. Brig. MATTHEWS stated that a considerable number of this Regt's personnel came from NW ITALY and there is every indication that on arrival in NW ITALY the incidence of absence without leave or desertion will be high.

4. IIA recommended that HQ 2 District should apply to AFHQ for authority for

(a) Strength of 1 (Italian) Guard Regt to be increased to 5% over HQ as to maintain Regt's effective strength. IIA stated that they can supply these extra personnel.

(b) 1 (Italian) Guard Regt to be issued with Unit type A-2000 condition to enable the Regt to function efficiently and guarantee arrival in NW ITALY when their move is ordered.

I do urge most strongly that approval be given earliest to these recommendations in view of the reliance which in all probability I shall have to place on these Italian troops for security duties in NW ITALY owing to the lack of British troops.

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Major General,
Comd 2 District.

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