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OUTSIDE SIGNAL

FROM: NMIA

TO : 54 AREA FOR NMIA LG
55 BLU

REF : SD 5909

Date Time

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MAJ GRIBBLE WILL MOVE WITH GARABALDI TO
NEW LOOK AND WILL ASSIST WITH ISO UNDER 55 BLU (.)
NMIA LG 54 AREA HAMILTON ON MONK
MASON WILL CONTACT COMD SAN MARCO ON
ARRIVAL AND WILL RENDER ALL ASSISTANCE

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Major J.A.G. Gribble

Br Ig Increment with "Garibaldi" Regt.

C.O. 54 AREA.

C.M.F.

24 July 25.

Dear General Browning,

Now that we have settled in our new area, I thought that you would like to know how things have been with the "Garibaldi" Regt.

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5. The new Regimental Task is of an Internal Security Nature and I have no doubt that if it is put into Operation all trouble will be settled in an extremely short time. I asked Col RAVNICH to "Stand" his Regiment too, one morning five days ago without having a practice or warning him at all, and he had the whole of his Regiment paraded ready to move in One hour and Five minutes, including a Mobile Column Mounted and ready to move of two Company Strength. This was more commendable in view of the

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fact that Bathing Parties and Squads had to march over a mile to Camp after the "Alarm" had sounded. We are having a Practice Alarm at night one day this week to check how it works in Darkness.

6. TRAINING.

Owing to the Heat and dust, our working hours are from 0500hrs till 1030, and a recreational Period from 1430hrs till 1600 consisting of Swimming and games.

Normal Training mostly consists of the Individual Training of Recruits and young Soldiers in their Weapon Handling and firing as well as Drill Periods Daily.

7. LOCAL RELATIONS. Local relations with the Civilians are good, but there is not nearly as much fraternization with the Local People as there was in VITERBO. This is due to the Dialect spoken by the locals to a great extent and to the fact of the squalor and poverty of the Area. An excellent Regimental Parade and Mass was held at TRANI War memorial on Sunday last, and the standard of Turn out of the Regiment was the Best I have yet seen with them and obviously made a good impression on all who saw it.

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One of the problems of the leave parties still to return from the NORTH is that in practically all cases they consist of the oldest and most experienced N.C.O.s and O.B.s who would be invaluable for this individual training period of new recruits.

There are still a large number of men too who fought with the Regiment in YU. S. A. and who have not been home yet, and this tends to produce a problem as all other units returning from there have had full leave.

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b. Recruits. A big drive is being held at the moment to bring the Regiment up to its full strength by August 1st. Recs have been sent off to various Rft Camps to look for old Alpinis and to select likely looking Recruits. The average recruit we have been receiving has been too young and generally undernourished. This matter of receiving the right Recruits is an important one, more so as most of the old soldiers are now leaving the Regiment through these various A.C.I.s issued by the Ministry of War (e.g. a man is entitled to release if his family has lost two brothers in the War, if he is the only worker in the house, if he is an orphan etc.) There is also the problem of losing more old soldiers by the demobilizing of the 1419 classes that has been mentioned in all the Italian newspapers.

I will send you another letter in two weeks time, and hope to be able to report as favourably on the Regiment as I can now,

J.A.G. Gribble
Major
The Lancashire Fusiliers.

J.A.G. GRIBBLE

Major

In the Field C.M.F.

26.7.45.

British Training Increment att GARIBOLDI
INFANTRY REGIMENT.

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GARIBOLDI Regt (11 July)

GARIBOLDI Regt: Further to para above, PIACENTINI phoned to say that last evening (10 July) JACINI called on PARRI to discuss the move of the Regt to AFULLIA.

Since the War Ministry had NOT themselves asked for tps to be sent there, it was supposed that the request had originated with the President of the Council. Object of JACINI's visit to PARRI was to ask that number of tps moved be limited to 1,000 (i.e. first train load), thus avoiding need to send the 600 men waiting to go on leave in the NORTH.

Not only did PARRI strongly deny asking for any tps at all, but he produced a signal he had sent the Prefect of BARI which, it is reported, in effect forbids the Prefect from making any use of these tps.

PARRI added that he was NOT interested whether 500, 1,000 or what number of tps is sent down, since as far as he is concerned the whole thing is irregular and superfluous.

SURE therefore urgently request that, the situation being what it is, the move be limited to the first train load which departed yesterday, and that the remainder of the men continue to remain at VITERBO.

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

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FROM : AFHQ Sgd SACRED CITE PHCUT

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TO : R A A G

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REF : FX 19295

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OF GARIBOLDI REGT - TRANISD DISTRIBUTION

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TO : Colonel "Q"

MEMORANDUM:

Artillery Records,
ARTY/1

24 May 1945

1. On the basis of availability and other considerations, I suggest the following Special Equipment List for arms and ammunition for Caribaldi Infantry Regt.:

ARMS AND AMMUNITIONPersonal

Pistols, Beretta, Cal. 9 Model 34
Rifles, Cal. 6.5 Model 41
Carbines, Automatic, Beretta, Cal. 9 Mod. 38/A

Scale : Scale per :
per Em. : Regtl. Hq. : Total per Regt. :

31 23 116
650 326 2276
43 32 176

Totals-----

729 381

2568

Unit

Light Machine Guns, Breda, Cal. 6.5 Mod. 30

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2. (a) Rifles and Pistols to be distributed among Coys as per SNL's No's 136/1 and 136/1, except as noted in para 2(b) below.
Carbines and Light MG's to be distributed as follows:

REG'TL HQ.

Regtl. Hq. : Hq. : 3" Mortar : 6 Pdr : Total
Staff : Coy. : Coy : Gun Coy : Regtl. Hq. :

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Carbines Automatic Beretta Cal. Mod 38/A
Light Machine Guns, Breda Cal. 6.5 Mod 30

INFANTRY BN

BN : Hq. : Support : 3 Rifle : Total
Hq. : Coy : Coy : Coys ea. : Inf. Bn. :

--- 8 10 10 48
--- 3 6 7 32

Carbines, Automatic, Beretta Cal. 9 Mod 38/A
Light Machine Guns, Breda Cal 6.5 Mod 30

- (b) This will mean that all personnel formerly entitled to Sniper's Rifle or Carbine, Machine, Thompson, and not now authorized a Carbine, Automatic, Beretta, will receive an ordinary rifle cal 6.5 model 41.

3. Actual present availabilities are as follows:

Rifles, Cal. 6.5 Mod. 41

Sniper's Rifle

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Spoke of
this yesterday

K. J. S.

ARMS AND AMMUNITIONPersonal

	Scale	Scale per	Total per Regt.
	per Bn.	Regt. Hq.	
Pistols, Beretta, Cal. 9 Model 34	31	23	116
Rifles, Cal. 6.5 Model 41	650	326	2276
Carbines, Automatic, Beretta, Cal. 9 Mod. 38/A	43	32	176
Totals	729	331	2563

Unit

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REGT'L HQ.

	Regt'l. Hq.	Hq.	3" Mortar	5 Pdr	Total
	Staff	Coy	Coy	Gun Coy	Regt'l. Hq.
Carbines Automatic Beretta Cal. Mod 38/A	---	13	7	12	32
Light Machine Guns, Breda Cal. 6.5 Mod 30	---	---	6	2	8
Totals	---	13	7	12	32

INFANTRY BN

	BN	Hq.	Support	3 Rifle	Total
	Hq.	Coy	Coy	Coy	Inf. Bn.
Carbines, Automatic, Beretta Cal. 9 Mod 38/A	---	6	10	10	48
Light Machine Guns, Breda Cal 6.5 Mod 30	---	3	8	7	32

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Pistols, Beretta, Cal. 9 Mod. 34	Rome Area
* Carbines Automatic Beretta, Cal. 9 Mod. 38/A	Rome Area

* The required amount of carbines, automatic, Beretta, (176 in all) will be available shortly on completion of servicing in Rome Artillery Depot.

4. Automatic Carbine Ammunition would be available on Guard Bn scale in Rome area. All other ammunition would be available on Guard Bn scale in Naples area. If amounts of ammunition for training are very large, shipments of certain types would have to be expedited from Sardinia.

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FILE: 50/32

DATE: 24/5

JOHN J. WARD,

1st Lt. CAC

Artillery Records

SUBJECT: Future of the "GARIBOLDI" Division

SECRET

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

File No. SD/41/3
21 March 45

TO : AFHQ, G-3(QRG) (3 copies)

1. The surviving elements of the "GARIBOLDI" Division have recently been repatriated from Yugoslavia, and have been inspected by officers from the Italian Ministry of War, and from my headquarters.

2. The personnel are good fighting soldiers with considerable battle experience, who have survived the rigors and casualties of several winter campaigns in Yugoslavia.

3. The Italian Ministry of War, and indeed the whole Italian Government, are particularly anxious to retain these soldiers as a separate unit with their famous "GARIBOLDI" title.

4. There is also the political aspect. These men received a tumultuous welcome on their repatriation in Southeast Italy last week, and it is considered that they will have a steady anti-Communist influence in the Army. There are approximately 3,000 of them between the 1914 and 1924 Classes, who are eligible for service, and who are most anxious and willing to join the Army to fight. It is thus for consideration how best to employ them.

5. They could possibly be employed as individual reinforcements for the Combat Groups but these are already catered for for some months ahead. They could be used as material for additional BR-ITI Guard Battalions. I consider that it would be far better to incorporate them into the BR-ITI Combat Force as an additional Infantry Regiment. As such these soldiers could quickly be trained in British methods and British equipment. The provision of British clothing and equipment would be comparatively small item. Such a Regiment might well be very valuable for use in various roles.

G.S.:-

- (a) To replace a tired or shattered regiment in a Combat Group,
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- (d) As a Regiment of Guard Battalions with considerable prestige,
- (e) In an individual role for a special task,
- (f) To form the nucleus of a sixth Combat Group, should it be possible to form such at any time in the future.

6. This proposal could be implemented as follows:-

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(a) Taking over the Italian Army barracks at VITERBO which has adequate accommodation and where the "GARIBOLDI" personnel would be close to and under the command and administration of the Combat Reinforcement Training Centre, CESANO. It is understood from G-4 British, AFHQ that these barracks will be partly vacated by the 25th Army Tank Brigade with effect from 31st March, and will be completely available by 10th April.

(b) Movement of personnel. Five per cent advance party as soon as possible; approximately 1,000 whose homes are in Liberated Italy as soon as movement can be completed, i.e., approximately two weeks; remainder as soon as 30 days repatriated leave has been completed, i.e., approximately 20th April.

(c) Provision of BR-ITI clothing, equipment and MT to the tune of the strength of an Infantry Regiment, i.e., 2,700. For easy reference, a copy of the W/E is attached at Appendix "A". In view of the fact that the 6th Combat Group has not been formed, I much hope you will agree to this comparatively small increase.

(d) A transfer of 2,000 from the BR-ITI Service Ceiling to the BR-ITI Combat Ceiling. This, together with the AFHQ Combat Reserve of 700, will exactly form a Regiment. The Reinforcements could be carried in the existing Combat Force reinforcement ceiling of 11,250. This would only reduce the overall reinforcement percentage for the whole Combat Force from 25% to 23%.

(e) An increase in "Tail" units is not asked for, as it is considered that from recent experience the existing "Tail" units could adequately cover this small commitment.

Both on military and political grounds I very strongly recommend the above. I should be grateful to have your decision at a very early date in order that I may make adequate plans in the comparatively short time remaining (30 days) before the whole 3,000 "GARIBOLDI" personnel are available for duty.

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Less Appendix "A"

d Brown
Major General
M. L. I. A.

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FROM: MMIA

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR
MMIA LO 52 AREA
AFHQ for G-4 (MOV)

DATE 21 APR 45

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MOVEMENT

INFO: MMIA LO 54 AREA

SD 2498CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT GARIBOLDI DIV PERSONNEL (.) SELECT

2700 NOW FOR VITERBO CAMP NOT CESSANO AS

STATED IN MMIA LETTER SD/41/3 DATED 18 MARCH 45 (.) - 30

REQUIRED TO MOVE TARANTO - VITERBO AS

FOLLOWS (.) FIRST (.) 5% ADV PARTY - TOTAL 100 - FORTHWITH

TO PREPARE ACCOMMODATION (.)

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TO REPORT VITERBO CAMP AFTER LEAVE (.)

FOURTH (.) MMIA LO SIGNAL TOTALS FOR PARA 2 AND

3 AND ARRANGE MOVE PARA ONE

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

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AUTHENTICATED K. L.

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WS

Subject :- Garibaldi Division.

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Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(R.M.I.A.)
c/o HQ 50 Area
AG/11

To : HQ RMLA.

19 March 42

In reply to your SD 2480 of 18 March.

1. Latest figures of volunteers for combat are as follows:-

Direct to GDSAMC 1990
Total to GDSAMC incl
those after leave 2802

Total is made up as follows :-

Infantry	706	Medic	91
Engineers	403	Supply	39
Artillery	832	Admin	2
Alpini	380	Veterinary	1
MT and Tks	53	Various	42

M.M.I.A.

FILE: 50/41/2

DATE: 21/3/45

2. (a) The soldiers of the Garibaldi Division are in an excellent state of health and remarkably tough. (They had to be in order to be able to say.)

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(c) Discipline is good - the best I have seen in Italian units - and will continue to be good if the men continue to be under command of their own officers.

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4. Arms have now all been handed in to the Divisione Artiglieria at TARANTO, and a list is being compiled. They were of many types, but few of them likely to be used in future combat.

5. If the Division were to remain a complete fighting formation it would have been put to its best use and would show itself to its best advantage. The men are keen to fight the German as the great majority have their homes still in German occupied territory.

Thurcell
(C.F. THURCELL) Major

Major C.F.

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TRANSLATION.

FROM: S.M.R.E.

REF: 14106/Mob.

SD/41/3

TO: M.M.I.A.

DATE: 17 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Troops of the GARIBALDI division
repatriated from the Balkans.

Further to Major BAUMANN's verbal request.

We communicate the following approximate data on the
troops of the GARIBALDI division, returned, or in the course
of returning, from the Balkans.

a) - Total of repatriates : 3,780

b) - Separation by ranks :

-Officers 120
-N.C.O.s 260
-O.R.s 3,400

c) - Separation by branch of the service :

-Infantry 2,100
-Artillery 1,300
-Engineers 380

d) - percentage not re-employable because of age, physical
unfitness etc. : 10% - 15% (400 - 500).

O. Danin Cpl.

Sgd. LIUZZI
Gen.

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MI - G
FILE: SD/41/3
DATE: 21 Mar

24 Mar
REP
5800

STATO MAGGIORE Esercito
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
- Sezione Mobilitazione -

SEGRETO

IN

N° 14106 Mob. di prot.

P.M. 3800, 11 17 marzo 1945

OGGETTO : militari della divisione GARIBALDI reduci dalla Balcania.

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. (M.M.I.A.) R O M A
e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Gabinetto P.M. 3800
(risposta fono a mano 206280/II del 14 marzo)

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Uff. Autonomo Reduci Prig. P.M. 3800

Seguito richiesta verbale del Magg. BAUMANN.

Si comunicano i seguenti dati approssimativi sui militari della divisione GARIBALDI rientrati ed in corso di rientro dalla Balcania :

a)- totale dei reduci : 3.780;

b)- ripartizione per grado :

- ufficiali	120
- sottuff.	260
- truppa	3.400

c)- ripartizione per arma :

- fanteria	2.100
- artigl.	1.300
- genio	380

d)- percentuale non reimpiegabile per anzianità, inidoneità fisica, ecc. : 10% ÷ 15% (400 ÷ 500).-



IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Giorgio Liuzzi)

Gliselli

SUBJECT: GARIBALDI Div.

SECRET

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

SD/41/3
18 March 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR.

Copy to: "F" BLU, RTC ICF.

MMIALO 52 Area.
MMIALO 64 Area.

In reply to your 11578/Ord dated 12 March 45.

1. Will you please instruct those personnel of the GARIBALDI Div, who are between the ages of 20 and 30 and are accepted into the present Italian Army, to report to ICF, RTC CESANO, where they will be accommodated at ORIOLO Camp. From your letter it appears that the strength will be between 1,500 and 2,000.
2. Every endeavour will be made to keep the men of GARIBALDI Div in one Unit and so preserve the good name of GARIBALDI. A letter is being addressed to AFHQ on this subject.
3. In the meantime will you please say :-
 - (a) How many men movement should be bid for at this time from TARANTO to CESANO.
 - (b) How many personnel will report after 30 days leave.

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Major General
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TRANSLATION

From; SMRE.

Ref 11378/Ord

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To; MMIA.

12/3/45

Subject; Repatriation of the Garibaldi Div.,
Further to conversation with Major BAUMANN.

SD/4/3
see file of

1.- Units of the Garibaldi Div., are arriving at the S. Andrea camp (Taranto) possessing only their personal arms. According to information received, the strength of these units make a total of approx., 4000 men.

Arrangements are being made at the camp to regulate the position of the various military. - Deducting the personnel to be discharged (belonging to old classes) and those to be sent to convalescent camps, we estimate to recover for re-employment 1500-2000 men.

2.- As already suggested it would be undesirable to lose the said elements, considering their magnificent bearing side by side with Marshal TITO's troops; it would be desirable to form from those suitable units to be employed, (after a suitable period of rest and reorganisation) a combatant unit retaining the the name of "Garibaldi".

3.- As many of the men have gone on leave (having families in liberated areas) it would be well to define now the following:

- To which camp should the men return on termination of their leave, as the original camp of S. Andrea is now being used as a movement and repatriation centre.

- Which units could be formed from the said elements.

On orders issued by the Chief of SM.

GD.

General; (Giorgio Liuzzi).

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Major Doherty.

This has I believe been agreed by G.S.D. Yes

Letter written 17/3 signed 18/3

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STATO MAGGIORE REALE ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Ordinamento

IN

n° 11578 /Ord. di prot.

P.M. 3800, 12 marzo 1945

OGGETTO: Rimpatrio della divisione "Garibaldi".-

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MLIA)
e, per conoscenza:

R O M A

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Gabinetto

P.M. 3800

Seguito conversazione con Maggiore Baumann.-

12/3

1.- Al campo di S.Andrea (Taranto) stanno affluendo i reparti della divisione "Garibaldi" col solo armamento individuale. Secondo le segnalazioni pervenute, la forza di tali reparti ammonta complessivamente a 4.000 uomini circa.-

Presso il campo viene provveduto a regolarizzare la posizione dei vari militari.- Dedotto il personale da congedare (perchè appartenente a classi anziane) e quello di inviare in luogo di cura, si prevede possano essere recuperati, per il reimpiego, 1500 - 2000 uomini.-

2.- Come già prospettato, sarebbe desiderabile non disperdere tali elementi, in considerazione del loro magnifico comportamento a fianco delle truppe del Maresciallo Tito, e costituire con essi reparti omogenei da impiegare, dopo un conveniente periodo di riposo e di riorganizzazione, come unità combattenti, conservando il nominativo di "Garibaldi".-

3.- Poichè molti di detti elementi saranno inviati in licenza (avendo la famiglia in territorio liberato) sarà bene definire sin d'ora :

- a quale campo essi dovranno affluire al termine della licenza stessa, dato che non potranno più ritornare al campo di S.Andrea che ha compiti di smistamento dei rimpatriati;
- quali reparti potranno essere costituiti con gli elementi di cui trattasi.-

Presi gli ordini dal Capo di S.M.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Giorgio Liuzzi)

Ghiubli

6-11 (1)
Sir, do you want this translated please?
Yes

Subject :- Order of Battle - GARIBALDI Div.

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

Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
c/o HQ 52 Area
AC/11

14 Mar 45

Further to my AC 177 of 13 March herewith att more
detailed order of battle of GARIBALDI Division. Two copies
are submitted.

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C. F. MURCELL
(C.F. MURCELL)
Major G.S. 5795
MMIA LO TARANTO.

SECRET

ORDINE DI BATTAGLIA DELLA VISIONE ITALIANA
"GARIBALDI"COMANDO : Ten. Colonnello Ravich : Carlo
Capo di S.M. : Maggiore Berio : Roberto

Capo Ufficio Operazioni e Servizi : Tenente Ferraris Luigi
 Dirigente Servizio Sanitario : Capitano Silven prof. A. Gustavo
 Capo Sezione Personale e Segreteria : S. Ten. Rigatelli Francesco
 Capo Sezione Ass. e Propaganda : Capitano Legnani Valdo
 Capellano : Tenente Capellano Contigiani Don Secondo
 Addetto all'Ufficio "I" : S. Ten. Sabalich Ernesto
 Ufficiale di Amministrazione : S. Ten. Gestro Stefano
 Ufficiale addetto ai servizi : Tenente Morelli Sergio

Forza totale Ufficiali : 10

REPARTO COMANDO E SCORTA

Comandante : Tenente Casella Salvatore
 Forza totale: Ufficiale: 1

Sottufficiali e truppa 132

COMANDO 1° BRIGATA DIVISIONE GARIBALDI

Comandante : Tenente Prestini Angelo
 Capo di S.M. : "A" Agredi Tito Livio

Forza totale : Ufficiali 8

Sottufficiali e truppa 57

IV Battaglione

Comandante : Tenente Panetti Franco

Forza totale : Ufficiali 5

Sottufficiali e truppa 138

V Battaglione

Comandante : Tenente Zecchinelli Angelo

Forza totale: Ufficiali 8

Sottufficiali e truppa 174

VI Battaglione

Comandante : Tenente Pireo Gino

Addeetto all'Ufficio VI : S. Ten. Sabalich Ernesto
 Ufficiale di Amministrazione : S. Ten. Gesto Steiano
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IV Battaglione

Comandante : Tenente Penetti Franco

Forza totale : Ufficiali 5
Sottufficiali e truppa 138

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V Battaglione

Comandante : Tenente Zecchinelli Angelo

Forza totale: Ufficiali 8
Sottufficiali e truppa 174

VI Battaglione

Comandante : Tenente Pineo Gino

Forza totale : Ufficiali 4
Sottufficiali e truppa 138

XI Battaglione

Comandante : Tenente Pellicciari Pasquale

Forza totale : Ufficiali 6
Sottufficiali e truppa 125

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Comando 2° BRIGATA DIVISIONE GARIBALDI

Comandante : Capitano Cestroni Carlo
 Capo di S.M. : Capitano Mannucci Lando

Forza totale : Ufficiali 9
 Sottufficiali e truppe 120

I Battaglione

Comandante : Tenente Misitano Domenico

Forza totale : Ufficiali 6
 Sottufficiali e truppe 237

II Battaglione

Comandante : Tenente Taddia Remo

Forza totale : Ufficiali 8
 Sottufficiali e truppe 237

IV Battaglione

Comandante : Tenente Matti Aurelio

Forza Totale : Ufficiali 8
 Sottufficiali e truppe 235

Comando

4° BRIGATA DIVISIONE GARIBALDI

Comandante : Capitano Zevattaro Ardizzi Piero
 Capo di S.M. : Tenente Morellini Renzo

Forza totale : Ufficiali 9
 Sottufficiali e truppe 92

I Battaglione

Comandante : S.Ten. Messina Gaetano

Forza totale : Ufficiali 2
 Sottufficiali e truppe 282

II Battaglione

Comandante : Tenente Gusmerini Francesco

Forza totale : Ufficiali 6
Sottufficiali e truppa 237

II Battaglione

Comandante : Tenente Taddia Remo

Forza totale : Ufficiali 8

Sottufficiali e truppa 237

IV Battaglione

Comandante : Tenente Mattii Aurelio

Forza Totale : Ufficiali 8

Sottufficiali e truppa 235

42^a BRIGATA DIVISIONE GARIBOLDI

Comando

Comandante : Capitano Zavattaro Argizzi Piero
Capo di S.M. Tenente Morellini Renzo

Forza totale : Ufficiali 9

Sottufficiali e truppa 92

I Battaglione

Comandante : S.Ten. Messina Gaetano

Forza totale : Ufficiali 12

Sottufficiali e truppa 282

II Battaglione

Comandante : Tenente Gusmerini Francesco

Forza totale : Ufficiali 4

Sottufficiali e truppa 276

III Battaglione

Comandante S.Ten. Dutto Bartolomeo Mario

Forza totale : Ufficiali 5

Sottufficiali e truppa 276

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I Battaglione Genio

Comandante : Capitano Prudenza Lello

Forze totale : Ufficiali 3
 Sottufficiali e truppe 150

II Battaglione

Comandante : Tenente Fiumi Guido

Forze totale : Ufficiali 7
 Sottufficiali e truppe 222

Ospedale Divisionale

Direttore : Capitano medico Lodi Prof. Gaetano
 Capellano : Tenente Capellano Prandoni Cam Paolo Leone

Forza totale : Ufficiali 2
 Sottufficiali e truppe 41

Ricoverti presso altri ospedali : 98

Battaglione complementi

(personale della Divisione Garibaldi)

Comandante : Tenente Peyronel Enrico

Forza totale : Ufficiali 3
 Sottufficiali e truppe 61

Reverto in arrivo della JugoslaviaGruppo Artiglieria

Comandante : Capitano De Nardin Sergio

Forza totale : Ufficiali 8
 Sottufficiali e truppe 330

Riepilogo : = Totale complessivo forze : Ufficiali 116

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Forza suddivisa per armi (dati approssimativi)

Artiglieria : 1.000
 Fanteria : 2.000
 Genio : 500

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