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GERMAN P.O.W. INTERNEESPROVISION OF GUARDS FOR

May 25, 1945 - Sept. 10, 1945

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FNGOT
 TO : DISTWO
 DISTHREE
 INFO: MIA
 REF: PX 41979

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IMMEDIATE

PARA 1 (*) FOR DISTWO (*)

SUB PARA A (*) ESTIMATE PW AND SEP COMMITMENTS NOW UNDERTAKEN
 218 SPECIAL AREA WILL BE REPLACED BY 1 OCTOBER TO APPROX 25000
 IN CAMPS AT RIMINI AIRFIELD WITH 14000 SEP REPLACEMENTS
 HELD SEPARATELY ANCONA (*)

SUB PARA B (*) REQUEST INFO WHAT TROOPS YOU CAN RELEASE FROM THIS
 COMMITMENT AND PROGRAMME EARLIER RELEASE IF FEASIBLE (*)

PARA 2 (*) FOR DISTHREE (*) TROOPS RELEASED AS
 ABOVE WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO YOUR COMMAND AS REPLACEMENTS THESE
 COYS 501 GUARD BN AND 504, 514 AND 521 BNS

SD DISTRIBUTION:

Action: SD/54/3

Info ; A
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 SD/13/2
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jv 10 Sep 45

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This already released
 to Rome Jan 46
 B 10/1.

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FROM: DISTHREE
 TO : 56 AREA
 227 Italian Adm Div
 INFO: MOV NAPLES
 MIA
 AFHQ (G-3 ORG AMO)
 AFHQ (G-3 OPS)
 REF : 00 784

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UNCLASSIFIED

IMPORTANT

REF AFHQ PK 30478 OF 31 JUL NOT TO ALL (*)
 EFFECTIVE FORTHWITH 506 ITALIAN GD BN (EX US-ITI) ALLOTTED
 TO THIS HQ IS PLACED UNDER OP COMD 56 AREA ADM COMD
 227 ITALIAN DIV (*)
 FOR 56 AREA (*) ENSURE (A) INCREASED ALLOTMENT OF GDS TO
 16 RAD AND (B) PROVISION OF GDS FOR GERMAN LAB UNITS ETA
 LA PICCIOLA 10 AUG (*)
 SPOKE WATSON - YKINNER THIS DATE (*)
 MY 00 785 AND SD 787 BOTH OF THIS DATE AND NEITHER TO ALL
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FROM: APH Q SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGCT

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TO : PENBASE
DISTWO
DISTHREE
PENSOUTH
POW COMMAND 88 DIV
MMIA
DISTONE
HQ TRAIN GUARD CONTROL

RESTRICTED

INFO: PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO
MTOUBA

REF : FX 30478

506, 507, ITALIAN GUARD BATTALION WILL PASS FROM UNDER COMMAND

P B S TO UNDER BRITISH CONTROL EFFECTIVE 1 AUGUST (*)

PARA 1 (*) 506 ITALIAN GUARD BATTALION WILL MOVE FROM NAPLES
TO DISTHREE AREA UNDER ARRANGEMENTS DISTHREE -
- PENSOUTH (*)

PARA 2 (*) 507 ITALIAN GUARD BATTALION PRESENT LOCATION LEGHORN
AREA WILL MOVE UNDER ARRANGEMENT DISTWO BY ROAD SOONEST TO
ANCONA TO UNDER OPERATIONAL COMMAND HEADQUARTERS TRAIN GUARD
CONTROL LOCAL ADMINISTRATION DISTONE (*)

PARA 3 (*) INSTRUCTIONS WILL FOLLOW REGARDING FUTURE ROLE OF 508,
509 ITALIAN GUARD BATTALIONS

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ACTION: SD/13/1

INFO : G/107/1

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COPY INCIDENT SIGNAL

FROM: ALCON GITE ACPEH

ST NPT

TO : AFHQ FOR C-1 BRITISH

INFO: AFHQ FOR MEDICAL SECTION BRITISH
FOR LT COLONEL WILLIAMS

IN CLEAR

REF : 2612

IMPORTANT

SUBJECT IS HOSPITAL PERSONNEL, REFERENCE YOUR SD/2032

DATED 25 JULY (.)

REQUEST MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL OF 92 FIELD HOSPITAL,
230, 232, 575, 586 EVACUATION HOSPITALS and 44 F S U
TO M E R A N O IMMEDIATELY FOR STAFFING OF
HOSPITALS FOR REPARIATED PRISONERS

Copy to: MMIA (By hand)

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Action: A
Info: SD/12/1
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WS 23 July 45

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Telephone Conversation

1000 hrs 26 July 45

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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. Cmd.

Re-allocation of 507 Gd Bn to 3 District has already been authorized
by Ops 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 these deficiencies.

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G/107/1

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FROM: PENBASE CITE HPLND AND SPECT

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TO : MTOUSA

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INFO: 5th ARMY
MIA
PENSOUTH

REF : 8882

SD/12 - 4029.

I T I - I T I 507 GUARD BATTALION IS SUBJECT
PENBASE RADIO 6991 TO MTOUSA DATED
6 JUNE 1945, AND MTOUSA CABLE PX 94539, CITE
NAGCT, 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 PISA-LEGHORN-FLORENCE
SUBCOMMAND OF THE PRISONER OF WAR COMMAND, MTOUSA THAT
THE SERVICES OF THE 507 GUARD BATTALION ARE NOT NEEDED (*)
RECOMMEND THAT PRISONER OF WAR COMMAND, MTOUSA 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

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ACTION: SD/13/2

INFO: G/107/1

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Jv 26 Jul 45

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File 6/107/1

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AG (MMIA)
Rome
SD/4/3/ *[initials]*
20 July 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : Colonel Harris

1. Your Section will receive an ALCOM study covering the proposed use of German POWs by the Italians for mine clearance.
2. The plan calls for the Italian Army to provide the guard for the German POWs.
3. At this time there are 966 ITI-ITI attached to ALCOM for mine clearance work. If the Germans can be used, it appears that this 966 ITI-ITI personnel could be used as the guards, as their present work on mine clearance would be taken over by the Germans. This would not increase the present ITI-ITI allotment to ALCOM for mine clearance.

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(K)
C. P. KERR
Colonel, Infantry

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FROM: DISTONE

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TO : MAIN 8 ARMY
201 SUB AREA

CONFIDENTIAL

INFO: AFHQ CITE FIDOT

REAR 8 ARMY

E-8 MOVIE

56 BLU

MMIA

214 SUB AREA ; PW INCR 21 TK BDE; 71 SUB AREA.

REF : SD 46

REF MAIN 8 ARMY SD 2299 OF 26 MAY (*)

MANTOVA COMBAT GP MOVING SHORTLY TO AREA

RIMINI (*) REQUEST 318 ITALIAN PD BAKERY BE

MOVED TO THAT AREA WITH REF AHEAD TO 214 SUB AREA

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Action copy: SD/7/1

Info : G/105/1
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KEY INDICATING SIGNAL

FROM : MAIN RIGHT ARMY
 TO : HQ 2ND AREA
 INFO : AREA
 SS HW
 DISTANCE
 AREA
 MAIN RIGHT ARMY

SS 1720 E
 CONFIDENTIAL

REF : SS 2ND

IN CONJUNCTION ST MAIN RIGHT ARMY
 MOVE S18 ITALIAN PD REE
 OCCUPY TO UNDER SP GORD AREA LOCAL
 ADM DISTANCE AT EADDE FOR
 MANROVA COMBAT OF

NO DISSEMINATION

ACTION : 22/7/1

INFO : 1 A
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IN 22 May 45.

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : WHIA
TO : MINISTRY OF WAR
REF : SD 2714

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Date ¹⁰¹⁵ Time
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24th
REF 1200 HRS MAY MANTOVA COMBAT GP CAME
UNDER OPERATIONAL COMD DISTOEE AS GDS
FOR SURRENDERED ENEMY PERSONNEL

Internal: ~~SECRET~~

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ORBAT

File: *E/105/1*

30/25/5/1944

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Authenticated *[Signature]*

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FROM : FREEDOM sgd SACMED cite FHGCT

TO : DISTONE

INFO : 15th ARMY GP
MAIN 8th ARMY
REAR 8th ARMY
MMIA
5th ARMY

REF : FX 81130

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IMMEDIATE

REF OUR FX 81046 OF 24 MAY NOT TO MAIN 8 ARMY ADDRESSED
MAIN 5 ARMY IN ERROR (.)

1 (.) REF PARA 2 (.) FOR 2 GUARD BDE READ 2 CDO BDE (.)

2 (.) FOR MAIN 8 ARMY FOLLOWING IS PARAPHRASE ABOVE

SIGNAL BEGINS (.)

(A) M AN T O V A ITAL COMBAT GP COMES UNDER
OPERATIONAL COMD D I S T O N E AS GOS FOR SURRENDERED
ENEMY PERSONNEL (.)

(B) IT IS PROBABLE THAT 2 CDO BDE WILL REVERT TO COMD
AFHQ FIRST WEEK JUNE (.) END

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Info : SD/44

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GSO 4 (X)

GSO 5 (X)

GSO 6 (X)

GSO 7 (X)

GSO 8 (X)

MMIA

5th ARMY

REF : FX 81130

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SEO 9 (X)

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FROM : FREEDOM SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGCT 240316 B
 TO : DISTONE CONFIDENTIAL
 INFO : 15 ARMY GROUP IMMEDIATE
 MAIN FIFTH ARMY
 REAR EIGHTH ARMY
 MMIA
 REF : FX 81046

1 (*) WEF 241200B MAY M A N T O V A ITALIAN
 COMBAT GROUP COMES UNDER OPERATIONAL COMD
 D I S T O N E AS GUARDS FOR SURRENDERED ENEMY
 PERSONNEL (*)
 2 (*) IT IS PROBABLE THAT 2 COMANDO BDE WILL
 REVERT TO COMD A F H Q FIRST WEEK JUNE

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