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LIAISON OFFICE
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (LMTA)
% U.S. NOB PALERMO

FILE : ST/97

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29 June 1945

SUBJECT: Strength State

TO : G.O.C., Land Forces Sub Commission AC (LMTA), ROME.

Reference your G/11/1 dated 2 Sept 44, and your ST/40/3 dated 6 April 45. Please find enclosed herewith semi-monthly strength state of Italian Armed Forces in Sicily.

Homer E Longo
HOMER E LONGO
Major QMC
L O Sicily

1 Incl.

Strength State ITI Armed Forces, Sicily as at 21 June 45.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: AMIA
TO : COMUS PALERMO
Q-281

Date - Time
may 22 1150 B

CONFIDENTIAL

FOR AMIA LO (.) REF YOUR ST/82-1 DATED 21 MAY (.) MONTHLY
RATION CHILLING FOR ARMY, NAVY, COER AND AIR FORCE SICILY
HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED

attached

PRECEDENCE

Priority

AUTHENTICATION

J.P. Fayard

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INCOMING MESSAGE

FROM: MMIA LO SICILY (LONG)

May 21 0749B

TO : HQ ALCOM FOR MMIA ROME

ST/82-1

RESTRICTED

MONTHLY RATION CEILING FOR ARMY, NAVY, CORR AND AIR FORCE

SICILY HAS NOT (LONG MMIA LO SICILY TO HQ ALCOM FOR MMIAROME CITE ST/82-1) BENN RECEIVED FOR 2 - 3 MONTHS (.) HAS

GIVING OF THIS INFORMATION BEEN DISCONTINUED QUERY

Yes

discontinued

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PALERMO.

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SUBJECT: Ration withdrawal for CG.RR - Sicily

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
Q/1/12-4
21 May 1945

TO : Direz. Gen. Commissariato
Ministry of War

Reference your 9353/S/1, subject, "Ration drawing",
dated 16 May 1945.

1. This is to inform you that CG.RR in Palermo, Messina,
or other parts of Sicily are not authorized to accumulate rations.
Rations will not be issued for the purpose of building a reserve
for some future date.

Tommy T. Rose
TOMMY T. ROSE, Lt. Col.
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

EPZ/ri

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Translation.

From; M.of W.
To ; MMIA.
Subject; Ration drawing.

Ref; 9353/S/1.
16/5/45.

The Palermo Mil. Terr., Commissariat, Dir., has pointed out to this ministry, that ~~through~~ the frequent disturbances that occur in Sicily the dependant CC.RR. stations of the Legion of Palermo and Messina, are very often not in a position to effect the normal drawing of rations.

In order to avoid this inconvenience, and to put the CCRR stations in a position to overcome the difficulties relative to the drawing of rations should these disturbances be repeated, we beg you to examine the possibility of authorising the accumulation of five days reserve rations at least, in each CC.RR. station on the Island.

GD.

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SUBJECT: Ration withdrawal for CC.RR - Sicily

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
9/1/12-4
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TOMMY T. ROSE, Lt. Col.
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

EPZ/r1

[Signature]
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SUBJECT: Issue of rations to the Italian Air Force

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
Q/2/12-2
23 March 1945

TO : MMIA LO Sicily

Ref. to your weekly Liaison Log No. 45 for week
ending 7 March 1945.

1. In connection with the issue of rations to the Italian Air Force, our letter Q/2/12-1 of 19 March 1945 will be complied with in so far as possible, but in no instance will rations be issued to an Italian Army Depot for re-distribution to Italian units on other than the authorized prescribed scale.
2. Small detachments of outlying units may have their rations drawn by the next higher unit in their echelon of command. As you know, rations may be issued to Divisions, Regiments, Battalions, Companies, or separate detachments.
3. You will please check this item very closely, until we are sure that all Italian Air Force units are drawing from Army depots, and that all Air Force depots in your area have been closed.

Tommy T. Roome
TOMMY T. ROOME, Lt. Col.
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

TTR/r1
Copy to: Q/53/1

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SUBJECT: Drawing of Rations

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
2/2/12-1
19 March 1945

TO : MMIA LO Sicily

Ref. the 1st. Ind. to your ST/31 of 16 March 1945

1. The personnel in question belonging to the CC.RR, also Air and Navy who are attached to Intelligence IAI (old SIM) are not to be carried on the strength of the CC.RR, but have been transferred to Intelligence IAI, and carried in Category 5.
2. The personnel in question may draw rations from the Army distribution depots as a detachment of the 808 CS Bn., shown on page 52, Order of Battle dated 9 March 1945, our SD 92/1. As it will be noted from the Order of Battle, this detachment's location is shown as Rome, but they will have various detachments assigned to various locations. Therefore, this accounts for the detachments parent organization's location shown as Rome.
3. Hope this clarifies the matter for you, but if some is not clear, please feel free to call on us further.

Tommy T. Rose
TOMMY T. ROSE, Lt. Col.
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

TTR/ri

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Subject: Drawing of Rations.
To: M.M.I.A., I.O. Sicily.

The CC.M. G.H.Q. has given instructions, in Cable shown above, to the Palermo, Messina and Catanzaro CC.M. Legions to drop all the officers, N.O.O.s and Men of the Stato Maggiore Generale, "I" (Informations) Office, from the Feeding Strength Report for the period 8-24 c.m. to be sent to the Allies.

This Centre, which depends from the 2nd Section of the said office and comes under the Allied H.Q. as the 303 th C.S. En, has a total of about 60 Military of various ranks (the number oscillates because of transfers and new assignments, but in any case they do not go over the 60 mark), of whom 45 are in Sicily and 15 in Calabria.

The personnel in Sicily is detached at Palermo, Catania, Messina, Trapani, Siracusa and Augusta; in Calabria at Cosenza and Reggio Calabria.

Since the a/m order of the CC.M. G.H.Q. states that the personnel of this Centre can no longer draw Rations from the Palermo, Messina and Catanzaro CC.M. Legions and taking into account the fact that it is not opportune that Rations be drawn from Army Units, for Security reasons because of the Secret Service work carried out, we ask your Sub Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.) to kindly authorize the said detachments of this Centre to draw Rations directly from the nearest Italian Distribution Depots.

Sgt Menlio GIORDANO, Major, CC.M., C.C. Centre.

No.ST/31

1st Ind.

Liaison Office, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMIA), % AC Sicily
Region Hq. APO 394, U.S. Army. 16 March 194

SUBJECT: Drawing of Rations

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
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Q/2/12-1
19 March 1945

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for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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MESSAGE FORM

053
02/12Date - Time
Feb '9 1530

FROM: NMIA

TO: ALCOM SICILY

AR-2761

CONFIDENTIAL

FOR NMIA LO (.)

RATION STRENGTH FOR ITALIAN NAVY IN SICILY FOR PERIOD 21 FEBRUARY
TO 5 MARCH IS 4,811 (.) FOR YOUR INFORMATIONPRECEDENCE SecretAUTHENTICATION Base

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M of W

Ref 771/S/15

TO MMIA for Info

Date Jan 22, 45

Subject: Rations for the PANTELLERIA detachment.

We hereby approve the withdrawal of 690 rations for the PANTELLERIA detachment which has already been effected.

For MMIA, we add that said withdrawal does not increase the strength in as much as the War Establishment of said garrison was formed by military once fed by units located in SICILY

PELLIGRA

SUBJECT:- Ration Maintenance SICILY.

Direz. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

LO

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MIA).

TARANTO

MARI

NAPLES

SICILY

Copy to:- A/Q

MOY

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.E.I.A.).
ST/102/11

17 Jan 45.

1. Inclusive dispatch from Taranto Bulk Depot 29 January
a daily pack train will operate for the maintenance of Italian
troops in Sicily.

2. Balanced rations for dispatch each day based on feeding
strength of 24,000 will be as follows:-

COMMODITYQUANTITY IN POUNDS

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<u>COMMODITY</u>	<u>QUANTITY IN POUNDS</u>
Flour	18,300
P. Meat	4,500
Pulses	3,000
Tom Paste	750
Macaroni	4,500
Cheese	1,500
Rice	1,500
Pepper	75
Coffee	750
Sugar	1,500
Cigarettes	120,000 Singles
Matches	137,143 "
	approx 36,300 lbs

TOTAL TONNAGE FOR DISPATCH EACH DAY = 164

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3. Wagons will be consigned to Italian Ration Depot CATANIA

- 2 -

Depot Toronto starting inclusive January 23.

SWC/no

John Darn
for L.L. PERCYVAL.
 Lt. Col., RASC.
 ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MPTA)

Copy to: JBLA LO BURY

RAILS

for information. You may be required to
 dispatch this pack should it be impossible
 at any time for Toronto to do so. In this
 event you will be notified by this HQ.

at any time for Taranto to do so. In this event you will be notified by this HQ.

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TRANSLATION.

SERIAL No

Translated by:

Tom [signature]

Date

: 5 Jan 45

FROM: War Ministry Commissariato

Ref No

: 15272/S/1

Date

: 4 Jan. 45

NO : 1511

(Info / Action)

In reply to : AQ/2419 dated 29 Dec. 44

SUBJECT: Food rations.

We assure you to have signalled all Regional HQ and
Commissariat Directorates to comply strictly with
the instructions that forbid the collection of
Military Food Rations for personnel not authorised.

for THE GENERAL DIRECTOR OF COMMISSARIAT
signed Col. P. Basile

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COPY
OF
TRANSLATION

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FROM: Ministry of War

REF. 14970/S/1

TO: MMIA

Date Dec. 29, 1944

SUBJECT: Rations for Sicilian volunteers destined to
Combat Groups.

Ref. SD/1849 dated Nov. 26, 1944.

The Commissariat Directorate of SICILY has reported that the local MMIA office does not know the instructions, given with the a/m Signal, concerning the consignment of rations, required for the feeding of Sicilian volunteers for Combat Groups, which were to be furnished from Separate stocks by Col. Albert.

As the first Group will start to report on Jan. 5, please send urgent instructions in regard to this to the MMIA office in SICILY or let us know if this Ministry must take care of feeding said volunteers in order to enable us to order the necessary shipments from the mainland.

Sgd. PELLIGRA

Q
Rations despatched to
Sicily for the call up
will be sufficient to
deal with the small
number of volunteers.

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Dealt with.

[Signature]
2 Jan 45.

IMLIA

DISTHREE

~~83/418~~ AQ 2419

CONFIDENTIAL

Reference ALCOM signal 8329 dated 17 Dec copy to you (.) Consider
MONTEGRANERO Battalion should move with 10 days repeat 10 days rations (.)
Please arrange (.)

OK
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per 30

G.
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IMLIA

Important
B. H. Venable Lt:Col

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FILE

AQ/2/12

17/12/44

FROM: HQ ALCON

TO : AFHQ G-3 and G-5

INFO: HQ AAI
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MMIA
SOVET

8329CONFIDENTIAL

PARA ONE (.) REFERRED OUR 8309 OF 16 DECEMBER (.)
PARA TWO (.) IT HAS BEEN AGREED BY MMIA AND PUBLIC SAFETY
ALLIED COMMISSION AND THE GENERAL COMMAND OF CARABINIERI
THAT THE MONTICARANERO BATTALION WILL MOVE TO PALERMO (.)
PLEASE ARRANGE FOR 30 OFFICERS AND 600 MEN AND 30 TONS OF
BAGGAGE TO MOVE FROM TRINAMO TO PALERMO AND 6 OFFICERS AND
166 MEN AND 20 TONS OF BAGGAGE FROM JESI TO PALERMO (.) THEY
WILL REPORT TO THE LEGION COMMANDER CARABINIERI IN PALERMO (.)
PLEASE NOTIFY PUBLIC SAFETY ALLIED COMMISSION OF EXPECTED
TIME OF ARRIVAL IN PALERMO

PRECEDENCE PRIORITY

WB

SD DIST.: SD/13/3
SD/23

COPY
MESSAGE FORM

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FROM: MMIA

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TO : AFHQ

AQ/2375

CONFIDENTIAL

For Q Maint (.) Subject is maintenance of Italian troops in SICILY (.) Supplies programmed for movement by rail BARI - SICILY now held up due breaks in line (.) SICILY maintenance thus endangered as large stocks NOT held there (.) Small stopgap shipments arranged by sea and road to meet first stages of call ups now starting but urgently request sea transport BARI PALERMO 310 tons mixed supplies be allocated soonest (.) Also request sea transport 35 tons blankets BARI PALERMO urgently needed for call up (.) Understand vessel available BARI 16 Dec (.)

PRECEDENCE: IMMEDIATEAUTHENTICATION : B.L. PERCEVAL Lt.Col

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MMIA

HQ REGION ONE ACC FOR ALBERT

AQ 1861

RESTRICTED

PAREN HOME AREA _____ PAREN

REF YOUR 690/1 (*) AFHQ LETTER AG 319.22 OCT-0 OF 10 JULY LIMITS
145 GROUP TO 150 ALL RANKS (*) 73AA BRIGADE INCLUDED IN DISTRIBUTION
OF THIS AFHQ LETTER (*) OUR ORDER ISSUED IN COMPLIANCE THEREWITH
AND STANDS (*)

10 1030 B

ARMY FORM C2186 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 254

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNAL'S USE ONLY			
FROM (A)	Originator	Date-Time of Origin	OFFICE DATE STAMP
ALBERT MMIA LO SICILY		07 NPT	MM - A. A. 1
TO	MAIN HQ MMIA ROME	For Action	FILE REF
	(W) For Information (INFO)		Date Recd 8/9/44
			Message Instructions - GR -

Originator's No.

690/1 (.) Restricted (.) Ref letter No. 185..73 AA Bde dated 30 August 44 and our
 indorsement No. 690 dated 1 Sep 44 thereto (.) Authority to form 145 AA Group
 was from AFHQ letter AG 370 (.) 5-1 (Iti) OCT-0 of 26 May 44 (.) 73 AA Bde
 received NO instructions regarding reduction to 150 to date (.) Rations issued to
 150 effective 1 Sept (.) Request instructions expedited

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO ORIGINATOR

SUBJECT: Strength of Italian Army.

S E C R E T

Army Sub Commission, MMIA.
H.Q., A.C.C.

ROME.

G/6/P/F
15 Aug 44.

To: Minister for War
Chief of Staff, S.M.R.E.

1. I am to advise you that the total strength of the Italian Army on 31 Aug 1944, will not be in excess of 364,000 all ranks. The principal categories for the purpose of present planning are shown at Appx. "A". (Categories are numbered in brackets for reference, and such numbers will hereafter be shown on strength and other returns of the Italian Army.)

2. Administrative Installations - Category 1

- a. Normally under Italian command.
- b. Includes troops for administration, supply etc., as specified in letter this Hq, AQ/8 dated 29th July.
- c. Limitations prescribed in letter, this Hq, AQ/2 dated 23rd. June, apply to following units:

War Ministry
GRANATIERI Battalion acting as guard and escort of Royal Household.
Royal Military Academy.
Comando Supremo (SMG) less SMI units carried under Category (5c.)
- d. The ceiling of 27,000 will not be exceeded, and will include personnel assigned to the units under this category who are absent for any reason from the unit to which assigned.
- e. Information Centres (formerly Transit Camps) on Mainland only, maximum of 3 all ranks per Centre in 27 Centres.

3. Combat Formations - Category (2)

- a. The ceiling includes all troops, detachments, or individuals, assigned to or earmarked for inclusion in Combat Formations, including C.I.L. as presently constituted.

inclusion in this category will be earmarked for

- b. Allied Garrison SARDINIA - Category (3a.)
This is the 205 Div now organized in SARDINIA, with a total strength of 9,000 all ranks. This strength will be maintained.

- c. British Command - Category (3a.)

Includes troops now assigned to:

A.F.H.Q.
A.A.I.
EIGHTH ARMY.
POLCORPS.
1 District.
2 District.
3 District.

5. AI & CD - Category (4)

Includes all AI & CD as shown in this H.Q. letter, G/3 of 4 Aug.

6. Internal Security Troops - Category (5)

- a. A.C.C. - Category (5a)

Includes units presently under command A.C.C., less 13 and 164 Mine Clearance Companies which are on temporary loan to A.C.C. and which will be absorbed into Category 2.

- b. Guard Battalions - Category (5b.)

18 Guard Battalions - strength 800 all ranks -

will be included under category (5g.) As these battalions will generally be under Allied Operational Command, the function of the Regimental Hq will be administrative only, and the assignment of battalions to regiments will vary according to the actual location of the battalions.

c. SIM - Category (5c)

- (1) Includes all elements of SIM under Allied command including personnel from Army, Navy, Air Force, CO.FF, all of which will be incorporated in Army.
- (2) Exact instructions will be given later affecting this organisation.

d. Two Divisions - SICILY - Category (5d.)

- (1) See Appendix "C" for organisation of Garrison in SICILY.
- (2) Each Division to be organised in accordance with Appendix "B" from elements of present SARAUDE Div.
- (3) Surplus specialist personnel can be transferred to Mainland for inclusion in other categories, within the ceiling. Surplus personnel not transferred to other categories will be demobilised.

e. One Division SARDINIA - Category (5e.)

- (1) See Appendix "D" for organisation of Garrison in SARDINIA.
- (2) Division to be organised in accordance with Appendix "B" from elements of present CALABRIA Div and will include personnel of the:

Port Security Battalion, CAGLIARI.
236 Inf Regiment.

f. Internal Security Troops - Category (5f.)

ARMY FORM C.212B

MESSAGE FORM

CALL
AND
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TIONS

IN

OUT

No. of Group
OR

Serial No.

Office Date Stamp

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO

COLONEL ALBERT MIA LO SICILY

4 SEPT. 1944

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

FROM

MIA

CONFIDENTIAL (.) REFERENCE YOUR 696/2 (.) THIS IS YOUR AUTHORITY TO RELEASE
 RATIONS FOR ISSUES TO THE 508 ITALIAN LINE SECTION NOT TO EXCEED 2 OFFICERS AND
 87 MEN (.)

Military H.Q. of Sicily, Commissary H.Q.,
1st Section.

Strength return , strength rationed on August 21, 1944.

Depot	: Army : CC.RR.	: Gr Units	: Air Force	: Navy	: Total
Palermo D.D.	3364	4999	513	750	9626
Caltanissetta D.D.	502	2608	---	---	3110
Catania D.D.	930	2150	468	3712	7260
Enna D.D.	545	719	---	---	1264
Messina D.D.	1069	1373	---	595	3037
Syracuse D.D.	731	1132	---	---	1863
Total	7141	12981	981	5057	26160

Agreed corrections
with SMC figures
G.P. 5/9.

OK 3/9
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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM: MMIA

TO : MMIA LO SICENT

DATE: DEC. 25. 1937. B.

ST/307 SEXTICTAD (.) HUPER OUR ST/33/3 12 AUG (.)
 RATIONS WILL BE DESPATCHED FROM BAPI NOT RFT NOT
 TARANTO (.)

This message may be sent by any
 means except wireless.

1 to Bureau Dept.

Degree of Priority

Routine.

INTERNAL

Copy to:- "AQ" MMIA. Nov LO MMIA.

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