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TRANSLATIONUFFICIO DEL COMMISSARIO MILITARE IPFICO
5 TERRITORIAL COMMAND - UDINE

File No.: 83/QdI

12 Aug. 46.

SUBJECT: - Horses of Italian Army held by 13 Corps.

TO : - 5 B.L.U. - UDINE

for info: War Ministry - Ispecc. Serv. Ip. & Vet. -
: Add. Office - 5 Terr. Comd
: Serv. Office - 5 Terr. ComdROMA
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The undersigned Military Commissioner Ipico of 5 Terr. Comd. and Chief of Nucleo Mobile Recupero Quadrupedi, has ascertained that in the various meetings held by Allied Units of 13 Corps at ALBIO, TRIVISO and PALLANOVIA, many of the horses had brands which show that they are Italian Army property and also has known that horses with same brands have been sold, and have also been butchered.

I have informed the War Ministry and received the appended letter with the enclosed list.

We would therefore be very grateful if this B.L.U. could issue dispositions so that this Command and Nucleo Recupero Quadrupedi are able to follow the destiny of all listed horses, in order to have them at disposition when the Allied Authority will give them back to the Italian Administration as per letter 1355 of 27 MAR 46 and letter AQ/6/165 of 21 MAY 46 of 5 B.L.U. (sent by 5 Terr. Comd with his folio 7273/6/9/6 dated 27 May 46).

We would be also very grateful if dispositions could be issued as soon as possible, please, and we point out the opportunity of handing over at the present moment a part of horses to Nucleo Recupero Quadrupedi which has to provide for Depositi Lancieri "Vittorio Emanuele II" 20 riding horses for Officers (Ref. letter 1328/11/1 of 26 MAY 46 of War Ministry).

G. MASSETTI ZANINI, Lt-Col.
Military Commander.

TRANSLATION

M. M. I. A.

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12 Jul. 46SUBJECT:- Italian Army Horses.-

WAR MINISTRY

1. Copy of list of all horses belonging to Italian Army held now by Vet. and Remound Branch of HQ. 13 Corps, is herewith appended.-
2. This Command is doing its best in order to avoid the troubles risen during the past times, ~~that~~ in the sale of horses to civilians. It has been ascertained that about 600 horses from various sources have been released to A.M.G. by Vet. and Remound Branch at Palmanova.-
3. We have no documentation that horses with the Savoy Cross brand have been released to A.M.G. but A.M.G. will give a list of all horses and their owner at the present/time. The War Ministry will therefore be able to make all enquiries it wants to do.

Sgd: BYATT, Maj.
for Maj. General M.M.I.A.

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WGC/t.

SUBJECT:- Horses of Italian Army Origin.

5 British Liaison Unit.
Tel.: 1555

AQ/73/29

14 Aug 46.

Ufficio del Commissario Militare Ispice
5 Italian Territorial Command.

Ref your 83 di Prot. C.M.I. dated 12 August 46, will
you please read GHQ, CEF's latest directive on a/m subject
which was attached to our AQ/73/24 dated 2 Aug. 46.

Major.
DAA & QMG.

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UFFICIO DEL COMISSARIO MILITARE IPI JO
COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE I UDINE

N. 83 di prot. C.M.M. Italian Army Udine, li 12 agosto 1940
Cavalli dell'Esercito Italiano in possesso del 13° Corps.-

AL S. L. U. DI
e, per conoscenza :

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA- Ispett. Serv. Ip. e Vet.- R O M A
AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE -Ufficio Add.- U D I N E
AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE -Ufficio Serv.- U D I N E

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Il sottoscritto che disimpegna la carica di Commissario Militare Ippico del Comando Militare Territoriale di Udine e di Capo del Nucleo Mobile Recupero Quadrupedi, ha riscontrato nelle varie riunioni tenute dai Reparti Alleati del 13° Corps ad Aiello e a Treviso, nonché a Palmanova, che molti cavalli partecipanti portavano i contrassegni che testimoniano la loro appartenenza alle Forze Armate Italiane ed è venuto a conoscenza che dall'Autorità Alleata sono stati alienati ai civili e anche macellati cavalli con gli stessi contrassegni.-

Informato di ciò il competente Ministero della Guerra ha ricevuto l'unita lettera ~~xxxxxxx~~ con l'allegato elenco.

Si sarebbe pertanto grati a codesto Ufficio se si compiesse dare disposizioni affinché l'Ufficio scrivente ed il Nucleo Recupero Quadrupedi potessero seguire le sorti di tutti i cavalli elencati sul già citato specchio, al fine di poterne subito disporre non appena l'Autorità Alleata ne curerà la restituzione all'Autorità Militare Italiana come è dato nel foglio 1355 del 27 marzo 1940 e foglio n° A2/51/165 del 21/5/40 - del VP BRITISH LIAISON UNIT C.M.F. (trasmesso dal Comando Militare Territoriale di Udine con 2.7273/3/9/o del 27/5/40).-

Si sarebbe grati se le disposizioni di codesto Ufficio fossero emanate con cortese sollecitudine e si rappresentasse l'opportunità che un certo numero di cavalli fossero passati subito all'Autorità Militare Italiana e per essa al Nucleo Recupero Quadrupedi il quale deve provvedere a fornire il Deposito Lancieri Vittorio Emanuele II° di un Nucleo di 20 cavalli da sella per Ufficiali (Dispaccio n° 1328/Ip/1 del 25/5/40 - del Ministero della Guerra).-



IL COMMISSARIO MILITARE IPPICO
(Gen. Col. G. Basetti Zannini)

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IL COMMISSARIO MILITARE IPPICO
(Ten. Col. G. Mascetti Mannini)

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V. M. I. A.

12 luglio 1945

Q.240

OGG. 10: Cavalli dell'Esercito Italiano.-

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

1°)- Si allega una copia del ruolino descrittivo di tutti i cavalli dell'Esercito Italiano che si trovano presso la Vet.And Remound Branch del Comando 13° Corps.-

2°)- Questo Comando sta facendo del suo meglio per eliminare i pas-sati inconvenienti relativi al rilascio di cavalli a civili. E' stato accertato che circa 600.- cavalli di varia provenienza sono stati ri-lasciati all' A.M.G. da parte della Sezione Veterinaria e Rimonta di Palmanova.-

3°)- Non si ha documentazione di cavalli contrassegnati con la cro-ce di Savoia rilasciati all' A.M.G. ma la A.M.G. provvederà un elenco di tutti i cavalli e dei loro attuali possessori, in modo che il Ministero della Guerra potrà svolgere tutte le indagini che desidera.

P. IL MAGGIORE GENERALE - M.M.I.A.
T/to MAGG. BYATT

P. C. C.

L'UFFICIALE ADDETTO

-Cap. C. Tonini-

for P. Maccari

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ITALIAN ARMY HORSES

Number	Name	Colour	Sex	Age	Height
9177	Wee Pony	Grey	G	8	15.1
8719		Grey	M.	14	14.0
0979		Chest	G.	14	14.2
4024	Abdul	Brown	G.	9	15.0
3858	Hassam	Grey	G.	14	14.1/2
3414	Byrnsali	Bay	G.	---	---
3279	Isdy	Chest	M.	10	---
2531	Clef	Chest	G.	11	---
7327	Marie	Black	M.	9	15.3
7008	Zolfe	Black	M.	14	15.3
8725	Uronx	Chest	G.	15	14.3
5160	Bonde	Chest	G.	9	15.1
7137		Bay	G.	14	14.2
7007		Chest	G.	14	14.3
7772		Grey	G.	12	15.0
X21		Bay	M.	5	15.0
7584		Chest	G.	14	14.3
3004		Brown	G.	12	15.0
2095		Chest	G.	5	14.3
7070		Bay	G.	12	16.0
7797		Bay	G.	---	---
8744		Grey	M.	---	---
7846		Chest	G.	---	---
7792		Grey	G.	---	---
7832		Chest	G.	---	---
7037		Bay	M.	---	---
3731		Bay	M.	---	---
8730		Brown	G.	---	---
7126		Brown	G.	---	---
15630		Chest	G.	---	---
7076		Chest	G.	---	---
6775		Chest	G.	---	---
2754		Chest	M.	---	---
9067		Bay	G.	---	---
1552		Grey	G.	12	16.0
7232		Chest	M.	13	15.2
X28		Bay	G.	14	15.1
6776		XXXXX Bay	G.	---	---
8710		Brown	M.	---	---
60/25		Bay	M.	---	---
0951		Chest	G.	---	---
5130		Grey	G.	---	---
12037		Bay	G.	14	15.3
9059		Chest	G.	13	16.2
7019		Bay	G.	---	---
7127	Mayala	Bay	M.	10	15.2
2226	Girl Friend	Chest	M.	---	---

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9095		Chest		
7070		Bay		
7797		Bay		
8744		Grey		
7845		Chest		
7792		Grey		
7832		Chest		
8037		Bay		
8731		Bay		
8730		Brown		
1126		Brown		
15630		Chest		
7076		Chest		
8775		Chest		
2X54		Chest		
9067		Bay	12	15.0
1552		Grey	13	15.2
7232		Chest	14	15.1
X28		Bay		
8776		XXXX Bay		
8710		Brown		
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SUBJECT:- Horses of Italian Army Origin.

5 British Liaison Unit.
Tel.: 3555

Am/13/24

2 AUG 46.

5 Territorial H.Q.
U D I R G .

1. Attached for your information is a copy of GME CMF latest directive on a/m subject.
2. In view of this, will you please cancel all previous instructions issued by this H.Q.

Major.
DAA & CMG.

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SUBJECT: Horses ex Italian Army.

Rear HQ., 13 Corps,
Tel. No. 29033,
1057/01/I.

24th. Jul. '46

TO: 5 British Liaison Unit.

In view of the appended copy of GHQ CME letter 3313/Q of the 26th. Apr. '46, this HQ letter 1057/Q, of the 5th. Jun. '46 is hereby cancelled. No action will be taken.

Signed: for Brigadier 1/o ADMIN.

C O P Y .

SUBJECT: Animals of Italian Army Origin.

GHQ, CME.,
3313/Q1
26 Apr 46.

TO: Land Forces Sub Commission,
M.M.I.A. R O M E .

1. A copy of your Q 240 of the 12th. Apr. '46 has been passed to this branch.

2. Italian Army Horses have from time to time come to light in V & R Units. No records have been kept as to their origin. These may have come from several sources, e.g.,

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3. Even if records were kept of the animals bearing the Italian Army brand it would not be possible to state those on which the Italian Army have a claim since the Italian Army do not use a casting brand when casting animals for sale.

4. Disposal instructions from War Office for horses surplus to British Army requirements are that they should be declared to the Italian Government, who have apparently nominated the Italian Ministry of Agriculture as their agent for subsequent disposal.

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Signed: WDA CLARE, Lieut. Colonel, for
Major-General,
M.G.A.

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NUCLEO MOBILE RECUPERO QUADRUPEDI DI
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3321 di prot.

Udine, 29 luglio 1946

OGGETTO: Cavalla di preda bellica trottatrice.

AL B. L. U. DEL V° COMANDO MILITARE DI

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e per conoscenza;

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE-Ufficio Servizi-

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E' stato segnalato dal Distaccamento di Padova che a Montebelluna presso il sig. TOCCHETTO Ferdinando via Maglio, si trova tuttora una cavalla trottatrice rispondente al nome di "Speranza Tru" datogli in consegna dal Comando 248° battaglione di Artiglieria-Uscroto degli S.U.- con il documento allegato in copia.

In considerazione che la suddetta cavalla risulta razziata dalle truppe tedesche in ritirata al sig. FREDA Sebastiano de Fusignano di Ravenna e che il prefato signore ha prodotto tutte le documentazioni attestanti la sua legittima proprietà, nonché che la cavalla figura inscritta nella pubblicazione edita dall'A.N.C.T., si prega codesto Ufficio di compiacersi ordinare al Comando del suddetto Battaglione di disporre perché il signor TOCCHETTO passi al Nucleo scrivente la cavalla per la sua successiva consegna al signor Freda, con le consuete formalità.-



IL CAPO DEL NUCLEO M.R.Q.  
(Ten. Col. G. Zanetti Zandini)

*G. Zanetti Zandini*

NOTE

Mont. June 12 July 1945  
Signor Capo del Vuolo Mobile Recupero Quaderni di Udrine  
Signor Capo del Distaccamento M.M. di Padova  
Comando Stazione Carabinieri di Montebelluna

Oggetto: Risposta al vostro  
n° 2833 di prot.

Il sottoscritto perdigando Tocchetto, residente a Montebelluna via del  
Vaglio

Dichiaro:

Che la cavalla "Speranza Bruna" è bottino di guerra del 24° Battaglione  
di Artiglieria Nord-Americana, e di accordo con ordine del suo comandante  
corrente il 6 Giugno 1945 la zona di Pedersive di Montebelluna, si trova a  
spedizione della Torre Alleate e per questa ragione si vede obbligato a non  
poter compiere il vostro ordine al riguardo.

Detta cavalla fu in primo tempo consegnata a Alberto Gollion Mengilli, che  
la trasportò per la sua cura e manutenzione al sottoscritto.

Il documento del Comandante del 213 Batt. di Artiglieria Nord-Americana alla  
lettera dice:

243th Field Artillery Battalion,  
United States Army.

6 June 1945

Subject: Disposition of Horses  
to: Whom it May Concern.

1- This is to certify ownership of two horses:

one is the property of Mr. Alberto Gollion Mengilli; the other belongs to Mr.  
Guerresco Bellino.

2- These animals are at the disposition of the Allied Forces and cannot be  
removed without their approval.

Atto Alfred J. Voyer

Captain  
243th Field Artillery Battalion



P. C. C.

L'ufficiale Addetto

(Cap. C. Tonini)

*Cap. C. Tonini*

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SUBJECT: → Horses ex Italian Army

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V & R HQ BTA

Land Forces Sub Committee AC (MMIA)  
(for attn Brigadier G.S.)

Rear HQ 13 Corps  
Tele No: 29033  
1057/Q1/1

24 July 46

In view of the appended copy of GHQ CMF letter ref 3313/Q, dated 26 Apr 46, this HQ letter ref 1057/Q, dated 5 June 46 is hereby cancelled. No action will be taken.

*Carl S. Lawrence*  
Brigadier IG Adm.

G.H.Q. C.M.F.

3313/Q1

26 Apr 46.

COPY.

SUBJECT: Animals of Italian Army Origin.

TO: Land Forces Sub Commission,  
MMIA.

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(sgd) WDA CLARE, Lieut. Col.  
for Major-General,  
MGA.

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SUBJECT: Italian Army Horses.

5. British Liaison Unit,  
Tel. 1774,  
AQ/73/19,

TO: MO. M.M.I.A., ROME.

4th. Jul. '46.

1. Attached is a copy of a descriptive roll of all Italian Army Horses held by V & R Branch, Rear XIII Corps.
2. V & R however have no records of Italian Army Horses released to A.M.G. prior to receipt of AFHQ directive on e/m subject.
3. Agriculture DIV, A.M.G., Udine Province was contacted by this HQ and the following information was obtained:-
  - a) They have no records of horses branded with the "Cross of Savoy" as all releases to them were whole-sale.
  - b) Altogether about 600 horses of various origins have been released to them by V & R Palmanova.
  - c) They will forward to us a list of all horses and present owners, which means that the sorting out will have to be made by the Italian Military Authorities.
  - d) This does not account however for horses of Italian Army origin which may have been released from Austria; total number of horses distributed by A.M.G. in this province amount to 7000.
4. From the above, it will be noted that the recovery of Italian Army Horses from present civilian owners will be a long and tedious process.

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Major,

DAA & CUE

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3. Agriculture DIV, A.M.G., Udine Province was contacted by this HQ and the following information was obtained:-

- a) They have no records of horses branded with the "Cross of Savoy" as all releases to them were wholesale.
- b) Altogether about 600 horses of various origins have been released to them by V & R Pelmanova.
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Major,

DAA &amp; QMG.

AG/73  
16/92  
Subject:- Ex Italian Army Horses.

Rear HQ 13 Corps (VR Branch)  
C.M.F.  
Ref:- 13C/VR/17.

To:-  
O.C. 5 B.L.U.

26th June 46.

Herewith descriptive roll of Ex Italian Army  
horses in 13 Corps area.

/FDH

*William Lang*  
W. LANG,  
MAJOR R.A.V.C.,  
DADVARS., REAR HQ 13 CORPS.

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EX ITALIAN ARMY HORSES. 13 Cakes Area. 26 June 1946

| Number | Name     | Colour | Sex | Age | Height |
|--------|----------|--------|-----|-----|--------|
| 917F   | Wee Pony | Grey   | G   | 8   | 15.1.  |
| 8F19   |          | Grey   | M   | 14  | 14.0.  |
| 09F9   |          | Chest  | G   | 14  | 14.2.  |
| 4C24   | Abdul    | Brown  | G   | 9   | 16.0.  |
| B858   | Hassun   | Grey   | G   | 14  | 14.1.  |
| 3414   | Burnsall | Bay    | G   | -   | -      |
| 3279   | Lady     | Chest  | M   | 10  | -      |
| 2631   | Clef     | Chest  | G   | 11  | 15.3.  |
| 7327   | Marie    | Black  | M   | 9   | 15.3.  |
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| 713F   |          | Bay    | G   | 14  | 14.3.  |
| 7007   |          | Chest  | G   | 8   | 15.0.  |
| 77F2   |          | Grey   | G   | 12  | 15.0.  |
| X 21   |          | Bay    | M   | 5   | 14.3.  |
| 7584   |          | Chest  | G   | 14  | 16.0.  |
| 8004   |          | Brown  | G   | 12  |        |
| 9095   |          | Chest  | G   |     |        |
| 70F0   |          | Bay    | G   |     |        |
| 779F   |          | Bay    | G   |     |        |
| 8T44   |          | Grey   | M   |     |        |
| 7486   |          | Chest  | G   |     |        |
| 7792   |          | Grey   | G   |     |        |
| F832   |          | Chest  | G   |     |        |
| H037   |          | Chest  | M   |     |        |
| B731   |          | Bay    | M   |     |        |
| 8F39   |          | Bay    | M   |     |        |
| E126   |          | Brown  | G   |     |        |
| 15630  |          | Brown  | G   |     |        |
| 70F6   |          | Chest  | G   |     |        |
| 67F5   |          | Chest  | G   |     |        |
| 2X54   |          | Chest  | G   |     |        |
| 9067   |          | Bay    | M   |     |        |
| 1552   |          | Grey   | G   | 12  | 16.0.  |
| 7232   |          | Chest  | G   | 13  | 15.2.  |
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| 67F6   |          | Bay    | G   |     |        |
| 8F10   |          | Bay    | M   |     |        |
| 60/25  |          | Brown  | M   |     |        |
| C951   |          | Bay    | M   |     |        |
| 5130   |          | Chest  | G   |     |        |
| 12037  |          | Grey   | G   |     |        |
| 9059   |          | Bay    | G   |     |        |
| 7019   |          | Chest  | G   | 14  | 15.3.  |
| E127   |          | Bay    | G   | 13  | 16.2.  |
| 2226   |          | Bay    | M   |     |        |
| 3051   |          | Chest  | M   | 10  | 15.2.  |

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Mayella  
Girl Friend  
Flyer

Subject: Italian Army Horses

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AG  
(M.M.I.A.)

C.240

20 June 1946

TO : 5 B.L.U.

Your LQ/75/14 dated 13 June 1946.

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(b) to recover animals improperly disposed of to civilians.

4. You are requested to pursue the matter with AMH and to inform the Territorial Command HQ particulars of any civilians concerned.

Please report progress.

V.R. xiii Colas Red  
have been captured by AMH  
V.R. have been over  
Peter is dead over  
bribe this animal is covered  
What is going on  
V.R. and Dwin  
Supplying  
List to us

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*Handwritten signature*

Major General  
M.M.I.A.

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Please report progress.

V.R. XIII Colno 132  
have been captured by AM.G.  
These are being sent over to IIT  
Horse is handed over to IIT  
Horse this animal recovered.  
When recovered AM.G. will be  
AM.G. RACON

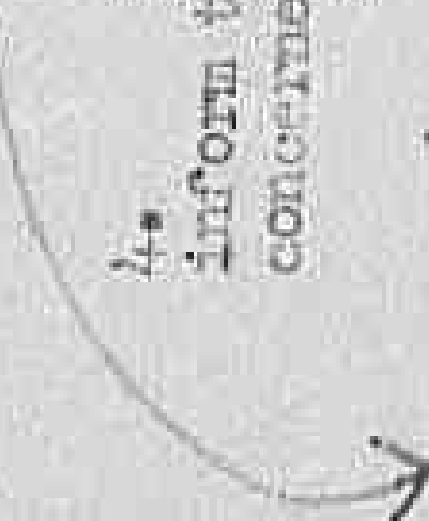
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*Albertyan*

Major General  
M.H.I.d.

No Action  
attached

V.R. and  
Supplying  
List to W.



SUBJECT: Italian Army Horses.

5 British Liaison Unit,  
Tel. 1774,  
AO/73/14,

13th. June '46.

TO: HQ., M.M.I.A., R O M E.

Reference your Q.240 of the 4th. June '46.

1. O.C., 1 V & RCS XIII Corps was contacted by this HQ and confirmed that all horses of Italian Army origin have been registered; copy of registration list will be forwarded to you as soon as it is obtained from V & R XIII Corps.

2. O.C., 1 V & RCS, XIII Corps claims that horses are very short in the Corps area and therefore only those which are no longer needed by them will be ceded to the Italian Army.

3. Attached are letters dealing with the a/m subject.

  
Major,

DAA & QMG.

VHJ/ctd.

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93.  
SUBJECT:- Horses ex Italian Army.

Rear HQ 13 Corps  
Tele No: 29033  
1057/Q

5 Jun 46

V & R  
5 B.L.U. —  
1 V & RCS

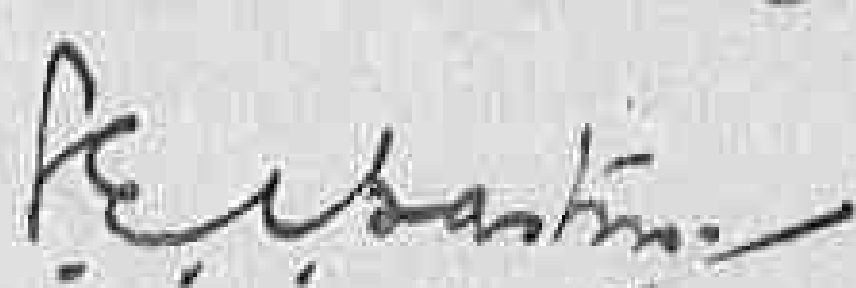
V & R HQ BTA  
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (LMIA)  
(for attn Brigadier G S)

Reference V & R 13 Corps letter 13c/VR/17  
dated 27 May 46.

It is agreed that when horses of Italian  
Army origin are about to be disposed of by V & R  
the following procedure should be adhered to.

(a) OC 1 V & RCS will inform 5 B.L.U. copies  
to Q and V & R Branches this HQ of the number and  
details of horses awaiting disposal instrs.

(b) 5 BLU will obtain these instrs from  
5 Territorial Command and issue them to OC 1 V & RCS  
copies to Q and V & R Branches this HQ and Land  
Forces Sub Commission AC (LMIA) (for attn Brig. G S)

*Cancelled*  
*f 8/6*  
  
Brigadier IC Adm.

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| SEEN BY   |       |
|-----------|-------|
| G.S.O.    |       |
| D.A. & C. |       |
| DADOS     |       |
| (S)       |       |
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| S.G.P.    |       |
| G.E.D.    |       |
| CLEARS TO | : - 5 |

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.  
(M.H.I.A.)  
H C M E  
Q.240

4 June 16.

1. Attached is copy of letter from W.M. on the subject of ex Italian Cavalry horses alleged to be in the possession of XIII Corps personnel.

Arthur

A.M.B. EYRE, Major,  
For Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- Liaison Officer -  
for verbal discussion  
with War Ministry.

1735/8b

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COPY

FROM : W.F. Inspectorate of  
Horse-breeding & Veterinary  
Service.

REF: 11/35/11.I

TO : M.R.I.A. ROME

DATE: 29 May 45

SUBJECT : Recovery of horses from Cavalry Application School.

Further to our letter no. 2830/11.I dated 10 Dec 45 and previous correspondence.

It is reported to this Inspectorate that in the Udine and Treviso area almost every week allied forces are organizing gallop races and sometimes equine competitions. In these latter civilians are also taking part.

These races are run with war requisitioned horses, among which are to be found some fair stallions marked with the "Croce di Savoia" (Savoia Cross). The last verification has been observed the second of this month at the gallop races of Treviso.

The horses in question are unquestionably coming from Cavalry School of Vinerolo, as it has already been notified in previous communications.

Owing to the shortage of saddle-horses, necessary to the R. Army Units for the training of the officers, this Inspectorate kindly renew their request to MMIA, to examine the possibility of the restitution of the above mentioned horses or at least of the stallions marked with "Croce di Savoia", to the Italian Military Administration.

sgd. Brig. E. Del Panta

5943

Subject: - Horses - Ex Italian Army.

Rear HQ 13 Corps (V&R) <sup>165</sup>  
C.M.F.

Ref: - 13G/VR/17.

27th May 46.

To: -

DIVARS., Rear HQ 13 Corps.

Copy to: -

DIVARS., HQ., HQ.  
5 British Liaison Unit.  
O.C. 1 V & R.G.S.

It appears that prior to the check of ex Italian Army horses, as ordered by your 1057/Q1 dated 27 Mar 46, a number of these horses have been issued to Italian civilians through A.R.G. channels. Since then no such animals have been issued.

May a ruling please be given as to the further disposal of ex Italian Army horses which are considered to be no longer fit for riding purposes.

This question has been raised by 5 British Liaison Unit, who suggest that they be notified when such animals are about to be disposed of and they in turn will inform 5 Territorial Command who will take necessary measures re their disposal.

WL/PM

*William Long*  
MAJOR H. A. V. C.,  
DIVARS., REAR HQ 13 CORPS.

SUBJECT: - 13 Corps Horse Show.

5 British Liaison Unit,

Tel I762

G/I36

24 May 46.

To: BMRA,  
I Army Gp RA.

Herewith Horse Show Schedule returned  
with thanks.

IHJ/rs

*hV*

Major,

G.S.O.II.

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5 British Liaison Unit  
C.M.F.

AM/61/127

5 Territorial H.Q.  
U D I N E  
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21 May 46

1. Ref your 2111 dated 13/5/46, this HQ has contacted the Remount Depot at Palmanova:

Horses branded with the "Cross of Savoy" have been released in the past to AMG, they claim, however, that these horses were no good to anybody and they could not keep on feeding them.

2. Following instructions received from AFHQ, this practice has ceased within the last month.

3. It has also been agreed with Major Johnston, 5 BLU, and the Remount Depot, Palmanova that if occasions arise that Italian Army horses are to be released to AMG or any other agencies, your Command will be immediately informed and necessary steps will be taken by you for disposal of these horses.

  
Major,  
DAA & AMG.

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SUBJECT:- Italian Army Horses.

5 British Liaison Unit  
C.M.F.

AG/61/156

1 Vet and Remount  
Conducting Sec..

21 May 46

Reference verbal conversation between  
Major Johnston, 5 BLU, and an officer of 1 Vet  
and Remount Conducting Sec. will you please confirm  
following arrangements:

- a) - Notification to 5 BLU when horses  
bearing the "Cross of Savoy" are about  
to be released to AMG or any other  
agency.
- b) - 5 BLU will in turn inform 5 Territorial  
Command who will take necessary measures  
re their disposal.

  
Major.  
DAA & AMG.

Copy to:- 5 Terr. H.Q.

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C O P Y

MINISTRY OF WAR

Equine and Veterinary Service Inspectorate.

No. 2830/ip.l.

Rome 10/12/45.

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

SUBJECT:- Recovery of animals belonging to Cavalry School.

Ref to both No. 1818/ip.l., dated 28/8/45, and No. 2395/ip.l. dated 26/9/45 of the Inspectorate and to the phone conversation of 29/11/45.

While I'm asking of M.M.I.A.'s kindness to let us know whether it is possible to give back to the Italian Military Administration the horses belonging to the Cavalry School, whose mention is made in the above folios, I beg to inform that during some race-competitions, which were tendered by the Allied Forces and took place at Aiello, there were seen several riding and blood horses, with such characteristics that one could partially recognize them as either coming from the Cavalry School or undoubtedly belonging to the Royal Army.

Many of them were visibly and clearly showing the Italian mark "Savoy Cross", while in others the Savoy Cross was covered by the Allied mark; in some others the mark was not so clear and distinct, while others had none (notice, please, that not all horses belonging to the Cavalry School had been earmarked).

It is known that many of those horses, whose precise number cannot be stated, are at present stabled at Palmanova or in farms around the former air-field of Aiello, and some others at the Allied Hq. of Friuli and Venezia Giulia.

Therefore on the basis of the provisions of law on such matter, I beg the M.M.I.A. to have the a/m horses given back to the Italian Military Administration, as soon as possible.

The procedure for their recognition as being owned either by the Cavalry School or, anyway, by the Italian Army, could be carried out with the cooperation of officers of 5 Territorial Hq., 5 Animal Recovery Mobile Unit.

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Brigadier Inspector

Sgd: Egisto DEL PANTA.

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*See the GSO II book then up with reference under 14/10/45.*

C O P I A

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
ISPELTORE TO DEL SERVIZIO IPPICO E TERINARIO

№2830/ip.1 di prot.

ALLA D D FOMCAS SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

Roma 11,10 dicembre 1945

OGGETTO: Recupero quadrupedi della Scuola di Applicazione di Cavalleria.

A seguito dei fogli di questo Ispektorato Km.1818/ip.1 e 2395/ip.1 rispettivamente in data 28 agosto e 26 ottobre c.e., e della comunicazione telefonica del 29 novembre.

Mentre prego la cortesia di codesta Missione di volere comunicare de sarà possibile ottenere la restituzione all'Amministrazione Militare Italiana dei cavalli appartenenti alla Scuola di Cavalleria di cui ai fogli sopracitati, segnalo che in occasione di alcune gare ippiche indette delle F.F.AA. Alleate nel mese di ottobre sull'ex campo di aviazione di fortuna di Aiello (Udine) sono stati notati parecchi cavalli prettamente atti al servizio da selle, ed anche di puro sangue, presentanti caratteristiche tali da farli ritenere in parte provenienti dalla Scuola di Cavalleria, e sicuramente appartenenti al R. Esercito.

Molti dei detti cavalli presentavano, molto chiaramente visibile, il marchio Italiano "Croce di Savoia", in altri soggetti la croce di Savoia era mascherata con il marchio Alleato ; in alcuni il marchio non era ben visibile ed incerto, altri, infine, ne erano privi (è da notare che non tutti i cavalli della Scuola di Applicazione di Cavalleria erano provvisti del marchio).

Risulta che molti di questi cavalli (dei quali non si è in grado di precisare il numero) sono ricollocati in scuderie di Palmanova e in cascinali situati nelle adiacenze dell'ex campo di Aviazione di Aiello, ed alcuni altri presso i vari Comandi Alleati del Friuli e della Venezia Giulia.

Prego codesta Missione - in base alle vigenti disposizioni in materia di volerei interessare perchè non appena possibile, i cavalli sopra descritti vengano restituiti all'Amministrazione Militare Italiana. Il riconoscimento dei soggetti appartenenti alla Scuola di Cavalleria, o comunque dell'Esercito Italiano, potrebbe avvenire con il concorso degli ufficiali del 1° Nucleo Mobile Recupero Quadrupedi del Comando Militare Territoriale di Udine.

P. c. c.

IL COMANDANTE DEL M.M.R.3.  
(Ten. Col. G. Masetti Zannini)

*Pirandello*

IL GENERALE DI UNICATA ISPEKTOR  
P/to (Ugisto Del Penta)

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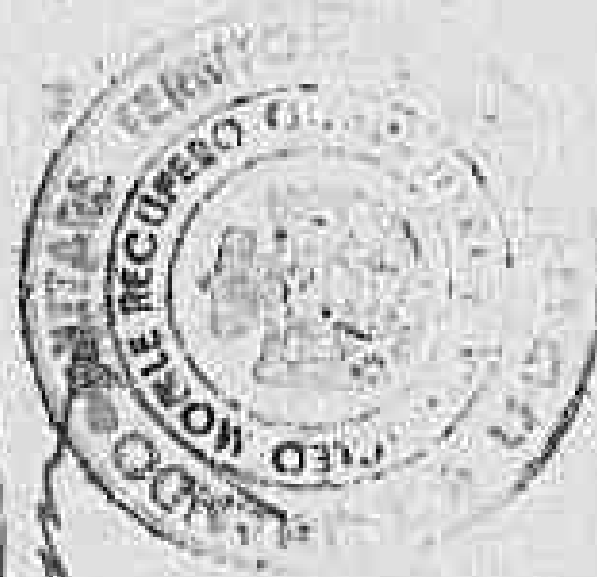
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P. c. c.  
IL COMANDANTE DEL N.E.R.O.  
(Ten. Col. G. Masetti Zannini)

*Giorgio Zannini*

IL GENERALE DI BRIGATA ISPETTORE  
T/to (Ugisto Del Penta)



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TRANSLATION

5 TERRITORIAL HEADQUARTERS - UDINE

5 Animal Recovery Mobile Unit.

Nc 2111

May, 13 1946 Udine.

SUBJECT:- Recovery of animals belonging to Italian

Military Administration.

Appendix 1.

To:- 5 B.L.U. - UDINE  
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In the meantime will you please, ask the A.M.G. of Udine to make known what was requested by your folio N.G. 136/34 of 9/4/1946, so that 5 Animal Recovery Mobile Unit may look after the destiny of the a/m horses.

The CHIEF OF STAFF

Sgd: PASQUINI Col.

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# COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI UDINE

V° Nucleo Mobile Recupero Quadrupedi  
455220

N. 2111 di prot.

Udine, li 13 maggio 1946

**Oggetto:** Recupero quadrupedi di pertinenza dell'Amministrazione  
Militare Italiana.-

Allegati n.1.-



AL COMANDO DEL V° B.L.U.  
e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE  
- Ufficio Servizi -  
(Rif. f. 5573/S/9/6 del 13/4/46)

S E D E

S E D E

Mi risulta che a Palmanova si sta procedendo da parte dell'Auto-  
rità Alleata (G.M.A. Sez. Agricoltura) alla vendita di cavalli di preda  
bellica in possesso dell'Autorità stessa, tra i quali si trovano anche  
soggetti distinti o meno con il marchio "croce di Savoia".-

Alcuni di questi cavalli, anche di giovane età, per futuri moti-  
vi, vengono destinati alla macellazione in quella località o altrove.-

Ciò è in contrasto con quanto richiesto dal Ministero della Guer-  
ra, Ispettorato del Servizio Ippico e Veterinario - all'Autorità Alleata  
Centrale - con il foglio allegato in copia; prego porre il proprio inte-  
ressamento perchè in avvenire sia evitato il ripetersi di fatti analoghi  
a quello sopra segnalato. Con l'occasione prego anche di voler compiacere  
interessare l'Autorità Alleata di Udine a comunicare quanto è stato  
richiesto da codesto Ufficio col foglio N. G. 136/34 del 9/4/46, in modo  
che il V° Nucleo Mobile Recupero Quadrupedi possa seguire la sorte dei  
cavalli in questione.-

~~IL COMANDO DI C.A. COMANDANTE~~  
( ~~IL COMANDANTE~~ )

IL CAPO DI S.M.

10.10.1946

C O P YBritish Liaison Unit  
C.M.F.G/136/349 Apr 46Major RUSSELL  
AMG. Agricultural Dept.  
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Reference the attached copies of correspondence between BGS, MMIA and 13 Corps on horses of Italian origin. I understand you have a number of captured horses through your hands?

Will you please cause a list of horses marked with "Cross of Savoy" to be made please.

E.G.

## ITALIAN HORSES

| Number | Description | Sex | To Whom Allotted and Address |
|--------|-------------|-----|------------------------------|
|        |             |     |                              |

Then, when eventually, Allies go out, the Italian Army and Government with the help of this list, can get them back.

Sgd: H.I. JOHNSTONE Major.  
G II. B.L.U.Copy to:- 5 Comiliter  
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SUBJECT:- Italian Army Horses.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,  
M.M.I.A.  
R O M E  
Q.240  
5 April 1946  
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TO : 5 B.L.U.  
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Reference your signal A/4 of 13 Mar 46.

1. The attached correspondence is forwarded for your information.
2. You may inform 5 Territorial H.Q. verbally of the situation and endeavour to ascertain from 13 Corps if they are taking the action indicated.
3. Specific cases of Italian horses being identified will be reported to the War Ministry by 5 Territorial H.Q. and in such cases 13 Corps should be asked to confirm they have been "registered".

*R. A. C. M. I. A.*  
Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- Liaison Officer - for verbal discussion with War Ministry.

RAC/ar

*Major General*

*make copy for H.Q. phone*

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COPYRef: 1355/Q

Brigadier G.E.R. BASTIN, OBE,  
Brigadier IC Adm,  
Rear HQ 13 Corps,  
C.M.F.

Tel No: 29055

27 March 1946  
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My Dear Maurice,

Your letter to Terence was passed on to me but so far as we are concerned there is nothing for you to worry about.

there All our horses are either captured or of English origin and therefore/should not be any ex-Italian Army horses amongst our holdings. However, if the Germans had some of these horses amongst their holdings we may have, unwittingly, some of them which we thought were of captured origin. Our vets will keep an eye out for any horses marked with the "Cross of Savoy" and we will make a register of them, if any are found.

With regards to any of these horses if found in our area, being sent to UK or outside ITALY, the former is prohibited as only English horses may be sent to UK and the latter is covered in that units are only allowed to take their horses with them under special circumstances.

Yours ever,

GEORGE BASTIN.

Brigadier M.W. HOPE, DSO.,  
BGS,  
MMIA  
ROME  
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COPY

Brigadier M W HOPE, DSO,  
Brigadier GS,  
Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.,  
M.M.I.A.  
R O M E  
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Dear

For a long time the Italian Military Authorities have been agitating for the return to them of ITALIAN Army horses, notably those belonging to the ex-ITALIAN Cavalry School, which are at present held by units of XIII Corps.

The distinguishing mark of ITALIAN Army horses is a "Cross of Savoy" brand mark.

MMIA attitude is that, as the ITALIAN Army have got no cavalry at present, these horses are serving their most useful function by providing recreation to the occupying forces and we do not propose to pursue the matter.

The Italians however are anxious that it should be realised that horses bearing the "Cross of Savoy" brand are their property and that they should eventually get them back.

I would be grateful, therefore, if you could get your Commander's ruling that none of these horses be taken back to UK or moved out of ITALY, and that eventually they should be handed back to the ITALIAN Authorities.

Yours

16 Mar 46

BGS, XIII Corps  
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Copy to:  
OC 5 BLU  
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MWH/ep

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SUBJECT :- Horses  
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Rear HQ 15 Corps  
Tel No: 29033

1037/Q1

27 Mar 46  
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5 BLU  
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Reference letter from Brigadier MW HOPE, DSO,  
to BGS 15 Corps.

Herewith copy of reply by Brigadier IC Adm  
this HQ to the above letter.

*W. H. L. L. L.*  
May

Brigadier IC Adm.

5930

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Ref: 1355/Q

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With regards to any of these horses if found in our area, being sent to UK or outside ITALY, the former is prohibited as only English horses may be sent to UK and the latter is covered in that units are only allowed to take their horses with them under special circumstances.

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