

Italian Army Movements

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SUBJECT: Formation of HQs C RASC Gen. Tpt. Coins.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AG (MIL).

SD, 6/3.

8.

June 45.

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

HQ's C's RASC "B" & "C" TRANSPORT COINS

Reference MILIA letter of even reference dated 3 May 45.

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"C"	HQ C RASC 76 General Transport Coin 8

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Major General, C.S.
MILIA.

Copy to:

MILIA IO 3 District

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John May
Major General, C.S.
MIA.

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OC Br Cdr 804 BRD
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R E S T R I C T E D

SUBJECT: Maiella Patriot Bn Cat. 2 Br ITI Combat.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

SD/26/2

8 June 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR,

Ref. your signal 14040/006/1 of 4 June.

1. Confirming conversation Col. PIACENTINI - Maj. BAUMANN it is regretted that the arrangements for the disbandment of the MAIELLA Patriot Battalion in its present location under the supervision of G.O.C. 1 District, details of which were given in MMIA letter SD/26/2 of 28 May 45, cannot be departed from. The appropriate branch of A.C. has been requested thereafter to transport the personnel due for demobilisation to the CHIETI Area.

2. It is understood that Allied Comds desire to address the unit which has done well for the common cause.

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L.M. Ingles
for Major General,
MMIA

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Patriot Branch A.C.
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C-4 (Nov 6) G/RO
7 Feb. 45

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
C-4 (MOV & IN)

SUBJECT: Italian Army Movements.

TO: : Land Forces Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission.
(Military Mission to Italian Army).

1. This instruction sets out the procedure for all Italian Army movement and is effective forthwith.
2. AFHQ Advanced Administrative Echelon Administrative Instruction No. 8 of 25 Nov 45 and Movements, AFHQ Advanced Administrative Echelon Working Instruction No. 27 are cancelled.

PRISONER MOVES BY RAIL.

3. Italian Army unit moves by rail are in three categories:
 - (a) Moves into or out of Army areas or to Army Railheads.
 - (b) Moves under Allied command (U.S. - ITIS, SR - ITIS, Internal Security and Guard Units) rear of Army boundaries.
 - (c) Moves under Italian command (III - ITIS) rear of Army boundaries.
4. Unit moves under 3(a) after approval by G-3 (Org) Foreign AFHQ, will be bid through the Army HQ concerned. Italian Movement Control will be responsible for supervising such moves only where it is represented. At all other times it will be the responsibility of British Movement Control or U.S. Transportation.
5. Moves under category 3(b) are themselves of two kinds:
 - (a) Moves within an U.S. Base Section or British District or Area.
 - (b) Moves from one U.S. Base Section or British District or Area to another.
6. In the case of 5(a) where the Base Section, District, or Area HQ have issued the C-3/"G" authority for the move it will be the responsibility of the local Delegazione Trasporti to arrange with the local U.S. Transportation Officer or British Movements HQ for the necessary transport and to warn the unit or formation concerned and to supervise entrainments and detrainments.

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7. In the case of 5(b) where G-3 (Org) Foreign AFHQ have issued the order for the move and the necessary transport has been arranged it will be the responsibility of Italian Movement Control to warn the unit or formation concerned and to supervise the entrainment and detrainment. The Ufficio Trasporti S.M.R.E. will be responsible for furnishing, through AFHQ, the details of the move (strength, weight of baggage, etc.).
8. Authority for moves under 3(c) will be applied for by S.M.R.E. through AFHQ to G-3 (Org) Foreign AFHQ. When moves are ordered, Ufficio Trasporti will be responsible for informing Delegazione who will arrange all details with the local U.S. Transportation Officer or British Movements HQ and supervise moves throughout.

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9. Nothing in paragraphs 3 - 8 above will apply to moves of reinforcements, bids for which will continue to be made by AFHQ to G-4 (B) AFHQ in the case of II - III reinforcements and to G-3 (C) AFHQ in the case of U.S. - III and III - III reinforcements/replacements.
10. Moves of 50 personnel or under on railway routes not subject to weekly POK Conference may be arranged by the Delegation direct with the local U.S. Transportation Officer or British Movements HQ.

STORES MOVES BY RAIL.

As in the case of personnel, Italian stores moves are of three natures:

11. (a) These moves of stores of purely Italian origin into or out of Army Areas, or to Army railheads.
- (b) Moves of Allied stores for the benefit of Italian units or formations under Allied Command.
- (c) Moves of stores of Italian origin destined either for units under Italian or Allied Command in rear of Army boundaries.
12. Moves under category 11(a) will be bid in the same way as personnel in para 5(a).

Italian Movement Control will supervise these moves only where it is represented. At all other times it will be the responsibility of U.S. Transportation or British Movement Control.

13. Moves under category 11(b) will be arranged by the Base Section, District, Area, formation or unit concerned and will be treated as normal Allied moves. Italian Movement Control has no responsibility in such cases.

14. Moves under category 11(c) will be bid for by the Ufficio Trasporti, S.M.P. through Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. (MIA) for consideration at the weekly POK Conference. Only in emergency will bids be considered if the above procedure is not followed.

15. Moves not involving more than three wagons taking place wholly on railway routes not regulated by the weekly POK Conference, may be arranged locally by the Delegation with the appropriate U.S. Transportation Officer or British Movements HQ.

SHIPPING MOVES.

16. All stores of Italian or Allied origin for the use of Italian units requiring movement within the theatre will be bid for by S.M.P. through POK branch, Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. (MIA) on (MIA) AFHQ, who will nominate the necessary shipping.

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Italian Movement Control through its representatives at ports will be responsible for supervising all such moves under the direction of the U.S. Transportation Officer or British Movements HQ concerned.

17. The disposal of Allied stores destined for the Italian Military Forces, and imported from outside the theatre, will, on arrival, be the responsibility of U.S. Transportation or British Movement Control though this responsibility should it be more convenient locally, may be delegated to Italian Movement Control.

Allied Movement Control will, however, be responsible for informing the appropriate Italian Services and depots through Italian Movement Control.

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18. All movement of personnel by sea will be applied for by S.M.R.E. through M.M.I.A. to G-5 (Org) Foreign AMHQ in the case of units or formations, and to G-4 AMHQ in the case of reinforcements, who will arrange the move with G-4 (Mov & In) AMHQ.

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ROAD MOVEMENT.

19. Italian road moves are of two kinds :

- (a) Those wholly within an U.S. Base Section or British District.
- (b) Those moving from one Base Section or District to another.

20. In the case of moves under para 19(a), the Italian Formation or unit concerned will obtain authority for the move from the Base or District HQ concerned, and the Delegazione Trasporti, having received the necessary authority will be responsible for arranging and co-ordinating the move with the U.S. Transportation Officer or British Movements HQ concerned. The Delegazione will also be responsible for warning the formation or unit and furnishing it with all the necessary details.

21. Moves under para 19(b) will be requested by the S.M.R.E. through M.M.I.A. to AMHQ. G-4 (Mov & In) AMHQ having received the G-5 (Org) Foreign authority will order the move. Ufficio Trasporti will then inform the Delegazione Trasporti concerned, who will arrange the move in consultation with the U.S. Transportation or British Movements HQ's concerned.

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AIR PASSAGES.

22. Whenever possible, air passages should be bid for by the Ufficio Trasporti to Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C., (M.M.I.A) who will obtain them from the appropriate Allied source.

23. If, however, urgency does not permit the above procedure, Delegazione may bid through the local U.S. Transportation Officer or British Movements HQ whose responsibility it will be to estimate as to whether air transport is justifiable.

24. Paras 22 and 23 do not apply to passages on Italian Courier services. These will be controlled by the Ufficio Trasporti, S.M.R.E.

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21. Moves under para 19(b) will be requested by the S.M.R.E. through MIA to AFHQ. G-4 (Mov & Trn) AFHQ, having received the G-3 (Org) Foreign authority will order the move. Ufficio Trasporti will then inform the Delegazione Trasporti concerned, who will arrange the move in consultation with the U.S. Transportation or British Movements HQ's concerned.

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25. In such territories where Allied Movements and Transportation is not represented, it will be the responsibility of Italian Movement Control to supervise and control all Italian Army movement. No movement to and from these Areas will be made without the authority of (a) personnel, G-3 (Org) Foreign AFHQ, (b) stores, the weekly POM Conference, and (c) shipping, G-4 (Mov & Trn) AFHQ.

In the case of (a) and (b), application for the wagons will be made to the local A.C. Transportation representative.

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26. The Senior Staff Officer of an Allied Movements or Transportation HQ may delegate, as he may think fit, additional powers to the Delegations concerned for which the Delegations will be responsible directly to him.

In such cases an order to the Delegations concerned conferring these powers will be made in writing, copy to C-4 (Mov & Tr), AMIA, Ufficio S.M.R.E. and Movements Liaison Officer, M.M.I.A.

INFORMATION.

27. It is essential that all interested organisations should be kept properly informed. Consignors and Consignees, and for personnel moves, areas through which the move passes, must be told. Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C., (AMIA) and Ufficio Trasporti S.M.R.E. must be included as addressees in signals in all cases and M.M.I.A. L.Os. and Delegations Trasporti where they are concerned.

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