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AQ/10/A "P" FORCE ORGANIZATION AND TRAINING  
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| 71 | IO/I   | Requisition transports                             | Oct 43/Mar 44 |
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ITALIAN ARMY

Serial Original

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Dates

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| 95  | AQ/11/3   | Italian Military Personnel<br>absentees & Deserters | Dec 44/Jan 45 |
| 96  | 11/3      | ditto                                               | Jan 45/Feb 45 |
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| 106 | AQ/13     | Priority lists Italian Units                        | Jan 44/Jul 45 |
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| 111 | 14/2/RO   | Completed personnel moves                           | Oct 43/Feb 44 |
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|     |           | APHQ pom. Conferences                               | Apr 45/       |
| 114 | 15/1      | Clothing and equipment general                      | Nov 43/Jan 44 |
| 115 | 15/1      | ditto                                               | Feb 44/Apr 44 |
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| 117 | 15/1      | ditto                                               | May 44/Jul 44 |
| 118 | 15/1      | ditto                                               | Jul 44/Sep 44 |
| 119 | 15/1      | ditto                                               | Sep 44/Oct 44 |
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| 126 | 15/6      | Tentage                                             | Nov 43/Nov 44 |
| 127 | 15/10     | Boots from Allies                                   | Feb 44/Apr 44 |
| 128 | 15/10     | ditto                                               | Mar 44/Jul 44 |
| 129 | 15/10     | ditto                                               | Aug 44/Nov 44 |
| 130 | 15/11     | Clothing from Allies                                | Apr 44/May 44 |
| 131 | 15/11     | ditto                                               | May 44/       |
| 132 | 15/11     | ditto                                               | May 44/Jun 44 |
| 133 | 15/11     | ditto                                               | Jun 44/Jul 44 |
| 134 | 15/11     | ditto                                               | Jul 44/       |
| 135 | 15/11     | ditto                                               | Aug 44/Jan 45 |

MESSAGE FORM.

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN.

27 1500 A

FROM : MMIA  
TO : 15 ARMY GROUP  
INFO : G-3 Org AFHQ  
REF NO : SD 2357

SECRET

REF AFHQ LETTER AG 091.711/083 GCT-O DATED 22 FEBRUARY 45 (\*)  
REQUEST YOU NOMINATE FIVE PATRIOT BANDS SUITABLE FOR INCORPORATION  
INTO ITALIAN ARMY AS RECCE BNS FOR COMBAT GPS (\*) PLEASE GIVE PRESENT  
LOCATIONS AND NAMES OF LEADERS (\*) NO ACTION TO ENROL WILL BE TAKEN  
UNTIL AFHQ APPROVES ORG AND WE BEING FORWARDED 28 FEB (\*) MMIA  
WOULD PARTICULARLY LIKE TO NOMINATE A SUITABLE PATRIOT BAND NOW AT  
CESANO FOR MANTOVA GP TO BE INCLUDED IN ABOVE

Precedence \_\_\_\_\_

Authenticated \_\_\_\_\_

INTERNAL:

A.  
Q.  
Spec Sec  
SD/26

bvs,

8705

8.05

Wesley Wareham

43/11

SUBJECT: Formation of Combat Group Auxiliary Unit (Medical) CONFIDENTIALLand Forces Sub Com, A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
SD/12  
25 Feb 45.File  
S/A/10To: Ministry of War.21/2113 Italian Mobile X-ray Unit.

The following details for the formation of the above Unit are confirmed:

W.E. CH/576/1 Total offers 1 ORs 6  
copy attached at Appendix 'A'

Special Equipment List 179/1 copy attached at Appendix 'B'

Serial No 983840

Supervising authority HQ 3 District and 56 B.L.U.

Location for forming S. GIORGIO

Formed with effect from 21 February 1945

Personnel - To be compiled from R.T.C., I.C.F. GESANO. Present deficiencies are 1 batman and 1 electrical mechanic.

Technical Equipment - To be provided from Italian sources and vehicles.

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tvs.

INT:

Spec Sec : Q(AE)  
MED : ST.RL  
Major General.  
M.M.I.A.

Appx "A" to MMIA letter  
SD, 12 of 25 Feb 1945

Effective date 23 Jan 45

NA/576/1

RESTRICTED

AN ITALIAN MOBILE X-RAY UNIT

War Establishment

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| Offrs    | 1 |
| ORs      | 6 |
| Total    | 7 |
| M.Cs     | - |
| Vehicles | 2 |
| Trailers | - |

(i) Personnel

Radiologist (Major or Captain)

1  
1

Total Officers

Radiographer (Serjeant)

Batman

Electrical Mechanics

1  
1  
2

Total other ranks

4

Total all ranks

5

Attached -  
Drivers, I.C.

2

Total an Italian Mobile  
X-Ray Unit (including  
attached).

7

8.02

(ii) Transport

Lorries, 3-ton (X-Ray)

2

{ from  
Italian  
resources }

Attached -  
Drivers, I.C.

Total other ranks

4

Total all ranks

5

Total an Italian Mobile  
X-Ray Unit (including  
attached).

2

7

8.02

(11) Transport

Lorries, 3-ton (X-Ray)

2

{ from  
Italian  
resources

This establishment will NOT be implemented without  
A.F.H.Q. authority.

(File 758/0rg-3)

(139/1510/(C))

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT LIST  
for  
Restricted  
Sheet 1 of 1.

AN ITALIAN MOBILE X-RAY UNIT  
(Italian Military Personnel)

ON

NA/576/1

S.E.L. No. 179/L,  
December, 1944.

A.F.H.Q.  
Q(AE).

NOTE -

The personal weapons, unit weapons and vehicle entitlement are shown in Part 1 of this list, other personal and common unit equipment will be in accordance with the Normal Equipment List for an Italian Combat Group.

The Special Equipment not covered by the Normal Equipment List will be in accordance with Part 11 of this list.

PART 1.

VEHICLES.

| Detail                                       | Quantity |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|
| Lorries, 5-ton, X-Ray (from Italian Sources) | 2        |
|                                              | 3.01     |

PERSONAL WEAPONS

Pistols, .30-in .....1  
Carbines, machine, Thompson, .45-in .....2

The Special Equipment not covered by the Normal Equipment List will be in accordance with Part II of this list.

PART I.  
VEHICLES.

| Detail                                       | Quantity |
|----------------------------------------------|----------|
| Lorries, 5-ton, X-Ray (from Italian Sources) | 2        |
|                                              | B.OI     |

PERSONAL WEAPONS

- Pistols, .38-in .....1
- Carbines, machine, Thompson, .45-in .....2

UNIT WEAPONS

NIL

PART II.

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT

No Special Equipment in excess of the Normal Equipment List entitlement is required by this Unit.

SECRET

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SUBJECT: Italian Patriot Units

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.  
(M.H.I.A.)

SD/28  
25 Feb 45

TO : Ministry of War

1. A.F.H.Q. has proposed that five "patriot" volunteer Reconnaissance Companies, each approx 500 all ranks, be accepted into the Italian Army and allotted on the basis of one per Combat Group. These units will therefore be a BE-III commitment. Units will be recruited in bands under their own officers where suitable but personnel will be subject to Italian Army regulations in the same way as all other members of the Italian Army, i.e. personnel will elect to enrol for service wherever required by the army.

2. If, after operational experience, these units prove successful A.F.H.Q. will consider recommending to higher authority an increase in ceiling in order to take in similar Recce Coys for Allied Divs.

3. "A" Recce Sqn and Banda Matella will remain att to present plans and are not considered as within the present plan. 8700

4. Before implementation is authorized of paras 1 to 3 above, will you please submit to this H.Q. at the earliest possible date

(a) proposed organization into which Recce Coys should be formed to operate most efficiently.

(b) a proposed MS for the Recce Coys and a suggested scale of equipment, bearing in mind the limitation of British equipment owing to other demands.

5. Will you please be represented at a meeting at MHA HQ Conference Room at 1500 hrs 26 Feb to discuss as much of para 4 (a) and (b)

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2. If, after operational experience, these units prove successful A.P.H.Q. will consider recommending to higher authority an increase in ceiling in order to take in similar Recce Coys for Allied Divs.

3. "P" Recce Sqn and Banda Matella will remain att to present plans and are not considered as within the present plan. 8700

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(b) a proposed MS for the Recce Coys and a suggested scale of equipment, bearing in mind the limitation of British equipment owing to other demands.

5. Will you please be represented at a meeting at MMIA HQ Conference Room at 1500 hrs 26 Feb to discuss as much of para 4 (a) and (b) as possible and to discuss other details via

(a) Method of commissioning officers

(b) Method of screening personnel

(c) Present locn of bands and to which gps it is recommended they should be sent after enrolment.

Copy to: Patriots Branch A.C. }

A/Q. }

Spec Sec }

Will you please be represented at meeting vide para 5.

Major General  
M.B.I.A.

*[Signature]* H.C.L

*[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Mobile Bath Units.

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)

SD/15

28 Feb 45.

To: Ministry of War.

Reference SD/15 of 24 Feb 45.

1. Please state if equipment could be found from Italian sources to form a sixth Mobile Bath Unit on the same MS CM/689/1. This MS is as passed to you with our S/G/29/26 of 24 December. — 38 AY4

2. It is desired if possible to allot such a Unit to R.T.C., I.C.F. CESANO.

trs.

Copies to:

AQ  
Q(AE)  
Med  
Ord  
Spec Sec.

R.S.A. from Ramin  
Major General, Capt  
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Form of Combat Co Auxiliary Units.

SECRET

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)

SD/15

7 \* Feb 45.

Min of War.

1. The following new units are being formed w.e.f. 21 Feb on W.E. CM/689/1 (Total each W.E. Nil Offrs 14 ORs) :-

| UNIT                      | SERIAL No. | SUPERVISING AUTHY                | LOCATION.         |
|---------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 26 Italian Mob Bath Unit  | 93841      | HQ Eighth Army and 50 B.L.U.     | Eighth Army.      |
| 54 Italian Mob Bath Unit  | 93842      | HQ Eighth Army and 50 B.L.U.     | " "               |
| 184 Italian Mob Bath Unit | 93844      | HQ Eighth Army and 53 B.L.U.     | ASCOLI PICENO     |
| 51 Italian Mob Bath Unit  | 93843      | Bv Incr 5th (US) Army and 52 ELU | RADDA.            |
| 104 Italian Mob Bath Unit | 93845      | HQ No 3 District and 56 E.L.U.   | SAN GIORGIO. 8698 |

2. PERSONNEL

Personnel will be provided through normal Combat Group channels: i.e. Combat Groups will include the Bath Unit in the weekly "speechio" for Auxiliary Units attached to them, and the necessary men will be sent from R.T.C.; I.C.F. Our S/G/29/26 of 17 Jan refers.

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|                              |       |                                     |               |      |  |
|------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|---------------|------|--|
| Bath Unit                    |       |                                     |               |      |  |
| 184 Italian Mob<br>Bath Unit | 93844 | HQ Eighth Army and<br>53 B.L.U.     | ASCOLI PICENO |      |  |
| 51 Italian Mob<br>Bath Unit  | 93843 | Bt Incr 5th (US)<br>Army and 52 ELU | RADDA.        |      |  |
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## 3. EQUIPMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

The Unit will be equipped by the Group to which it is attached, and will be treated for all purposes as a Unit of the Combat Group. It will be under command of the Medical Section.

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copies to: MMIA LO Eighth Army  
MMIA LO Fifth Army Bt Incr.  
MMIA LO 3 District.

50 ELU: 51 ELU: 52 ELU: 53 ELU: 56 ELU

Internal:

Spec Sec

CAQ  
A  
Q(AE)  
ST  
MED.

Major General.  
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Volunteers for Combat Groups

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
File No. SD/45  
2 Feb 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Copy to: MMIA LO REAR S ARMY

1. It has been agreed by AFHQ and S ARMY that volunteers for Combat may be enlisted locally into FRIULI and CREMONA Groups, without passing through RTO ICF, up to a maximum number of 500 per Group per month at the discretion of the Group Commander.

2. Will you please arrange for such men to be correctly enrolled into the Italian Army in the same way that the advanced patriot enlistment agencies have been enrolling small numbers in the past.

*[Signature]* *fr. cl. 6*

Major General  
M. M. I. A.

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Internal: Spec Sec  
A/3  
Q(AE)  
ST  
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B/B  
S/C/19

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*SPH*  
*4/12*

*Turnover 3500 per month  
Staff 4 2000*

SUBJECT: Combat Group Reinforcements

*End of report*

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**SECRET**

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.  
(N.M.I.A.)

S/G/29/43

21 Jan 45.

*FILE*

To: G(SD): AQ: ST: Q(OS): WMIA LO RTC, ICF.  
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13 Jan

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1. Attached is a Summary showing:
  - A. Strength and deficiencies of Combat Groups.
  - B. Plans for Supply of Reinforcements.
  - C. Availability of reinforcements and expectations of arrivals at R.T.C, I.C.F.
2. If the programme shown is maintained the strength of R.T.C, I.C.F. in mid-FEBRUARY will be about 9,500 plus 2,000 permanent staff and attachments. This figure is likely to rise to at least 10,500 if the APULIA call-up takes place in FEBRUARY.
3. The clothing and equipment programme up to 10 Feb: should cover -
  - a. 5,000 already in camp (provided for)
  - b. 4,800 passing through camp up to 10 Feb (7,000 reinforcements posted less those going direct to Groups)
  - c. 6,500 in camp on 10 Feb (i.e. 9,500 reinforcements plus 2,000 permanent staff less 5,000 under a. line)

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16,300 up to 10 Feb.  
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For requirements up to 4 March this figure should be increased by 4,000 to cover APULIA call-up. Up to 3 March, therefore, clothing and equipment is required for 16,500 men, apart from stocks already delivered and distributed at CESANO.

tvS,JAD.

*for*  
Colonel.  
N.M.I.A.

STRENGTH AND DEFICIENCIES OF COMBAT GROUPS.

W.E. of Group: 9000

| Group                                | Posted Strength | Fighting Strength | Deficiency |      |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------|------|
|                                      |                 |                   | Min        | Max  |
| PIULI                                | 8455            | 7596              | 545        | 1404 |
| CREMONA                              | 8130            | 7200              | 870        | 1800 |
| LEGNAPO                              | 9817            | 9275              | -          | -    |
| FOLGONE                              | 9195            | 8690              | -          | 310  |
| HANTOVA                              | 7800            | 5700              | 1200       | 3300 |
| Auxiliary Units WE, }<br>equals 3000 |                 | 2400              |            | 600  |
| R.T.C. Permanent )<br>Staff )        | 500             |                   |            |      |
| W.E. equals 2000 )                   |                 | 500               |            | 1500 |

PLANS FOR SUPPLY OF REINFORCEMENTS.PIULI

| 21 Jan - Patriots ex FLORENCE - 500 |               |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Week Ending:                        |               |
| 21 Jan                              | ex CESANO 200 |
| 27 Jan                              | ex CESANO 200 |
| 3 Feb                               | ex CESANO 800 |
| 10 Feb                              | " 200         |
| TOTAL                               | 1900          |

CREMONA

| 20 Jan - Patriots ex SPOLTO etc 470 |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Week Ending:                        |                   |
| 21 Jan                              | ex CESANO 400     |
| 27 Jan **                           | ex CESANO 200     |
| 3 Feb                               | ex CESANO 800     |
| 10 Feb                              | ex CESANO 200     |
| ** 3 Feb                            | ex 120 NG Coy 130 |
| TOTAL                               | 2200              |

Figures for 10 Feb could be exceeded if demands warrant it.

LEGNAPO)  
FOLGONE)

Drafts week ending 10 Feb

- 400

Staff } 500  
W.E. equals 2000 }

500 1500

PLANS FOR SUPPLY OF REINFORCEMENTS.

FRONT

|                                     |                                      |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 21 Jan - Patriots ex FLORENCE - 500 | 20 Jan - Patriots ex SPOLETO etc 470 |
| Week Ending:                        | Week Ending:                         |
| 21 Jan                              | 21 Jan                               |
| 27 Jan                              | 27 Jan                               |
| 3 Feb                               | 3 Feb                                |
| 10 Feb                              | 10 Feb                               |
|                                     | ** 3 Feb                             |
| ex CESANO 200                       | ex CESANO 400                        |
| ex CESANO 200                       | ex CESANO 200                        |
| ex CESANO 800                       | ex CESANO 300                        |
| " " 200                             | ex CESANO 200                        |
| TOTAL 1900                          | ex 120 MG Coy 130                    |
|                                     | TOTAL 2200                           |

Figures for 10 Feb could be exceeded if demands warrant it.

LEGHANO) Drafts week ending 10 Feb - 400  
FOLGORE)

|                |                                          |
|----------------|------------------------------------------|
| 23 Jan         | Volunteers ex AFFRAGOLA 600              |
| 28 Jan         | " " 500                                  |
| 23 - 30 Jan    | " " CERRETI 400                          |
| 1 Feb (approx) | Personnel ex PICEVO (Carabinieri Gp) 500 |
| TOTAL          | 2000                                     |

AUXILIARY UNITS

Deficiencies of 600 are nearly all drivers required for 3 C.T. Company and B, C, and D Sections of I.A.C. These will probably not be available from R.T.C., I.C.F. until end of MARCH.

R.T.C., I.C.F. PERMANENT STAFF.

|                                                     |      |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------|
| Gadros from PICEVO                                  | 1500 |
| TOTAL REINFORCEMENTS COMMITMENT (up to 10 Feb 1945) | 6500 |
| Draft for ORVIETO (for muleteers)                   | 500  |
|                                                     | 7000 |

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AVAILABILITY OF REINFORCEMENTS - ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

|                                                                 |        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Strength of Reinforcements at R.T.C., I.C.F. (17 Jan)           | 4500   |
| Patriots ex SPOLETO ( earmarked for CRONA)                      | 470    |
| Patriots ex FLORENCE ( earmarked for FRIULI)                    | 500    |
| 120 MG Coy ( earmarked for CHERONA)                             | 130    |
| ex PIZENO (less cadres for RTC, ICF and incl PIZENO CARANTIERI) | 3700   |
| Volunteers ex SICILY (at AFRAGOLA)                              | 1000   |
| " " SARDINIA (at " )                                            | 100    |
|                                                                 | -----  |
| Reinforcements already allotted to Combat Groups                | 10,400 |
|                                                                 | -----  |

REINFORCEMENTS TO BE ALLIATED

|                                         |          |       |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| Call up in SARDINIA (1-14 Feb) 3000 due | estimate | 2000  |
| Call up in LAZIO (20-31 Jan) 670 " "    | say      | 600   |
| PATRIOTS VOLUNTEERS                     |          | 3500  |
|                                         |          | ----- |
|                                         | TOTAL    | 6100  |
|                                         |          | ----- |

TOTAL - Reinforcements available  
up to 10 Feb

16500

Less reinforcements  
posted

7000

8094

Estimated strength of RTC, ICF 10 Feb  
(Reinforcements only)

9500

Call up in APULIA (15-30 Feb) 6000 due

4000

TOTAL

13500

Drafts to Groups up to March 3

3000

Estimate receipts in R.T.C. I.C.F. 3 March

10500

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SUBJECT: Auxiliary Units for Combat Groups.

SECRET

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
S/G/29/26  
17 Jan '45.

To: All Concerned.

Reference M.M.I.A S/G/29/26 of 25 October 1944 (not to all)

1. Attached as Appendix 'A' is a revised Order of Battle for Auxiliary Units of the Combat Groups showing their location and state of formation. For this purpose they have been divided, in column 5, into 4 categories:

- (a) Complete
- (b) Being equipped.
- (c) Formed but not equipped.
- (d) Not formed.

2. Attached as Appendix 'B' are M.M.I.A. proposals for the distribution of these units at the end of the moves of Combat Groups now taking place. A.F.H.Q. ASD/922 (M) of 10 January (to Staff Sections AFHQ and M.M.I.A only) and M 1031 B of 13 January refer.

3. With regard to the formation of the remainder of these units and future policy the following recommendations are made. A.F.H.Q. is requested to confirm if these are accepted or should be amended.

(a) Units at present supervised by B.L.U.s 50, 51, 52, 53  
56 (See Column 8, appendix 'A')

That formation and equipping should be completed under supervision of the B.L.U. shown in Column 8. Auxiliary units left behind in the TELESE area by POLCORE (53 HLU) should be attached to MANTOVA (56 HLU); those left behind in PRACCIANO area by LEGNANO (52 B.L.U.) should be attached

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s/ds/a

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Complete

- (a) Being equipped.
- (b) Formed but not equipped.
- (c) Not formed.
- (d)

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For transfer from  
POLCORE to MANTOVA

HQ 1 M.A.C.  
866 Field Hospital.  
522 Field Hospital.

For Transfer from  
LEGNANO to R.T.C. ICF.

470 Field Hospital.  
576 Field Hospital.

(b) No 2 General Transport Company.

To be formed at AFRAGOLA, under supervision of 3 Dist (Major DALSON's unit.)

(c) No 3 General Transport Company.

To be formed at R.T.C., I.C.F. (as soon as driver personnel become available) under supervision of R.A.C and the B.L.U. R.T.C., I.C.F.

(a) Remainder of 1 Motor Ambulance Convoy ( B and C Amb Car  
Section, D Workshop Section, E Med Section and 3 R.D.Is.

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3. (d) (Contd.)

At AFRAGOLA, as for No. 2 G.T. Company above, not through 53 B.L.U. (as proposed in CR/1116/G-1 (Br) (Ser.1373) of 9 Jan) since there is not time before FOLCORE move forward. H.Q. 1 M.A.C. should also move to AFRAGOLA to assist.

(e) Reinforcement Training Centre, Italian Combat Force.

To be formed, as soon as W.E. is approved, at CESANO, under supervision of R.A.A.C., assisted by the B.L.U.

4. FORMATION ORDERS.

With the publication of A.F.H.C. CR/1116/G-1 (Br) (Ser.1391) of 13 January, formation orders have now been issued for all units shown in appendix 'A', except the following for which they are requested:

- |                                                      |                                     |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 216 Field Surgical Unit                              |                                     |
| 43 Mobile X-ray Unit                                 |                                     |
| 133 Mobile X-ray Unit.                               |                                     |
| 26 Mobile Bath Unit.                                 |                                     |
| 54 Mobile Bath Unit.                                 |                                     |
| 51 Mobile Bath Unit.                                 |                                     |
| 184 Mobile Bath Unit.                                |                                     |
| 104 Mobile Bath Unit.                                |                                     |
| Reinforcement Training Centre, Italian Combat Force. | as soon as W.E. have been approved. |

tvS.J.D.

*[Signature]*  
Major General.

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ORDER OF BATTLE OF AUXILIARY UNITS  
OF COMBAT GROUPS.

| Branch<br>1           | Units<br>2                                                                                                    | W.E. 3   | S.E.L. 4 | TOTAL STRENGTH<br>Offrs 4 | O. Rat 5 | Designation of<br>Units 5                                                                                                              | Parent Unit<br>for Mobilis-<br>ation. 6.                        |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|---------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| ENGINEERS             | 5 Field Park<br>Coys                                                                                          | NA/596/1 | 162/1    | 15                        | 387      | 1. Field Park Coy (a)<br>2 Field Park Coy (b)<br>3 Field Park Coy (b)                                                                  | FRIULI<br>FOLGORE<br>MANTOVA                                    |
| SUPPLY &<br>TRANSPORT | 6 Field<br>Bakeries.                                                                                          | NA/597/1 | 166/1    | 6                         | 186      | 316 Field Bakery (c)<br>317 Field Bakery (c)<br>1 Field Bakery (c)<br>2 Field Bakery (c)<br>318 Field Bakery (c)<br>319 Field Bakery + | FRIULI<br>CREMONA<br>LEGNANO<br>FOLGORE<br>MANTOVA<br>ETC. ICF. |
|                       | 3 GENERAL<br>TRANSPORT<br>COMPANIES<br>HQ G.T. Coy<br>4 Transport<br>Pls.<br>4 RDIs<br>1 Mech Eng<br>Platoon. | NA/531/1 | 123/1    | 12                        | 108      | No 1 Italian GT (a)<br>Company<br>No 2 Italian GT (c)<br>Company<br>No 3 Italian GT (a)<br>Company                                     | Supervis-<br>ion 3<br>District.<br>"<br>"                       |
|                       | 1 Motor Amb-<br>ulance Convoy                                                                                 | VI/719/1 | 184/1    | 7                         | 221      | No 1 Italian (b)<br>Motor Ambulance<br>Convoy                                                                                          | FOLGORE<br>(HQ 1 Amb<br>Car Secti                               |
|                       | 3 RDIs                                                                                                        | NA/532/1 | 124/1    | -                         | 39       | HQ & A Section (b)                                                                                                                     | -                                                               |
| SIGNALS               | 3 Technical<br>Maintenance<br>Sections.                                                                       | A1/30/1  |          | 3                         | 87       | 181 Technical<br>Maintenance Sec. (a)<br>183 " " (b)<br>182 " " (a)                                                                    | FRIULI<br>LEGNANO<br>1 DISTRI                                   |

ORDER OF BATTLE OF AUXILIARY UNITS  
OF COMBAT GROUPS.

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Appendix 'A' to MMIA  
S/G/29/26 of 17 Jan 45.

| TOTAL STRENGTH<br>Offrs | O.Rs. | Designation of<br>Units                 | Parent Unit<br>for Mobilis-<br>ation. | Present<br>Location.              | BLU | REMARKS.                                                                      |
|-------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4                       |       | 5                                       | 6.                                    | 7                                 | 8   | 9                                                                             |
| 15                      | 387   | 1. Field Park Coy (a)                   | PRIULI                                | ARMY AREA.                        | 50  | With Priuli.                                                                  |
|                         |       | 2 Field Park Coy (b)                    | FOLGORE                               | TELESE                            | 53  | Intended to support CREMONA.                                                  |
|                         |       | 3 Field Park Coy (b)                    | MANTOVA                               | -                                 | 56  |                                                                               |
| 6                       | 186   | 316 Field Bakery (c)                    | PRIULI                                | ARMY AREA                         | 50  | With Priuli. No technical equipment as not available.                         |
|                         |       | 317 Field Bakery (c)                    | CREMONA                               | " "                               | 51  | " " " "                                                                       |
|                         |       | 1 Field Bakery (c)                      | IEGNANO                               | BRACCIANO                         | 52  | With Legnano. " "                                                             |
|                         |       | 2 Field Bakery (c)                      | FOLGORE                               | TELESE                            | 53  | With Folgore " "                                                              |
|                         |       | 318 Field Bakery (c)                    | MANTOVA                               | S. GIORGIO                        | 56  | With Mantova " "                                                              |
|                         |       | 319 Field Bakery +                      | RTC, ICF.                             | AFRAGOLA                          | RTC | With RTC ICF. + Equipped with Italian Zeiss Ovens.                            |
| 12                      | 108   | No 1 Italian GT Company (a)             | Supervis-<br>ion 3<br>District.       | AFRAGOLA                          | -   | Being equipped by 56 Area (Maj ADAMSON). Estimated date of completion 20 Jan. |
| 12                      | 588   | No 2 Italian GT Company (c)             | "                                     | "                                 |     | Personnel complete. Equip-<br>ment to be issued as above.                     |
| 3                       | 156   | No 3 Italian GT Company (d)             | "                                     | Personnel<br>not yet<br>allotted. |     | G.T. Coy to be used as Dvrs<br>school at RTC ICF CESANO.                      |
| 7                       | 221   | No 1 Italian Motor Ambulance Convoy (b) | FOLGORE<br>(HQ 1 Amb<br>Car Section)  | TELESE                            | 53  | HQ and 1 Amb Car Sec being<br>equipped through 53 BLU.                        |
| -                       | 39    | HQ & 1 Section (b)                      | -                                     | -                                 |     | Remainder not formed - See App<br>B)                                          |
| 3                       | 87    | 181 Technical Maintenance Sec. (a)      | PRIULI                                | ARMY AREA                         | 50  | T.M. Sections are being<br>split into two Secs                                |
|                         | 183   | " " (b)                                 | IEGNANO                               | BRACCIANO                         | 52  | One Sec will serve 1 Group<br>and will then move with<br>Group.               |
|                         | 182   | " " (a)                                 | 1 DISTRICT                            | ATEZZO                            | -   |                                                                               |

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| MEDICAL | 10 Field Hospitals<br>(200 Beds each)<br><br>+ includes 100 Nursing sisters<br>from Italian Red Cross | NA/574/1 186/1 | 1702 | 580 | 519 Fd Hospital (b) MAN             |
|         |                                                                                                       |                |      |     | 429 " " (b) "                       |
|         |                                                                                                       |                |      |     | 230 " " (b) FOL                     |
|         |                                                                                                       |                |      |     | 232 " " (a) "                       |
|         |                                                                                                       |                |      |     | 470 " " (b) LEC                     |
|         |                                                                                                       |                |      |     | 866 " " (b) FOL                     |
|         |                                                                                                       |                |      |     | 522 " " (b) FOL                     |
|         |                                                                                                       |                |      |     | 576 " " (b) LEC                     |
|         |                                                                                                       |                |      |     | 331 " " (b) MAN                     |
|         |                                                                                                       |                |      |     | 520 " " (c) MAN                     |
|         | 5 Field Surgical Units                                                                                | NA/575/1 185/1 | 15   | 115 | 130 Fd Surg Unit (a) FRI            |
|         |                                                                                                       |                |      |     | 44 " " " (a) CRE                    |
|         |                                                                                                       |                |      |     | 34 " " " (b) LEC                    |
|         |                                                                                                       |                |      |     | 131 " " " (b) FOL                   |
|         |                                                                                                       |                |      |     | 216 " " " (c) MAN                   |
|         | 3 Mobile X-ray Units                                                                                  | NA/576/1 179/1 | 3    | 18  | 133 Mob X-ray Unit (a) M o          |
|         |                                                                                                       |                |      |     | 29 " " " (a) LEC                    |
|         |                                                                                                       |                |      |     | 113 " " " (b) H o                   |
|         | 2 Mob Dental Units                                                                                    | NA/577/1 163/1 | 2    | 6   | 113 Mob Dental Unit (a) M o         |
|         |                                                                                                       |                |      |     | 114 " " " (a) FOL                   |
|         | 2 Adv Depot of Med<br>Stores                                                                          | NA/578/1 165/1 | 2    | 14  | "S" Adv Depot Med<br>Stores (a) H o |
|         |                                                                                                       |                |      |     | "T" Adv Depot Med<br>Stores (a) M o |

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|       | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4                       | 5   | 6       | 7                      | 8         | 9                                           |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|-------------------------|-----|---------|------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------------------|
| 186/1 | 170 | 580 | 519 | PA Hospital             | (b) | MANTOVA | CAN GIORGIO            | 56        |                                             |
|       |     |     | 429 | " "                     | (b) | "       | GROTTIELLA             | 56        |                                             |
|       |     |     | 230 | " "                     | (b) | FOLGORE | PIEDMONTE-<br>d'ALIFE. | 56        | Expected to be completed<br>by 20th Jan.    |
|       |     |     | 232 | " "                     | (a) | "       | FRASSO                 | 53        |                                             |
|       |     |     | 470 | " "                     | (b) | IEGNANO | BRACCIANO              | 52        |                                             |
|       |     |     | 866 | " "                     | (b) | FOLGORE | MELIZZANO              | 53        |                                             |
|       |     |     | 522 | " "                     | (b) | FOLGORE | FRASSO                 | 53        |                                             |
|       |     |     | 576 | " "                     | (b) | IEGNANO | TEANO                  | 52        | Moving to BRACCIANO area                    |
|       |     |     | 331 | " "                     | (b) | MANTOVA | SAN GIORGIO            | 56        |                                             |
|       |     |     | 520 | " "                     | (c) | MANTOVA | ATRAGOLA               | 56        | Moves SAN GIORGIO area<br>when site vacant. |
| 185/1 | 15  | 115 | 130 | PA Surg Unit            | (a) | TRIULI  | PIETRAFITTA            | 50        |                                             |
|       |     |     | 44  | " " "                   | (a) | CASSANO | 8th ARMY               | 51        |                                             |
|       |     |     | 34  | " " "                   | (b) | IEGNANO | BRACCIANO              | 52        |                                             |
|       |     |     | 131 | " " "                   | (b) | FOLGORE | FRASSO                 | 53        |                                             |
|       |     |     | 216 | " " "                   | (c) | MANTOVA | COSINZA                | 56        | Moving to SAN GIORGIO<br>area               |
| 179/1 | 3   | 18  | 133 | Mob X-ray Unit          | (a) | M of W  | ROME                   | MMIA      |                                             |
|       |     |     | 29  | " " "                   | (a) | IEGNANO | BRACCIANO              | 52        |                                             |
|       |     |     | 113 | " " "                   | (b) | H of W  | NAPLES                 | MMIA      | Moves to ROME for tech-<br>nical equipping. |
| 163/1 | 2   | 6   | 113 | Mob Dental Unit         | (a) | M of W  | ROME                   | MMIA      |                                             |
|       |     |     | 114 | " " "                   | (a) | FOLGORE | NAPLES                 | 53        | Moving to FOLGORE area                      |
| 165/1 | 2   | 14  | "S" | Adv Depot Med<br>Stores | (a) | M of W  | OSERO                  | 1<br>DIST |                                             |
|       |     |     | "T" | Adv Depot Med<br>Stores | (a) | M of W  | NAPLES                 | MMIA      |                                             |

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| MISCELLANEOUS | 5 Mobile Bath Units                | as proposed in<br>MMA S/C/29/26<br>of 24 Dec | 70       | 26 Mob Bath Unit<br>54 " " "<br>51 " " "<br>184 " " "<br>104 " " " | (a) FRIULI<br>(a) CREMONA<br>(a) LEGNANO<br>(a) FOLGORE<br>(d) MANTOVA |
|               | 1 Transit Camp                     | NA/599/1 178/1                               | 6 105    | 58 Combat Group<br>Transit Camp.                                   | (b) MANTOVA                                                            |
|               | 1 Reinforcement<br>Training Centre | To be approved                               |          | Reinforcement Trg Centre<br>Italian Combat Force                   | (d) PIERINO                                                            |
|               |                                    | TOTAL AND RTC,<br>ICF                        | 256 2797 |                                                                    |                                                                        |
| PROVOST       | 3 Sections,<br>Carabinieri Reali   | NA/524/1 133/1                               | 3 153    | 316 Sec Carabinieri<br>317 " "<br>318 " "                          | (a) FRIULI<br>(b) FOLGORE<br>(b) MANTOVA                               |

Note: In Column 5 units are placed in categories as follows:

(a)  
(b)  
(c)  
(d)

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| 70       | 26 Mob Bath Unit<br>54 " " "<br>51 " " "<br>184 " " "<br>104 " " " | (a) FRIULI<br>(a) CREMONA<br>(a) LEGNANO<br>(d) FOLGORE<br>(a) MANTOVA | BRACCIANO<br>"<br>"<br>TELESE<br>S. GIORGIO | 50<br>51<br>52<br>53<br>56 | Proposals is for 1 Bath Unit (italian equip) to be attached to the Med Sec of each Gp. Number given is that of Med Sec. |
| 6 105    | 58 Combat Group Transit Camp.                                      | (b) MANTOVA                                                            | BENEVENTO & VAIRANO                         | 56                         | HQ at BENEVENTO, detachment at VAIRANO.                                                                                 |
|          | Reinforcement Trg Centre Italian Combat Force                      | (d) PICENO                                                             | CESANO                                      | RTC                        | In process of formation from cadres of PICENO                                                                           |
| 256 2797 |                                                                    |                                                                        |                                             |                            |                                                                                                                         |
| 3 153    | 316 Sec Carabinieri<br>317 " "<br>318 " "                          | (a) FRIULI<br>(b) FOLGORE<br>(b) MANTOVA                               | ARMY AREA<br>TELESE<br>S. GIORGIO           | 50<br>53<br>56             |                                                                                                                         |

are placed in categories as follows:

- (a) complete in personnel & equipment
- (b) being equipped.
- (c) formed but not equipped
- (d) not formed.

Proposed Re-distribution of Auxiliary Units on move, FRIULI,  
CREMONA, LEGNANO and FOLGORE Groups (end January 1945)

| FORMATION  | BLU | SUPPORTING UNITS                                             |                                                                                |                        |                                                                       |
|------------|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
|            |     | Engineers                                                    | S & T                                                                          | Signals                | Med                                                                   |
| FRIULI     | 50  | 1 Field Park Coy                                             | 1 G T Coy<br>316 Field Bakery<br><br>10 Arb Cars<br>from A Section<br>No 1 MAC | 181 T M Section<br>(a) | 130 Fiel<br><br>230 Fiel<br>429 Fiel<br>29 X-R<br>T Adv D             |
| CREMONA    | 51  | 2 Field Park Coy<br>(as soon as<br>equipment is<br>complete) | 317 Field Bakery<br>15 Arb Cars<br>from A Section<br>No 1 MAC                  | 181 T M Section<br>(a) | 44 Fiel<br><br>232 Fiel<br>519 Fiel<br>133 X-R<br>113 Dent<br>3 Adv D |
| LEGNANO    | 52  |                                                              | 1 Field Bakery                                                                 | 183 T M Section        | 34 Fiel                                                               |
| FOLGORE    | 53  |                                                              | 2 Field Bakery                                                                 |                        | 131 Fiel<br><br>114 Mob                                               |
| MANTOVA    | 56  | 3 Field Park Coy                                             | 318 Field Bakery<br><br>HQ 1 MAC (b)                                           |                        | 331 Fiel<br>520 Fiel<br>866 Fiel<br>522 Fiel<br>216 Fiel              |
| RTC ICF    | RTC |                                                              | 2 G T Coy<br>(as soon as formed)<br>319 Field Bakery                           |                        | 470 Fiel<br>576 Fiel<br>113 X-R                                       |
| 1 District |     |                                                              |                                                                                | 182 T M Section        |                                                                       |

- (a) It is proposed to split each T M Section into 2 parts.  
(b) It is recommended that this HQ moves to AFRAGOLA, when formed, of the rest of the M.A.C. (i.e. 'B' 'C' 'D' and 'E' Med, Section)

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Distribution of Auxiliary Units on route, FRIULI,  
A. LEGNANO and FOLGORE Groups (end January 1945)

APPENDIX 'E' to MMIA S/G/29/26  
of 17 January 1945.

## SUPPORTING UNITS

|    | S & T                                                                          | Signals                | Medical                                                                                                                                     | Miscellaneous                                                                    | Provost                    |
|----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| by | 1 G T Coy<br>316 Field Bakery<br><br>10 Amb Cars<br>from A Section<br>No 1 MAC | 181 T M Section<br>(a) | 130 Field Surgical<br>Unit<br><br>230 Field Hospital<br>429 Field Hospital<br>29 X-Ray Unit<br>T Adv Depot Med<br>Stores                    | 26 Mobile Bath<br>Unit<br><br>(to be formed)                                     | 316 Section<br>Carabinieri |
| by | 317 Field Bakery<br>15 Amb Cars<br>from A Section<br>No 1 MAC                  | 181 T M Section<br>(a) | 44 Field Surgical<br>Unit<br><br>232 Field Hospital<br>519 Field Hospital<br>133 X-Ray Unit<br>113 Dental Unit<br>3 Adv Depot Med<br>Stores | 54 Mobile Bath<br>Unit<br><br>(to be formed)                                     |                            |
|    | 1 Field Bakery                                                                 | 183 T M Section        | 34 Field Surgical<br>Unit                                                                                                                   | 51 Mobile Bath<br>Unit (to be formed)                                            |                            |
|    | 2 Field Bakery                                                                 |                        | 131 Field Surgical<br>Unit<br>114 Mobile Dental<br>Unit                                                                                     | 184 Mobile Bath<br>Unit<br><br>(to be formed)                                    | 317 Section<br>Carabinieri |
| by | 318 Field Bakery<br><br>HQ 1 MAC (b)                                           |                        | 331 Field Hospital<br>520 Field Hospital<br>366 Field Hospital<br>522 Field Hospital<br>216 Field Surgical<br>Unit                          | 104 Mobile Bath<br>Unit<br><br>(to be formed)<br>58 Combat Group<br>Transit Camp | 318 Section<br>Carabinieri |
|    | 2 G T Coy<br>(as soon as formed)<br>319 Field Bakery                           |                        | 470 Field Hospital<br>576 Field Hospital<br>113 X-Ray Unit                                                                                  | Technically equip-<br>ping in RME                                                |                            |
|    |                                                                                | 182 T M Section        |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                  |                            |

and to split each T M Section into 2 parts.

Recommended that this HQ moves to AFRAGOLA, when formed, to assist in formation  
of the M.A.C. (i.e. 'B' 'C' 'D' and 'E' Med. Sections.)

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15 ARMY GROUP  
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION

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Ref 15 Army Group A54 of 28 Dec (.) FIRST (.) Strength Italian Combat Groups 27 Dec confirmed by special signal from ELW as follows (.) FIVULI posted 8892 fighting 7403 deficient on W E 118 (.) CREMONA posted 9317 surplus on W E 307 fighting 8155 (.) SECOND (.) Reinforcements down to 3% and none immediately available (.) Largely due to taking 5000 from VICENO for Carabinieri and Muleteers unexpectedly (.) THIRD (.) Letter follows SDR 1 Jan after consultation Pub Saf Sub Com regarding possible return of 3000 VICENO lent to CCRR as latter are overceiling.

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SUBJECT: Volunteers - I.C.F.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
File No. S/SD/30  
29 Dec 44

TO : PPS

Copy to: AMIA LO NAPLES  
MINISTRY OF WAR

1. It is understood that there are in 212 Div 125 men who have volunteered for service with the Combat Groups (212 Div letter 05/4369 of 15 Dec to SMRR refers)

Please say whether you are prepared to release these volunteers.

2. If the release is agreed the men should be sent to I.C.F. Rft Trg Centre CESANO, and replacements will be found from AFRAGOLA Camp. 87

*for*  
Major General  
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT:- No 2 G.T. Company for Combat Gps

Land Forces Sub Com A.C.  
(MMIA)  
SD/6  
27 Dec 44  
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Ministry of War  
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PINEOUTH for MMIA LO (for info)  
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Ref our SD/6 of 10 Dec. — 31

1. AFHQ have now ordered the formation of No 2 G.T. Company for the Combat Gps on the following WE's and Special Equipment Lists, under supervision of 3 District, with effect from 21 Dec.

|                    | W.E.<br>---- | S.E.L.<br>----- |
|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| HQ G.T. Company    | NA/533/1     | 123/1           |
| Four Transport Pls | NA/533/1     | 125/1           |
| Four R.D.I.'s      | NA/532/1     | 124/1           |
| Mech Engrs Pl      | NA/539/1     | 127/1           |

2. It is understood that all the necessary personnel (except some specialist deficiencies) are now available at APPACOLA, vide MMIA SD/6 8006 of 10 Dec and SD/1911 of 11 Dec.

3. A representative of MMIA is going to NAPLES on 27 Dec to assist with the provision of indents for clothing and equipment.

4. It is anticipated that the Company will be equipped and ready soon after 4 Jan 45. It will then move to GESSANO to form a Driver's School.

5. 400 drivers should be earmarked now for the first course.

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Major General  
MMIA

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FROM HQ 15 Army Group

TO AFHQ

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For 03 Org (.) Agree proposals MMIA SD 1971 of 20 Dec regarding 152 and 162 Italian PG Coys.

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152 and 162 Field Engineer Companies earmarked for PIGENO are now training with MANTOVA (.). MMIA recommend that these units should be held against strength of RTC ICF and equipped accordingly with personal clothing and equipment (.). They should stay with MANTOVA until reorganisation of RTC ICF at CESANO is complete (.). They would provide reinforcements for Groups in line as required (.). If you agree please authorise issue of necessary personal equipment and clothing through 3 District and 56 BLU.

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A/Q. G(SD), SD/50 (2)

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**SUBJECT:** No 2 G.T. Company for Combat Groups.

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Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)

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10 Dec 44

**TO :** Ministry of War.

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AFHQ (G3 Org)

H.Q. A.A.I. for G(SD)

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|     |                                                                                                                           |                  |      |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------|
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| (b) | 184 all ranks ex 1006 G. T. Company)                                                                                      | to IGT Company   |      |
| (c) | 278 all ranks ex 1007 G. T. Company                                                                                       |                  |      |
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4. No action must prejudice the formation of No. 1 C. T. Company which will be required to operate as soon as possible in the forward area.

5. Please investigate this matter carefully and report to MMIA on the possibility of carrying out the scheme outlined in para 3 above, with the personnel available. Details should be given of any specialists deficient against the establishments mentioned and your proposals for finding them.

If a sufficient number of suitable personnel is not available to complete Nos 1 and 2 G. T. Companies from the sources mentioned above, it is agreed, reference your 9111/Ord of 5 December, that men may be drawn from personnel available in SARDINIA as shown in your 9/83/Nov of 24 November. Steps are being taken (vide MMIA SD 1902 of 10 Dec) to have these men transferred to the Mainland.

INTERVAL  
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*13 January 1945*  
Major General  
M.M. I.A.

*See G.O. 34*

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Ref WHIA 3D 1848 of 25 NOV (.) RACE Try Est report that  
44 men expected from POLISHIA have NOT arrived (.) Please  
advise ETA as these men are urgently required for course.

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No. 785020

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**SUBJECT: Move of Units**

LAND FORCE'S SUB-COM. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
File No. S/SD/30  
9 Dec 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref MMIA 5/0/29/26 of 26 Oct 44.

1. Please arrange for the movement of 522 2d Hosp from AFRAGOLA Camp to TELESE where it will come under command of the FOLGORE Group, and will be established according to WE NA/574/1.

Major General  
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to: 3 District  
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Subject:- 183 Technical Maintenance Section

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.  
(M.L.L.A.)  
SD/8/1

7 Dec 44

MINISTRY OF WAR.

Copy to:- 3 District  
MMA IO 3 District.  
52 B.L.U.  
53 B.L.U.

1. A.F.H.Q. has ordered the formation, under supervision of 3 District, of the above unit, which is required to operate with the second two Combat Groups. Total 1 Offr. 28 ORs.
2. You will organise the section on WE NA/829/1, copy of which you hold, with LEGNANO as parent unit (our SS 281 of 7 Nov refers).
3. District have already given instructions to 52 B.L.U. with regard to the necessary equipment.
3. Personnel will be drawn, so far as possible, from sources already included in the ceiling for the Combat Force. 17 Mobile Workshops (see para 5) should form the nucleus of this section. You will decide, on the basis of relative need, how many of its personnel should be cross-posted to 183 Technical Maintenance Section and how many should remain with LEGNANO. If further personnel are required they should be provided ex FOLGORE, since the Section will serve both Groups.
4. If all necessary specialists are not available from Combat Force personnel, you are requested to propose possible alternative sources, as for example, the ACSTA Division.
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*L.M. Ingledew.*  
for Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: A/Q —  
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SUBJECT: Specialists for Italian Combat Groups

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.  
(L.M.I.A.)  
File No. 32/19  
30 Nov 44

TO : P.B.S.

Confirming conversation Col. LOEFF - Lt. Col. INGLEDEN  
MMIA on 29 Nov 44.

1. P.B.S. will endeavour to find Italian Specialists as under  
for incorporation into the Combat Groups.

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|------------------|-----|
| Motor Mech       | 300 |
| Armament Fitters | 300 |
| Signallers Op    | 300 |
| " Instr Mech     | 100 |
| Alec. Mech       | 50  |
| Eng. Specialists | 100 |

2. P.B.S. will notify MMIA LO NAPIES of numbers collected and  
location of same, when this HQ will arrange for a like number of per-  
sonnel to be despatched. The method of clothing adjustment will be  
decided later depending on

(a) Numbers of personnel involved

(b) State of clothing of parties involved.

3. In order to complete your files, attached are copies of  
this HQ letter 32/19 of 2 Nov to AFHQ and AFHQ letter AG 891.713/604  
C-0 of 21 Nov in reply.

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|------------------|-----|
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| Alec. Tech       | 50  |
| Eng. Specialists | 100 |

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*[Signature]*  
Major General  
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: MIA LO MAPERS  
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MINISTRY OF WAR

52 BLU FOR NSIA LS 3 DENTROY AMHO FOR 03(000) RPTD (1A8)  
34 BLU RPTD NSIA LS

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2000 men may be expected to report to HQ 109 from ADVANCE call up  
between Dec 5 and Dec 20 (.) Essential therefore that MATRONS  
be made <sup>up</sup> earliest to 15 plus 5 per cent from reinforcements at  
present in depot (.) Our on 409 of 27 November not to all refer (.)  
1000 shelter halves will be available in addition to present tentage

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SUBJECT: Alpine Training Course  
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Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
S/G/15

29 Nov 44  
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TO : EIGHTH ARMY  
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By means of a letter from the Italian War Ministry, M.M.I.A. has been informed that 2 Italian officers and 2 Italian O.Fs have been requested by your Hq from the Aquila Alpine Detachment to attend special alpine courses at Campo Imperatore, and on the basis of your request have been so ordered by the War Ministry.

While it is realized that it was intended to make the best available use of the personnel, concurrence for such a program should have been obtained from M.M.I.A. as the Detachment in question is part of the LEGNANO Div and therefore under command of S.M.R.E. and not 8 Army.

*[Signature]* J.R. cl

Major General  
M.M.I.A.

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On arrival in SAN GIORGIO area MANTOVA Group will be made up to W.E. plus 5% from personnel now in Reinforcements Depot TEANO (.) Requests for personnel will be made by Group Comdr and will include specialists cma but if these are not available units will be made up to strength with untrained men (.) Copy of such requests will be sent to SMRE with extra copy to be passed by AMRE to MMIA.

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MINISTRY OF WAR  
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SD 1851

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Reference MIA signal SD 1763 of 10 November and your  
ex  
F 52549 of 14 Nov (.) 280 driver students/disbanded  
AA and earmarked for Gruppi are waiting at TRANI  
Camp (.) Next course at POLIGNANO fully booked (.)  
While awaiting decision on MIA S/O/29/10/A of 18 Nov  
to G 3 (Org) am request you loan to TRANI Camp up to  
20 vehicles so that some training can start for above  
280 personnel

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*J. H. England*  
*H. G.*

MESSAGE FORM

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

FROM: MMIA

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TO(FOR ACTION) DISTHREE

TO(FOR INFO) 54 AREA FOR MMIA LO  
207 SUB AREA for GELARDI  
MINISTRY OF WAR  
RAOC TRG EST PONTECAGNANO

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Ref No. SD 1846

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Understand present course at POLIGNANO ends 2 December (.) Request  
the 150 personnel be despatched 56 to TEANO as instead of 106 per  
SD 1841 of 24 Nov 50 to AFRAGOLA <sup>44</sup> to RAOC TRG EST PONTECAGNANO for  
Mantova-Piseno Ord Course (.) 50 men for next course now waiting at  
CONVERSANO (.) Further 120 available at Combat Groups Reinforcement  
depot TEANO (.) as capacity of school understood to be 150 please  
confirm if remaining 100 may be taken from TEANO and posted to Combat  
Forces after training (.) if so request you bid for rail transport  
TEANO to BARI

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MINISTRY OF WAR

RE SICILY REGION AG for ALBERT MALIA LO

SD 1840

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Understand there are in SICILY 1084 volunteers for combat service  
(\*) Please arrange for their enrolment and concentration / (\*) in SICILY soonest  
Notify completion to this HQ so that onward routing to mainland may be  
requested (\*) Rations and items personal equipment will be issued  
to these personnel on arrival at respective depots under your  
arrangements

*Review completed 17/1/10*

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NOT SUB AREA FOR GELARBI  
34 AREA for MMIA LO

SP 1841

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Request you move 106 trained <sup>deers</sup> ~~cars~~ from 280 Driving School FOLIGNANO to  
Aft: Ing Lepot 107 DRANO soonest

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SUBJECT: Formation of GT Company

Land Forces Sub Com A.C.,  
(MIA)  
SD/6

28 Nov 44

Ministry of War

Copy to: AFHQ (for G-3 Org) (2) } AFHQ EX55258  
3 District (2) } of 20 Nov  
AAI } refers  
PES for MIA LC Capt THRUPP

Reference our S/G/29/26 of 26 Oct.

1. Arrangements are being made for personnel of 1003 General Transport Company to move soonest from SALERNO to AFRAGLIA for re-organisation into the first of the three four-platoon General Transport Coys required to support the Combat Groups. By agreement with SAE the new Company will be designated 1 Combat Group G.T. Company. Personnel of 1006 General Transport Company are also moving from NAPLES to AFRAGLIA on or soonest after 24 November, and may be used to complete the above Company.

2. You are requested to arrange for the re-organisation of 1 Combat Group G.T. Company and for the necessary cross-posting of personnel to be carried out by Military HQ CAMPANIA, under supervision of 3 District according to WE's NA/531/1, NA/532/1 and NA/539/1. Cent THRUPP, MIA LC, PES, will be available to give any assistance required.

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Internal copies to :- Spec Sec  
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Major General  
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SUBJECT: Formation of Auxiliary Units  
for Combat Groups.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)

S/SD/30  
19 Nov 44

TO : AFHQ.

1. Reference our S/G/29/26 of 26 October, the following auxiliary units for the Combat Groups have yet to be formed:

| Units                                                                                             | WEIR                                         | Strength (each)<br>Offrs ORs |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 3 General Transport Coys                                                                          | NA 531/1<br>NA 533/1<br>NA 532/1<br>NA 539/1 | 9 323                        |
| 1 Motor Ambulance Convoy<br>(one out of the 3 platoons<br>is formed from 1200 Amb<br>Car Platoon) | V1/719/1<br>NA/532/1                         | 7 260                        |
| "S" Adv Depot Medical Stores                                                                      |                                              | 1 7                          |
| 4 Mobile Laundry & Bath Units                                                                     | NA/612/1                                     | 3 63                         |

All other units in the order of Battle for the "tail" are either formed or in the process of formation, as far as personnel is concerned. British equipment is being issued to the first third.

2. It is suggested that the following procedure be adopted for units to be formed:

(a) G.I. Companies

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|   |                                                                                                   |                                              |   |     |
|---|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---|-----|
| 1 | 3 General Transport Coys                                                                          | NA 531/1<br>NA 533/1<br>NA 532/1<br>NA 539/1 | 9 | 323 |
| 2 | 1 Motor Ambulance Convoy<br>(one out of the 3 platoons<br>is formed from 1200 Amb<br>Car Platoon) | VL/719/1<br>NA/532/1                         | 7 | 260 |
| 3 | "S" Adv Depot Medical Stores                                                                      |                                              | 1 | 7   |
| 4 | Mobile Laundry & Bath Units                                                                       | NA/612/1                                     | 3 | 63  |

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(a) G.T. Companies

- 1 G.T. Company. . . . . To be formed now from personnel mentioned in your FX 53596 of 16 AFRAGOLA by Mil HQ CAMPANIA under supervision 3 District.
- 2 and 3 G.T. Companies. . . . . To be formed by the Combat Groups Reinforcement Training Depot as drivers become trained and available, and assuming the plan outlined in MMIA S/G/29/10/A of 18 Nov is adopted.

(b) 1 Motor Ambulance Convoy

- H.Q. and No 1 Platoon . . . . . To be formed now under supervision FOLCORE Group from personnel of 1200 Ambulance Platoon.
- No 2 and No 3 Platoons . . . . . To be formed at the Reinforcement Training Depot as above, simultaneously with No 2 G.T. Company. (see above)

(c) "S" Adv Depot . . . . .  
Medical Stores.

To be formed now at OSIMO under supervision 1 District from personnel already in Italian Medical Depot there.

- 2. (d) Nos 1, 2, 3 and 4  
Mobile Laundry and Bath  
Units . . . . .  
Nos 1 and 2 to be formed now (if equipment is available) at AFFRACOLA under supervision 3 District. Personnel to be provided by SMRE. Nos 3 and 4 to be formed for 30 January under the same arrangements.

3. It is not desired to make the Groups and HLUs responsible for the formation of any more units than can be helped, as they have already an immense task.

4. It is emphasised that the formation of the G.T. Companies would be greatly eased if the G.T. Company requested in MMIA S/G/29/10/A of 18 Nov could work in conjunction with the Reinforcement Trg Depot.

5. The Reinforcement Trg Depot Italian Combat Force (although in theory part of the "Tail") has not been included in the above recommendations; it has already been formed on a provisional W.E. and after consultation with D.M.T. and (as explained in MMIA S/G/29/10/A of 18 November) will have to be taken more seriously now and given an adequate training staff and facilities for storage, transport and issue of equipment and clothing. It will also be necessary to decide on the best location of this Depot and its affiliated schools, preferably well forward to facilitate reinforcement of fighting units.

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SUBJECT: Cavalry Unit for Combat Group

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
File No. S/G/29/18  
16 Nov 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. Your proposal (contained in 304027/CA of 7 Nov) to perpetuate the Cavalry tradition by including in the PICENO Combat Group one Battalion of dismounted Cavalry is approved under the following conditions:

(a) The Battalion will be in place of a Battalion of Infantry.

(b) The organisation and functions of the Battalion are to be exactly the same as those of an Infantry Battalion.

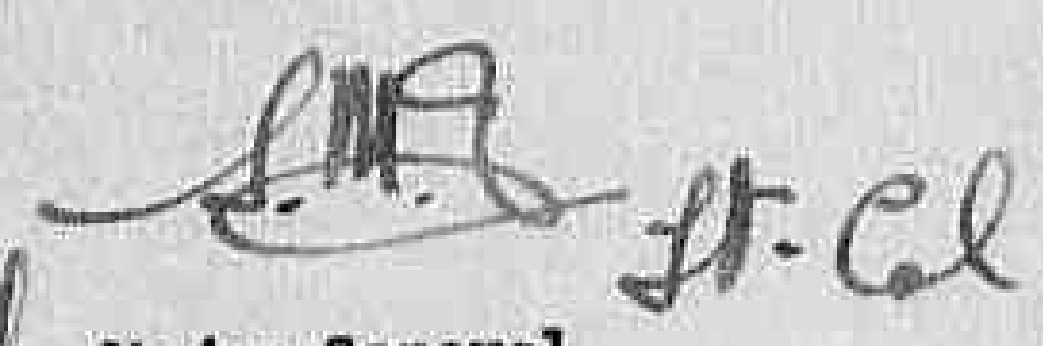
(c) Reinforcements will be as far as possible Cavalry men but this must depend on availabilities of personnel and the needs of the situation.

2. The formation of this unit will begin within the PICENO Group at once and it will be brought up to strength as quickly as possible by the methods stated in your proposal.

3. Men required from 502 Guard Bn are to be replaced by you before being taken from it: you will inform MMIA when you are ready to do this so that the necessary orders can be given.

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4. Progress in the formation of this Battalion will be reported by you to MMIA on 18 Dec.

  
Major General  
M. M. I. A.

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3 DISTRICT

NSIA 10 54 AREA (BARI)  
AFHQ 50 BLU

SD 1799

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Reference AFHQ PA 47898 of 3 Nov (.) understood from NSIA 10 54 AREA  
that 200 drivers ex 1008 Coy are still at COMUSMACV ~~COMUSMACV~~  
~~COMUSMACV~~ (.) Only 5 of the 106 allotted had reported 11 Nov to  
PRIMEI (.) In view of AFHQ PA 51995 of 13 Nov please advise if 101  
drivers still remain to be sent from COMUSMACV

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Provision of Drivers for Combat Groups1. Information.

Present resources are inadequate for the provision and training of drivers for the Italian Combat Force.

2. Requirements up to 1 May 1945.

|                                                                  | Total No<br>of drivers | Minimum<br>Number required<br>by mid-January |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| To complete FOLGORE and LEGNANO                                  | 700                    | 700                                          |
| To complete MANICOVA                                             | 1000                   |                                              |
| To complete PICENC                                               | 1000                   |                                              |
| 3 G T Companies for Tail (260 each Coy)                          | 780                    | 520                                          |
| HQ M.A.C. and 2 platoons                                         | 150                    | 100                                          |
| Miscellaneous tail units                                         | 20                     | 20                                           |
| Reinforcements (5% of total strength of drivers in Combat Force) | 500                    | 500                                          |
| Wastage for casualties, desertion, sick, etc                     | 500                    |                                              |
| T O T A L                                                        | 4,650                  | 1,840                                        |

The above assumes that all 3 G T Companies for the "tail" will have to be formed, but it is anticipated that at any rate the first will be formed from existing units.

3. The Problem.

Present facilities are limited to the Groups themselves and the school at FOLIGNANO which should turn out 140 drivers a month, all earmarked already for British services. It will be seen from para 2 that it is required to produce for the Groups some 2,000 drivers by mid-January and a further 2,000 at least by May 1st 1945.

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- (a) Make up FOLGORE and LEGNANO deficiencies by training within the Groups plus the allotment of drivers earmarked for FRIULI and CREMONA but surplus to their final requirements.
- (b) Establish a Driving School to train 3,000 drivers (600 per month) between now and May 1st 1945, aiming at training 1200 by mid-January. ADST is requested to examine this question and work out a detailed scheme.
- (c) Establish a Drivers Wing at the R reinforcements Depot which would

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(c) Establish a Drivers Wing at the R reinforcements Depot which would produce 100 trained drivers a month to make up wastage.

(d) This would leave about 450 drivers still to be found. 250 may be represented by the G T Company to be allotted to the first third of the tail. Training of drivers within units could make up for the remaining 200 who could be counted against the estimated wastage.

5. CONFERENCE

The above to be discussed at Training Conference 1000 hrs 17 Nov.

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Reference Orbat attached to 8/0/29/26 of 26 October  
for 113 Mobile X-Ray Unit substitute 133 (.) AII  
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TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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From DIA.

To HQ AAI.

To(Info) AFHQ 50 BLS 51 HLU.

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In orders for move of FRUIT and CHERONA please state which  
tail units should accompany each (+) Recommend that Field  
Bakeries be kept attached as per S/G/29/26 of 25 October and that  
1 Field Park Coy and 130 Field Surgical Unit move with FRUIT

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two groups (.) All informed

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Subject: Reinforcement Depot for Combat Groups (Provisional Procedure).

Land Forces Sub-Commission A. C.  
(M.M.I.A.)

3/G/29/26  
2 Nov 44

Re : 64 Garrison.

Copy to: AFHQ  
DMT

Ministry of War

50, 51, 52, 53, 54 BLU, Maj GELARDI.

1. LOCATION. Ref Map Sheet 19. 1/200,000. It is the intention to transfer the Combat Force reinforcement depot from its present location at ALIFE to TELNO (10594) next week.

A recon has been carried out by M.L. MC LEGHMAN

GROUP.

2. ADMINISTRATION. LEGNANO Group (52 BLU) will continue to be the parent unit of the reinforcement depot. M.M.I.A. L.O. LEGNANO Group (Maj GELARDI) will be directly concerned with all matters affecting it.

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5. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT RESERVES. O. C. Reinforcement Depot will demand clothing and equipment for 2,500 men. Scale will be that laid down for Gruppi di Combattimenti, and stocks will be maintained to meet requirements of (maximum) 2,500 men, at a time.

6. DOCUMENTATION. This is an Italian responsibility and will be dealt with directly between HQ MMIA and Ministry of War.

7. REINFORCEMENT PROCEDURE. Newly enlisted or recalled personnel for the I.C.F. will always be sent to the reinforcement depot in the first instance, where they will be clothed, equipped, documented and to a certain extent trained.

When Groups leave their concentration areas for the line, they will return all personnel surplus to W.E. to the reinforcement depot.

The above gives the reinforcement procedure in broad outline. Recommendations from Major GELARDI as to detailed procedure, will be made to this H.Q.

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Major General  
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Auxiliary Units for Combat Groups

LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
File No. S/G/29/26  
/ Nov 44

TO : ALL CONCERNED

Reference our S/G/29/26 of 26 October, please amend order of Battle of Auxiliary Units for Combat Groups as follows:

(a) Sheet (1) After section SUPPLY and TRANSPORT add SIGNALS, 3 Technical Maintenance Sections, Establishment AI/30/1, total strength 3 Officers 87 OR's:

| DESIGNATION OF UNITS                  | PARENT UNIT | PRESENT LOCATION | REMARKS                                                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 181 Technical Maintenance Section (a) | FRIULI      | S. GIORGIO       | ----                                                      |
| 182 Technical Maintenance Section (b) | ---         | AREZZO           | Under command<br>AAI Admini-<br>stration No.1<br>District |
| 183 Technical Maintenance Section (c) | ---         | ---              | Being formed<br>by AFHQ                                   |

(b) Sheet (2) Amend Col 4 as follows:

|                             | TOTAL STRENGTH |      |
|-----------------------------|----------------|------|
|                             | Officers       | OR's |
| 2 Mobile x-ray Units        | 2              | 12   |
| 2 Adv. Depot Medical Stores | 2              | 14   |
| 2 Mobile Dental Units       | 2              | 6    |

(c) Sheet (3) Delete present detail for Mobile Laundry

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181 Technical Maintenance Section (a) REZZO Under command AAI Admini- stration No.1 District

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(c) Sheet (3) Delete present detail for Mobile Laundry and Bath Units and insert:

|                                 |    |     |
|---------------------------------|----|-----|
| 2                               | 3  | 4   |
| 4 Mobile Laundry and Bath Units | 12 | 252 |

(d) Sheet (3) amend TOTAL for OR's from 3056 to 3171.

Major General  
M. M. I. A.

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50, 51, 52, 53, 54 BU's (2 each, one for MMIA LO)

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TO : MINISTRY OF WAR  
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Ref MMIA B/O/E9/26 of 25 October ditte 26 October add  
following item (.) 1st Technical Maintenance Section  
Establishment AI/20/1 AF.G1028/884 Parent Group FRIULI  
present location SAN GIORGIO will support FRIULI and  
CRIMONA (.) For AAI (.) Request information reference  
any other Technical Maintenance Sections to be allotted  
to Tail (.) All informed

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SUBJECT: Auxiliary Units for first two Combat Groups.

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22. Oct 44

TO : AFHQ (6 copies).

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H.Q. AAI (2 copies)  
50, 51, 52, 53 ELU's  
3 District

Reference AFHQ/64/2/4(AA) of 20 October (not to all)

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Major General  
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APPENDIX 121 to  
MIL. ORDER 5/9/29/26 of 25 Oct

Auxiliary Units for Fight for Combat Groups

| Unit                              | Location for<br>operating | Parent Group<br>for fighting | Strength | Remarks                                                                               |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Field Park Coy                  | San Giorgio               | TRIULI                       | 50       |                                                                                       |
| 316 Field Bakery                  | San Giorgio               | TRIULI                       | 50       |                                                                                       |
| 317 Field Bakery                  | Altavilla                 | CRUSCA                       | 52       |                                                                                       |
| 519 Field Hospital                | San Giorgio               | TRIULI                       | 50       | Units not already                                                                     |
| 230 Field Hospital                | Piedimonte                | TRIULI                       | 50       | located in area of                                                                    |
| 232 Field Hospital                | Piedimonte                | TRIULI                       | 50       | parent Group will be                                                                  |
| 429 Field Hospital                | Altavilla                 | CRUSCA                       | 52       | moved earliest under                                                                  |
| 130 Field Surgical Unit           | San Giorgio               | TRIULI                       | 50       | local arrangements,                                                                   |
| 44 Field Surgical Unit            | Altavilla                 | CRUSCA                       | 51       | except "T" Adv. Depot                                                                 |
| 113 Mobile X-Ray Unit             | San Giorgio               | TRIULI                       | 50       | Medical Stores.                                                                       |
| 13123 Mobile Dental Unit          | San Giorgio               | TRIULI                       | 50       |                                                                                       |
| "T" Adv Depot Medical<br>Stores   | Maple                     | CRUSCA                       | 52       |                                                                                       |
| 1200 Ammunition Car<br>Unit       | Piedimonte                | TRIULI                       | 53       | 8057<br>uniting from Bari. To<br>be one element of M.A.C.<br>in process of formation. |
| 58 Combat Group<br>Transport Camp | Piedimonte                | TRIULI                       | 50       | Detachment at Viterbo.<br>to be organized from<br>M.A.C. at Benevento.                |

|                                      |                |          |    |                                                                        |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 232 Field Hospital                   | Piedimonte     | REGGIONE | 52 | General stores will be moved earliest under                            |
| 429 Field Hospital                   | Altavilla      | CASERTA  | 51 | Local arrangements,                                                    |
| 130 Field Surgical Unit              | San Giorgio    | FRIULI   | 50 | except "M" Adv. Depot                                                  |
| 44 Field Surgical Unit               | Altavilla      | CASERTA  | 49 | Medical Stores.                                                        |
| 113 Mobile X-Ray Unit                | San Giorgio    | FRIULI   | 48 |                                                                        |
| 3123 Mobile Dental Unit              | San Giorgio    | FRIULI   | 47 |                                                                        |
| "M" Adv Depot (Medical) Stored       | Altavilla      | CASERTA  | 46 |                                                                        |
| 1200 Ambulance Car                   | Piedimonte     | REGGIONE | 45 | Arriving from Bari. To be one piece of M.A.C. in process of formation. |
| 58 Combat Garage<br>Transport Garage | Reggio         | FRIULI   | 44 | Deployment at Vairano. To be equipped from M.A. at Benevento.          |
| Combat Garage<br>Reinforcement Regt  | Benevento Area | CASERTA  | 43 | Moving from Piedimonte area.                                           |
| 316 Section Carabinieri              | Piedimonte     | REGGIONE | 42 | To move from Rome.                                                     |

SUBJECT:- Formation of COMBAT GROUPS

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| DCGS      | RE        | G-4      | Pay         |
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| GSI(a)    | Swy       | RE       | Lab         |
| GSI(b)    | Fostal    | X        | Pro         |
| G(Trg)    | ST        | Swy      | Welfare     |
| A         | Catering  | Fostal   | ACC Liaison |
| Q         | Prints    | ST       | HQ RAC      |
| Q(AE)     | Med       | Catering | HQ Inf      |
|           |           | Prints   | DMT (3)     |
|           |           | Med      |             |

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- (b) Under direction of DMT, BLUs and Trg Increments to BLUs are responsible for supervision of trg within the Groups.

## 5. Organization

Proposals for WEs should be approved by WEC at AAI and then forwarded to AFHQ. WEs of Groups have been passed by WEC AAI and forwarded to AFHQ under 1701/23/48/G(AD2) of 28 Aug. WEs of auxiliary units are in course of preparation.

## 6. Designation of Units

Titles of units should be in English. Orders of battle of the Groups will be published later.

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7. Formation and Provision of Manpower

The main sources of manpower for each Group are certain Italian Divisions. These formations will provide a fair proportion of the manpower. The balance will be obtained by call up and movement of personnel from S.R.DIV. It is not expected that in practice the requirements for Service units and the Groups will conflict. MMIA is responsible for deciding source of personnel and for informing AAI of specific instances when the question of priority arises between Service units and the Groups. Major issues will be referred to AFHQ. Formal orders for the formation of units for Groups and the ancillary units should be issued by AFHQ. Formation should be supervised by MMIA.

8. Location and Local Adm

Arrangements have been made for Groups to form in the area SAN GIORGIO - PIEDIMONTE D'ALIFE. While, in principle, the Italian General Staff is responsible for the administration of the Groups, 3 District should co-operate with MMIA in rendering assistance in matters which are beyond the resources of the Italian General Staff.

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General,  
Commander-in-Chief.

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SUBJECT: Formed Italian Units in SARDINIA now ready for shipment

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY  
R O M E  
File No. SD/14/2  
/O Oct 44

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TO : AAI

Copy to: PBS for MMIA (2),  
Please pass copy to THRUPP Senior  
AGC Sardinia for Simmons  
War Ministry

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|    |                                                                                     |        |         |
|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|
| 3. | (a) Distaccamento Autonomo Pontieri Co.                                             | 3 Jff. | 230 men |
|    | (b) 47th Teleradio Co.                                                              | 4 "    | 146 "   |
|    | (c) 99th Sezione OG.RR.                                                             | 1 "    | 50 "    |
|    | (d) Auto Radio Officina<br>(Includes 2 heavy mobile workshops)                      | 1 "    | 13 "    |
|    | (e) Sezione Sanita'                                                                 |        | 200 "   |
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|    | (e) Sezione Sanita'                                                              |        | 200 "   |
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|    | (g) Officina Mobile Foto-elettricista<br>(Includes 4 heavy workshops)            | 1 "    | 34 "    |
|    | (h) Compagnie Complementi Chimici e Nebbiogeni                                   | 14 "   | 354 "   |

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SUBJECT: Italian Combat Force.

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Military Mission Italian Army.  
ROME.

T.S./G/29  
26 Sept. 44.

To: Heads of Branches and Services, HQ MMIA.  
All Liaison Officers, MMIA.  
Os i/c all ELUs.

1. The Outline Plan for the reorganisation, training and equipping of the Italian Combat Force is circulated for information in the following attached papers:

- |         |   |                                                           |
|---------|---|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Appx. A | - | Summary of Organisation of a Combat Group.                |
| Appx. B | - | " " " of Auxiliary Units (Adm Tail)                       |
| Appx. C | - | Order of Battle of Six Combat Groups (as far as decided.) |
| Appx. D | - | Time schedule for formation of Combat Force.              |
| Appx. E | - | Training Plan.                                            |
| Appx. F | - | Adm Plan.                                                 |
| Appx. G | - | Equipment Procedure.                                      |
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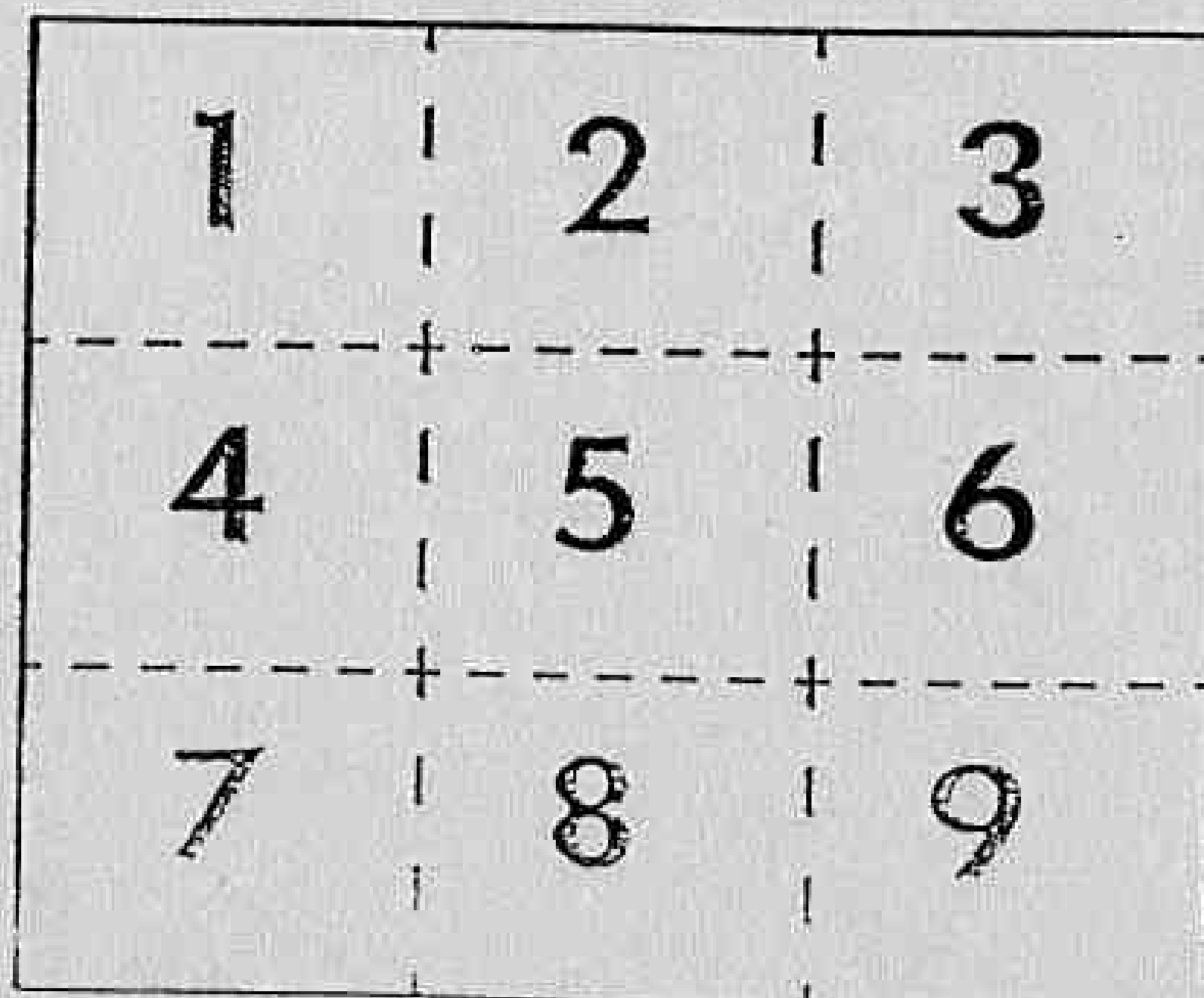
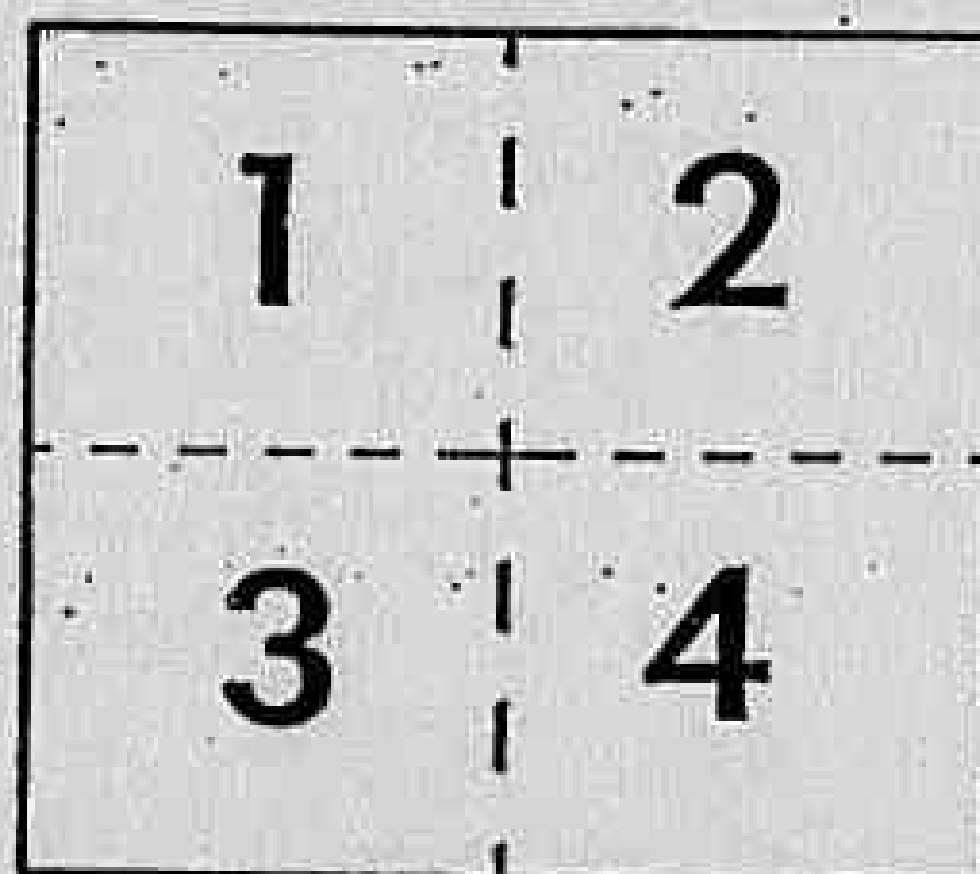
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AN ITALIAN COMBAT

|                           | Officers. | O. Rs. | 25-pdr. | 17-pdr. | 40 mm. | 6-pdr. | 3" mortar. | 2" mortar. | L.M.G. | PIAT. | M/Cyclos. | Cars. |
|---------------------------|-----------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|------------|------------|--------|-------|-----------|-------|
| GROUP H.Q.                | 23        | 113    |         |         |        |        |            |            |        |       | 10        | 7     |
| ARTY REGTL H.Q.           | 11        | 74     |         |         |        |        |            |            |        | 4     | 5         | 4     |
| 25 pdr B.H.Q.             | 7         | 71     |         |         |        |        |            |            | 2      | 2     | 5         | 3     |
| 2 troops (Each)           | 4         | 84     | 4       |         |        |        |            |            | 2      | 2     | 1         | 1     |
| 4 batteries (Each)        | 15        | 239    | 8       |         |        |        |            |            | 6      | 6     | 7         | 5     |
| TOTAL FLD Artillery       | 60        | 956    | 32      |         |        |        |            |            | 24     | 24    | 28        | 20    |
| 17 pdr B.H.Q.             | 5         | 44     |         |         |        |        |            |            | 2      | 4     | 4         | 4     |
| 2 troops (Each)           | 2         | 64     |         | 4       |        |        |            |            | 2      |       |           | 1     |
| TOTAL 1 BATTERY x 17 pdr. | 9         | 172    |         | 8       |        |        |            |            | 6      | 4     | 4         | 6     |
| 40 mm B.H.Q.              | 5         | 41     |         |         |        |        |            |            | 2      | 4     | 5         | 2     |
| 2 Troops (Each)           | 4         | 95     |         |         | 6      |        |            |            | 2      |       | 5         | 2     |
| TOTAL 1 BATTERY x 40 mm   | 13        | 231    |         |         | 12     |        |            |            | 6      | 4     | 15        | 6     |
| TOTAL 1 ARTILLERY REGT    | 93        | 1433   | 32      | 8       | 12     |        |            |            | 36     | 36    | 52        | 36    |
| H.Q. Infantry Regt.       | 15        | 104    |         |         |        |        |            |            |        | 2     | 10        | 4     |
| TOTAL MORTAR COY          | 3         | 95     |         |         |        |        |            |            | 6      |       | 3         | 1     |
| TOTAL A. TK. GUN COY      | 6         | 162    |         |         |        | 12     |            |            | 2      | 1     | 6         | 1     |
| Inf Bn H.Q.               | 10        | 115    |         |         |        |        |            |            | 6      | 2     | 9         | 2     |
| TOTAL support Coy.        | 6         | 162    |         |         |        |        | 2          | 4          | 14     | 16    | 6         | 6     |
| 3 Rifle Coys (Each)       | 5         | 155    |         |         |        |        |            |            | 3      | 14    | 4         | 2     |
| TOTAL Inf Battalion (3)   | 31        | 742    |         |         |        |        | 2          | 4          | 23     | 64    | 20        | 21    |
| TOTAL INF REGT            | 112       | 2534   |         |         |        |        | 18         | 20         | 69     | 200   | 62        | 33    |

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|    | O.Rs, | 25-pdr. | 17-pdr. | 40 mm. | 6-pdr. | 3" mortar, | 2" mortar, | L.M.G. | PIAT. | M/Cycles. | Cars. | Ambulances. | Trucks G.S. 15-cwt. | " Specialist 15-cwt. | " Water 15-cwt. | Lorries 3-ton G.S. | Lorries spec. heavy. | Trailers. | Trailers, water. | Tractors. | Carriers. | Recco Vehicles. |
|----|-------|---------|---------|--------|--------|------------|------------|--------|-------|-----------|-------|-------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| 3  | 113   |         |         |        |        |            |            |        |       | 10        | 7     |             | 4                   | 3                    | 1               | 3                  |                      |           |                  |           |           | 1               |
| 1  | 74    |         |         |        |        |            |            |        | 4     | 5         | 4     |             | 6                   | 3                    | 1               | 5                  |                      |           |                  |           |           | 1               |
| 7  | 71    |         |         |        |        |            |            | 2      | 2     | 5         | 3     |             | 1                   | 2                    | 1               | 7                  |                      |           |                  |           |           | 1               |
| 4  | 84    | 4       |         |        |        |            |            | 2      | 2     | 1         | 1     |             | 2                   | 2                    |                 |                    |                      | 8         |                  | 6         |           | 1               |
| 5  | 239   | 8       |         |        |        |            |            | 6      | 6     | 7         | 5     |             | 5                   | 6                    | 1               | 7                  |                      | 16        |                  | 12        |           | 3               |
| 0  | 956   | 32      |         |        |        |            |            | 24     | 24    | 28        | 20    |             | 20                  | 24                   | 4               | 28                 |                      | 64        |                  | 48        |           | 12              |
| 5  | 44    |         |         |        |        |            |            | 2      | 4     | 4         | 4     |             | 3                   |                      | 1               | 2                  |                      | 1         |                  | 1         | 1         |                 |
| 2  | 64    |         | 4       |        |        |            |            | 2      |       |           | 1     |             | 2                   |                      |                 | 2                  |                      |           |                  | 4         | 1         |                 |
| 9  | 172   |         | 8       |        |        |            |            | 6      | 4     | 4         | 6     |             | 7                   |                      | 1               | 6                  |                      | 1         |                  | 9         | 3         |                 |
| 5  | 41    |         |         |        |        |            |            | 2      | 4     | 5         | 2     |             | 2                   | 1                    |                 | 3                  |                      |           | 1                |           |           |                 |
| 4  | 95    |         |         | 6      |        |            |            | 2      |       | 5         | 2     |             | 1                   |                      | 1               | 3                  |                      |           |                  | 6         |           |                 |
| 3  | 231   |         |         | 12     |        |            |            | 6      | 4     | 15        | 6     |             | 4                   | 1                    | 2               | 9                  |                      |           |                  | 12        |           |                 |
| 3  | 1433  | 32      | 8       | 12     |        |            |            | 36     | 36    | 52        | 36    |             | 37                  | 28                   | 8               | 48                 |                      | 65        | 1                | 69        | 3         | 12              |
| 5  | 101   |         |         |        |        |            |            |        | 2     | 10        | 4     |             | 11                  | 1                    | 1               | 12                 |                      | 2         |                  |           |           |                 |
| 3  | 95    |         |         |        |        | 8          |            | 6      |       | 3         | 1     |             | 4                   |                      |                 |                    |                      |           |                  |           | 9         |                 |
| 6  | 162   |         |         |        | 12     |            |            | 2      | 1     | 6         | 1     |             | 10                  |                      |                 |                    |                      |           |                  |           | 26        |                 |
| 0  | 115   |         |         |        |        |            |            | 6      | 2     | 9         | 2     |             | 6                   |                      |                 | 8                  |                      |           | 1                |           |           | 3               |
| 6  | 162   |         |         |        |        | 2          | 4          | 14     | 16    | 6         | 6     | 1           | 8                   |                      |                 | 3                  |                      |           |                  |           | 22        |                 |
| 5  | 155   |         |         |        |        |            |            | 3      | 14    | 4         | 2     |             | 3                   |                      |                 |                    |                      |           |                  |           | 1         |                 |
| 31 | 742   |         |         |        |        | 2          | 4          | 23     | 64    | 20        | 21    | 3           | 23                  |                      | 1               | 11                 |                      |           | 1                |           | 25        | 3               |
| 7  | 284   |         |         |        |        | 18         | 20         | 60     | 200   | 62        | 80    | 15          | 24                  |                      |                 | 15                 |                      |           |                  |           |           |                 |

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|-------------------------------------------|-----|------|----|---|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| TOTAL 1 INFANTRY REGT                     |     |      |    |   |    |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| H.Q. Infantry Regt.                       | 15  | 101  |    |   |    |    |    |     |     | 2   | 10  | 4   |       |
| TOTAL MORTAR COY                          | 3   | 95   |    |   |    |    | 8  |     | 6   |     | 3   | 1   |       |
| TOTAL A. TK. GUN COY                      | 6   | 162  |    |   |    | 12 |    |     | 2   | 1   | 6   | 1   |       |
| Inf Bn H.Q.                               | 10  | 115  |    |   |    |    |    |     | 6   | 2   | 9   | 2   |       |
| TOTAL support Coy.                        |     |      |    |   |    |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| 3 Rifle Coys (Each)                       | 5   | 155  |    |   |    | 2  | 4  | 14  | 16  | 6   | 6   | 1   |       |
| TOTAL Inf Battalion (3)                   | 31  | 742  |    |   |    | 2  | 4  | 23  | 64  | 20  | 21  | 3   |       |
| TOTAL INF REGT                            | 117 | 2584 |    |   |    | 18 | 20 | 69  | 200 | 63  | 82  | 15  |       |
| TOTAL 2 INF REGTS                         | 234 | 5168 |    |   |    | 36 | 40 | 138 | 400 | 126 | 164 | 30  |       |
| H.Q. Engineer Bn.                         |     |      |    |   |    |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| 2 Field Companies (Each)                  | 5   | 227  |    |   |    |    |    |     | 2   | 3   | 1   | 1   |       |
| Signals Coy.                              | 7   | 327  |    |   |    |    |    | 2   | 8   | 5   | 35  | 2   |       |
| TOTAL ENGINEER Bn                         | 23  | 797  |    |   |    |    |    | 2   | 34  | 18  | 60  | 5   |       |
| TOTAL SUPPLY COY                          |     |      |    |   |    |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |       |
|                                           | 13  | 294  |    |   |    |    |    |     | 20  | 20  | 26  | 12  |       |
| Medical Section.                          |     |      |    |   |    |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| 2 Field Hospitals (Each)                  | 14  | 237  |    |   |    |    |    |     |     |     | 5   | 6   | 18    |
| TOTAL MEDICAL SERVICES.                   | 6   | 44   |    |   |    |    |    |     |     |     |     | 1   |       |
|                                           | 26  | 325  |    |   |    |    |    |     |     |     | 5   | 8   | 18    |
| ORDNANCE FIELD PARK.                      |     |      |    |   |    |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |       |
|                                           | 4   | 69   |    |   |    |    |    |     | 4   |     | 5   | 4   |       |
| Mechanical Engineers Workshop             |     |      |    |   |    |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| 6 I.A.Ds (Each)                           | 6   | 68   |    |   |    |    |    |     | 4   |     | 5   | 3   |       |
| Mechanical Engineers Pl. (For Supply Coy) | 1   | 39   |    |   |    |    |    |     | 2   | 1   | 2   | 1   |       |
| TOTAL MECHANICAL ENGINEERS                | 7   | 279  |    |   |    |    |    |     | 6   | 1   | 19  | 4   |       |
| TOTAL 1 COMBAT GROUP (Less CC, RR)        |     |      |    |   |    |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |       |
|                                           | 428 | 8478 | 32 | 8 | 12 | 36 | 40 | 140 | 500 | 201 | 341 | 106 | 18 28 |
| 2 Provost Sections (CC, RR)               |     |      |    |   |    |    |    |     |     |     |     |     |       |
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## SUMMARY

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FOR AUXILIARY UNITS OF IT  
BAT GROUPS.

|                             | Officers. | O. Rs | L. M. G. | PIAT | Bicycles. | M/Cycles, solo. | Cars 4-str | Cars 2-str or 5 cwt 4 x 4 | Trucks 15 cwt G.S. & IMG. | Trucks 15 cwt, water. | Trucks, 15 cwt, special. | Lorries 3 ton G.S. | Lorries 3 ton special |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-------|----------|------|-----------|-----------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| ENGINEER FIELD PARK COY     | 5         | 152   | 7        | 3    | 1         | 12              | 2          | 2                         | 5                         | 4                     | 3                        | 24                 |                       |
| 3 " " " "                   | 15        | 456   | 21       | 9    | 3         | 36              | 6          | 6                         | 15                        | 12                    | 9                        | 72                 |                       |
| H.Q. General Transport Coy  | 4         | 37    | 2        | 2    |           | 6               | 1          | 2                         | 2                         |                       |                          | 3                  |                       |
| 4 Transport Platoons (Each) | 1         | 51    | 6        | 6    |           | 3               |            | 1                         | 1                         |                       |                          | 34                 |                       |
| 2 RDI's (Each)              | -         | 31    |          |      |           |                 |            |                           |                           |                       |                          |                    |                       |
| 1 Mechanical Engineers Pl   | 1         | 39    | 2        | 1    |           | 2               |            | 1                         | 2                         |                       |                          | 5                  |                       |
| TOTAL G.T. COY              | 9         | 342   | 28       | 27   |           | 20              | 1          | 7                         | 8                         |                       |                          | 144                |                       |
| TOTAL 3 G.T. COYS.          | 27        | 1026  | 84       | 81   |           | 60              | 3          | 21                        | 24                        |                       |                          | 432                | 1                     |
| Field Bakery                | 1         | 31    |          |      |           | 1               |            |                           |                           |                       |                          | 1                  |                       |
| 6 Field Bakeries.           | 6         | 186   |          |      |           | 6               |            |                           |                           |                       |                          | 6                  |                       |
| H.Q. MT Coy., M.A.C.        | 3         | 22    | 1        |      |           | 3               | 1          | 2                         | 1                         |                       |                          | 2                  |                       |
| 3 Transport Platoons (Each) | 1         | 46    |          |      |           | 3               |            | 1                         | 1                         |                       |                          | 1                  |                       |
| 2 RDI's (Each)              |           | 29    |          |      |           |                 |            |                           |                           |                       |                          |                    |                       |
| 1 Mechanical Engineers Pl   | 1         | 39    | 2        | 1    |           | 2               |            | 1                         | 2                         |                       |                          | 5                  |                       |
| 1 Medical Platoon.          |           | 19    |          |      |           |                 |            |                           |                           |                       |                          |                    |                       |
| TOTAL MOTOR AMBULAN*        | 7         | 276   | 3        | 1    |           | 14              | 1          | 6                         | 6                         |                       |                          | 10                 |                       |
| -CE COLUMN.                 |           |       |          |      |           |                 |            |                           |                           |                       |                          |                    |                       |
| TOTAL SUPPLY AND            | 40        | 1238  | 87       | 82   |           | 80              | 4          | 27                        | 30                        |                       |                          | 448                |                       |
| TRANSPORT.                  |           |       |          |      |           |                 |            |                           |                           |                       |                          |                    |                       |
| 12 Field Hospitals (each)   | 7         | 58    |          |      | 2         |                 |            |                           | 1                         |                       |                          | 1                  |                       |

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BAT GROUPS.

| Officers. | O.Rs | L.F.G. | PIAT | Bicycles. | M/Cycles, solo. | Cars 4-str | Cars 2-str or 5 cwt 4 x 4 | Trucks 15 cwt G.S. & DMG. | Trucks 15 cwt, water. | Trucks, 15 cwt, special. | Lorries 3 ton G.S. | Lorries 3 ton special | Ambulances, 4 stretchers. | Tractors, 4 x 4 medium. | Trailers 18 ton | Trailers, laundry CCS type | Trailers, water. | Italian Vehicles. |
|-----------|------|--------|------|-----------|-----------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 5         | 152  | 7      | 3    | 1         | 12              | 2          | 2                         | 5                         | 4                     | 3                        | 24                 | 3                     |                           | 3                       | 3               |                            | 1                |                   |
| 15        | 456  | 21     | 9    | 3         | 36              | 6          | 6                         | 15                        | 12                    | 9                        | 72                 | 9                     |                           | 9                       | 9               |                            | 3                |                   |
| 4         | 37   | 2      | 2    |           | 6               | 1          | 2                         | 2                         |                       |                          | 3                  |                       |                           |                         |                 |                            | 1                |                   |
| 1         | 51   | 6      | 6    |           | 3               |            | 1                         | 1                         |                       |                          | 34                 |                       |                           |                         |                 |                            | 1                |                   |
| -         | 31   |        |      |           |                 |            |                           |                           |                       |                          |                    |                       |                           |                         |                 |                            | 1                |                   |
| 1         | 39   | 2      | 1    |           | 2               |            | 1                         | 2                         |                       |                          | 5                  | 4                     |                           |                         |                 |                            | 1                |                   |
| 9         | 342  | 28     | 27   |           | 20              | 1          | 7                         | 8                         |                       |                          | 144                | 4                     |                           |                         |                 |                            | 6                |                   |
| 27        | 1026 | 84     | 81   |           | 60              | 3          | 21                        | 24                        |                       |                          | 432                | 12                    |                           |                         |                 |                            | 18               |                   |
| 1         | 31   |        |      |           | 1               |            |                           |                           |                       |                          | 1                  |                       |                           |                         |                 |                            | 1                |                   |
| 6         | 186  |        |      |           | 6               |            |                           |                           |                       |                          | 6                  |                       |                           |                         |                 |                            | 6                |                   |
| 3         | 22   | 1      |      |           | 3               | 1          | 2                         | 1                         |                       |                          | 2                  |                       |                           |                         |                 |                            | 1                |                   |
| 1         | 46   |        |      |           | 3               |            | 1                         | 1                         |                       |                          | 1                  |                       | 25                        |                         |                 |                            | 1                |                   |
| 1         | 29   |        |      |           |                 |            |                           |                           |                       |                          |                    |                       |                           |                         |                 |                            | 1                |                   |
| 1         | 39   | 2      | 1    |           | 2               |            | 1                         | 2                         |                       |                          | 5                  | 4                     |                           |                         |                 |                            | 1                |                   |
| 7         | 19   |        |      |           |                 |            |                           |                           |                       |                          |                    |                       |                           |                         |                 |                            |                  |                   |
| 7         | 276  | 3      | 1    |           | 14              | 1          | 6                         | 6                         |                       |                          | 10                 | 4                     | 75                        |                         |                 |                            | 5                |                   |
| 40        | 188  | 87     | 82   |           | 80              | 4          | 27                        | 30                        |                       |                          | 448                | 16                    | 75                        |                         |                 |                            | 29               |                   |
| 7         | 58   |        |      | 2         |                 |            |                           | 1                         |                       |                          | 1                  |                       |                           |                         |                 |                            |                  |                   |

|                                 |     |      |     |    |    |     |    |    |    |    |  |     |    |
|---------------------------------|-----|------|-----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|--|-----|----|
| H.Q. MT Coy., M.A.C.            | 3   | 22   | 1   |    |    | 3   | 1  | 2  | 1  |    |  | 2   |    |
| 3 Transport Platoons (Each)     | 1   | 46   |     |    |    | 3   |    | 1  | 1  |    |  | 1   |    |
| 2 RDTs (Each)                   |     | 29   |     |    |    |     |    |    |    |    |  |     |    |
| 1 Mechanical Engineers Pl       | 1   | 39   | 2   | 1  |    | 2   |    | 1  | 2  |    |  | 5   | 4  |
| 1 Medical Platoon.              |     | 19   |     |    |    |     |    |    |    |    |  |     |    |
| TOTAL MOTOR AMBULAN*-CE COLUMN. | 7   | 276  | 3   | 1  |    | 14  | 1  | 6  | 6  |    |  | 10  | 4  |
| TOTAL SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT.     | 40  | 1488 | 87  | 82 |    | 80  | 4  | 27 | 30 |    |  | 448 | 16 |
| 12 Field Hospitals (each)       | 7   | 58   |     |    | 2  |     |    |    | 1  |    |  | 1   |    |
| 4 Field Surgical Units (each)   | 3   | 23   |     |    |    |     | 1  |    |    |    |  |     |    |
| 2 Mobile X-Ray Units (each)     | 1   | 6    |     |    |    |     |    |    |    |    |  |     | 1  |
| 2 Mobile Dental Units (each)    | 1   | 3    |     |    |    |     |    |    |    |    |  |     |    |
| 2 Adv Depot Med Stores (each)   | 1   | 8    |     |    |    |     |    |    |    |    |  | 2   |    |
| TOTAL MEDICAL SERVICES.         | 102 | 822  |     |    | 24 |     | 4  |    | 12 |    |  | 16  | 2  |
| 1 Mobile Laundry Coy            | 5   | 120  |     |    |    | 6   |    | 1  |    |    |  | 16  |    |
| 4 Mobile Bath Units (each)      | 1   | 18   |     |    |    |     |    | 1  | 1  |    |  | 1   |    |
| 1 Transit Camp.                 | 6   | 105  |     |    |    | 4   |    | 4  | 3  | 3  |  | 4   |    |
| H.Q. Reinforcement Trg Depot    | 4   | 42   |     |    |    | 2   | 1  |    | 2  | 1  |  | 5   |    |
| 2 H.Qs Infantry Bn RTD (each)   | 2   | 21   |     |    |    | 2   |    |    |    | 1  |  | 1   |    |
| 1 H.Q. Mixed Bn RTD             | 4   | 21   |     |    |    | 2   |    | 1  |    | 1  |  | 1   |    |
| TOTAL R.T.D.                    | 12  | 105  |     |    |    | 8   | 1  | 3  | 2  | 4  |  | 8   |    |
| TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS.            | 27  | 402  |     |    |    | 18  | 1  | 12 | 9  | 7  |  | 32  |    |
| TOTAL AUXILIARY UNITS.          | 184 | 3168 | 108 | 91 | 27 | 134 | 15 | 45 | 66 | 19 |  | 568 | 27 |
| 3 Sections CC.RR (TOTAL)        | 6   | 150  | 3   |    |    | 42  |    | 3  | 9  |    |  | 3   |    |

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| 3 | 22 | 1 |   |  | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 |  |  | 2 |   |    |  |  | 1 |
| 1 | 46 |   |   |  | 3 |   | 1 | 1 |  |  | 1 |   | 25 |  |  | 1 |
| 1 | 39 | 2 | 1 |  | 2 |   | 1 | 2 |  |  | 5 | 4 |    |  |  | 1 |

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|-----|-----|-----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|----|---|---|----|----|
| 7   | 19  | 3   | 1  |    | 14  | 1  | 6  | 6  |    | 10  | 4  | 75 |   |   |    | 5  |
| 40  | 183 | 87  | 82 |    | 80  | 4  | 27 | 30 |    | 48  | 16 | 75 |   |   |    | 29 |
| 7   | 58  |     |    | 2  |     |    |    | 1  |    | 1   |    |    |   |   |    | 2  |
| 3   | 23  |     |    |    |     | 1  |    |    |    |     |    |    |   |   |    | 2  |
| 1   | 6   |     |    |    |     |    |    |    |    |     |    |    |   |   |    |    |
| 1   | 3   |     |    |    |     |    |    |    |    |     | 1  |    |   |   |    |    |
| 1   | 8   |     |    |    |     |    |    |    |    | 2   |    |    |   |   |    |    |
| 102 | 822 |     |    | 24 |     | 4  |    | 12 |    | 16  | 2  |    |   |   |    | 12 |
| 5   | 120 |     |    |    | 6   |    | 1  |    |    | 16  |    |    |   |   |    | 16 |
| 1   | 18  |     |    |    |     |    | 1  | 1  |    | 1   |    |    |   |   |    |    |
| 6   | 105 |     |    |    | 4   |    | 4  | 3  | 3  | 1   |    |    |   |   |    |    |
| 4   | 42  |     |    |    | 2   | 1  |    | 2  | 1  | 5   |    |    |   |   |    |    |
| 2   | 21  |     |    |    | 2   |    |    |    | 1  | 1   |    |    |   |   |    |    |
| 4   | 21  |     |    |    | 2   |    | 1  |    | 1  | 1   |    |    |   |   |    |    |
| 12  | 105 |     |    |    | 8   | 1  | 3  | 2  | 4  | 8   |    |    |   |   |    |    |
| 27  | 402 |     |    |    | 18  | 1  | 12 | 9  | 7  | 32  |    |    |   |   |    | 16 |
| 184 | 168 | 108 | 91 | 27 | 134 | 15 | 45 | 66 | 19 | 568 | 27 | 75 | 9 | 9 | 16 | 32 |
| 6   | 150 | 3   |    |    | 42  |    | 3  | 9  |    | 3   |    |    |   |   |    | 12 |

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# ORDER OF BATTLE

## ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

| UNIT | FRIULI<br>A ELU. | CREMONA<br>B ELU. | LEGNANO<br>C ELU. | FOLCORE<br>D ELU. | MANTOVA<br>E ELU. | PICENO<br>F ELU. |
|------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
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| GROUP HQ. | FRIULI | CREMONA | LEGNANO | FOLCORE | MANTOVA |
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| INF REGT HQ. | 87 | 21 | 68 | NEBO | 76 |
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| 1 Group | 25 pdr | 25 pdr | 25 pdr | 25 pdr | 25 pdr |
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| 2 Group | 25 pdr | 25 pdr | 25 pdr | 25 pdr | 25 pdr |
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| 3 Group | 25 pdr | 25 pdr | 25 pdr | 25 pdr | 25 pdr |
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| 4 Group | 25 pdr | 25 pdr | 25 pdr | 25 pdr | 25 pdr |
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| 5 Group | 17 pdr | 17 pdr | 17 pdr | 17 pdr | 17 pdr |
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| 6 Group | 40 mm | 40 mm | 40 mm | 40 mm | 40 mm |
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UNITS FOR ACCOUNTING FOR EQUIPMENT ARE UNDERLINED.

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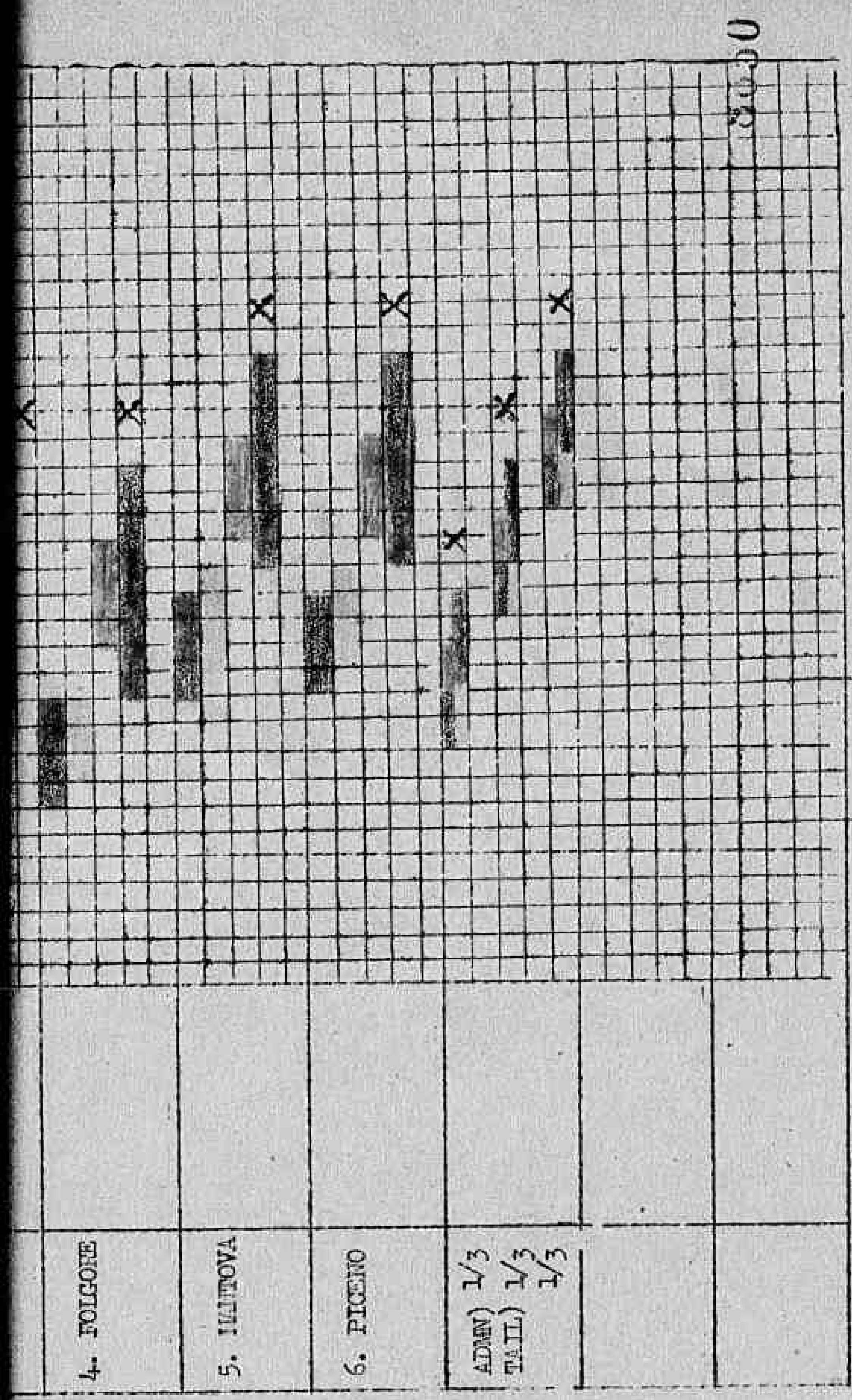
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## TIME SCHEDULE FOR ITALIAN COMBAT TROOP.

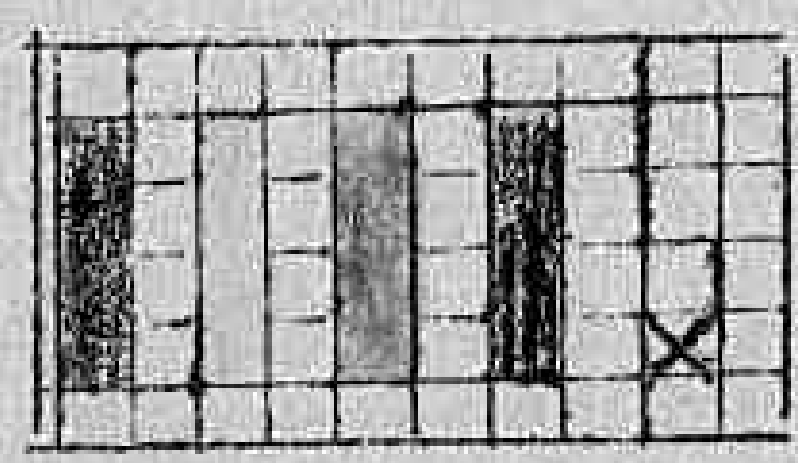
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LEGEND



- Reorganisation.
- training Instructors.
- Issue of Equipment.
- Training.
- Move to Line.

Appx E to MMIA letter,  
T.S./G/29 dated 26  
Sept. 44.

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ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

TRAINING PLAN.

1. The Training Plan is based on the understanding that the officers and men are mostly trained soldiers whose main requirement is re-training in the technical handling and maintenance of new arms, vehicles and equipment, combined with administrative training of service units and adm officers in British maintenance and supply work.

The tactical training of comds and troops will depend on time available and may have to consist only of such modifications to Italian principles as are necessary to secure effective cooperation and control.

2. Training Policy and direction is in the hands of the D.M.T. who has issued the necessary instructions to B.L.Us. He provides a British Training Team of officers and NCOS with the necessary equipment to supervise and assist the training programme.

3. Training is divided into five phases: -

- |    |                                                       |             |
|----|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| a. | Training of Regimental Instructors at British schools | (2-3 weeks) |
| b. | Training of Cadres in Combat Groups                   | (1-2 " )    |
| c. | Technical and Individual Tng within units             | (4-5 " )    |
| d. | Tactical and Adm Tng of Comds and Staff               | (1-2 " )    |
| e. | Collective and Tactical Training                      |             |

4. M.M.I.A. is responsible for general coordination and for making all arrangements with War Ministry and schools concerned for courses and attachments outside combat groups.

5. B.L.Us will issue instructions and supervise training within groups in conjunction with the D.M.Ts officer in charge of the Training Team.

6. Training Scales, of arms and equipment are used until full scales are available when they are passed on to the next Group. (See Appx G for vehicles.)

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7. Translation of handbooks and provision of interpreters is done by M.M.I.A.
8. Reinforcements up to 5% of the strength of a group are attached to it during the training period and return to the depot as each group goes into the line; the better ones are then used to instruct other reinforcements.

ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

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ADMINISTRATIVE  
PLAN

App F to MMIA letter  
T.S./G/29 dated 26 Sept 44.

1. Combat Groups (and auxiliary troops) are called forward by MMIA and reorganized to comply with the approved War Establishment and in accordance with the time schedule at APP D.  
In the training area they are under the District Hq concerned for local administration. In forward areas they will come under command of a British Hq and be administered in the same way as a British or Allied Division using British equipment.
2. A British Liaison Unit is sent to each Group Hq on formation, its ~~strength~~ and responsibilities being as in App H.
3. The War Ministry is primarily responsible for the provision of suitable man-power for the Force and its 10% reinforcements. Failure or difficulty (which generally occurs) is referred to MMIA for solution.
4. Equipment, including clothing, remains an Italian responsibility until British is available and the Group is considered, by MMIA, fit to receive it. Thereafter it is issued through Italian Ord Field Park (Deposito Mobile) and/or DADOS Bump of each Group as in App G.
5. Supplies, hospital treatment and postal arrangements in the training area are an Italian responsibility. In forward areas Groups will be supplied and maintained through normal British channels which will be augmented as required by auxiliary troops of the Combat Force placed under command of Corps, Army or L of C HQ concerned.
6. Recovery - repair of vehicles will be in accordance with British practice.
7. Movements and traffic control as for British Troops.
8. Discipline, Legal, Pay, Leave, Welfare and other personal services matters will be as for other units of the Italian Army. An up-to-date instruction on these matters is about to issued by A.F.H.Q.

Appendix 'G' to MMIA letter  
T.S./G/29 dated 26 Sept 44.

ORDNANCE PROCEDURE.

1. INITIAL UNIT EQUIPMENT.

(a) VEHICLES. Vehicles will be released by A.F.H.Q. to the District in which the Group is forming. A copy of release notes will be sent to H.Q., M.M.I.A. and the B.L.U. concerned. Arrangements for collections will be made between District and B.L.U. Compilation of Census Returns will be a B.L.U. responsibility, and copies of D.O.S. Circular No.68 have already been distributed to B.L.U.'s.

(b) CONTROLLED STORES (OTHER THAN VEHICLES) will be released by Q(AE) A.F.H.Q. who will send copies of release notes to District concerned, H.Q., M.M.I.A. and appropriate B.L.U.

Ordnance A.F.H.Q. will signal Ordnance Depot from which stores are to be drawn. Copy will be sent to B.L.U. who will arrange collection.

(c) CLOTHING AND G1098 EQUIPMENT. Authority for issue will be given by Q (AE) A.F.H.Q. to District concerned, who will arrange with B.L.U. for indents to be submitted to 557 B.O.D. Clothing will be in accordance with following scale.

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Blouses B.D. (khaki)              | 1 each       |
| Trousers B.D. (khaki)             | 1 pair each  |
| Shirts Angora Drab or A/L         | 2 each       |
| Web Equipment c/w valise and Pack | 1 each       |
| Drawers Woollen                   | 2 pairs each |
| Pullover                          | 1 each       |
| Towel                             | 1 each       |
| Greatcoat                         | 1 each       |
| Boots c/w laces                   | 2 pairs each |
| Socks                             | 3 pairs each |
| Anklets                           | 1 pair each  |
| Housewife                         | 1 each       |
| Blankets (or 1 Comfortor)         | 2 each       |
| Mess Tin set                      | 1 each       |
| Knife } Set                       |              |
| Fork } Set                        |              |
| Spoon } Set                       |              |
| Braces                            | 1 each       |
| Mug                               | 1 each       |
| Water Bottle                      | 1 each       |

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| Towel                             | 1 each       |
| Greatcoat                         | 1 each       |
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| Socks                             | 3 pairs each |
| Anklets                           | 1 pair each  |
| Houselife                         | 1 each       |
| Blankets (or 1 Comforter)         | 2 each       |
| Mess Tin set                      | 1 each       |
| Knife } Set                       |              |
| Fork }                            |              |
| Spoon }                           |              |
| Braces                            | 1 each       |
| Mug                               | 1 each       |
| Water Bottle                      | 1 each       |

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x These items are not additional to those in Table 1 of the Normal Equipment List.

## 2. TRAINING SCALES.

(a) VEHICLES issued for training will be issued against unit entitlement (N.D. This does not apply to Friuli and Gronona Groups, where a separate training scale has been issued).

(b) CONTROLLED STORES (OTHER THAN VEHICLES) will be released to D.M.T. for sub-allotment to Groups. It is the intention that Controlled Stores will pass from one Combat Group to another as each Group completes training. Where this is not possible (as in the case of certain Engineer stores) application will be made to A.F.I.Q. for a duplicate issue of Controlled Stores required for training.

## 3. GENERAL.

(a) Units entitlements are shown in "Normal Equipment Lists" which cover all Personal and Common Unit Equipment. Where "cases", "boxes" etc are held as such, details of their contents will be found in "Normal Equipment List Schedules".

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3. GENERAL (a) Continued.

Entitlement to Technical or Special equipment peculiar to any one unit is shown in "Special Equipment Lists".

These Normal and Special Equipment Lists take the place of G1098's.

(b) Each B.L.U. will maintain records of receipts of all Ordnance Stores issued to the Group for which it is responsible.

(c) Units will use alternate lines on Indent Forms in order that ELUs may, if necessary, insert British nomenclature immediately beneath Italian. Part numbers should be quoted wherever possible and in cases of doubt will serve as deciding factor in identification.

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ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPS

Instructions to British Officers selected for  
Liaison and Training Duties.

Appendix 'H' to MMIA letter  
T.S./G/29 of 26 Sept 44.

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

ROME.

T.S./G/29  
Sep 44.

OBJECT. These instructions are issued for the information and general guidance of British officers attached to fighting units of the Italian Army. They do not attempt to specify duties in detail and must not be allowed to hamper zeal and initiative of individual officers. They may be quoted to Italian Commanders or staff officers as required.

1. INFORMATION.

- (a) British weapons, transport and equipment are being provided for certain units of the Italian Army which are being organised as self-contained Combat Groups (GRUPPI DI COMBATTIMENTO) of about 9,000 men each.
- (b) The number of groups will depend on the quality of Italian man-power and the quantity of British equipment available in the time at our disposal.
- (c) Certain Italian divisions have been selected each to form the basis of one of these Groups; the concentration reorganisation and re-training of the first two divisions is now taking place.
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- (e) An administrative "tail" to augment Allied L of G, U, 46 and forward maintenance units is being organized separately.

2. INTENTION.

- (a) It is intended to employ these Groups in action (either separately or together) under Allied Formation Commanders at the earliest possible moment.
- (b) They are to be lightly equipped, without armor, and will be motor borne except for the Infantry rifle coys. They are not intended to undertake major offensive operations unaided.
- (c) Sufficient Italian supporting troops and administrative services are being made available to Allied commanders concerned.

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(d) The Italian commanders and staffs are to be responsible for their own internal administration and the tactical handling of units of their groups to the fullest possible extent.

(e) The internal organisation of groups is to be uniform and as simple and so effective as is commensurate with the above conditions.

3. METHOD.

(a) The standard organisation of a Gruppo di Combattimento is given in Appx. "A" and will NOT be altered without A.F.H.Q. approval. The Italian system of command has been retained as far as possible to avoid confusion in technical training. The number of different types of weapons and vehicles has been kept to a minimum to save time in technical training.

(b) The directive issued to the Italian General Staff (S.M.R.E.) is given in Appx. "B".  
Copies of further directives will be issued to B.L.U.s.

(c) British liaison and training staffs will be as given in Appx. "C"; they will carry out their various duties in accordance with standard British procedure and the following general instructions: -

(d) Separate instructions will be issued regarding:

- i. Operational channels of communication.
- ii. Training programmes.
- iii. Reinforcement and other personnel questions.
- iv. Maintenance.

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(a) A British Liaison Unit (B.L.U.) will be attached to each independent Group H.Q. It will be self-contained administratively but will be located at or very close to the Italian H.Q. The O. i/c will, through his officers of the various arms and services, be responsible that: -

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- i. Orders received are properly understood and obeyed.
- ii. Information required by higher authority is properly and accurately supplied, translated and transmitted.
- iii. Training is maintained and improved whenever and wherever possible.
- iv. Administrative services and maintenance duties are efficiently and economically performed.
- v. Circumstances likely to affect detrimentally the fighting or administrative efficiency of the formation, or the morale of the troops, are promptly prevented, rectified and/or reported to the proper authority.
- vi. In battle, communication with flank and rear formations is maintained.

The B.L.U. will in addition be the primary channel of communication between the Italian H.Q. and superior and flank formations on all questions affecting Italian units in their role as a component part of the Allied Forces.

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(b) The Military Mission to the Italian Army (M.M.I.A.) is the sole channel of communication between Allied commanders and the Ministry of War and General Staff (S.M.R.E.). The M.M.I.A. representative (L.O.) at each Group HQ will therefore deal (normally through M.M.I.A.) with all questions affecting Italian personnel in their role as an integral part of the Italian Army. He will maintain the closest possible touch with the officers of the B.L.U. to assure that all essential matters are adequately and properly handled without overlapping or waste of time and effort.

(c) A training staff is provided by the D.M.T. (in addition to B.L.U.s) during initial reorganisation and training phases to supplement the training given to Italian instructors in British schools and to supervise and report on the standard of training reached. They will be withdrawn as each Group reaches the stage when it can carry on under B.L.U. supervision.

5. TRANSLATION.

- (a) Orders and memoranda are issued in the language of the nation of origin.
- (b) Translation into Italian is the responsibility of the Italian recipient.
- (c) Translation into English of documents and conversation from Italian Groups to English addresses will be the responsibility of the B.L.U. to whom sufficient interpreters are allotted for the purpose.

6. ADMINISTRATION.

- (a) All British personnel attached to Italian Combat Groups will be under command of the O i/c B.L.U. and will carry out their technical duties according to normal British procedure.
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- (d) Supplies for British personnel will be drawn on British scales in the normal way from nearest British Depots and will not be a charge on the Italian Army.

7. CONCLUSION.

This undertaking may have far reaching effects on our relations with ITALY as well as on the course of the War. Its success depends on the zeal efficiency and tact of Allied officers concerned and on the resulting ability and readiness of the Italian troops to co-operate. It must and will succeed.

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for Major General,  
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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SUBJECT: Organisation of Italian Army.

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

ROME.

T.S./G/29  
Sept. 44.

Minister of War.  
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1. In order to complete the reorganisation of the Italian Army and to eliminate at once from the 6 Italian Combat Groups such personnel as are unsuitable for combat, the personnel of the Combat Groups will be separated forthwith into the following categories:

- A. to be retained with present Combat Group.
  - B. to be transferred to another Combat Group.
  - C. to be transferred for duties in service units with the Allies.
  - D. to be demobilised as over age or for other reasons.
2. (a) A return of the 6 Combat Groups (including the C.I.L. reinforcements at CHIETI), by categories as above, will be submitted to this H.Q. at the earliest moment possible.
- (b) This return will show separately those parts of CREMONA on the Mainland and still in SARDINIA.
3. All personnel in category D will be demobilised forthwith.
4. On receipt of your return as in para 2, MMIA will assign all personnel in Category C to service units with the Allies.

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5. (a) It is necessary to complete to establishment FRIULI and CREMONA Groups at once, and the remaining Groups as soon as possible, with suitable Combat personnel.
- (b) You have already been given authority to pick up in ROME the 100 specialists necessary for FRIULI Combat Group and to complete that Group with the C.I.L. reinforcements at CHIETI.
- (c) CREMONA, in accordance with our instructions, has already been screened. Such personnel as are still required to complete CREMONA to its establishment will be provided firstly from C.I.L. surplus and secondly from any other source immediately available, including MANTOVA and VICENO if necessary.
- (d) On receipt of your return as in para 2, MMIA will give authority for further inter-group transfers or call up of new personnel to complete all the Combat Groups plus 10% reinforcements.
- Your proposals for this should accompany the return. It may be assumed that the MANTOVA and VICENO Battalions now on guard duties will be returned to those Groups for Combat.

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6. Please treat this as IMMEDIATE, special officers or D.Rs being employed, if necessary, to obtain the information required in the return called for.

*L. Brown*

Major General,  
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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Subject:- Training of Workshop Personnel -  
TRIULI and CREMONA Groups.

Army Sub Commission, MILA.  
E. N. A. C. C.

ROME.

S/G/29/10.  
29 Aug. 44.

To :- S.M.F.M.

1. Confirming conversation Col. FERRARI - Major DOBBS and your 220/A/12 of 26th. Aug. the following are the arrangements made for training of Workshop personnel for the TRIULI and CREMONA Combat Groups.

2. TRIULI personnel will be trained at No. 1 Advanced Base Workshops, TOR BAPINZA, CREMONA at No. 12 Advanced Base Workshops, MONTETIA.

3. Parties for each Group will be composed as follows, and will report at 1 ABW on the 3rd. September, at 12 ABW on 10th. September:

|                                                                  |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| From the Group Workshops - 1 Officer, 20 Vehicle Mechanics,      |  |
| 10 Gun Fitters.                                                  |  |
| From Light Aid Detachments - 8 Vehicle Mechanics, 4 Gun Fitters. |  |
| From the Mechanical Engineers                                    |  |
| Platoon (Supply Coy). - 1 Officer, 8 Vehicle Mechanics.          |  |

Total

- 2 Officers, 50 O. Rs.

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Interpreters - 5.

4. Courses will be from the 4th, to the 10th, and 11th. to the 23rd. September respectively. Facilities will be given to the Italian trainees for working on the equipments which they will afterwards be required to maintain.

5. At 1 Adv. Base Workshops the Italian authorities will be responsible for providing accommodation near the Workshop. Feeding arrangements

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From the Mechanical Engineers  
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4. Courses will be from the 4th. to the 16th., and 11th. to the 23rd. September respectively. Facilities will be given to the Italian trainees for working on the equipments which they will afterwards be required to maintain.

5. At 1 Adv. Base Workshops the Italian authorities will be responsible for providing accommodation near the Workshop. Feeding arrangements will be the responsibility of the Workshops. Italian personnel must take their own eating utensils.

6. At 12 Adv. Base Workshops the Italian party will be accommodated and administered by the Italian Workshop Coy at present attached to this Workshop.

7. Please send an officer to contact Lieut-Col. SHONE, CEM, 80003 Base Workshops as early as possible in order to settle any other details of administration for the BRILL course.

8. Please ensure that applications for any rail transport required are sent in as soon as possible.

9. It is anticipated that these courses will be followed immediately by similar ones for personnel of the C.I.L.

20. JAD.

*W.P. Dwyer*  
Major General.  
Army Sub Com. A.C.C.

Copy to:- Nov. through 20/11  
MILA LO 2 District.

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**From** **Unit A**

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General BROWNING's orders stand (.) CROMWELL DIV WILL NOT RPT NOT bring guns (.)  
Small arms WILL RPT WILL accompany the Division (.) SECOND (.) ARCS CROMWELL DIV  
retain 44 Surgical Wreckers and 113 X-30 Y Ambulance (.) THIRD (.) New Subject (.)  
Ensure the 2 Office and 40 mechanics located now with CROMWELL DIV HQ Rear Party are  
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July

Subject: Reorganization Plan for Headquarters of OIL

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Army Sub Commission, MIA  
H.C., A.C.C.

ROME

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29 August 44

MEMO TO OIL (2)

Copy to: HQ MIA

S.M.R.E.

HQ 1st District

HQ 3 District

1. OIL will gradually be withdrawn to areas north of CAPUA for reorganization re-equipment and training in new weapons.

2. The move is being arranged by MIA and No 1 District and will be effected by rail at the rate of one train (capacity 500 personnel, 100 tons of stores) per day, starting on 2 September 44 under arrangements now MIA.

3. Accommodation party on order will proceed by road in its own transport to report to representative of S.M.R.E. at British Garrison Headquarters CAPUA at 1800 hours 1 September 44 or as soon after as possible.

|              |            |                                   |
|--------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| HQ OIL       | 3 Officers | To be self-contained              |
| Headquarters | 3 "        | drivers, administrative personnel |
| 1 Brigade    | 2 "        | and vehicles.                     |
| 2 Brigade    | 2 "        |                                   |
| Artillery    | 2 "        |                                   |

4. Above party will obtain orders from S.M.R.E. representatives and sub-allocates to advance parties or units concerned.

5. The first train load when ordered will contain advance parties of all units and will be met at the detaining point by above advance party. Subsequent trains will be loaded in the priority of Engineers, Infantry, Artillery with a proportion of administrative personnel from time to time as decided by HQ OIL.

6. The area allotted will be divided into two so as to facilitate organization on the lines of the new establishment issued to S.M.R.E. Representative from time to time CAPUA on 10 August with representative from S.M.R.E. has full

3. Reconnaissance party as under will proceed by road in its own transport to report to representative of S.M.R.E. at British Garrison Headquarters CMRUA at 1800 hours 1 September 44, or as soon after as possible.

|              |            |                                                                                              |
|--------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1st CIL      | 3 Officers | } To be self-contained self-sufficient<br>drivers, administrative personnel<br>and vehicles. |
| Headquarters | 3 "        |                                                                                              |
| 1 Brigade    | 2 "        |                                                                                              |
| 2 Brigades   | 2 "        |                                                                                              |
| Artillery    | 2 "        |                                                                                              |

4. Above party will obtain orders from S.M.R.E. representatives and sub-allot areas to advance parties or units concerned.

5. The first train load when ordered will contain advance parties of all units and will be met at the determining point by above Recon party. Subsequent trains will be loaded in the priority of Engineers, Infantry, Artillery with a proportion of administrative personnel from time to time as decided by HQ CIL.

6. The area allotted will be divided into two so as to facilitate organization on the lines of the new establishment issued to S.M.R.E. Representative from this HQ (going to CMRUA on 30 August with representative from S.M.R.E.) has full instructions regarding the area boundaries.

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*W. H. H. H. H. H.*  
for  
Major General,  
Army Sub Commission, AMU.

1. Gwynson

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Copies for: 1st (5)  
Col. H. H. H.

Subject: Recommendations for Withdrawal of CIL

**SECRET**

Army Sub Commander, MIA  
 E.O. 1.2.2.  
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 30/24/2  
 ~ 7 August 64

MEMO TO CIL (2)

Copy for HQ AAI  
 E.O. 1.2.2.  
 HQ 5th District  
 HQ 5th District

1. CIL will gradually be withdrawn to ensure north of CIL for investigation re-equipment and training in new weapons.

2. The move is being arranged by AAI and HQ 1 District and will be effected by mid of the year of one team (approximately 800 personnel, 100 tons of stores) per day, starting on 2 September 64, under arrangements for AAI.

3. Recommendations party as under will proceed by road in the own transport to support to representatives of E.O. 1.2.2. at British Garrison Headquarters CIL at 1800 hours 1 September 64, or as soon after as possible.

| HQ CIL     | 3 Officers | To be self-sufficient with necessary |
|------------|------------|--------------------------------------|
| Head       | 3          | defence, administrative personnel    |
| 1 Brigade  | 2          | and vehicles                         |
| 2 Brigades | 2          |                                      |
| Artillery  | 2          |                                      |

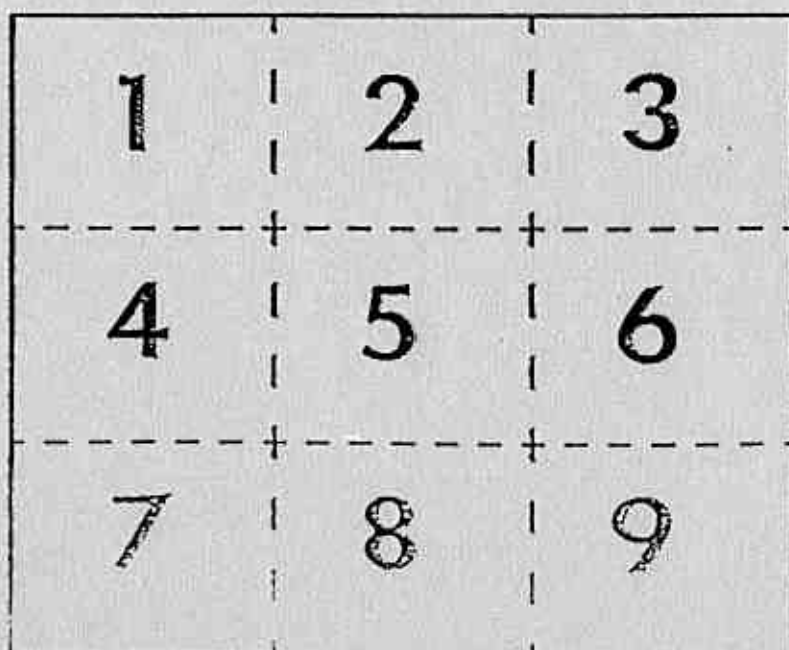
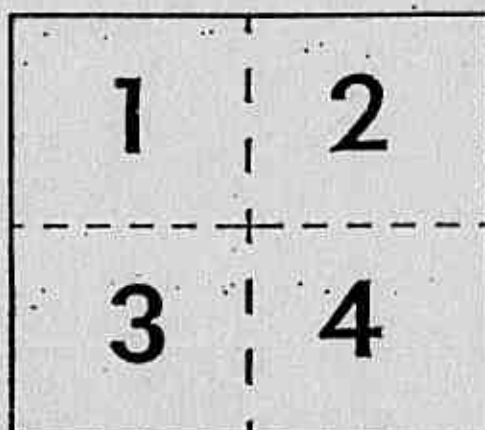
4. These party will obtain orders from E.O. 1.2.2. representatives and sub-allotment to ensure parties or units concerned.

5. The first team lead from CIL will contain advance parties of all units and will be met at the starting point by above house party. Subsequent teams will be loaded in the vicinity of headquarters, including, initially with a proportion of administrative personnel from time to time as decided by HQ CIL.



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C O M M A N D   G E N E R A L  
C O U R S E S

| Date             | Place                                       | Arm        | Subject                                  | Students |     |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------------|----------|-----|
|                  |                                             |            |                                          | Offrs    | Men |
| 28 Aug - 16 Sep. | S Army School of Artillery                  | Artillery  | 25 pdr.                                  | 12       | 22  |
|                  |                                             |            | 17 pdr.                                  | 6        | 4   |
|                  |                                             | Infantry   | 40 mm                                    | 12       | 8   |
|                  |                                             |            | 6 pdr.                                   | 12       | 22  |
| 1 Aug - 16 Sep.  | C.M.T.C.<br>BENAVENTO                       | Infantry   | Inf Weapons.                             | 20       | 30  |
|                  |                                             |            | 3" Mortar                                | 18       | 22  |
|                  |                                             |            | Tactics                                  | 12       |     |
| 19 Aug - 3 Sept. | School of Signals.<br>LAURA, HMA.           | Signals.   | Signals Equipment.                       | 14       | 30  |
| 19 Aug - 18 Sep. | School of military engineering.             | Engineers. | Mine Warfare                             | 12       | 36  |
| 1 Sep - 25 Sep.  | "                                           | "          | Railway Bridging                         |          |     |
|                  |                                             |            | Field Plant Maintenance.                 |          | 15  |
| 14 Aug - 2 Sep.  | RMC Training Establishment<br>PORTOCAONADO. | Ordnance.  | Work of an ordnance Field Park.          | 7        | 112 |
| 4 Sep - 23 Sep   | "                                           | "          | " " " "                                  | 7        | 112 |
| 26 Aug - 9 Sep.  | "                                           | Various    | Handling & Identification of ammunition. |          | 17  |
| 11 Sep - 23 Sep. | "                                           | "          | " " "                                    |          | 17  |
| 21 Aug - 2 Sep   | School of E & M<br>MAGATI.                  | Artillery  | Pittons, gun.                            | -        | 24  |
| 4 Sep - 6 Sep    | 1 ARM<br>FOR BAPTISTA                       | Rock       | Workshop & LAD Equipment                 | 2        | 50  |

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## Subject

Students  
Offrs. Cpls.

## REMARKS

25 pdr.

12

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17 pdr.

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40 mm

12

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6 pdr.

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22

Regtl Instructors for FRIULI and CREMONA to train other Gruppi afterwards.

Inf Weapons.

20

50

3" Mortar

18

22

Regtl Instructors for FRIULI and CREMONA come to continue for other Gruppi. It is hoped that CMTC will be able to fit in similar courses to follow for CIL Groups. Senior offrs who act as observers on Brit Junior Leaders Course.

Tactics

12

Signals Equipment.

14

30

All trng Sigs personnel of FRIULI and Italian Sigs school. Similar course for CREMONA to follow. CIL Groups to be trained at Italian Signals School if British equipment for it arrives in time. If not, it will follow CREMONA at British school.

Mine Warfare  
Bulldoz Bridging  
Field Plant  
Maintenance.

18

36

Key personnel for 6 Gruppi.

15

" " " " "

Work of an ordnance Field Park.

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112

All personnel of FRIULI OFF

" " " "

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All personnel of CREMONA OFF.

Handling &amp; Identification of ammunition.

17

Specialist personnel from Supply Coy, Inf and Arty Regts of FRIULI.

" " "

17

Specialist personnel from Supply Coy, Inf and Arty Regts of CREMONA.

Fitters, gun.

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24

Fitters Gun of FRIULI. Others to follow.

Workshop &amp; L&amp;I Equipment

2

50

FRIULI Div. Five Group Workshops - 1 offr, 20 Veh Shops, 10 Gun fitters. From L&I - 8 veh shops, 4 gun fitters.

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|                  |                            |                            |                                          |   |   |   |    |
|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------|---|---|---|----|
| 26 Aug - 9 Sep.  | "                          | Various                    | Handling & Identification of ammunition. | " | " | " | 17 |
| 11 Sep - 23 Sep. | "                          | "                          | "                                        | " | " | " | 17 |
| 21 Aug - 2 Sep   | School of S & M<br>SAFARI. | Artillery                  | Fitters, gun.                            | " | " | " | 24 |
| 4 Sep - 6 Sep    | 1 AM<br>FOR SAFARI.        | Anti                       | Workshop & Lab<br>Scrapyard              | 2 | " | " | 50 |
| 11 Sep - 23 Sep. | 12 AM<br>SAFARI.           | "                          | "                                        | 2 | " | " | 50 |
| 12 Sep - 19 Sep  | RAUC Tug Depot<br>NOIA     | Supply &<br>Transport Coy. | Maintenance &<br>Convey Drones.          | 6 | " | " | 24 |
| 1 Sep - 28 Sep   | "                          | "                          | "                                        | 6 | " | " | 24 |

#### COURSES TO BE ARRANGED.

A joint R.A.S.C. - ORDNANCE Course is being arranged by NOIA for Gunners to take place for each Group in the Concentration Area.

APM AAT is arranging for training of Carabiniers attached to Group H.C. and

29 AUGUST.

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Handling & Identification of ammunition.

17

Specialist personnel from Supply Coy, Inf and Arty Regts of FIBULL.

" " "

17

Specialist personnel from Supply Coy, Inf and Arty Regts of CHRONA.

Fitters, gun.

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24

Fitters Gun of FIBULL. Others to follow.

Workshop & LAD Equipment

2

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FIBULL Div.

From Group Workshops -

1 offr, 20 Veh Macks, 10 Gun fitters.

From LADs -

8 veh macks, 4 gun fitters.

From Tech Engineers -

1 offr,

Platoon (Supply Coy) - 6 veh macks.

" " "

2

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DETC for CHRONA. Similar courses to follow for C.L.L. Groups.

Maintenance & Convey Barges.

6

24

Key M.T. personnel of FIBULL and CHRONA Supply Coys. Courses for C.L.L. to follow.

6

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is being arranged by DETA for Quartermasters in Methods of Supply. in Concentration Area.

of (a) in M.T. attached to Group H.C. and I. of C.

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