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SUBJECT: Road and Transport Discipline.

'F' MOBILE MARINE & TRADING UNIT
M.T.O., I.G.F.

Ref: AA/S/356

9 July 45.

To: M.Q.
M.T.O., I.G.F.

Copy to: M.Q., Rear Area Allied Command.
M.Q., Land Forces Sub Comm.MC (MMLA).

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Petrol Point.

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Tools.

As you are aware, an indent for 200 sets has been sent forward and it is understood these will be forthcoming shortly.

THE ROAD.

Work has now been in progress on this road for some months. It is well known that there is a grave shortage of bitumen in Italy and that the present surface would only stand up if used with the utmost care. For some

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reason which cannot be traced, permission was granted for the use of that portion of the road which has been completed during the course of the last week and as a result of the scandalous fast driving and gross abuse, within four days the road was nearly as bad as before work started. It was then closed on my authority and will now remain closed under orders of Rear Area Allied Command until further notice. This Centre is under the administrative orders of the Commander of R.A.A.C. and he has directed that most severe penalties, including terms of imprisonment, shall be inflicted on any driver found using the road, regardless of his nationality. Please take immediate steps to ensure there is no entry on to the road at any point, and in addition take such disciplinary action as is necessary to prevent any further abuse. As a great concession the R.A.A.C. have agreed to release a small quantity of bitumen for re-surfacing this road, at the expense of other roads of equal importance. It was pointed out very strongly that the present state of affairs has been brought about by slack discipline and complete disregard of orders relating to the roads in and near the Camp. I trust that it will not be necessary for me to draw your attention to this matter again. Will you please put up notices immediately to the effect that this road is, under no circumstances, to be used by any transport whatsoever.

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SUBJECT: Discipline - Italian Army.

'P' BRITISH LIAISON & TRAINING UNIT
R.T.C., I.O.F.

Ref: 1BU/10/137

8 July 1945.

Commander,
'P' British Liaison &
Training Unit 1BU BLU.

Officer Commanding,
152 Mixed Company, CCSU.

Capt. Villani,
UNF.Servizi.

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6. It is suggested that it would be more expedient to take disciplinary action against the officers concerned where the crime incidence in the Unit is high and this office, in future, will be considering all disciplinary reports against other ranks in that light.

7. This office would be grateful if these facts could be coordinated to the Italian General Staff.

(Sgd) O. CONNOR.
Captain.
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SUBJECT: Reorganisation of the RTC Itf

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Land Forces Sub Com. AC (MGIA)

G/Trg/8

6 July 45

TO "F" H. & W

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Ref your AQ/8/855 of 15 June 45.

1. GENERAL

It is agreed that the problem of reorganisation comprises reorganisation in two phases. It is NOT however desirable at this juncture to go further than plans for the immediate future i.e. phase one as envisaged in the letter under reference.

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The Inf Regt and Composite Regt as at present constituted comply with this condition of separate trg.

4. The necessity for schools is also agreed. The S.I.V.A. Schools at [redacted] appear adequate for all immediate purposes.

5. Collective training will not form part of the curriculum.

6. FUNCTION OF RTC ITF

It is agreed that the function of the RTC is to produce well disciplined soldiers with a sound knowledge of their personal weapons, and a good military background.

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Ex-ITI Carabinieri	10,000 (Not the concern of [illegible]083

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8. It is thought that for some period at least the intake at CREMNO will consist of ex Ex-ITI personnel. These men will thus already have assimilated some military lore and have some background and discipline.

9. The numbers to be trained will depend on wastage of tps already trained The vast problem of trg some 75,000 soldiers per year will not arise till the Italians assume full control in a later period, i.e. the ultimate phase (2) mentioned in para 2.
It is not possible to give guaranteed figures of numbers to be trained but it is considered safe to plan to train 3,800 between July 21 and Sept 21.

10. TRAINING

It is thought therefore that the problem resolves itself as follows:-

(a) Retraining of converted Ex-ITI Tps.
(b) Provision of schools facilities for Specialist and advance traini

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11. This is not difficult of solution since the facilities at CESANO as already constituted provide for all the requirements.

(a) Basic trg in Inf and Composite Regts.
(b) Specialist trg in the Infantry School.
(c) Adv and Instructor trg at S.I.V.A.

12. With regard to the breakdown of personnel for trg purposes, it is and will be safe to train on a percentage basis of the Br/Italian forces at this, or any subsequent date. The breakdown will necessarily alter as the composition of the ceiling fluctuates, i.e. at present the figures are:

(a)	Infantry			50%
(b)	Arty			5%
(c)	Sappers	6%	)	
	Rly & Dock Operating Engineers	4%	)	13%
	Signals	3%	)	
(d)	S & T			6%
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	Wksps			5%
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(e)	Pioneers			20%

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The barracks already asked for at CIVITAVECCIA have been made available as requested. It is not however possible to allocate the VITERBO barracks to the RTC nor is it thought wise to consider such dis-persal of the RTC in view of present road and tpt difficulties.

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A Conference will be held at MMLA on Tuesday 10 July at 1500 to discuss the whole project. Agenda is attached.

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Major General
MMLA.

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AGENDA FOR 2nd. MMIA TRG CONFERENCE

1. POINTS REQUIRING SETTLEMENT AND ARISING FROM LAST MEETING

(a) Submission by 'F' M. & W of Orgn and Mts for Centre Staffs now possible.
(b) Col. "Q" to report on training equipment issued to Italian Units.
(c) Popularisation of CESANO. Steps taken. Results achieved.
(d) Man Management.
Details of courses starting 1 Aug.
Pamphlets and printed matter.
Future treatment at CESANO.

2. INTAKES - CESANO

Source of Supply.
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Further trg.

3. ACCOMMODATION

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BRACCIANO
MANZIANA
CIVITAVECCHIA

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SECRET

SUBJECT:- BR-ITI Ceiling, Reinforcements and Trg.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMIA)

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30 June 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR
HQ 1 DISTRICT
HQ 3 DISTRICT
HQ RAAC
"P" MISTU IRTC
OC BR CADRE 802 BRD
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(c) In MEDIA Strength State No 2/10 as at 8 June of the former combat ceiling of 61,150 (shown above) 3,000 were carried in category 7 (Carabinieri). In future the full 10,000 will be shown as Carabinieri.

6. Consequently 803 and 804 Base Reinforcement Depots at RAVISCANINA and TEANI will be closed down. The disbandment orders will be issued by AFHQ. Meanwhile the following action will be taken to dispose of the personnel.

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(a) 803 BRD RAVENSCANINA

3 District is requested to arrange for 227 Division to accept as much of the personnel, both permanent staff and reinforcements, as it can absorb against deficiencies and men due to be demobilised. Personnel may also be required for Transit Camp. at NAPLES vide our Q/34 of 7 May to 3 District. Any balance will be sent to INTC CESANO. MMIA LO 3 District will inform MMIA of the numbers concerned not later than 4 July so that a bid for rail movement for the period 16 to 22 July can be made. The Depot will therefore be emptied of all personnel by 22 July.

(b) 804 BRD TRANI

The disposal of personnel is already in the hands of 3 District vide MMIA signal A1129 of 29 Jun.

Surplus officers from both these depots, if not employable immediately within the WE of 227 Div units, will be posted to INTC CESANO.

7. (a) 802 BRD ORVIETO will be converted into the centre for reorg, formation and where possible disbandment of all BR-ITI Units. It may also be used in some special cases for the temporary holding of transferred US-ITI's. All units on Priority List 8 which are to be proceeded with will form at this Reorganisation Centre; and BR-ITI units for disbandment will where possible be sent to ORVIETO so that personnel and equipment may be transferred to new units as required.

(b) The Reorganisation Centre will be under command and adm HQ 1 District.

(C) It is recommended that the ceiling capacity of the Centre be maintained at 4,500. It will be used, on the reorganisation of ceilings (US-ITI) and the change of status of Co-operators, for US-ITI's and Co-operators awaiting disposal in cases in which it is not possible to post them direct to units or INTC CESANO.

(d) It is recommended that 1 District should obtain proposed amended WE for the Centre from OC Br Cadre 802 BRD forthwith.

(e) It is notified that personnel mobilising at ORVIETO will be held against the ceiling allotted for unformed but authorised BR-ITI units NOT against the 7,500 rft ceiling. No rfts will be available from ORVIETO.

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7. The Italian Reinforcement Training Centre at CESANO will be reorganised to train the Italian Army in accordance with the policy outlined in this directive.

(a) The Combat Groups will be trained up to the standard required for internal security duties.

(b) Collective training will be the responsibility of Combat Group Commanders.

(c) Italian Reinforcement Training Centre will be responsible for the training of all rfts for all units, incl :

i. Training of reinforcements for the Combat Groups up to the standard of British Class I soldiers, i.e. rifle platoon, gun team etc standard.

ii. Training of instructors for Combat Groups and for the instructional staff of the Italian Reinforcement Centre.

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iii. Training of reinforcement specialists for all arms.

iv. Training of tradesmen, incl those required to complete Priority List No. 8 units.

(d) "P" BLSU will submit revised WE's for British and Italian staffs at CERSAMO to meet the above training requirements.

(e) Separate instructions will be issued for demanding rifts from CERSAMO.

(f) The INTO CERSQUO will remain under comd and adm of RAMO.

HAC Hereford
Lt Col GS

ADC

Major General
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Copy to : AFHQ
DMT
MMLA LO 1 District for co-ordination
" FLORENCE CITY COMD " "
" 3 District " "
" 5A Area " "
" HEADQUARTERS " "
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Translation

From : Hq. Piceno Div. Ref. : 05/5429/3. SM
To : Circular Date : June 27, 1945
Subject : Employment of vehicles.

1. The Division's M.T. situation is very critical owing to the following reasons:

a. many vehicles have been declared B.L.R. and if and when said vehicles will be replaced cannot be foreseen;
b. other vehicles are inefficient and are awaiting repairs. These repairs will not take place very rapidly owing to the lack of many spare parts and to the difficulty in which the Divisional w/s finds itself owing to the lack of personnel and to the unsuitability of the personnel on duty at present;
c. almost total deficiency of cars on the War Establishment. Many units are thus forced to use light vehicles and sometimes heavy vehicles in place of them.
d. the 1500 Transport Platoon has had 20 vehicled declared B.L.R. during the last few days.

The English Hq. has been informed of the matter and we are and we are trying, in common agreement, to solve the problem in the most satisfactory manner.

2. With the coming departure of the 3rd Transport Unit, the situation will become still more difficult. Please bear in mind that said unit employs 60 to 80 heavy trucks daily for dependent units.

3. Therefore, some limitations must be imposed on the use of vehicles, also because of the fact that the 3rd Transport unit must have almost all of the vehicles at its disposal for the necessary overhauling and arrangements before the departure.

4. In regard to the above, I hereby order that:

a. no more trips will be made to the North for the transport of or the recovery of personnel on leave;
b. the foodstuffs for the improvement of messes are to be purchased in nearby areas; within a radius such as to permit the return of the vehicle on the same day;
c. each commander is to carry out the most rigorous check on the use of vehicles;
d. the services for Rome are to be united. This Hq. will study the possibility of forming a daily courier service accessible to all of the dependent units.

5. The addressee Hqs. are requested to bear in mind that from now on, the use of vehicles must be based on a policy of maximum economy.

by order of the
Commanding General

(Sgd) Enio Vegni

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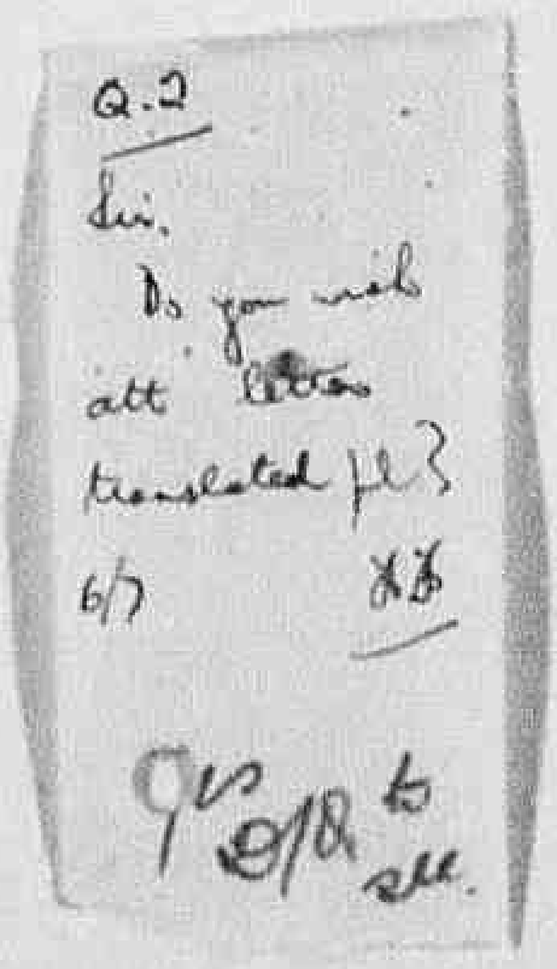

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SUBJECT: Employment of Vehicles.

'F' BRITISH LIAISON & TRAINING UNIT
R.T.C., I.C.F.

Ref: AQ/17/921.

4 July 45.

To: H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.(MMIA).

The attached letter from R.T.C., I.C.F. is a very fair summary of the position, and it is beginning to be a question of very serious concern. Bad roads and lack of spares and trained mechanics are taking a very serious toll on our already depleted transport.

Colonel.
Commander 'F' British Liaison
& Trg. Unit RTC ICF

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RHM/ahf
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P.M. 92, li 27 Giugno 1945

OGGETTO : Impiego automezzi.

AL COMANDO SCUOLE
AL COMANDO 1. RGT ADD. CORPL. (235 Ptr.)
AL COMANDO 2. RGT.ADD. CORPL. (336 Ptr.)
AL COMANDO RGT. ADD. ARTIGL. (152 Art.)
AL COMANDO RGT. ADD. GENIO
AL COMANDO CAMPO ADD. ATTENDATO
AL COMANDO 9 REG. MISTO CORPL.
AL COMANDO RIPARTO SERVIZI
AL COMANDO 3. REPARTO TRASPORTI
AL COMANDO 152. COMPAGNIA CC.RR.
AL COMANDO 519. SQUADRA PARACADUTISTI
ALLA GESTIONE 83. CAMPAGNALE A.A.

et., per conoscenza;

AL 'F' BRITISH LIAISON AND TRAINING UNIT

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1. La situazione automobilistica della Divisione e' molto critica per i seguenti motivi:
   a) molti automezzi sono stati dichiarati B.L.R. e non si prevede se e quando essi verranno sostituiti;
   b) altri automezzi sono inefficienti ed attendono di essere riparati, il che non avverra' molto rapidamente a causa della mancanza di parecchie parti di ricambio e della difficolta' nella quale si trova ora l'officina Divisionale per la mancanza di personale e per poca idoneita' di quello attualmente in servizio;
   c) deficienza organica quasi totale delle autovetture, per cui i reparti sono costretti ad impiegare in loro sostituzione, automezzi leggeri e qualche volta anche pesanti;
   d) il 1500 Plotone Trasporti ha avuto negli ultimi giorni dichiarati B.L.R. venti automezzi.

   Il Comando Inglese e' stato sempre al corrente della questione e si sta studiando, di comune accordo, per poter risolvere il problema nel modo piu' soddisfacente.

2. Con la prossima partenza del 3 Reparto Trasporti, la situazione diverra' ancora piu' difficile. Si tenga presente al riguardo che giornalmente detto Reparto impiega, per conto degli enti dipendenti, dai 60 agli 80 autocarri pesanti.

3. Bisogna pertanto fin d'ora imporre alcune limitazioni all'impiego degli automezzi, anche perche' il 3 Reparto Trasporti ha bisogno di avere quasi tutti i veicoli a sua disposizione per le necessarie revisioni e sistemazioni prima della partenza.

4. In relazione a quanto sopra, dispongo:
   a) che non vengano piu' effettuati viaggi al Nord per trasporto o ricupero di personale in licenza;
   b) che i generi per il vettovagliamento ranch vengano acquistati nella zona piu' vicina

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AL COMANDO RGT. ART. CORPO
AL COMANDO GENIO ATTACCATO
AL COMANDO 9 REG. MISTO COMPL.
AL COMANDO REPARTO SERVIZI
AL COMANDO 3. REPARTO TRASPORTI
AL COMANDO 152. COMPAGNIA CC.RR.
AL COMANDO 319. SQUADRA PARACADUTISTI
ALLA DIREZIONE SS. OSPEDALE A.A.

et., per conoscenza;
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   b) che i generi per il miglioramento rancio vengano acquistati nella zone vicine; entro un raggio tale da consentire il rientro del veicolo nella stessa giornata;
   c) che ogni comandante effettui il piu' rigoroso controllo sull'impiego dei veicoli;
   d) che i servizi per Roma vengano raggruppati. Questo Comando studiera' la possibilita' di istituire un servizio giornaliero di corriera accessibile a tutti gli enti e reparti dipendenti.

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5. Prego i Comandi in indirizzo di tener presente che, d'ora in avanti, l'impiego degli automezzi deve essere improntato a criteri della massima economia.

d'ordine
IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
- Ezio Vegni -

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OGGETTO : Impiego autoveicoli.

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AL COMANDO 152. COMPAGNIA CC.RR.
AL COMANDO 519. SQUADRA PARTIGIANI
ALLA DIREZIONE SS. OSPEDALE A.A.

et., per conoscenza:
AL 'F' BRITISH LIAISON AND TRAINING UNIT

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1. La situazione autoveicolistica della Divisione e' molto critica per i seguenti motivi:
   a) molti autoveicoli sono stati dichiarati B.L.R. e non si prevede se e quando essi verranno sostituiti;
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4. In relazione a quanto sopra, dispongo:
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   b) che i pezzi per il rifornimento rapido vengano acquistati nelle zone vicine; entro

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AL COMANDO RIPARTO SERVIZI
AL COMANDO 3. REPARTO TRASPORTI
AL COMANDO 152. COMPAGNIA GG.RR.
AL COMANDO 519. SQUADRA PANETTIERI
ALLA DIREZIONE SS. OSPEDALE A.A.

et., per conoscenza;
AL 'P' BRITISH LIAISON AND TRADING UNIT

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5. Prego i Comandi in indirizzo di tener presente che, d'ora in avanti, l'impiego degli automezzi deve essere improntato a criteri della massima economia.

d'ordine
IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
- Ezio Vegni -

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LOCATION: PALERMO

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Subject: CESANO Station - Engineer Services.

IO4 C.R.E. Works
Tel: 66023 Ext:3
Ref: CRE/STO/502
26 June 45

Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA),
Allied Commission

Reference RAAC letters Q.242/5 dated 14 and 27 May 45.

The following items of Electrical Stores have now been received and are available for issue to 'F' BLU RTC ICF, CESANO:-

Cable Electric	3/.029 Single	-	5000 Yds.
" "	7/.029 "	-	1000 "
Cord "	9/.012 Twin	-	4000 "
Cleats, Porcelain, 2 Groove		-	20 Gross.
Roses, Ceiling, 2 plate plastic		-	112 Doz.
Screws IRH 1"x 9 Gauge		-	40 Gross.

Will you please arrange for a representative of 'F' BLU RTC ICF to contact the undersigned at this H.Q. for the necessary indent to collect the above from R.E. Stores, ROME.

Further Electrical Stores are expected in the near future to complete your requirements and you will be notified when these have been received.

C.R.E. IO4 Works

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Copy to: R.A.A.C. - Ref your above quoted letter
'F' BLU RTC ICF CESANO.
O.C. 160 Bomb Disposal Platoon R.E.

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SUBJECT: Re-organisation of the R.T.C., I.C.T. at CESANO and Rietoli.

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'Q' British Liaison & Training Unit, R.T.C., I.C.T.

Ref: AQ/6/355

25 June 1945.

1. A Meeting was held at H.Q., M.M.I.A. on 12 June 1945 to consider the problems caused by the termination of hostilities in connection with the re-organisation of the Italian Army.

2. The Chairman, Lieut-Col. S. Inglelow, gave as much information as was available, and it was finally decided that a specific proposal should be prepared to form a basis of discussion at a further meeting.

3. A draft proposal was prepared by Col. Mabey and the broad outlines discussed with Lieut-Col. Nobbio of S.M.T., while a series of conferences were held at CESANO to review all aspects of the problem. As a result of these conversations, the following memorandum was prepared and is submitted as a basis of discussion.

It is understood that G.5 Gen. A.F.H.Q. are preparing a memorandum on the same subject but it is considered that in view of the urgent necessity of ending the present uncertainty at Cesano, it is better to submit this proposal without delay, so that, if desired, it may be considered at the same time as that coming from A.F.H.Q.

4. It is appreciated that any scheme of re-organisation must be divided into two phases. The first phase will cover the period during which the Italian forces of all types, both combat and service troops, will be utilised by the S.A.C. to assist in the re-organisation of Italy and in the control of enemy P.O.W. and Concentration Camps. This phase may last for as long as twelve months. The second phase covers the period when the Italian Army will gradually be developed into an independent National entity, free of Allied control, but assisted by Allied personnel, if such is the wish of the Italian Government.

5. The object of the present proposal is to evolve a scheme which will meet the requirements of the S.A.C. in all respects at present, but which can be merged into the second phase with the minimum of alteration or adjustment.

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6. The ultimate object is to convert CESANO and the associated military establishments at CASTELLO, MANTAIA, VITTIO and CIVITAVECCHIA into an Italian "Allenaut".

7. Upon both the above, it would appear that CESANO Matriot (to term as intended to include all the associated establishments referred to above), should be developed to have a dual function :

(a) The object of this function is to provide a training centre for the Italian Army depot, where recruits are to be received, organised and given the basic essentials of elementary military training, preparatory to the issue of the complete to units. It will obviously be

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To conform, however, to accepted Italian procedure, such recruits cannot be lumped together for this initial training, but the principle of separation of the various arms must be introduced from the first day of their service. This introduces certain complications, but as the nature of this elementary training is, nevertheless, identical, there is no insuperable difficulty.

(b) The second function is to provide schools and specialised training establishments where refresher and advanced courses in all Arms of the Service may be provided. Pupils for these courses will be derived not from recruits, but from trained personnel of the Gruppi or Service Divisions, who are in need of advanced training or refresher courses. Hence, the pupils of these Schools will not be included on the strength of R.T.C., but will merely be attached over establishment for the duration of the respective Courses.

(c) Facilities for both these functions already exist in CREMONO and District and the question resolves itself into ascertaining how best to make use of the existing facilities and, if necessary, to extend them in order to obtain the best possible results.

6. The cessation of hostilities has entirely altered the function of CREMONO. Hitherto its work was confined to the training (as far as circumstances permitted) of recruits, to enable them to take their place in the line with the combat Gruppi in the shortest possible time. In view of the demand for reinforcements, many recruits were sent forward inadequately trained, and it was necessary for them to complete their training in actual service with the Gruppi. This was unsatisfactory but had to be accepted.

The position is now entirely changed. In the first place, the former differentiation between Combat and Service troops is to be virtually abolished. CREMONO will henceforward be the Reinforcement Centre for the whole Italian Army, whatever the nature of the duties that may be assigned to it.

Secondly, the nature of the required training is altered. The intensive field training which was essential for a soldier who was intended to form part of a fighting division is now of infinitely less importance. What is now required is to produce a soldier who is well disciplined, capable of handling his personal weapons and with sufficient military background to enable him to execute the duties for which he is required.

9. Definite figures of the strength of the future Italian Army are not yet available but the existing Army (Combat and Service) is of the order of 160,500. It is believed that this figure will for the time being remain unchanged, but the breakdown will vary. The following breakdown has been proposed.

HR-ITI	Unit ceiling.	-	143,000
	Rft. Holding (5%)	-	7,500
	A.F.H.Q. reserve. (against demobilization)	-	10,000
			160,500

It is not considered necessary to discuss a further breakdown between Service units and Combat Groups, as the nature of the initial training for all branches of the Italian Army should be identical.

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The problem appears to define itself. Comano and District must :

(a) provide facilities for the initial training of 7,500 recruits of all arms, and

(b) provide the equivalent of the C.M.T.C.

10. Although it is unnecessary to differentiate between Combat and Service troops it is necessary to assume an arbitrary breakdown of those 7,500 recruits into the Arms of the Service for which they are destined. For simplicity and only in so far as it relates to elementary training, I have included those intended for Service units under the heading of Infantry. The arbitrary breakdown on which all calculations have been based is as follows, although it is realised that this may be subject to drastic modification.

Infantry	-	4,500
Artillery	-	900
Engineers	-	450
Signallers.	-	450
Workshops.	-	400
Supply and Transport.		400
Medical.	-	100
Ordnance.	-	100
General.	-	200
		7,500

11. The next factor to be considered is that of accommodation. Proper accommodation is essential for the well-being and efficiency of every soldier. Theres during hostilities a relatively low standard of accommodation had necessarily to be accepted, in the post-hostilities and peace period, the personnel of the Italian Army are entitled to proper accommodation in permanent buildings, with adequate amenities and sufficient space for recreation, etc. It is probable that the tentage at present on loan to the R.T.C. will be called in very shortly and no allowance must be made for the accommodation of all those at present under canvas. A revision of the war-time estimate of the capacity of the buildings occupied by the R.T.C. must therefore be made.

Although work is proceeding on the repair of all buildings, an immense amount still remains to be done and hence any estimate of accommodation must visualise not less than 33.1/3% of the total accommodation being unsuitable for habitation for a considerable time to come, due to the presence of civilians working on repairs.

There appears to be no necessity to introduce these revised standards immediately. They should be regarded as a goal towards which all efforts should be directed, although in the meantime some measure of overcrowding and inconvenience must be accepted.

12. The following estimates of available accommodation are therefore based on peace-time standards and allowance has been included for the non-availability of at least one-third of the total living space. In these figures the main number relates to accommodation for recruits, while the figure in brackets is an allowance for the subsidiary accommodation required for personnel of the Garrison Battalion to which reference is made in a later paragraph. No reference has been made to the accommodation required for personnel of the R.T.C. Headquarters, or for the permanent training and administrative staff as it is considered that the accommodation at present occupied will prove to be adequate for the reduced establishment required for the smaller cadre now envisaged.

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CESANO		
Buildings at present occupied by No.1 Regiment Capacity	1500	(120)
Buildings at present occupied by No.2 Regiment	2000+	(180)
Buildings at present occupied by the F. & M. School and the D. & M. School.	600+	(60)
Carabinieri School.	200+	(---)
VITERBO.		
Buildings occupied by the Garibaldi Regt.	1500	(180)
CIVITAVECCHIA.		
Reply Barracks and part of those at present occupied by R.A.	3000	(300)
BRACCIANO.		
Buildings occupied by the Artillery Bn.	600+	(120)
Barracks occupied by the Engineers and Signallers Battalions.	600+	(60)
MANZIANA.		
G.I.V.A. Schools.	500+	(120)

Hence, if all the accomodation referred to is available we have :-

At CESANO	3000 Recruits	360 Garrison.	+1300 Students
VITERBO.	1500 "	180 "	
CIVITAVECCHIA.	3000 "	300 "	

+The accomodation at BRACCIANO and MANZIANA will not be occupied by recruits and similarly out of the available space for 4,300 at CESANO, space will be required for 1,300 Students not included in the recruits ceiling.

The whole subject of advanced training for students other than recruits is dealt with in a later paragraph.

13. The next problem to be considered is the time factor. What is the minimum period required to train a raw recruit to such a state of military efficiency that he is able either :- -

(a) to fulfil the requirements of guard or garrison duties,

(b) to have sufficient military background to assimilate the specialised military training of his particular Arm (provided he is destined for the Combat force).

Considerable discussion has taken place on this matter and the consensus of opinion appears to place the minimum time required at eight weeks. At the end of this period, it should be possible to assess the recruit's capabilities and to devise some form of category of his probable military aptitude.

14. If this period of eight weeks basic training is accepted and the ceiling figure of 7,500 at CESANO is confirmed, it will be seen that the essential period of minimum service (assuming a conscript Army) can be readily calculated. Course output will be 7,500 every two months (actually it would be preferable to make it 7,750 every month).

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The proposed BR-ITI ceiling is 143,000, so that to maintain this ceiling permanently at full strength, the soldier will be required to serve for a minimum period of :-

$$\frac{143,000 \times 2}{7,500} \text{ months}$$

= 36 months, or say, three years.

This period may be considered to be excessive. One solution would be to increase the ceiling at Caserta or to reduce the period of training. Neither would be entirely satisfactory, but it should be borne in mind there is another factor which materially affects the issue. Provided the terms of engagement were made sufficiently attractive, a large number of officers and soldiers would be prepared to sign on for long term permanent engagements. If the number so doing were to approach one-third of the total strength of the Army, the period of conscript service for the remainder would automatically be reduced to two years, which may well be considered acceptable.

In the meantime all calculations are based on a ceiling of 7,500 at CESANO and an arbitrary breakdown as indicated in paragraph 10.

15. It is now possible to consider in greater detail how best to utilise the available accommodation to meet the training requirements of 7,500 recruits and to provide advanced training for the maximum number of students from the Groups.

In the Chart given at Appendix 'A' a practical solution of this problem is indicated.

Analysis of this chart shows the actual location of all recruits and also the amount of space available for students, from the Combat Groups, not included in the Recruits ceiling. This analysis is given at Appendix 'B'.

It will be seen that 7,500 recruits are accommodated at CESANO, VITERBO and CIVITAVECCHIA and instructional and accommodation facilities are provided for 3,000 students at CESANO, ROCCIANO and MANZIANA.

It is submitted that this solution fully meets the requirements of the Centre, as set out in paragraph 7, sub-paras (a) and (b).

16. No mention has yet been made of one essential requisite, which, in the writer's opinion is of the most vital importance. Training, to be effective, must be continuous and uninterrupted. One of the gravest handicaps of the present system has been the constant demand for guards, fatigues and other duty men, which has reached such a pitch that between 25% and 33% of the men who should be under training are employed for this purpose. This reduces the effectiveness of training by a much higher percentage and should be avoided at all costs. The writer suggests that the Cesano District should have a permanent Garrison Battalion of at least 1,200 who will be attached to the Centre and will carry out all fatigues and duties. This unit will not be on the establishment of the R.T.C., I.T.C. but will be attached to it in the same way as a battalion of the Cheshire Regiment is attached to R.A.O.C. for similar duties. The importance of this provision cannot be over-emphasised and hence in the accommodation schedule provision for this accommodation has been included in the figures shown in brackets.

17. In the analysis it has been shown that accommodation has been allowed for a total of 3,000 students for advanced courses and refresher training.

The present training plan has been devised to provide two forms of advanced training.

The first, which is typified at the ETA Schools, is to provide a standard of instruction which will enable successful students to qualify as unit instructors. The second, which is included in the Engineers, Signallers and Artillery courses at ROCCIANO and in the Infantry and Armour courses at CECCHINA, aims at providing a standard of instruction which will enable the successful student to pass the various P.O.E.T's of his particular Arm.

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Schools and Courses at present established are as follows :-

TRIESTE. SIVA Schools.
Primary object - the production of Unit Instructors.
TACTICAL SCHOOL.
Senior Officer's Wing.
Company Commander's Wing.
Junior Leader's Wing.
SCHOOL OF ADMINISTRATION.
Administrative Course.
Man Management Course.
Kitchen Course.
Water Duties Course.
WEAPON TRAINING SCHOOL.
Platoon Weapons Wing.
6 pdr. A/Tk. Gun Course.
3" Mortar.
Snipers and Field Craft Course.

The capacity of the School can readily be increased to - 500

TRIESTE.

Engineers, Signallers and Artillery Schools.
Primary object: These schools provide both forms of training. While they are essentially designed to teach the essentials of their subjects to the individual Sapper, Signalman or Gunner, they also include advanced instruction with the object of turning out unit Instructors.

ENGINEER'S SCHOOL. - Capacity. - 300
All branches of R.E. duties and handling of equipment.
SIGNALLER'S SCHOOL. - Capacity - 300
Trained Signal operators up to the requirements of Gruppi H.Q.
ARTILLERY SCHOOL. Capacity - 600
25 pdr.
18 pdr.
6 pdr.
40 mm. Bofors.

CESANO. INFANTRY SPECIALIST Training Courses.
Capacity. - 500
Platoon Weapons.
6 pdr. A/Tk. Gun.
3" mortar.
Carriers.
Mines and Pioneers.

The object of these courses is to train the individual soldier to be proficient in his own Arm and it is not intended that any attempt should be made to produce Instructors. Hence there is no suggestion of duplication with the same subjects which are taught at SIVA Schools with a different object. None the less, any outstandingly promising pupil may well be earmarked as a unit instructor if this is considered advisable.

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CESANO. PROVOST COURSE. - Capacity - 200
C.M.P. Training.
Regimental Police Course.

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CESANO — DRIVERS AND MAINTENANCE SCHOOL. - Capacity - 360
Maintenance Unit System.
Training of Drivers.

Primary object - - to maintain a constant reserve of trained drivers in the Groups and Divisions to meet normal wastage.

CESANO. — MECHANICAL AID TRAINING SCHOOL. - Capacity - 240
Vehicle Mechanics.
Driver Mechanics.
Gun Fitters.
Armourers.

Primary object. To meet the requirements of Groups and Divisions for this class of Specialist. It is of the utmost importance that students should be carefully screened as it is obviously impossible in a conscript army to train completely ignorant men to the necessary standard of proficiency. All students must have the essential basic knowledge derived from their civil occupation, and where possible preference should be given to men who have signed long term engagements.

It is obvious that additional courses and instruction beside that enumerated above can be included in the training syllabus as required. It is submitted, however, that the training facilities already available are of sufficient vital importance to justify the retention of these Schools and Courses.

18. A comprehensive reorganisation such as has been indicated in this memorandum will require a certain period to implement. It is believed that M.M.I.A. have this factor fully in mind and are contemplating drafting as many as possible of the recruits at present under training to enable the re-organisation to be carried out with the minimum of difficulty. Only sufficient personnel will be left to carry out essential guard and maintenance duties.

19. In conclusion, attention is drawn to some of the major general problems which continue to affect the overall efficiency of the Centre.

(a) TRANSPORT.

The vital importance of proper vehicle maintenance and discipline has repeatedly been impressed on all ranks at R.T.C., I.C.F. It is to be reported that a most condemnatory report has been received on the condition of the vehicles at the Centre, as a consequence of which, energetic steps have been taken in an endeavour to remedy the present position. Although to some extent the condition of the transport may be attributed to the state of the roads, the most serious factors are:

(i) the majority of vehicles when received were Class V and since receipt have done considerably more than the 1,000 miles of estimated life, and

(ii) nearly every vehicle was received without tools or spares, and although repeated indents have been submitted, very few have been received.

In consequence, while not condoning the lack of maintenance, there is, unfortunately, a great deal of justification for the excuses which are made.

(b) WORKSHOPS.

The Workshop organisation in the Italian Army is at present virtually non-existent and although a Workshop for the R.T.C. has now been authorised, the whole problem requires review on a very high level. It is believed however, that A.F.H.Q. are fully aware of the defects of the present Italian organisation and are taking steps to provide a remedy. ..../6.

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(c) ACCLIMATIZATION.

This subject has been fully discussed but the main problem still remains: that of basic structural reform.

It is recommended that a Standing Committee should be formed comprising representatives from each of the following :-

H.Q., R.T.C., Z.C.F.
Genio Militare.
Ministero della Guerra.
M.M.I.A.
'F' M.L. & T.U.

This Committee should meet very frequently to consider plans for expediting the completion of all buildings in CESANO and district. It is also recommended that they should include in their terms of reference the maintenance of roads and approaches. A great deal of the present transport difficulties are due to the almost impassible condition of the only approach roads to CESANO.

(d) PAY.

There is at present no special pay for skilled tradesmen or any form of proficiency pay for specialists. Neither is there any proper form of documentation for these invaluable personnel. Hence it frequently happens that after a great deal of time has been spent in training an important specialist he is lost sight of and reverts to the general level of the ordinary untrained soldier. This is not only grossly wasteful but leads to a great deal of discontent and to complete lack of enthusiasm among those selected for specialist training. This is a matter of the greatest importance.

20. It is suggested that this memorandum should be considered by M.M.I.A. and D.M.T., and if it is thought to be of value, a further meeting should be called to obtain the views of branches and departments.

Colonel.
Commander 'F' British Liaison &
Training Unit ZONE IV

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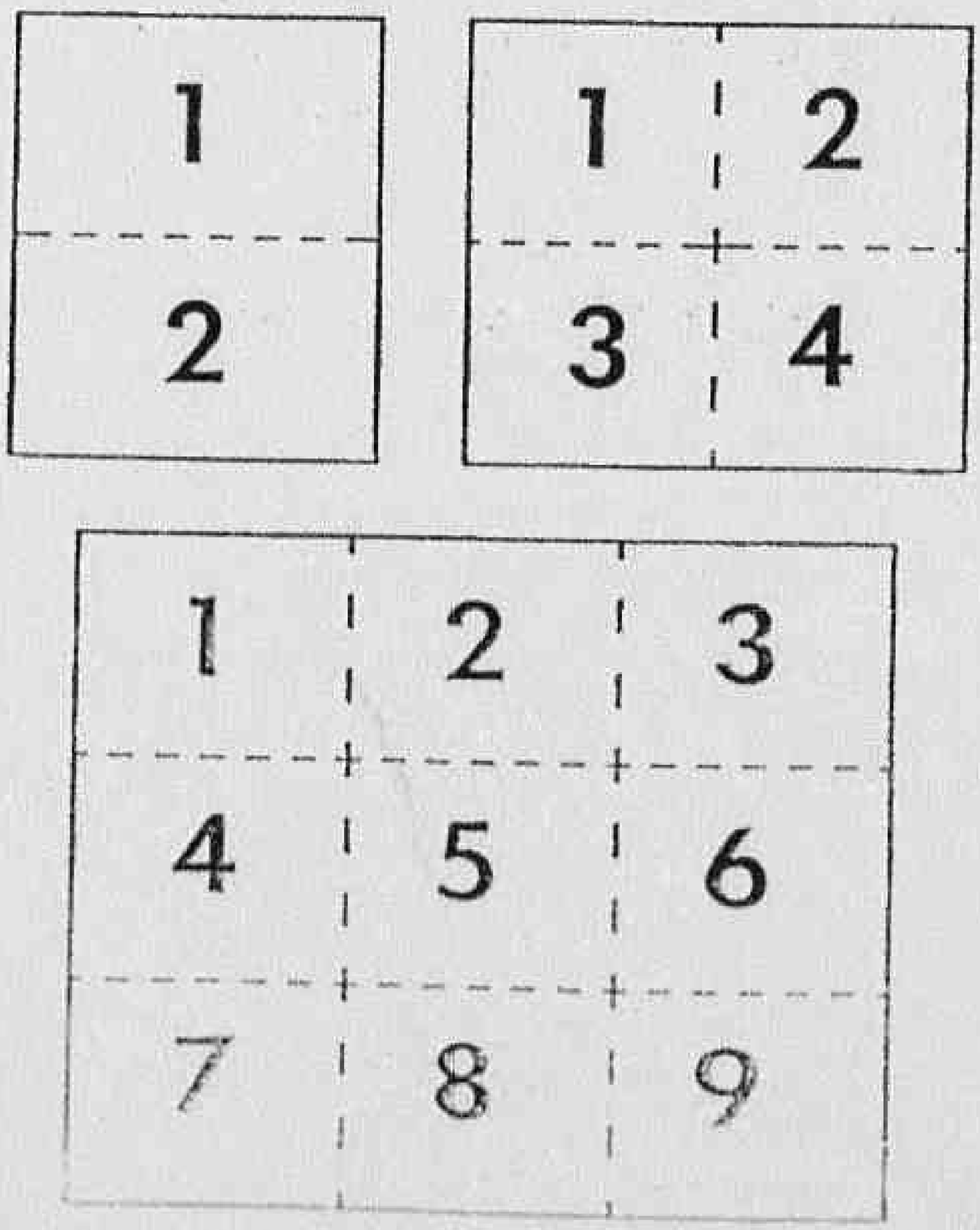

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APPENDIX 'A'

CECCANO
No.1 Infantry Basic Training Regt.
Capacity - 3,000
Location
No.1 Regt. Block.
No.2 Regt. Block.

Bn. Cmd. 60 and 5 Platoons of 60 each.

VEROLI.
No.2 Infantry Basic Training Regt.
Capacity 1,500
Location:
Italian Air Force Barracks.

3 Platoons of 60 each.

CIVITAVECCHIA.
No.3 Other Arms Basic Training Regt.
Capacity 3,000
Location:
Available Barracks at Civitavecchia.

5 Platoons of 60 each

FROSINONE.
Artillery Bn.
Capacity 600
Location: Artillery Barracks, Frosinone

(Students from Combat Force not included in Recruits ceiling).

2 Platoons of 60 each

BRACCIANO
Engineer
Capacity
Location
Bracciano

(Students
Force
Recruit

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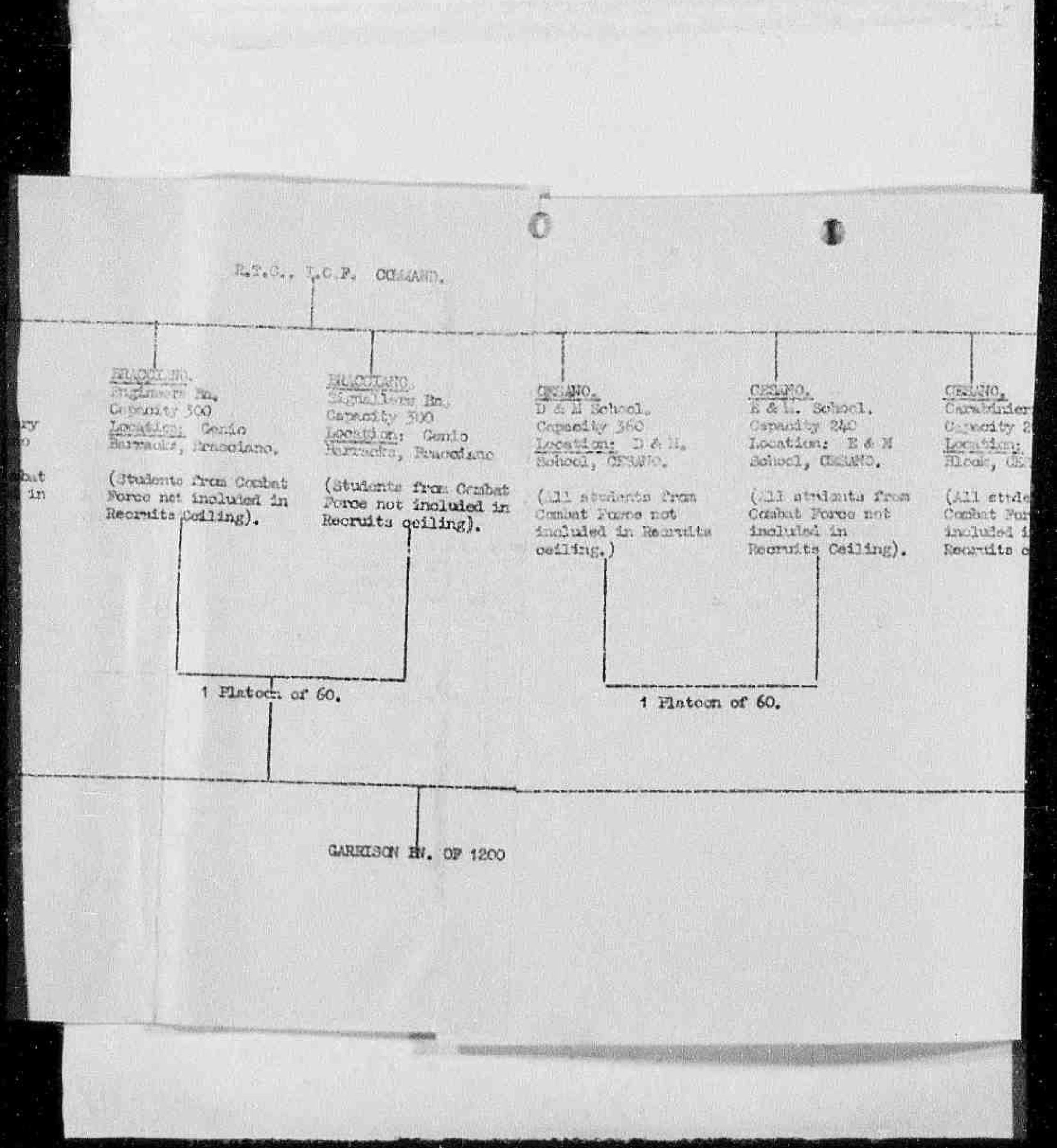

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CESANO.
E & M. School.
Capacity 240
Location: E & M School, CESANO.

(All students from Combat Force not included in Recruits Ceiling).

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CESANO.
Combined School.
Capacity 200.
Location: CC.RR. Block, CESANO.

(All students from Combat Force not included in Recruits ceiling).

CESANO.
Infantry, Specialists Schools.
Capacity 500
Location: Schools Buildings, CESANO.

(Note: All students from Combat Force not included in Recruits ceiling - Accomodation is allowed in building at present occupied by No.2 Infantry Regiment).

MONTORIO.
S.I.V.A. Schools.
Capacity 400 now.
Can be increased to 500 with additional accomodation and staff.
Location: Buildings, Montiano.

(All students from Combat Force. The primary intention of these Schools is advanced training for instructors and Senior Officers).

2 Platoons of 60 each.

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AREAS OF ACCOMODATION AND LOCATION OF SOLDIERS.

			Capacity.	Infantry Recruits.	Garrison.
RECRUITS.					
(1)	Infantry Barracks,	CESANO.	4,460	3,000	360
(2)	Barracks.	VITERBO.	1,680	1,500	180
(3)	Barracks.	CIVITAVECCHIA	3,300	Other Arms Recruits. 3,000 (For breakdown see para.10)	300
				7,500	
STUDENTS From CURRENT FORCES.					
(4)	Artillery Barracks.	MACCLANO.	720	Arty Students. 600	120
(5)	Genio Barracks.	MACCLANO	660	Engr. Students. 300	
				Signaller Students. 300	60
(6)	D. & M. School.	CESANO	400	D & M Students. 360 ++	30
(7)	E & M School.	CESANO	270	E & M Students. 240	30
(8)	Carabinieri School	CESANO	200	Military Police Students. 200	—
(9)	Infantry Specialist School	CESANO	500 (Incl in No 1 above)	Infantry Students. 500	—
(10)	S.I.V.A. Schools.	MANZIANA	620	All Arms Students. 500	120
				3,000	1,200

NOTE :- ++ Included in No.1 above.

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APPENDIX 'B'.

...TS OF ACCOMMODATION AND LOCATION OF SOLDIERS.

Capacity.	Infantry Recruits.	Garrison.	Available for Inf. Combat Students.
4,460	3,000	360	1,100
1,680	1,500	180	———
	Other Arms Recruits.		
3,300	5,000 (For breakdown see para.10)	300	———
	7,500		
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	Engr. Students.		
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	Signaller Students.	60	
	300		
	D & M Students. ++		
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	E & M Students.		
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PERSONAL

BASE AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No. 794 U. S. Army

G.S.2/3 016 CSM/ms
16 Jun 45

SUBJECT: Road Works - BASAC

TO : Col W.C. Pilsley DSO MC
Land Forces Sub-Commission AC (LFSA)

Col L.N. McKay CBE
OC "G" LLU BAC 107

1. In the absence of Brigadier Low, the attached copy of a letter from Maj-gen Duff is forwarded for your information.

C.J. Beckett

C.J.
Capt
Office of Deputy Commander

a. For inf.

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PERSONAL.

From: Major-General A.C. DUFF

C-in-C (British)
Allied Force HQ
C.M.F.
14 Jun 43

My Dear Low,

When I was in ROME ten days ago I said that I would try to extract some bitumen for your C.M.F. with the particular purpose in view of speeding up the road programme at CASSINO.

I find that bitumen stocks in this country are nil and duos in are negligible.

I am taking up the question of bitumen supply generally, but there is no hope of getting you any more for at least a month to come, and that I fear will be too late to be of any help at CASSINO.

Yours

A.C. DUFF

Brigadier A. LOW CBE MC
Deputy Commander
P.A.A.C.
C.M.F.

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Subject : Allocation of Courses RFC ICF.

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

G/Trg/10

14 June 45

TO : Ministry of War

1. It has been decided that personnel of Italian Adm Divs coming in the MF ITI category may now attend courses at RFC ICF.

2. Allocation of vacancies should be limited to such courses as their equipment warrants, i.e. Units equipped with Italian Arms should not be sent on British Weapon Courses.

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Copy to : 'I' SLU

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SUBJECT : Special Equipment List.

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'P'HLU LETC ICF.
Ref. ST/1/22.
13 June 1945.

LAND FORCES SUB COMD (AC) MMLA.

Reference your Q/86 dated 29 May '45.

May the following addition please be made to the proposed SEL Part II for 152 Driving and Maintenance School , forwarded under my reference HLU/ST/1 dated 3 June '45 :-

Section 'P'

PA 0790 chests , tool, filled , Carpenters 1.

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Q 1116. 3/10 Ref 1/38/6/4. 7/6/45

Q/86.

From; M. of W.
To ; MMIA.
Subject; Authorisation to occupy the barracks situated 5 Km from Civitavecchia.

This S.M. needs to complete as soon as possible, a definete planning of the buildings of the training centre of Cesano. For this purpose a plan of work has been drawn up, with a total expenditure of 50 Million.

The a/m plan essentialy includes the overhauling of the premises of the "petine" barracks, in which is billeted a complete Regt.

In order that the work may be carried out as easily and quickly as possible, it is desirable that the a/m barracks be evacuated. For this purpose we beg you to consider the possibility of granting an authorisatio-n, for the temporary occupation of the barracks situated at 5 Km from Civitavecchia, which has been used by American troops, and is at the momen-t empty.

If the MMIA are in agreement, it is our intention to transfer the a/m regt to the Barracks 5 Km from Civitavecchia, during the period of duration of the work.

This arrangement if carried out, apart from the evident advanta-ges it would render to the completion of the work at Cesano, would also have a valuable reflection on the morale and discipline of the troops, who would find their new barracks at Civitavecchia suitable and comfortab-e.

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(G. Liuzzi)

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Amelia presumably Ref

Re Cesano file

MB/bc

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI E ADDESTRAMENTO

SEZIONE ADDESTRAMENTO

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N° 1836/G/4 di prot. P.M.3800, li 7 giugno 1945

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

OGGETTO: Autorizzazione ad occupare la caserma funzionale ubicata a 5 Km. da Civitavecchia.

9/6

Questo S.M. ha necessità di portare a compimento nel più breve tempo la sistemazione definitiva dei fabbricati del Centro Addestramento di Cesano. All'uopo è stato compilato un progetto di lavori per una spesa complessiva di 50 milioni.

Tali lavori comprendono essenzialmente la sistemazione dei locali della Caserma "Pettina", nella quale è accantonato un intero reggimento.

Per consentire la più agevole e rapida esecuzione dei lavori sarebbe oltremodo opportuno sgomberare integralmente la predetta caserma. A tale scopo pregasi voler esaminare la possibilità di concedere autorizzazione ad occupare temporaneamente la Caserma funzionale ubicata a 5 Km. da Civitavecchia, già usata da truppe americane e attualmente vacante.

In tale caserma, qualora codesta Sottocommissione non abbia nulla in contrario, verrebbe trasferito per il periodo della durata dei lavori il reggimento ora accantonato nella caserma "Pettina" di Cesano.

Il provvedimento - ove attuato - oltre all'evidente vantaggio per i lavori da compiere in Cesano, avrebbe notevoli riflessi morali e disciplinari sulle truppe, che troverebbero in Civitavecchia una sistemazione confortevole.

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
- G. Idussi -
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HQMRS AIRBA ALLIED GUARD
APO No 7?? U.S. ARMY

4/86 (53)

Q. 242/4

SI/mr

6 Jun 45

SUBJECT: Vehicle Repairs RNU ICP

TO : ASFU Q(Maint)

Q NT 8/6

Reference this office letter Q 242/4 dated 23 May 45.

1. May your reply now be received please.

[signature]
Major
Deputy Commander

Copy to: Land Forces Sub-Coordination AO(ASFA)
[illegible] RAU TCC ICP
CSDJ
IMLIMC SHAEF

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SECRET EMMA

FROM: USA

TO : APSQ

REF : FAN 2733

Date Time
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DEE (.) CONFIRM THAT IN VIEW OF YOUR A G 091 711/051 G C T - O OF 15 MAY NEW EAST BRITISH LIAISON AND TRG UNIT FOR SEC ICF C M / 1038 / 1 SHOULD BE DISPATCHED NOT 1 JUNE (.) CONSEQUENT REARRANGEMENT C M / 734 / 1 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT FOR THE RTC ICF CHA C M / 735 / 1 BRITISH TNG INCREMENT TO RTC ICF CHA AND C M / 510 / 1 10 HA TRAINING TEAM BACKGROUND REF EARLY DATE (.) TWO (.) FURTHER RECORDED REARRANGEMENT NOT 1 JUNE FOLLOWING THE UNITS (.) A (.) C M / 542 / 1 TRAINING INCREMENT (INF) TO BE LIAISON UNIT (FOR COMBAT GROUPS) (.) B (.) C M / 640 / 1 TRAINING INCREMENT (RBUE) TO BE LIAISON UNIT FOR COMBAT GROUPS (.) C (.) C M / 700 / 1 TRAINING UNIT TO ITALIAN ARMY

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATED 7455

Internals A
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ww 2 June 45

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Subject:- Special Equipment List.

(51)

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
Q/86
25 May 45.

To:-

F BLU RTO ICF

1. Will you please render a list of Technical items required for an Italian Driving and Maintenance School on GE/991/1.

2. Domestic items will be in accordance with the Italian Basic Equipment List, but a list of technical stores is required for compilation of Part II of a Special Equipment List.

Lee Feb 402/2
Q/86

R.A.C.

N.A. CURTISS Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

COPY M.M.I.A. R.M.N.E. (5x7) Please contact F BLU and assist in compilation of this list.

RAC/fem

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EGIS AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No. 794 U. S. Army

TEP/sg
27 May 45

Q.242/5

SUBJECT: Engineer Services - [illegible] Station

TO : 104 CES Works

Reference this HQ letter Q.242/5 dated 14 May 45.

1. The attached copy letter has been received from AFHQ in reply to the above-quoted letter, and is forwarded for your information and attention.

[illegible]
Major
[illegible]

Copy to: Land Forces Sub-Commission AC (AFHQ)
'F' SAT RTO TEP

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q(Maint) SECTION

6407/Q(Maint)
FREEDOM 392
23 May 1945

SUBJECT: Engineer Services - ORGANIC STATION

TO: RCRE Area Allied Command

Reference your Q 242/5 dated 14 May 45 addressed to Q(AE).

1. The undermentioned items are available and can be supplied if demanded through 10L CRE Works:

Lampholders
Ceiling Roses
Switch/s Fuses
Cable Elec VIR .002 single
Cords Elec twin
Screws Rd Hd 1" x 9G
Screws Rd Hd 1" x ½" x 6G
Porcelain Cleats

2. The following is the position regarding the supply of other items not available.

a. Porcelain Junction Boxes - Not likely to be available in near future, but these can easily be improvised.

b. Switches, tumbler, 5 amp - production of these can be arranged locally but none available meanwhile.

c. Reflectors Industrial - Not available, no more being imported.

d. Plug & Sockets - Believed available from civilian sources. Italian standards differ from British standards.

L. WILKINSON, Major
for Major General
G-4 (B)

LW/rcsm

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Q 1/45

ROAR AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 754 U.S. ARMY

Q.2/5

SUBJECT: Engineer Services - CHEAIC Station

TO : AFHQ Q(AE) 1441

Reference our Q 2/5 dated 14 May 45.

1. May your reply now be received please.

80/mv

25 May 45

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26/5

W. Keighley Maj.
for
ALLEN LOW
Brigadier
Deputy Commander

Copy to: Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC, (MMIA)
103 CMP Works

Ref 26/5

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Subject:- Transport R.T.C. I.C.F. CESANO

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME
Q/86
23 May 45.

To: 'F' BLU
R.T.C. I.C.F.
CESANO

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Reference R.A.A.C. letter HHC/AL/af dated 18 May 45, copy to you.

You are requested to reply direct to H.Q. R.A.A.C. with copy to this H.Q., in respect of paragraphs 4 and 7.

R.A. CURTIES Lt. Col.
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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APO 512

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18 May 1945

SUBJECT: Reorganization of HR-ITI Reinforcement Depots and Schools

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 394
FOR: Land Forces Sub Commission, MMIA

1. It is considered that in present circumstances the organization of HR-ITI Reinforcement Depots and Schools should be reviewed.

2. As the necessity for provision of large numbers of highly trained reinforcements for combat groups no longer exists, it is proposed that the reinforcement holding for the whole of the Italian Army should be reduced to five per cent. This proportionate holding would make the following adjustments possible in present ceilings:-

	PROPOSED	EXISTING
HR-ITI Unit Ceiling	143,000	142,850
HR-ITI Rft Holding	7,500	17,650
HR-ITI AFHQ Reserve	10,000	
	160,500	160,500

3. As the Italian Combat Force Reinforcement Training Center at CESANO is intended to serve as the "Aldershot" for the future Italian Army, it is suggested that the whole of the proposed reinforcement holding of 7,500 HR-ITIs should be held and trained there, while the most suitable of the three existing Base Reinforcement Depots should be retained as a reorganization center for service units until this work is completed. An adequate supervisory cadre of British personnel will be provided.

4. The training staff at CESANO would be reorganized to serve the types of employment in which the Italian Army will now be used. The Peak Transport Training Center, FOR CIMARONE, and MSO Driving and Maintenance School, POLIGNANO, would be disbanded and the activities of the latter carried on by a portion of the Driving and Maintenance School at CESANO.

5. The 10,000 AFHQ reserve would be utilized to cover excess holdings against demobilization and such other demands as are at present being considered at this headquarters.

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	160,500	160,500

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5. The 10,000 AFHQ reserve would be utilized to cover excess holdings against demobilization and such other demands as are at present being considered at this headquarters.

6. Before orders are issued in accordance with the above proposals, your earliest comments are requested.

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BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER: See Feb 52

SD Division

Action: SD/1
Info: SD/94
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/s/ C. N. Christenberry
/t/ C. N. CHRISTENBERRY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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ROAN AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, US Army

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BHC/AL/ad
18 May 45

SUBJECT:- Transport R.A.S.C. I.C.F. CESANO.

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

1. Ref your Q/CS dated 16 May 45. -45

2. The repair of vehicles situation at the R.A.S.C. I.C.F. CESANO was investigated by a R.A.M.C. Staff Officer of this Headquarters on 16 and 17 May 45.

3. It was found that 31 vehicles were lying at the awaiting repair park of the Italian type LAD attached there. Of these, 19 were found to be of Class 3 and below, in respect of which AFs G1043 were issued and instructions are being given for these vehicles to be returned to 103 AFP.

The remaining 12 vehicles were found to be repairable and arrangements have been made for these to be accepted into 638 L of C Workshops forthwith.

4. It was definitely established that the reason for the unrepairability of the majority of vehicles was due to uncontrolled cannibalisation. Own steps be taken to ensure proper discipline as far as treatment of vehicles is concerned?

5. It is not possible to give priority over other units of this Command to the Italian Reinforcement Training Centre as far as repair facilities in L of C Workshops are concerned, although everything will be done to meet their requirements pari passu with British units.

6. It is understood that it is not possible to make available additional Workshop unit for the exclusive use of the Italian R.A.S.C.nor indeed should this be necessary if vehicles

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are properly looked after and efforts are made to improve first line maintenance.

7. With regard to replacement of vehicles in respect of which AFs 01043 have been issued, the normal procedure should be adopted and on receipt of such forms by ADOS, this Headquarters Staff releases of replacements will be arranged in due course. Can it be confirmed that demands have been put in for all outstanding deficiencies on existing WEs and if so the date and reference of such demands.

R Cameron Lt-Col.
AMAA - IOW
Brigadier
Commander British Troops Nowa

Copy to:- 'F' ELU RTC IOW Comms.
DADME, RAAC
ADOS, "
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Subject: Transport R.T.C. I.C.F. Cesano.

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Land Forces Sub Com.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
RC&E
C/86

16. May 1945

To: R.L.A.C.

Copy to: F B.L.U. RTC ICF Cesano
MMIA - A
Ministry of War (Ref. 05/2501/S/MM dated 14 Apr 45) N.T.

1. Frequent requests are received from the B.L.U. and from the War Ministry that military vehicles be made available for the RTC Cesano, from Italian Army sources. There are no Italian Army vehicles available and as the RTC ICF is a British Commitment, the necessary assistance is a matter for the British Authorities.

2. What is required is:

(a) disposal of dereleet vehicles beyond local repair

(b) increased workshop repair facilities for the vehicles awaiting local repairs

(c) the release and issue of "P" vehicles to replace (a) above and make good deficiencies in existing establishment.

3. It is requested the matter be taken up with AFHQ as the present position as regards transport at Cesano is most unsatisfactory.

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To: R.A.A.G.

Copy to: F.B.L.O. RTC ICF Cesano
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R.A. CURTIS, Lt.Col.
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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ROMAN AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 794 US Army

Q 242/3

DE/hwt
14 May 1945

SUBJECT: Engineer Services - CESANO Station

Q/96
15/8

TO : AFHQ (Q(AE))

1. The attached list of electrical equipment has been applied for by MMIA for the use of RTO, RCP, CESANO.

2. A very careful survey of EE Material not obtainable from Italian sources and necessary for the essential work has been made by MMIA and with the exception of electrical equipment needed for lighting purposes, there is no such deficiency.

3. The materials required cannot be met from local EE resources and a special release is requested.

SEE 49.
SEE 50.

See 57

Albert Lee
Brigadier
Deputy Commander

Copy to: Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC, (ANIA)
10th CMH Wesker

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Electrical Material required for work at Italian Army Reinforcement Centre, [illegible]

Lamp holders, screw fitting	4,700	No
Ceiling Roses	2,700	No
Porcelain junction boxes	3,000	No
Switch fuses, 250 V. 6 A	2,700	No
Switches tumbler, I way	2,700	No
Cable, electric, VIR, single, .002 sq. in	6,000	Yds
Cords, electric, twin	3,000	Yds
Screws, round head, 1" x 9 gauge	5	gross
Screws, round head, 1 - ½" x 6 gauge	5	gross
Reflectors, industrial, 15"	2,700	No
Plugs and sockets 2-pin	200	No
Porcelain cleats, 2 groove	40	gross

Subject : R.E. - L. of C. Cesano.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.T.I.A.)
ROME.
S/SC

7 May, 45.

To : Rear Area Allied Command.

1. Reference your Q247/S/3 April - Engineer Services. Your Q247/4 3 May - R.E.M.E. Resources.

2. 431 Since the arrival of a Garrison Engineer to exercise personal supervision over the R.E. work proceeding at Cesano it has been possible to eliminate some of the difficulties which were holding up the work. So far as possible deficiencies in transport for civilian workmen have been made good from Italian resources. A very careful survey of R.E. material not obtainable from Italian sources and necessary for the essential work has been made. It now appears that with the exception of electrical equipment needed for lighting purposes there is no such deficiency. The list of material required is attached at Appendix 'A'.

It is suggested that the Garrison Engineer and the [illegible] this H.Q. next year R.E.M.E. works to discuss what portion of these stores, if any, can now be released and to consider generally any further assistance which may be required.

3. As regards the repair facilities the future of the R/T/C. at Cesano is uncertain but; for a variety of reasons, principally the non-availability of the necessary tradesmen no expansion of the Italian Army repair units can be expected. The present facilities therefore remain 152 M.T. Platoon with 152 and 153 L.A.D. During the short period between the Garibaldi Dept. receiving their vehicles and receiving orders to leave their present location it is suggested that one L.A.D. be moved to Viterbo.

It is understood that considerable improvement in the number of vehicles awaiting repair is to be expected now that 612 A.C. Workshop has been able to accept [illegible]

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It is understood that considerable improvement in the number of vehicles awaiting repair is to be expected now that 630 L.C. Workshop has been able to accept 3rd line repairs and it is urged that this unit be required to give such priority on is possible to the out-standing arrears.

Rdd.

R.A. CURTIS, Lieut.Colonel.
for Major-General.
A.D.I.A. 7/14

Copy to : [illegible]
M.M.I.A. R.E.T.E.
[illegible]
A.P.M. (for attention O. Hunt)

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Appendix 'A' to W.W.I.A. letter
Q/86 dated 7 May, 45.

Electrical material required for work at Italian Army Rft. Centre, CESANO.

Lamp holders, screw fitting	2,700	No.
Ceiling Roses	2,700	No.
Porcellain junction boxes	3,000	No.
Switch fuses, 250 V. 5 A.	2,700	No.
Switches tumbler, 1 way	2,700	No.
Cable, electric, VIR, single, .002 sq. in	6,000	Yds
Cords, electric, twin	3,000	Yds
Screws, round head, 1" x 9 gauge	5	Gross
Screws, round head, 1 - 1/4" x 6 gauge	5	Gross
Reflectors, Industrial, 15"	2,700	No.
Plugs and sockets 2-pin	200	No.
Porcellain cleats, 2 groove	40	Gross

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SUBJECT :- Vehicle State and Workshops Facilities at REC ICF.

'P' PLU REC ICF.
Ref AQ/17/402.
4 May 45.

LAND FORCES SUB COMM (AC) MEDITERRANEAN.

Reference conversation Col PITBLADO - MACKAY.

1. Attached at Appendix "A" is a statement showing vehicle position as at 4 May 45 at REC ICF. It will be seen from this that :-

Of the 405 vehicles held 226 are off the road.
Of the 150 H/C held 40 are off the road.

2. REC ICF Workshops (situation shown at Appendix "B") at present can only repair some 8 vehicles at a time.

3. Arrangements have been made with 638 L of C Workshops to repair some 30 vehicles but it is NOT expected that this arrangement can be continued.

[signature]

Lieut-Col RA.

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LAND FORCES SUB COAST (AC) MALTA.

Reference conversation Col PIDSLEY - MACKEY.

1. Attached at Appendix "A" is a statement showing vehicle position as at 4 May 45 at RTO ICZ. It will be seen from this that :-

Of the 405 vehicles held 228 are off the road.
Of the 150 M/C held 40 are off the road.

2. RTO ICZ Workshops (situation shown at Appendix "B") at present can only repair some 8 vehicles at a time.

3. Arrangements have been made with 636 L of C Workshops to repair some 30 vehicles but it is NOT expected that this arrangement can be continued.

Lieut-Col PA.

LEB/rsw

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Appendix
Dated

VEHICLE POSITION AS AT 4 MAY 45.

Detail	Total At Centre	Off the Road.	In Centre W/Shops.	In 63 L of C Wksps	Total. In W/Shops.
"A" Vehicles (Brens)	47	35	2	-	2
"B" Vehicles					
Lorries	327	190	3	31	34
Utilities	18	3	1	-	1
M/Cycles	150	40	20	-	20
Tractors	10	-	-	-	
Water Trailers	3	-	-	-	
Total	555	268	31	31	62

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Appendix "A" to AG/17/492
Dated 4 May 45.

VEHICLE POSITION AS AT 4 MAY 45.

	Total At Centre	Off the Road.	In Centre W/Shops.	In 630 L of C Wkps	Total. In W/Shops.
[illegible]	47	35	2	-	2
[illegible]					
[illegible]	327	190	8	31	39
[illegible]	18	3	1	-	1
[illegible]	150	40	20	-	20
	10	-	-	-	
[illegible]	3	-	-	-	
	555	268	31	31	62

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Appendix "D" to AQ/17/432
Dated 4 May 45

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WORKSHOP FACILITIES.

		152 L.A.D.	152 Mech Eng Pl	153 L.A.D.
1.	Formed	Yes	Yes	No
2.	Personnel complete to WE	Complete	Complete	Not Complete
3.	AFV 1098 :-			
	Tools Vehicles	60% Received Complete	NIL Received Complete	Indents being prepared Indents being prepared
4.	Accommodation	75% complete	80% Complete	To be decided upon.

N.B. No inspections possible.
Indenting of spares very difficult. No Italian technical Storeman in either workshops.
B.L.R. certificates for 23 vehicles passed to RTO XXX.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, US ARMY

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3 May 45

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Q 5/5

SUBJECT:- Garibaldi Unit, VITERBO.

Land-Forces Sub Commission, A.C.(M.E.T.A.)

1. Attached herewith is copy letter received from DANIEL MACK on the probable effect of the RSHS commitment for the Garibaldi Regiment.

2. The reduced RSHS facilities now available in this Command are inadequate to deal with this additional liability, and it is unlikely that further Workshops could be made available by AFHQ for this purpose.

3. It would, therefore, seem essential that immediate steps should be taken to form an Italian Workshop as suggested in the attached letter and it would be appreciated if you could arrange for this to be done.

ALDAN LOW
Brigadier
Commander British Troops Rome

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Copy to: AFHQ Q(Liaison)
DANIEL MACK (Your RSHS/S/7 dtd 29 Apr 45 addressed to G(Ia) HQ. refers).

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Subject:- Italian Regt. - VITERBO.

Headquarters.
R.E.M.E. Branch.
Tel : 66513
& 66514
REME/S/7
29 Apr '45.

To:- A.A. & Q.M.G.
Rome Area Allied Command.

Lt. Col. SCOTT. M.M.I.A. informed me on Saturday 28 Apr '45 of an Italian Training Regt. located at VITERBO, which was about to draw approximately 300 British make vehicles; he enquired into R.E.M.E. facilities to deal with the repair of this transport.

I have received no other intimation that above was to become a R.E.M.E. responsibility, and judging by past experience, I wish to emphasise the following points, of which I have informed Lt. Col. SCOTT.

(a) I have no R.E.M.E. Workshops to spare for attachment. - Evacuation of vehicles requiring repair to ROME is impracticable, since this would require a number of Recovery vehicles which are not available, and is undesirable in many other respects.

(b) Unless an Italian Workshop is established and ready to function prior to the arrival of these vehicles I foresee a similar confusion to that which exists at CASERTA - where approximately 100 vehicles are at present "off road", in spite of about 80 vehicles being recently repaired by 630 L of C. Workshop REME and returned to unit.

(c) I strongly advise M.M.I.A. to establish such a Workshop in time and that they request through service channels the attachment of one R.E.M.E. senior N.C.O. to introduce maintenance and advise on indent procedure.

May I have your support please in strongly representing to M.M.I.A. the situation which is likely to arrive.

Major.
D.A.D.M.E.
Rome Area Allied Command.
(P.E.P. YOUNG)

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(b) Unless an Italian Workshop is established and ready to function prior to the arrival of these vehicles I foresee a similar confusion to that which exists at CERANO - where approximately 400 vehicles are at present "off road", in spite of about 80 vehicles being recently repaired by 638 L of C. Workshop MXXX and returned to unit.

(c) I strongly advise M.M.I.A. to establish such a Workshop in time and that they request through service channels the attachment of one R.E.M.E. senior N.C.O. to introduce maintenance and advise on indent procedure.

May I have your support please in strongly representing to M.M.I.A. the situation which is likely to arrive.

Major.
D.A.D.M.E.
North Area Allied Command.
(F.R.P. YOUNG)

Copy to:- D.M.E., A.F.H.Q.

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Col Cunliffe

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, US ARMY

Q 242/5

RHQ/af
26 Apr 45

SUBJECT:- Roads.

*yr RLO IHFU XUF

1. Ref your letter AQ/14/499 dated 12 Apr 45.

2. Enclosed is copy letter CRE/Rds/268 dated 25 Apr 45 from CRE 104 Works.

3. Will you please take action on para 2.

R.H. [illegible]
Lt-Col
AA & QMG

encls.

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Commission, AC (MCIA) (with enclosure)
CRE 104 Works.

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copy.

104 C.R.E.WORKS
CMF
Tel 66023-4-5
Ref:CRE/R03/268
25 Apr 45

SUBJECT: Roads

TO : HQ RAAG (Attn AA & QMG)

1. Further ref your Q 242/4 dtd 15 Apr respecting roads in Cesano and Bracciano area, the position to date is as follows:-

(a) Bracciano Road. Stone being prepared and placed alongside road in readiness for repairing.

(b) Cesano Road. Work has commenced and approx 1.0 Km has been reshaped, surfaced and rolled.

The commencement of (a) and completion of (b) is entirely dependent upon bitumen supplies.

2. Much wear on these roads would be avoided if

(a) Normal traffic speed was controlled - the present speed is excessive.

(b) Tracked vehicles were instructed to use adjoining fields where possible and keep off the road.

3. If items 2(a) and 2(b) were enforced it would be possible to put the Cesano road in order and open this to traffic without delaying completion until bitumen becomes available.

4. Can instructions be given to ELU IRTC ICF to comply with suggestions 2(a) and (b) above.

5. In respect of Road from Bracciano Village to TREVIGNANO MK 551960, please be advised this length is entirely in F.B's territory and in respect of which no action can be taken.

Sgd. H.E.COCKERTON, Lt Col RE
C.R.E. 104 WORKS

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SUBJECT: GURKHA Regt.

LAND FORCES SOUTH-EAST, A.P.O. (MEIA)

SD/GS/2

17th SEPT 45

TO : AFHQ.

1. As has been previously notified, GURKHALI Regt (strength 1688) can be equipped and administered in the VIENNA Area by "F" SLU with the addition of one S.O.E.O., who has already been attached.

2. I consider, however, that a small trg increment of approx 4 officers and 4pt will be necessary for the period of trg. The undermentioned arrangements have so far been made.

GHQ II Instructor (Maj)		Maj. KIRKIN	A Trg Inst (SD/GS/1)
"	"	Maj. GRINNELL	"
"	"	Maj. KINSEY	"
"	"	Maj. HUGHES	"
Clerk	1	Temp ex Mountain Warfare School (for one week)(for G(Trg) MEIA).	
Batman	1	Italian	
Drivers) Vehs (1t cwt) or MC)	4	Ex Mountain Warfare School	

3. Will you please give the necessary authority for the above personnel and vehs (or replacements) to be available for carrying out trg instruction for GURKHALI Regt as long as this instruction is necessary.

A.P.

Major General
MEIA

Copy to: D.M.T.

Internal: G(Trg)

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HQ ROMK AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No.794, US Army

Ref: Q 242/5

20 Apr 46

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Subject:- Roads

HQ 'P' BLD IRTC ICF

1. In reference to your AQ/14/299 dated 12 Apr 46.

2. Responsibility for the upkeep of roads in those parts of Italy handed over to the Italian Government lies on the Italian authorities as represented by the Genio Civile.

104 CRE Wks has a limited responsibility for maintaining contracts, the procurement and release of certain engineer material and for some degree of supervision.

3. The roads in question are classified as of secondary military importance, taking priority of course below the main routes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7.

4. It is understood that contracts have in fact been placed for the repair of these roads and for their surfacing with asphalt.

5. Unfortunately, however, no supplies of bitumen are available in Italy or likely to be so for some months, and in the circumstances the best that can be done for the moment is to patch the waterbound surface as well as possible.

ALLAN LOW
Brigadier
Commander British Troops Rome

AL/rw

Copy to: Land Forces Sub-Commission AC (MMIA)
DMT AFHQ
'G' STU to Italian Army

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ROMAN AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, US Army

Q 242/5

Q/86 RMC/af
19 Apr 45

Subject:- Engineer Services - CESANO Station.

Q 2014

Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.(JSCIA)

Copy: AFHQ G(Maint) (Your AG 091.711/033 GCT-C dtd
104 G.R.E.Works 13 Apr 45 refers)

AG 091.711/169

GCTO

1. Ref this HQ's Q 242/5 dtd 5 Apr 45 enclosing copy of this HQ's letter of even reference dtd 29 Mar 45 addressed to AFHQ in connection with the Control and Administration of the PICENO Italian Combat Force Rft Trg Centre.

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2. AFHQ have now intimated that the repair of buildings at CESANO remains in principle an Italian responsibility, but that should the work be held up for material which can be supplied only from Allied resources, this HQ should assist by the supply of essential stores of which civilian contractors are lacking but which are available from WD resources.

3. It is also stated that in the event of exceptionally heavy requirements occurring in this way, submission is to be made to AFHQ for a decision as to whether such stores are to be released.

4. It is known that the stores requirements for the work at CESANO Station will fall within this latter category (para 3 above) and are far beyond the capacity of local resources.

5. It is therefore desired to obtain a complete list of stores necessary for the project and which are not available from the resources of the Italian Government or the civilian contractors who are now undertaking the work.

6. In compiling this list for submission to higher authority [illegible] that it should bear a certific-

104 C.R.E.Works 13 Apr 45 refers)

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1. Ref this HQ's Q 242/5 dtd 6 Apr 45 enclosing copy of this HQ's letter of even reference dtd 29 Mar 45 addressed to AFHQ in connection with the Control and Administration of the PISANO Italian Combat Force Mft Trg Centre.

2. AFHQ have now intimated that the repair of buildings at CESANO remains in principle an Italian responsibility, but that should the work be held up for material which can be supplied only from Allied resources, this HQ should assist by the supply of essential stores of which civilian contractors are lacking but which are available from MD resources.

3. It is also stated that in the event of exceptionally heavy requirements occurring in this way, submission is to be made to AFHQ for a decision as to whether such stores are to be released.

4. It is known that the stores requirements for the work at CESANO Station will fall within this latter category (para 3 above) and are far beyond the capacity of local resources.

5. It is therefore desired to obtain a complete list of stores necessary for the project and which are not available from the resources of the Italian Government or the civilian contractors who are now undertaking the work.

6. In compiling this list for submission to higher Authority it will of course be necessary that it should bear a certificate from the Italian War Dept that :-

(a) it is impossible for them to obtain these materials as set out in para 5 above;

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(b) that the Italian War Dept undertakes that any stores so released from British Military sources will in fact be incorporated in the works to be carried out at CESANO Station.

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The list and certificate mentioned in paras 5 and 6 above, should be accompanied by complete plans and specifications of the work proposed.

These plans should show the purpose for which each building is required and the number of troops to be accommodated therein.

The list of Stores submitted must be for the complete scheme as at present envisaged.

ALBAN LOW
Brigadier
Commander British Troops Rome

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND

APO 794, US AMMY

Ref: Q 242/5

6 Apr 45

SUBJECT : Control and Admn PICENO Italian Combat Force Rft Trg Centre.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
M.M.I.A.

1. Ref conversation (Col.Noakes-Lt.Col. Cumrass) of 6 Apr 45.

2. Copy of letter Q 242/5 dtd 29 Mar 45 from this HQ to APHQ is forwarded herewith for information.

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R. H. CAMRASS
Lt.-Col
AA & QMG

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
AFO 794, US ARMY

Ref: Q 242/5
29 Mar 45

SUBJECT : Control and Administration PICENO
Italian Combat Force Rft Trg Centre.

Allied Force Headquarters

1. Ref your 091 711/033 GCT-O dated 24 Mar 45.

2. Some difficulty arises at this Headquarters in connection with the exact meaning of the phrase contained in para (a) of your above quoted letter, i.e., "...will be under full Administrative command of the Area Headquarters Rome Area Allied Comd.". This is particularly so in connection with the Engineer commitment for the rehabilitation of the RTC ICF which is a very heavvy one.

3. This work is at present being carried out by civilian organisation under direct contract made with the Italian Government. These contracts were made by the Genio Militare without reference to this Headquarters, nor are terms thereof known.

4. It therefore seems that this Engineer work is being carried out in accordance with paras 2 and 3 (a) of your letter 2554/1/Q(Maint) dated 17 Nov. 44.

5. Acting under para 7 of this latter letter, this HQ has so far confined itself to rendering all possible assistance to the Italian Government by the supply of certain essential stores of which the civilian contractors were lacking. It should be pointed out, however, that the stores so supplied are but a small portion of what is actually needed to carry out this very considerable undertaking and the work of rehabilitation is definitely being held up on account of lack of stores.

6. Your decision is requested as to whether your letter AG 081 711/033 GCT-O dated 24 Mar 45 and quoted in para 2 above, is to be regarded as a cancellation of the earlier letter dtd 17 Nov 44(quoted in para 4 above), and if it is so, whether it is to be construed as an order to arrange whit the

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Italian War Department through MMIA for the cancellation of all outstanding civilian contracts in connection with the RHQ 10Z, these to be replaced in due course by contracts put out by 104 C.R.E. Works and exouted under his supervision.

7. In deciding this, may it be taken in consideration that 104 C.R.E. reports that the work at CESANO is so considerable that it would require 6 months for completion, provided all the necessary resources are available including additional labour.

8. As supervision etc could not be supplied from Engineer resources of this Command without abandonment of several other outstanding projects, it would be necessary for the personnel of 104 C.R.E. Works to be augment in the following way:

(a) To provide a Works Section RE to supervise the work. This Works Section would be additional to these now under command 104 C.R.E. Works which are already heavily committed.

(b) To reinforce the Works Section with E & M personnel.

(c) To provide the C.R.E. with an additional Surveyor of Works.

(d) To assist the civilian contractors by planning and the provision of transport materials and labour. Transport RE resource in the Area and must be considered as additional to them.

9. It is therfore requested that a decision be given on this point as soon as possible.

10. At the same time may a definition please be forwarded as to those matters which are to be regarded as purely Italian administration.

ALBAN LOW
Brigadier
Commander British Troops Rome

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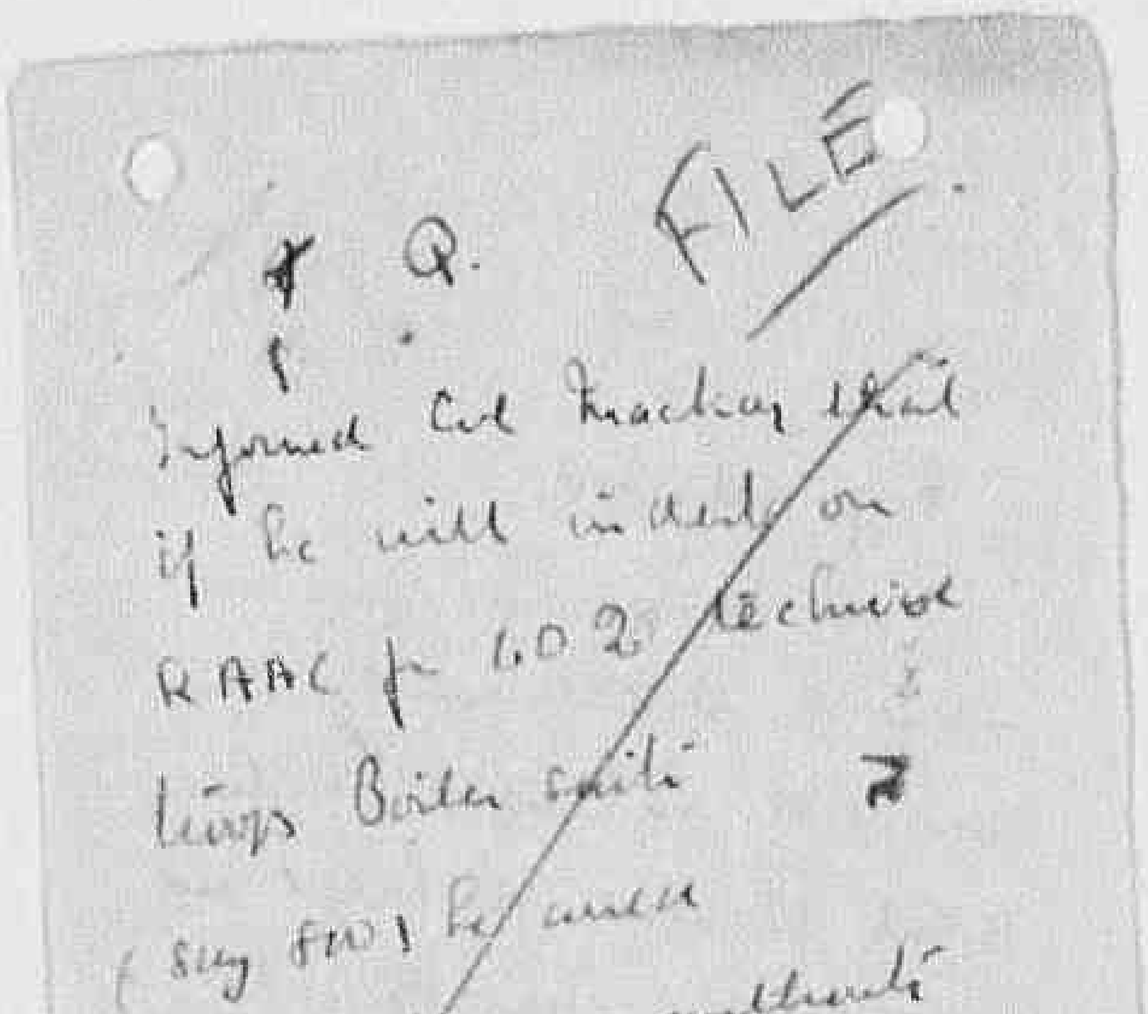

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Ref. attached.

Since comparison has been made to British units. Can you tell me what clothing British personnel (technical and otherwise) are given when to save their (presumably our) B.D. when doing dirty jobs

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Delia not available this H.Q. BD goes out of wear in 27 days!

3 Capt

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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By Authority of
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Initials
Date 29 March 1945

AG 400/005 GCT-0

SUBJECT: Clothing for EKTO - CESANO

TO: President
Allied Commission
APO 394
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission

1. Following the recent inspection of CESANO Depot by the Supreme Allied Commander, representations were made for 20,000 suits of denim overalls to be made available, as a station pool, in order to save the one suit of battle dress at present issued to each recruit.

2. It is regretted that there are insufficient denims available for any to be issued as a station pool for the depot.

3. Denims are being used to a great extent as an operational garment and for many other purposes, and have been the subject of special consideration with the War Office who explain their shortage as being due to a global shortage of cotton.

4. In this respect your attention is directed to the fact that denims are not supplied to the ERTC, CRTC and other British Training and Reinforcement establishments.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

ROBERT V. REXRAM
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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SUBJECT: Civilian Constructional Contracts at CECCANO, ANAGNANI and MANZIANA, and their influence on Training.

Action taken on receipt of this letter

1st ECH. CONST. REP.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA) ROME.

Ref: G.1/1/153

29 March 1945.

(Copy is filed with good the letter of (a) Apx)

To: H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.). (2 copies).

1. It is an unfortunate but incontestable fact that that the pre pace of training, and in some cases the actual opening dates of Schools of Instruction, are being seriously delayed by the relatively slow progress in the rebuilding and reconstruction of the buildings in the area covered by the 1st.C.C.

2. All contracts have been placed by the Director General of Engineering, S.M.E.E. Gen. Cortellazzo, with various civilian contractors, and while the standard of work varies and the degree of progress is inconsistent, it may be said generally that the majority of contractors have done very well indeed in the face of almost insuperable difficulties. The list of firms employed is given at Appendix 'A'.

3. These difficulties are mainly those of building supplies and transport.

(a) The position with regard to building material appears to be that all material, without exception, is controlled by U.K. authorities under the jurisdiction of A.A.A.C. Civilian contractors requiring stores or material have, in the first place, to obtain release of the requisite building material through U.K. channels. The only alternative is to purchase in the open market which, in the present state of Italian industry, involves prohibitive costs.

(b) The next problem is to transport such released material to the site. There are virtually no motor lorry tyres available in Italy and a very elaborate procedure is required to enable contractors to obtain partly worn tyres through U.K. sources.

Hence, coupled with the delay in obtaining the initial release, further delay is caused by the frequent breakdown of the worn-out and inadequate transport available.

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4. C.M.E., A.A.F.H.Q. has authorised the release of a large quantity of building material and fortunately a considerable proportion of this has already arrived on the site, but such supplies are rapidly becoming exhausted and the problems referred to in the preceding paragraph are now becoming increasingly serious.

5. In an endeavour to improve matters, the writer made a direct approach to C.M.E. with a request that his Department should take a direct interest in speeding up the contracts and appoint an R.E. Officer generally to supervise the work.

6. C.M.E. ordered a general survey of the contract position to be made, as a result of which a comprehensive report was prepared.

7. It is understood that this report was discussed with the British Commander of A.F.H.Q.

8. At a meeting in Rome on 20 March, the writer was informed that it had been decided that, in view of the immense extent of the work involved, C.M.E., A.A.F.H.Q. was unable to meet the requests referred to in paragraph 5, viz., in that, was unable to do anything more than at present, to assist in speeding up the completion of the work.

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9. The target date for the basic completion of all contracts is believed to have been 1st April 1945, as on that date it was anticipated that all training and schools of instruction would be able to proceed, unhampered by deficiencies in buildings. This is not the case and it is considered essential that D.A.Q.M.G. of Forward Groups should be informed that the supply of trained reinforcements will be strictly limited until facilities for training are substantially improved.

10. The following are the main factors which impede the progress of training :-

(a) The approach road to CESANO is rapidly becoming impassable and as it is the only practicable route to ROME and to BRACCIANO and MANZIANA, all vehicles are compelled to use it. Its condition is such that vehicles are deteriorating very rapidly and the strain on the repair facilities at the Centre (19 Port Workshops has now left) is excessive.

(b) The same applies equally to the road between Bracciano and Manziana.

Contracts for (a) have been placed some time ago, but owing to lack of materials and transport, virtually nothing has been done. It is believed that as this is now classed as a military road it falls within the jurisdiction of 104 C.R.E., who actually placed the contract

(c) MANZIANA - Combat Training Schools.

Six large huts for the Weapon Training School require erection; only three are actually completed, but progress is continuing rapidly. The large private house for the Tactical School requires conversion; work has only just started. The earliest date, if adequate materials are available, is 30 April. Another hut is required for the School of Administration.

(d) BRACCIANO. Engineers and Signals School.

Doors are required for all rooms - the numbers are shown in the C.R.E's. report.

There are virtually no windows and the walls consist of a large number of holes. Latrines and washing accommodation are not yet completed.

(e) BRACCIANO - Artillery Barracks.

Work is proceeding well and although a great deal remains to be done, it is not seriously affecting training.

(f) Mechanical School - CESANO.

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(g) Drivers School - CERAMO.

The same remarks apply to this School while, in addition, the water supply is not yet complete.

Nevertheless, it is hoped that both these Schools ((f) and (g) above) will be operating, though not at maximum efficiency or output, by 8th April.

(h) C.C.R.A. School - CERAMO.

The construction of a prison, which is essential, although surveyed has not yet commenced.
Repairs to doors and windows, and small structural alterations still remain to be carried out, but these are not seriously affecting the state of training.

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(d) Nos.1 & 2 Infantry Bdes. and The Infantry School, CHILWA.

None of these buildings have any windows or doors. The former have been bricked up, with the result that barrack rooms are depressing and dark. The replacement of these brick walls by opaque, artificial glass is an enormous task, but is considered essential if the morale of the troops, who live and work in these buildings, is to be maintained.

Progress is being made and training is steadily improving, but on the principle of "some sand in corpore sano", the task is made a great deal more difficult by the lack of decent amenities.

Cooking accommodation, washing and latrine facilities are improving, but an immense amount of constructional work remains to be done.

Finally the electrical contract is in itself an enormous undertaking and as there appears to be a complete absence of essential electrical equipment, it is very much feared that this will never be completed, unless the matter is taken up at a higher level.

Conclusion.

11. In order to minimise over-crowding and to enable buildings originally designed for living to be utilised as class rooms, the maximum use is being made of tents. Each school or group has now a small tented annexe, where surplus students are accommodated, but the supply of tents is inadequate to meet all demands. The position would be greatly improved if huts could be provided for class-rooms and mess rooms, and with this in view, application has been made for the supply of :

202 - 180-lb. Tents (100 have been released 29 March).
and 66 - Wilson (or equivalent) Huts.

Of the latter six have been released but have not yet arrived.

12. It is felt that the most serious consideration should be given on a very high level to the problems of the Contractors, and that further consideration might well be given to the advantages which would accrue if the full resources of the R.E. were devoted to assisting these Contractors in the completion of the immense tasks which they have undertaken. All buildings in the area are now being surveyed and it is the intention, as soon as repair contracts can be placed, to utilise these for accommodation in lieu of tentage. It is understood that the Ministry of War has no longer any interest in these buildings for other purposes.

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APPENDIX 'A' to
'F' ELU C.1/1/168
dated 29 Mar.1945

Ispettore	CORNETTO ING. GIUSEPPE.	-	-	CESANO
"	CIENASI ING. MARIO.	-	-	CESANO
"	VESTICCHIO CESARE	-	-	CESANO
"	FIORONI ANGELO	-	-	CESANO
"	VITTORI VITTORIO	-	-	CESANO
"	ANSALDO	-	-	CASELLA FUNZIONALE, BRACCIANO.
"	LABOR	-	-	BRACCIANO.
"	FERRERONTI	-	-	CARICA OSSERV BRACCIANO
"	FERRERONTI	-	-	MANZIANA.
"	CASTELLINI	-	-	MANZIANA.

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24 March 1945

SUBJECT: Command and Administration - PICENO Italian Combat Force Rft Trg Centre

TO: President, Allied Commission,
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)
Commanding General, Rome Area Allied Command
Officer-in-Charge, "F" British Liaison Unit
Officer-in-Charge, 10th Training Team RA
Officer-in-Charge, "G" British Training Unit
Officer-in-Charge, "H" British Training Increment

Command and administration of the PICENO Italian Combat Force Rft Training Centre at CESANO will be as follows:

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b. For training, organization, rft policy and movement, this headquarters will deal with the British Liaison Unit through Land Forces Sub Commission, AC (MMIA). Control of British units within the Training Centre will be exercised by Officer Commanding, British Liaison Unit. "G" British Training Unit will deal direct with Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC (MMIA) only on training matters for service units other than those of the Combat Force.

c. All units on the Order of Battle at Appendix "A" will be under full administrative command of the Area Headquarters, at present Headquarters Rome Area Allied Command, through "F" BLU, except as in paragraph d, below. The British Liaison Unit will deal with the Area Headquarters on matters of

AFHQ adjt. AG 091.711/033 GCT-O dated 1 April 45, AV 7422

* The Land Forces Sub Commission, AC(MMIA) will channel all demands for non-controlled training stores through Area Headquarters. Demands for Staff-Controlled training equipment will be forwarded to DMT AFHQ.

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d. All Italian Units in Appendix 'A' will deal direct with SMRE, under supervision Land Forces Sub-Commission AC(MMIA), in all purely Italian administrative matters. Paragraph 8 of letter, this headquarters, file AG 091.711/169 GCT-O, Subject: "Command and Administration of Italian Army", dated 16 November 1944 refers.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

R. H. Frese

R. H. FRESE
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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Dated 24 March 1945

PICENO Italian Combat Force Rft Trg Centre
ORDER OF BATTLE

PICENO
HQ ~~Pinceno~~ Italian Combat Force Rft Trg Centre
'F' British Liaison Unit
'H' British Training Increment
152 Italian Increment to BLU
152 Italian Ration and POL Depot
152 Italian Clothing Store
152 Italian Fd Hyg Sec
1500 Italian Independent Amb Pl
152 Italian Mech Engr Pl
152 Italian LAD
HQ 152 Italian Provost Coy (Carabinieri)
155 Italian Provost Sec (Duty)
319 Italian Provost Sec (Training)
198 Italian Provost Sec (Holding)
HQ 1 Italian Reception Regt.
HQ 1 Italian Reception Bn.
HQ 2 Italian Reception Bn
HQ 3 Italian Reception Bn
HQ 2 Italian Inf Rfts Regt
HQ 1 Italian Inf Rfts Bn
HQ 2 Italian Inf Rfts Bn
HQ 3 Italian Inf Rfts Bn
HQ 3 Italian Composite Rft Regt
4 Italian Arty Rfts Depot
152 Italian Arty School
HQ 6 Italian Mixed Rfts Bn
HQ 5 Italian Engr Rft Bn
152 Italian Fd Engineering School
152 Italian Combat Force Signal Trg Centre
HQ 6 Italian Mech Engrs Rft Coy
HQ 152 Italian Trg Schools
152 Italian Inf School
152 Italian Instructors School, All Arms
152 Italian Driving & Maint School (temp 2 GT Coy)
152 Italian Mechanics School

Attached
319 Italian Fd Bakery
83 Italian Fd Hospital
10 British Training Team RA
'G' British Trg Unit

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M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Reorganization of Units in CESANO and PRAOCIANO.

TO: I.D.M., R.T.C., I.C.F.
c/o Local Forces Sub-Comm.
AC (MMIA) MMIB.

Ref: G.1/1/45.

18 March 1945.

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NOTES OF CONFERENCE HELD AT CESANO, 09.30 HRS.
18 MARCH 1945.

Present: Lt.Col. L.A.Mackay, R.A.
Lt.Col. Dehn, R.A.
Ten.Col. U. Silvo.
Major W.J.Price, N.Staffs.
Major Lusby.
Major Blackland, R.E.

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(iii) Pending official approval of the formation of the 4th Regiment, it was decided to transfer personnel of the 'Misto' Bn., together with its administrative Headquarters, to a tented Camp in the vicinity of Stazione, Cesano. Major Leahy was instructed to make a survey and to commence organising the Camp immediately. The first stage would be to receive the 200 'Misto' personnel and its Headquarters from BRACCIANO, and the second to receive the 266 'Misto' personnel drafted from No.1 Regiment. It was emphasised that these transfers should be completed as rapidly as possible.

(iv) It was agreed that as the transfers from No.1 Regiment progressed, Infantry recruits should be drawn from the "CRIOLO" Camp to replace them and transferred to No.1 Regiment. It was anticipated that a total of not less than 1,000 from the Criolo Camp could be so transferred and absorbed into No.1 Regt.

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(v) In view of the anticipated arrival of personnel of the Cartridge Section, it was decided to commence the organisation of a Carrier Camp in the area between Lake MACQUARIE and Lake MACQUARIE, with Col. Dove and Major Price abroad to review the territory and take preliminary steps to commence the formation of the Camp.

The chief problem connected with the formation of these Camps is tentage and hutting. Although it is unfortunate, the smallest number of men (not less than 8) must be accommodated in each tent. Major Ward will use as few tents as possible for the ORDNANCE Camp in its new site. Major Lesly will make an estimate of the number of tents required for the Ordnance Camp and will draw these forthwith from Major Ward. Col. Dove will make an estimate of the number of tents required for the Artillery Camp and will draw these forthwith from Major Ward. It is anticipated that this will absorb the present stock of tents. Major Price will estimate the number of tents he requires for the Cartridge Detention Camp. Application has been made for an additional 250 160-lb. Tents and 52 Hutmen, or equivalent, huts, and it is thought this will meet all requirements.

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SUBJECT: Re-organisation of Units in CEYLON and MADAGASCAR.

'Z' S.I.U., S.E.C., I.C.U.
c/o Naval Forces Sub Comd.
A.C. (SEAC) INDIA.

Ref: G4/1/30.

17 March 1945.

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2. The whole proposal is built on the framework contained in this office memorandum ref: G4I/85/30 of 6 March, under heading "Proposed Increase of War Establishment at CEYLON".

3. To enable these proposals to be put into effect, definite authorisation on a number of points is required and it is therefore suggested that a meeting should be called at the earliest possible date, when these proposals can be discussed and a reply given to the specific questions mentioned at the end of each paragraph. It is submitted that this meeting might be held at the I.S.I.A. Office in Kandy, to enable the responsible authority on each point to attend with the minimum of inconvenience.

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(b) The present set-up at CESANO - BRACCIANO is broadly as follows :- 7418

No.1 Regiment of 3 Battalions, at CESANO, on Infantry training. There are no insuperable problems connected with this Regiment for which no solution can be found.

No.2 Regiment of 3 Battalions, at CESANO, on Infantry Training, to which the same remarks apply.

No.3 Regiment at BRACCIANO, comprising 1 Battalion of Artillery, 1 Battalion of Engineers (excluding Signallers) and 1 Mista Bn. It is the problems connected with this Regiment which are the main subject of this Memorandum.

In addition, there are the various schools (L. & M. School, T.A.M. School, I.C.M.E.School, etc.) located at CESANO, which deal with Specialists. No serious problems other than those dealing with construction delays in repair work are presented by any of these and this problem is being energetically handled.

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5. Proposal No. 1 :-

(a) That the Artillery Bn. be made a separate, independent Battalion. (Ref. G/1/1/11 of 13 March refers), and that it should never fall connection with No.3 Regiment.
Is this approved?

(b) That Col. MILES, now commanding No.3 Regiment, should be given control of the Independent Artillery Bn., and that T/Col. SARTORI, at present commanding, be transferred to a forward Group, where he is anxious to go and where it is understood a vacancy exists.
May these transfers be approved and put into effect forthwith?

(c) That authority should be granted by M.M.I.A. to G.M.R.E. to post the necessary small additional staff to the Independent Artillery Bn., to enable it to function efficiently as an independent unit.
Can this be done?

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This involves :

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(iii) The division of the present composite Engineer Bn., into two separate Battalions, one of which will be confined entirely to Engineers, i.e. Sappers proper, and the other to Signals personnel, i.e. equivalent to R.C.S., and specialist signallers for other arms.

(b) The present Battalion H.Q. staff of the composite Engineer Bn. will form the Bn. H.Q. of the 'Sapper' Bn.
Is this approved?

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7. Proposal No.3 : (Reference my MTL/35/35 of 6 March).

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Is this proposal approved in principle?

As circumstances now render its formation, at any rate as a rapidly essential, may this proposal be formally implemented forthwith and authority

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(b) The above mentioned memorandum visualised No.4 Regiment to comprise Two Battalions, the first of which was to be devoted exclusively to 'Patrioti', and the second to Specialists.
It now appears that the intention to train 'Patrioti' as a unit to be sent forward, ultimately as a Recce Unit, to one of the Gruppi is not likely to be required, as the 8th Army have different ideas as to the constitution of the Recce groups. Hence, arrangements have already been made to post the great majority of the patriots as normal reinforcements in the draft going forward during the weeks ending March 17th and 24th respectively. Such patriots as remain will be a negligible factor.
It is proposed that this principle rests with the approval of M.M.I.A.

(c) It is anticipated that within the next five to six weeks, from 800 to 1,500 soldiers of the disbanded Garibaldi Division, will be arriving at CESENA. It is understood that it is the intention of M.M.I.A. that :-

(i) Those men shall retain their individuality as members of the Garibaldi formation.

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(ii) That they will be trained as a unit, or, if the numbers exceed 800, as two units; each unit to be regarded as a battalion.

(iii) That they will have their own officers.

(iv) That, after training and equipping, they will be posted to a formation known as complete additional battalions.

(v) That a formation letter authorising the issue of the necessary stores and equipment will be issued in the near future.

(vi) That in the meantime these men will require clothing and training.

(d) It is therefore proposed :-

(i) To form Nos. 1 and 2 Battalions of No.3 Regiment with the personnel of the Garibaldi Division.
Is this agreed?

(ii) That the equipment asked for in Appendix 'F' of D.T.I. letter (originally drafted for Battalion Roccu Training Dn.) should be devoted to the two new Garibaldi Battalions.
Is this approved and may authority be granted for the issue of the necessary War Establishment equipment?

(iii) It is believed that this equipment will be adequate for the training of the maximum number of 1500 Garibaldi personnel but it is hoped that permission may be granted for the issue of further equipment, if required, when the exact details of the type of personnel in the Garibaldi Division intake are known.

(e) The Specialist Dn. as detailed in the above mentioned D.T.I. letter is essential and in view of the great demand for specialists, no time should be lost in forming it.
Is this agreed in principle and may the War Establishment equipment asked for in Appendix 'E' to D.T.I. letter be authorised forthwith?

3. There remains the question of the 'Mixto' Dn., to which reference is made in paragraph 6 above. This battalion is at present located at BIACCIANO and administered by the H.Q. of No.3 Regiment. Nevertheless, the majority of the training of the personnel of the Mixto Dn. is carried out either at CESENA, in the various schools located there, or in specialist locations such as Hospitals, Driving Depots, etc. There are no facilities for training this class of Specialist in BIACCIANO but it is felt very strongly that the Mixto Dn. should be located at CESENA. Further, owing to the nature of the training, only a very small proportion of the battalion are actually serving with it, the majority being away on attachment under instruction.

Proposal No. 4 :-

(a) That the Mixto Dn. be detached from No.3 Regiment at BIACCIANO and become an integral part of the Specialist Dn. of No.4 Regiment at CESENA.
Is this approved?

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3. There remains the question of the 'Minto' Bn., to which reference is made in paragraph 5 above. This Battalion is at present located at SERRACAPRIOLA and is undergoing the removal of the Minto Bn. is carried out either at CERIGNOLA, in the various schools located there, or in specialist locations such as Hospitals, Ordnance Depots, etc. There are no facilities for training this Group of Specialists in SERRACAPRIOLA and it is felt very strongly that the Minto Bn. should be located at CERIGNOLA. Further, owing to the nature of the training, only a very small proportion of the Battalion are actually serving with it, the majority being busy on attachment under instruction.

Proposal No. 4 :-

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Is this approved?

(b) That the Bn. H.Q. staff and administrative staff of the Minto Bn. be absorbed into the new Specialist Bn., and form the nucleus with the additional staff asked for in Appendix 'E' of H.Q.I. letter of the Administrative and Command staff of the Specialist Bn.
Any authority for this be granted? 7416

4. The new No.4 Regiment (i.e. Garibaldi Group and Specialist Gp. Minto Bn.) will be located in a tented or hutted camp in the area to the East of Lake Lucerne, in the vicinity of Lake Monteguro. A suitable site is now being reced. As at Appendix 'A' hereto is given the total requirements of adult and tentage and hutting required to implement this proposal. Any authority be granted for the release of the adult and tentage and hutting at the earliest possible moment?

10. In my "Recapitulation" of 15 March, paragraph 1, I asked for four Administrative officers for attachment, to supervise administrative training. Their duties are still urgently which render the presence of these officers most essential. Can permission be obtained for the attachment of these officers, and can they be sent here as soon as possible?

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11. There seems to be some doubt as to the holding capacity of the buildings at CERANO and MARIELAND. I think it would be a great advantage if an expert in quartering could make a survey of the available accommodation and settle, once and for all, how many Italian soldiers can reasonably be accommodated in the space available.

Can such an expert be provided?

12. A summary of the requests made in this memorandum is attached at Appendix 'B' and it is hoped that the meeting asked for may be called at the earliest date, in order to provide an answer to these problems, many of which are very pressing.

13. Proposals for the new War Establishment for the B.L.U. at CERANO are contained in this office letter ref: A/GS/9 of 14 March. In view of the greatly increased responsibility of the B.L.U., which now handles training as well as administration, it is felt that the additional personnel and vehicles asked for will be very urgently required, and it is hoped that energetic steps may be taken to obtain authority for their provision.

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Lieut-Col. R.A.

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ATTACHED 'A'.
To: G.1/1/30
dtd.17 Nov.39.

TENTS AND TENTAGE REQUIRED FOR TRAINING RECEPTION CAMP
AND FOR No.4 RECEIVER.

(1) Central Reception Camp.

	Ridges Tents (a)	100-lb. Tents (b)
Strength - 2,500, all ranks.		
Camp H.Q. 3 Inns.	26	375
(2) No.4 Regiment.		
Strength - 2,500, all ranks.		
H.Q. No.4 Regiment. 5 Battalions.	26	375
TOTAL	52	750
Less 500 Tents in hand, of which 40 are permanently allotted.		460
TOTAL required.	52	290

Notes:

(a) Tents will be used for :- Horses.
Quartermaster,
Ordnance Stores.
Officers.

(b) Tents to accommodate :- 1 Tent per Lieut-Col. and above.
1 " " 2 Officers.
1 " " 4 Warrant Officers.
1 " " 6 Sergeants.
1 " " 8 Rank & File.

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	Huts (a)	Tents (b)
Strength - 2,500, all ranks.		
Camp H.Q. 3 Bns.	26	375
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Cookhouses,
Technical Stores.
Offices.

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1 " " 1 Warrant Officers.
1 " " 6 Sergeants.
1 " " 8 Rank & File.

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APPENDIX 'B'
To: G.1/1/39
dtd.17 Mar.45.

S U M M A R Y.

Proposal No.1.

(a) May the Artillery Bn. of No.3 Regiment be formed into an independent unit?
(b) May Col. Palma, C.O. No.3 Regiment, be transferred to command the Independent Artillery Bn., and T/Col. Santucci posted to a forward Gruppo?
(c) May the requisite additional staff for the Independent Artillery Bn. be authorised?

Proposal No.2.

(a) May the present Engineer (No.3) Regiment be re-organised on a two-Bn. basis; one Sappers and the other Signals, and a new Sapper Colonel be placed in command vice Col. Palma?
(b) May the present staff of the combined Engineer Bn. be allotted to the new Sapper Bn.?
(c) May a new Battalion H.Q. staff, recruited from the personnel coming from NOCERA, and augmented as necessary, be formed to command the new Signals Battalion?

Proposal No.3.

(a) May the formation of No.4 Regiment be approved forthwith and the necessary War Establishment equipment asked for be authorised?
(b) May approval be given and the necessary instructions issued, for the posting of 'patrioti' to forward Gruppi as vacancies become available?
(c) Is the appreciation of the intentions of M.M.I.A. with regard to personnel of the Garibaldi Division correct?
(d) May Nos. 1 and 2 Bns. of No.4 Regiment be formed from personnel of the Garibaldi Division as they arrive at CESANO?

(i) May the War Establishment equipment asked for in Appendix 'F' of D.T.I. letter be authorised and devoted to the training of the Garibaldi personnel in lieu of the 'patrioti' for which it was originally designed?

(ii) May further equipment be authorised if the numbers of the Garibaldi personnel exceed those originally catered for in 'patrioti'?

(e) May No.3 Bn. - the Specialist Bn. - of No.4 Regiment be formed forthwith and may the War Establishment equipment asked for in Appendix 'E' be authorised?

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Proposal No.4.

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(c) May the requisite additional staff for the Independent Artillery Bn. be authorised?

Proposal No.2.

(a) May the present Engineer (No.3) Regiment be re-organised on a two-Bn. basis; one Sappers and the other Signals, and a new Sapper Colonel be placed in command vice Col. Palmi?
(b) May the present staff of the combined Engineer Bn. be allotted to the new Sapper Bn.?
(c) May a new battalion H.Q. staff, recruited from the personnel coming from MOGERA, and supported as necessary, be formed to command the new Signals Battalion?

Proposal No.3.

(a) May the formation of No.4 Regiment be approved forthwith and the necessary War Establishment equipment asked for be authorised?
(b) May approval be given and the necessary instructions issued, for the posting of 'patrioti' to forward Gruppi as vacancies become available?
(c) Is the appreciation of the intentions of M.M.I.A. with regard to personnel of the Garibaldi Division correct?
(d) May Nos. 1 and 2 Bns. of No.4 Regiment be formed from personnel of the Garibaldi Division as they arrive at CESANO?

(i) May the War Establishment equipment asked for in Appendix 'F' of S.T.I. letter be authorised and devoted to the training of the Garibaldi personnel in lieu of the 'patrioti' for which it was originally designed?

(ii) May further equipment be authorised if the numbers of the Garibaldi personnel exceed those originally catered for in 'patrioti'?
(e) May No.3 Bn. - the Specialist Bn. - of No.4 Regiment be formed forthwith and may the War Establishment equipment asked for in Appendix 'E' be authorised?

Proposal No.4.

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(a) May the 'MISTO' Bn. be detached from No.3 Regiment and transferred to CESANO to form part of No.3 Bn. (Specialists) of No.4 Regiment?
(b) May the Bn. H.Q. of the 'MISTO' Bn. be transferred to No.4 Regiment to form the nucleus of the Bn. H.Q. staff of No.3 (Specialist) Bn.?
(c) May such additional staff as are required and asked for in Appendix 'B', be authorised for No.3 Bn., of No.4 Regiment?
(d) May additional tentage and huts asked for in Appendix 'A' hereto, be authorised?
(e) May the four officers required for administrative training be attached immediately?
(f) Can the holding capacity of the Centre be assessed by an expert?

FINALLY:

May the new War Establishment for the D.I.U. at CESANO, contained in this office letter ref: A/E/5 of 14 March be authorised and implemented at the earliest possible date?

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NORTH AFRICA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 760 U.S. ARMY

Q. 242/5

15 Mar 45

SUBJECT: Leave of Grace

TO : ST (P)

Reference the attached copy AFHQ signal FX4277 of 10 Mar 45.

1. Approval is given for the leave of 3 days or cost per month for OFFICERS WITH CURRENT GRADE 29 Area Quotas for both ops above.

A. H. Francis Pope
[illegible]
[illegible]

Copy to: Land Forces Sub-Commission
AG(MEDIA)
MLO Area Edge
(c/o above)
4 235

7:12

SECRET

SUBJECT : Command and Administration, PICENO Combat Force Italian Rft Trg Centre, CESANO.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/45/1
11 March 45.

A.F.H.Q. for G-3 Org.

1. Reference the attached draft dated 5 March, which was handed by Brigadier ANDERSON to this HQ on 9 March, the following comments are offered:-

2. Para 1 - agreed.

3. Para 2 - regret do NOT agree. The following is recommended in lieu:-

(a) General Administration.

The RTC will be under AFHQ(through MMIA) for all matters of general administration.

(b) Local Administration.

(i) For matters dealt with by A/GI(Br) Branch the RTC will be directly under the Italian EMRS with supervision by MMIA in accordance with AFHQ directive "Command and Administration Italian Army", reference AG 091.711/169 GCT-O of 16 November 1944.

(ii) The RTC will be under AFHQ(through MMIA) for matters of local administration normally dealt with by Q(AS) Branch. It will be directly under the local Area Command(at present RAAC)for matters of local administration dealt with by Q(Maint) Branch of the Staff.

(c) [illegible]

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(c) "y" BLU with British troops attached will be under the general administration of AFHQ(through MMIA) and the local administration of Area(at present RAAC) in the same way as any other British unit. 7611

4. Your paras 3 and 4 - agreed.

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

c:c

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C R E T

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-3 (ORG)A

SUBJECT : Command and Administration, PICENO
Italian Combat Force Rft Trg Centre
CESANO

MEMO TO : BGS G-3 (ORG-E)

The following is the recommended split of responsibility for the Italian Rft Trg Centre, CESANO :-

1. OPERATIONAL COMMAND

(a) The BLU, Training Increment, and the whole of the Italian Rft Trg Centre Italian Staff will be under op comd RAAC.

(b) Operational command covers the right of RAAC to use all troops at CESANO for anti-paratroop or other defence measures.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND

(a) The BLU and Training Increment will be under full administrative command RAAC.

(b) The Italian Staffs will be under local adm comd RAAC for accommodation, equipment, and formation of units.

(c) The Italian Staffs will be under HQ 207 Italian Adm Div for Italian Adm, including maint, discipline, legal, and personnel matters. MMIA will be responsible for the action of the Italian Adm authorities.

3. TRAINING AND RFT POLICY

Training, Org, and Rft Policy for the depot will be the responsibility of Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA) under general direction from this HQ.

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4. CIVIL SECURITY

Italian troops at CESANO will NOT be available for operations in sp of the Civil Power.

W.W. HARRIS,
Colonel, GSS,
G-3 (Org-A)

JHG/mac

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COPY

FROM: AFHQ Date - 10 Mar 45

TO MMX ROME AREA

INFO MMIA

- -

RESTRICTED FX 40983

SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGDQ (*) REQUEST YOU ARRANGE DELIVERY TO CESANO BRITI RPT DEPOT OF QUTY SIX NISSEN HUTS COMPLETE WITH ENDS (*) THESE ASKED FOR BY OC HLU TO AUGMENT ACCOMMODATION

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FROM LAEK 121927A

TO ROME AREA

INFO MMIA

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FX41277

SIGNED SACMED (.) CITE F[redacted] FMROC (.)

IRMIA HAVE REQUESTED 3 TONS OF COAL PER MONTH FOR CESANO BRITI

COMBAT GROUP RFTS CENTRE FOR BATHS AND SHOWERS (.) REQUEST

YOU TAKE ACTION AS PER THIS HQ AG423/135 [redacted] D-O OF 22 SEPT 44

PARA [redacted] 7 C

FT

SENT NR 8 11/0821A CFS ED

RCD NRS 11/0821A MRA AR

Q/86

MMIA 20/11 SU[illegible]

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

Q 86.

FROM: MOIA

DATE TIME OF CRISIS

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TO:(FOR ACTION) PRESIDON

MSF NO Q 82

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FOR Q MAINT 6.) SUBJECT IS ISSUE OF THREE TONS PER MONTH OF COAL FOR CEANO BRITT' COMBAT GROUP RFTS CENTRE FOR BATHS AND SHOWERS (.) STRONGLY REQUEST THAT AUTHORITY MAY BE GIVEN FOR ISSUE ON HYGIENE GROUNDS

PRECEDENCE _____

AUTHORITY _____

INTERNAL

MT MOIA

See f. 1029

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Subject: RTC ICE CES&NO

Land Forces Sub Commission AC
(M.M.I.A.)

File No S/G/29/45

4 March 45

War Ministry

Reference Appendix "A" to CR/1116/G1(AR)(ser 1663) of 22 February 45. (Formation Order).

Attached is a summary of the War Establishments of the units composing the RTC ICE, CES&NO as follows :-

Appendix "A"	Personnel
Appendix "B"	Transport

for Major General
M.M.I.A.

INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION

HQ
Signals
A
Q/G1
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War Ministry

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Appendix "B" — Transport

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for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Signals
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Appendix "A" to MMIA letter
S/G/28/45 dated 9 March 45.

REINFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTRE
ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE - CESANO

PERSONNEL

Serial (a)	Designation of Unit Title (b)	No (c)	W.D. No (d)	W.E. Strength Offrs (e)	ORs (f)	Total (g)	Remarks
1.	HQ PICENO Combat Force Rft Trg Centre		CM/734/1	22	138	160	
2.	Ration & POL Depot & Clothing Stores	152	CM/735/1	4	51	55	
3.	Field Hygiene Section	152	CM/736/1	1	27	28	
4.	Independent Tpt Platoon	1500	CM/533/1	1	49	50	
5.	Mechanical Engr Platoon	152	CM/539/1	1	39	40	
6.	LAD	152	CM/540/1	-	12	12	
7.	HQ Provost Coy (CC.RR.)	152	CM/737/1	2	20	22	
8.	Provost Section (Duty)	155	CM/524/1	1	51	52	
9.	" " (Trg)	319	"	1	51	52	
10.	" " (Holding)	198	"	1	51	52	
11.	HQ Reception Regt	1	CM/738/1	14	100	114	
12.	HQ Reception Bn	1	CM/739/1	11	79	90	
13.	" "	2	"	11	79	90	
14.	" "	3	"	11	79	90	
15.	HQ Inf Rfts Regt	2	CM/740/1	12	85	97	
16.	HQ Inf Rfts Trg Bn	1	CM/741/1	18	129	147	
17.	" " " "	2	"	18	129	147	
18.	" " " "	3	"	18	129	147	
19.	HQ Composite Rft Regt	3	CM/742/1	8	41	49	
20.	Arty Rafts Depot	4)					
21.	Arty School	152)	CM/743/1	26	172	198	
22.	HQ Mixed Rafts Bn	6	CM/744/1	8	36	44	
23.	HQ Engrs Rft Bn	5	CM/745/1	5	27	32	
24.	HQ Engineering School	152	CM/746/1	10	94	104	
25.	Combat Force Signal Training Centre	152	CM/747/1	32	145	177	
26.	HQ Mech Engrs Rft Coy	6	CM/748/1	3	20	23	
27.	HQ Trg Schools	152	CM/749/1	22	52	74	
28.	Infantry School	152	CM/750/1	12	49	61	
29.	Instructors School(All Arms)	152	CM/751/1	38	133	171	
30.	Mechanics School	152	CM/752/1	7	92	99	
31.	TOTAL			318	2159	2477	
32.	TOTAL in Category 7A(serials 7 to 10)			5	173	178	
33.	TOTAL in Category 6(B)(ii)			313	1986	2299	

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1.	HQ Pivnd Combat Force		CM/734/1	22	138	160	
	Rft Trg Centre	152	CM/735/1	4	51	55	
2.	Ration & POL Depot & Clothing Stores	152	CM/736/1	1	27	28	
3.	Field Hygiene Section	1500	CM/553/1	1	49	50	
4.	Independent Tpt Platoon	152	CM/539/1	1	39	40	
5.	Mechanical Engr Platoon	152	CM/540/1	-	12	12	
6.	LAD	152	CM/737/1	2	20	22	
7.	HQ Provost Coy (CO.RR.)	155	CM/524/1	1	51	52	
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13.	" " "	3	"	11	79	90	
14.	" " "	2	CM/740/1	12	85	97	
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16.	HQ Inf Rfts Trg Bn	2	"	18	129	147	
17.	" " " " "	3	"	18	129	147	
18.	" " " " "	3	CM/742/1	8	41	49	
19.	HQ Composite Rft Regt	4)					
20.	Arty Rafts Depot	152)	CM/743/1	26	172	198	
21.	Arty School	6	CM/744/1	8	36	44	
22.	HQ Mixed Rafts Bn	5	CM/745/1	5	27	32	
23.	HQ Engrs Rft Bn	152	CM/746/1	10	94	104	
24.	Fd Engineering School	152	CM/747/1	32	145	177	
25.	Combat Force Signal Training Centre	6	CM/748/1	3	20	23	
26.	HQ Mech Engrs Rft Coy	152	CM/749/1	22	52	74	
27.	HQ Trg Schools	152	CM/750/1	12	49	61	
28.	Infantry School	152	CM/751/1	38	133	171	
29.	Instructors School(All Arms)	152	CM/752/1	7	92	99	
30.	Mechanics School						
31.	TOTAL			318	2159	2477	
32.	TOTAL in Category 7A(serials 7 to 10)			5	173	178	
33.	TOTAL in Category 5(B)(11)			313	1986	2299	

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REINFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTRE
ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE
CESANO

TRANSPORT

Designation of Unit Title	No	M/Cs	V E H I C L E S								
			Cars	Trucks 15 cwt GS	Trucks 15 cwt Water	Trucks 15 cwt fitted for wireless	Trucks 15 cwt Compressor	Lorries 3 ton GS	Lorries 3 ton Disinfector	Lorries 3 ton Stores Shrnd	Lorries 3 ton Wkn.
(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)
1. HQ PTC220 Combat Force Trg Centre		9	5	5				3			
2. Ration & POL Depot & Clothing Stores	152			1				1			
3. Fd Hygiene Sec	152	6		1				1	1		
4. Independent Tpt Pl	1500	3	1	1				31			
5. Mech Engrs Pl	152	2	1	2				5			2
6. IAD	152	2		1						1	
7. HQ Provost Coy (CC.RR)	152	2		1				1			
8. Provost Sec(CC.RR) (Duty)	155	14	1	3				1			
9. " " (Trg)	319	14	1	3				1			
10. " (Holding)	198										
11. HQ Reception Regt	1	2	2	2	1			2			
12. HQ Reception Bn	1		2	2				2			
13. " " "	2		2	2				2			
14. " " "	3		2	2				2			
15. HQ Inf Rfts Regt	2	2	2	3	1			4			
16. HQ Inf Rfts Trg Bn	1	2	2	4		2		4			
17. " " " " "	2	2	2	4		2		4			
18. " " " " "	3	2	2	4		2		4			
19. HQ Composite Rft Regt	3	1	3					1			
20. Art Rfts Depot	4)	6	4	3	1	6		8			1
21. Art School	152)										
22. HQ Mixed Rfts Bn	6	2	2	1				7	4	4	
23. HQ Engr Rft Bn	5	1	1	1							
24. HQ Engrg School	152	2	1	1			1	2			
25. Combat Force Signal Training Centre	152	20	1	1		5					
26. HQ Mech Engrs Rft Coy	6	1	1					1			

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ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE
CESANO

Appendix "B" to MMIA letter
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V E H I C L E S

Cars (e)	Trucks 15 cwt GS (f)	Trucks 15 cwt Water (g)	Trucks 15 cwt fitted for Winches (h)	Trucks 15 cwt Compressor (i)	Lorries 3 ton GS (j)	Lorries 3 ton Disinfector (k)	Lorries 3 ton Stores Binned (l)	Lorries 3 ton Bkdn. (m)	Lorries 3 ton Wksp (n)	Lorries 3 ton Winch (o)	Tractors (p)	Trailers (q)	Total (r)	Remarks (s)
5	5				3								13	
	1				1								2	
	1				1	1							3	
1	1				31								33	
1	2				5			2	2			1	13	
	1						1				1		3	
	1				1								2	
1	3				1								5	
1	3				1								5	
2	2	1			2								7	
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2	3	1			2								10	
2	4				4								12	
2	4				4								12	
2	4			2	4								12	
3	4			2	4								14	
4	3	1		6	18			1		1	6		30	
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1	1			1	2								5	
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TRANSPORT - continued.

Serial	Designation of Unit Title	No	M/Cs	VEHICLES Cars	Trucks 15 cwt GS	Trucks 15 cwt Water	Trucks 15 cwt fitted for Wireless	Trucks 15 cwt Compressor	Lorries 3 ton GS	Lorries 3 ton Disinfector	Lorries 5 ton Stores Binned
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)
27.	RE Trg Schools	152	2	5	1				1		
28.	Inf School	152	2	1							
29.	Instructors School (All Arms)	152	5	8	3				3		
30.	Mechanics School	152	1	1					1		
31.	TOTAL		105	51	32	3	17	1	90	1	1

NOTES 1. Serial 6, LAD - Col (b) Tractor is Tractor 6 x 4 Diesel

2. Serial 20, Grty Mfts Depot } - Includes following trg vehs: M/Cs 4, Trucks
   Serial 21 } Tractors(17 pr)

3. Serial 24, RE Engineering School- " " " " : Trucks 15 cwt G

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	M/Cs	VEHICLES															
		Cars	Trucks 15 cwt GS	Trucks 15 cwt Water	Trucks 15 cwt fitted for Wireless	Trucks 15 cwt Compressor	Lorries 3 ton GS	Lorries 3 ton Disinfector	Lorries 3 ton Stores Binned	Lorries 3 ton Bkdy.	Lorries 3 ton wkop	Lorries 3 ton Winch	Tractors	Trailers	Tr
	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	
	52	2	3	1				1								
	52	2	1													
	52	5	8	3				3								
	52	1	1					1								
		105	51	32	3	17	1	90	1	1	3	2	1	7	1	2

...nal 6,145 - Col (j) Tractor is Tractor 6 x 4 Bkdn

...nal 20, Dirty Kirk Depot } - Includes following trg vehs: M/Cs 4, Trucks 15 cwt fitted for wireless 6, Tractors A...
21 Tractors(1/ pr) 2, Tractors FA 2.

...nal 24, RI Engineering School- " " " " : Trucks 15 cwt Compressor 1, Lorry 3 ton Winch 1.

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...ra	Trucks 15 cwt GS (r)	Trucks 15 cwt Water (g)	Trucks 15 cwt fitted for Wireless (h)	Trucks 15 cwt Compressor (i)	Lorries 3 ton GS (j)	Lorries 3 ton Disinfector (k)	Lorries 3 ton Stores Binned (l)	Lorries 3 ton Bkdn (m)	Lorries 3 ton wkop (n)	Lorries 3 ton Winch (c)	Trac tors (p)	Trai lers (q)	Total s (r)	(
	1				1								5	
	3				3								1	
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					1									
													2	
	92	3	17	1	90	1	1	3	2	1	7	1	231	

...l (b) Tractor Ls Tractor 6 x 4 Bkdn

...s Depot) - includes following try vehs: M/Cs 4, Trucks 15 cwt fitted for wireless 6, Tractors AA 2, Tractors(17 pr) 2, Tractors FA 2.

...shooting School- " " " " : Trucks 15 cwt Compressor 1, Lorry 3 ton Winch 1.

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FROM: C LAEL NR

QVR 1

A LAEE 891959A

TO MMIA

INFO ALFRS RONE

GR 35ET

RESTRICTED . FX A0695 .

SIGNED SACNED . CITE FHEDQ .

ELECTRICAL MATERIAL FOR CESAMO COMBAT FORCE RFT DEPOT .

YOUR BID FOR THIS MATERIAL SHOULD BE MADE AT NEXT MEETING

ENGINEERING MATERIALS COMMITTEE ON 14 MAR 45

ST

RPTH 35 1 891959 MMIA 35 FX 30695 FHEDQ 14 45

SENT RR 2355 B C

RECD NR 892355 AAA AR KK

MMIA 8/10 SACNELS

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Lent by Maj. Battleston 10/2 See folio 25

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AERIAL

Q 86

FROM: EMBA

DATE TIME

PC (FOR ACTION): PRESDOBS

CG [illegible] A

TO (FOR INFO): AFLUS RAAC

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FOR OR HR (.) SUBJECT IS REAL IDENTIFY ELECTRICAL MATERIAL NEEDED FOR IMMEDIATE USE AT CERRADO COMBAT FORCE SITE DEPOT (.) DETAILS GIVEN AFLUS MEMO IN MY POUCH EAST/WESTBD/TWO OF SEVEN MAR (.) IN VIEW URGENCY OF WORK AT CERRADO REQUEST AFLUS MAKE SPECIAL ACCEPTION AND GRANT IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PERSONNEL _____

AUTHENTICATION _____

Copys

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A/8. G 24/1

X Ltr

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
A(Maint) Section.

6220/4/A(Maint)

Tel: FREEDOM 250

7 Mar 45

SUBJECT:- Rail Siding Italian
RE Depot - CESANO.

Q 10/3

Q 186.

TO :- G-4 (Mov & Tn)

1. At CESANO just North of ROME, a Reinforcement Depot for the Italian Army has been established.

2. CESANO is rail served and the MMIA have asked that the existing rail facilities be extended so that a siding is available inside that part of the Depot which is to be used for the storage of ordnance stores and supplies.

3. To provide this service, it would be necessary to build some 200 - 300 yards of new track and make repairs to an existing siding.

4. Since these facilities will ease the working of the Depot, their construction is recommended. Will you please have this matter investigated and if found to be technically possible, please arrange for the work to be put in hand.

5. Full details can be obtained from Major GELARDI, the DA & QMG of the SLU attached to the Depot.

J.A.J. FIELD, Lt. Col.,
for Brigadier,
A(Maint).

JAJF/Mak

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Subject: Training Staffs at CESANO

SECRET

Land Forces Sub Commission AC
(M.M.I.A.)

File No SD/45/1

5 March 45

"F" BLT

May we have, as early as possible, your views on D&T/88/13/MT dated 27 Feb 45, copy attached.

W/Pencil Plan

Lt Col.
GS

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RB
Space Section.

Copy to ST Q1

Draft 4/3/45

R&Q

7 Mar

7:00

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SECRET

Subject: Training Staffs at PTC GERALTON

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ CMF

Tel: 11667

DMT/88/13/AT1

27 Feb 45

MELA

Copy to:- MLHE AFHQ
HQ Infantry AFHQ
DME AFHQ
PTC c/o MELA

1. Attached are the requirements in Training Instructors etc in order to train the additional personnel now authorised as Reinforcements for the Gruppi di Combattimenti.

2. Will you please take the necessary action to have the relevant WEs amended and authority sought for their implementation.

3. It is considered by the Heads of Services that for the time being the other establishments should function on the approved WE till experience of actual working shows where the needs lie.

Sgd ??????????? Major
for Brigadier
D.M.T.

DMT/88/13/AT1
27 Feb 45

A. PA Engineer School — 2 Officers, 4 Senior NCOs, 9 Junior NCOs

B. Mechanics School

(a) Driver Mechanics Wing
NCO Instructors(Arm Arts or Veh Mechs) — 15 Senior NCOs
NC Instructors(Electricians) — 3 Senior NCOs

(b) Vehicle Mechanics Wing
NCO Instructors(Arm Arts or Mechs) — 9 Senior NCOs

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Sgd ??????????? Major
for Brigadier
D.M.T.

MC/68/13/T1
27 Feb 45

4. Pd Engineer School — 2 Officers, 4 Senior NCOs, 9 Junior NCOs

5. Mechanics School

(a) Driver Mechanics Wing
NCO Instructors(Arm Arts or Veh Mechs) — 15 Senior NCOs
NC Instructors(Electricians) — 3 Senior NCOs

(b) Vehicle Mechanics Wing
NCO Instructors(Arm Arts or Mechs) — 9 Senior NCOs
NCO Instructors(Electricians) — 2 Senior NCOs

(c) Armourers & Fitters Wing
NCO Instructor(Arm Art Pd) — 1 Senior NCO
NCO Instructor(Armourer) — 1 Senior NCO
NCO Instructor(Fitters) — 2 Senior NCOs

6 Infantry

The formation of two additional Training Pns in No 2 Regt on the same WE as the existing three Pns.

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Subject: Training Staffs at CESANO

Land Forces Sub Commission AC
(M.M.I.A.)

File No SD/45/1

5 March 45

"F" SLU

May we have, as early as possible, your views on IMT/SS/13/MT1 dated 27 Feb 45, copy attached.

for Chief of Staff

Lt Col.
GS

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Subject: Training Staffs at RTC [illegible]

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ CAF

Tel: 11667

DMT/88/13/MT1

27 Feb 45

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Copy to:- [illegible] AFHQ
HQ Infantry AFHQ
[illegible] AFHQ
RTU c/o [illegible]

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Sgd ?????????? Major
for Brigadier
D.M.T.

DMT/88/13/MT1
27 Feb 45

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NCO Instructors(Electricians) — 2 Senior NCOs

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Sgd ??????????? Major
for Brigadier
D.M.T.

DME/85/13/AST1
27 Feb 45

4. Fd Engineer School — 2 Officers, 4 Senior NCOs, 9 Junior NCOs

B. Mechanics School

(a) Driver Mechanics Wing
NCO Instructors(Arm Arts or Veh Mechs) — 15 Senior NCOs
NC Instructors(Electricians) — 3 Senior NCOs

(b) Vehicle Mechanics Wing
NCO Instructors(Arm Arts or Mechs) — 8 Senior NCOs
NCO Instructors(Electricians) — 2 Senior NCOs

(c) Armourers & Fitters Wing
NCO Instructor(Arm Art Pl) — 1 Senior NCO
NCO Instructor(Armourer) — 1 Senior NCO
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C Infantry

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FWDCT

TO : MMIA

INFO: RAAS
15 ARMY GROUP

FX 36089

SECRET

15 ARMY GROUP SD 1808 OF 3 MARCH NOT TO ALL ADDRESS (.) PARA 1 (.)
DESTINATION 1 ITALIAN TPT AND SUPPLY CCY IS RIMINI (.) REPS AHEAD
TO GRASC REPT GRASC 8 ARMY TPS RIMINI (.) PARA 2 (.) NUMBER 22
ITI GT COMPANY MOVING AFRAGOLA - 06 MARCH AND UPON ARRIVAL GRSANO
NUMBER 1 ITI GT CCY WILL BE RELEASED

PRECED NOE IMPORTANT

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URGENT

Land Forces Sub Commission AC
(M.M.I.A.)
MB/11/2
2 MAY 45

Subject:- Work at CHIARO - RTC ICF.

MINISTRY OF WAR.

Direz Gen del Genio.

See folio 17

Societa Anonima Industrie Chimiche Messicauli Riunite, now engaged on work at the RTC ICF, has requested this H.Q. to obtain 1200 metres of electric cable 4 - 5 cm diameter in order to put in order the electric power distribution line.

You are requested to give every assistance in this respect as this line is required urgently.

for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

DOWB 101 A/G 86

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Landforce Sfc 1119/08

LREB V LAEE NR 19

FROM LAEE 261847A

TO MMIA

GR 37 BT

CONFIDENTIAL F 35160

YOUR Q7 OF 24 FEB (.) SIGNED SACMED CITE FMQAE (.) ORD ADVISE

QTY DEFICIENT WAS 8000 (.) THESE WERE NOT AVAILABLE IN GRADE I

BUT WERE ISSUED IN GRADE III ON 25 FEB

BT 261847A

SENT NR 19 281923A WHC B1 X

RCD NR19 28/1923A MRA BB

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Col. Ridley

On Medical grounds

YES!

Would S/S

Don't believe it but

accept it WP 7393

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Subject:- Latrine Paper.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.E.F.A.).
ST/119
26 Feb 45.

Ministry of War.

Copy to:- AG.

See folios 15 & 16 + 19

1. It is understood that no provision is made by you for issue of latrine paper to the Army.

2. You will no doubt agree that it is of paramount importance that the standard of hygiene be of the highest possible in present circumstances.

3. You are therefore requested to examine the possibilities of acquiring latrine paper for issue, either by means of local purchase or placing a contract with a factory or factories.

4. Please inform this H.Q. of the plan you propose to make.

Lt.Col. RASC.

EDC/gmo

ADJT, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MEFA).

Please put with folio 17

This appears to be a general packing matter - on Cesario file.
I understand Latrine paper never has been used by the British soldier and from previous experience in the Boer war I can state that when [illegible] and its use inculcated in the early months of the campaign was unlikely to be given due consideration on the score.
Do we really need it now?
What does Med Branch

2/3.

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SECRET

FROM: NMCA

TO (FOR ACTION): WESTCOM

DATE TIME

24 1730 A

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FOR C/AM (.) SHORTAGE BO TUGBOATS AT CESARO CONTINUES (.) MEDALO REPORTS NOW TEN TUGBOATS MAKING TRUSSENS (.) APPRECIATE ANY HELP CHO CAN GIVE IN PRODUCING BALANCED LOADS MIGHT BE COLLECTS FROM RAPIDS

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AUTHENTICATION

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CJCS

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

DATE TIME
23 0945 A

FROM: AUSA

TO: FIELDER

SECRET
"EXCLUSIVE"

XXXX
AG 2825

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CITE FIELD (*) REFERENCE YOUR F 30781 OF 21 FEB (*) SUBJECT ONE (*) ISSUE OF TOILET PAPER TO CHAMO (*) / INFORMATION FOLLOWS (*) ING (*) STRENGTH CHAMO REINFORCEMENT CENTRE AS AT 18 FEB 18000 (*) TURNOVER WILL BE 3000 PER MONTH

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATED

Int.Dist:

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Translation

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Q/86

From: National Chemical Industries Limited — Ref. P
To: M.T.A. 22/2/45

Subject: Material for Cesano Training Centre

This firm is carrying out the reconstruction of Cesano Training Centre for the Rome Division right up to the end of May, except that the emptying of the most remote sections of the cellars will be completed by the end of June. There is a considerable quantity of cement and other materials which we have had stored in order to carry out the removal and clearing out of the ruins.

Signed
President
Antonio Falco Dorotti

Ph Exam

Bears date up to the Peace with Italy
Answer Completion.
I mean
He could have
Legged up
2/3

Trasporti
24/2.

SOCIETÀ ANONIMA

INDUSTRIE CHIMICHE NAZIONALI RIUNITE

CAPITALE SOCIALE L. 20.000.000 - VERSATO L. 13.000.000

C.P.S.E. ROMA N. 26501
CHIMINDUSTRIE - ROMA

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MEDAGLIA D'ORO
PERFOSFOCHIMICA
TORINO 1937

UFFICIO PRESIDENZA
ROMA
LARGO CHIGI N. 19

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SCALA
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STABILIMENTI
CESANO DI ROMA
104

22 Febbraio 1945

ALLA M. M. I. A.
Via Veneto
R O M A

Oggetto : Materiale per il Centro addestramento di Cesano

Questa Società sta provvedendo alla sistemazione del Centro di addestramento di Cesano di Roma per la Divisione " Piceno".

Dovendo provvedere allo sgombero di un vasto locale in cui si trova depositato un notevole quantitativo di cemento non insaccato, si rende necessaria la disponibilità di 2.000 sacchetti per cemento onde provvedere alla rimozione del materiale ed al conseguente sgombero del locale.

Con osservanza

SOCIETÀ ANONIMA
INDUSTRIE CHIMICHE NAZIONALI RIUNITE
Presidente
Amministratore Delegato

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Translation
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Q/86

From: National Chemical Industry Society
To: MMIA

Ref. P
22/2/45

Cesano Training Centre

Subject: National of particular arrangement

This form is providing arrangements to a Training Centre for the PICENO Division in the locality of Cesano (Roma). Urgent ~~requirements~~ has reached this form as to the installation of a Power electric line, it is therefore necessary to have 1200 metres of copper wire of 4 or 5 mm.

As this Society has tried but not succeeded to find this material on the market, will they please provide to this form the a/m quantity of copper wire ~~from the~~ with due respect.

Signed: President
administration Delegate

Pte Ferrara R.

S/C
Mount acting N/A

ex Bivouac
Turquoise Leave
Turquoise Cesano

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see folio 23

Transmitted 24/2

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INDUSTRIE CHIMICHE NAZIONALI RIUNITE

CAPITALE SOCIALE L. 20.000.000 - VERSATO L. 10.000.000

L. Roma 65407

UFFICIO PRESIDENZA
ROMA
LARGO CHIGI N. 19
☎ 63.407
62.034
STABILIMENTI
CESANO DI ROMA
☎ 104

22 Febbraio 945

ALLA M. M. I. A.
Via Veneto
R o m a

Oggetto : Materiali di particolare urgenza per il Centro Addestramento di Cesano

Questa Società sta provvedendo alla sistemazione di un Centro di Addestramento per la Divisione "Piceno" in località Cesano di Roma.

Sono pervenuti a queste Società urgenti richieste di provvedere alla messa in opera di una linea di distribuzione energia elettrica e si rende indispensabile la concessione di Metri 1.200 di filo di rame da mm.4 oppure mm.5.

Poiché questa Società ne é sprovvista e non é riuscita a trovare detto materiale sul mercato, si prega di voler provvedere ad assegnare a queste Società il suddetto quantitativo di filo di rame.

Con osservanza

SOCIETÀ ANONIMA
INDUSTRIE CHIMICHE NAZIONALI RIUNITE
Uscita 7386
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LUKE V LACF NR31

FROM LACF 211@9A

TO MMIA

GR65

[redacted] F30781

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SIGNED SACHED(.) CITE FHQDQ

ISSUE OF TOILET PAPER TO CESANO (.) YOUR AQ2%2[redacted]OF 15 FEB REFERS (.)
UNDERSTAND TOILET PAPER ONLY ISSUED TO HOSPITALS IN ITALIAN ARMY (.)
IF YOUR REQUEST FOR ISSUE FROM BASC SOURCES TO CESANO GRANTED WHAT
ARRANGEMENTS WILL YOU MAKE FOR REPLACEMENT (.) NEW SUBJECT[redacted](.)
ADVISE STRENGTH CESANO REINFORCEMENT CENTRE AS REQUESTED FX 26665[redacted]OF
14 FEB

ET

C PAPER

SENTHQR 31 1312 MU K

RCD NR31 1312A NRA KKKK

HEADQUARTERS
21 FEB 1945

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MESSAGE FORM 20/16.

FROM: MMIA

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

19 1530 A

TO (FOR ACTION): FREEDOM

TO (FOR INFO): MAAC

REF NO: AG2820

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FOR Q MAINT (.) SUBJECT IS ISSUE OF TOILET PAPER TO CESANO (.)

REQUEST AUTHORITY TO MAKE TEMPORARY ISSUE FROM MASS SOURCES PENDING PROVISION FROM ITALIAN LOCAL PURCHASE.(.) TOILET PAPER IS ONLY ISSUED TO HOSPITAL IN ITALIAN ARMY

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATED

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COPY

FROM: AFH, SIGNED SACHSE CITE FHQCT

TO : MMIA 162100A

INFO: 15 ARMY GROUP
RIGHT ARMY

FX 29432 SECRET

COMBAT REINFORCEMENT DEPOT CESANO IS SUBJECT (.) PARA 1 (.) UNTIL TRAINING AND ACCOMODATION FACILITIES AT CESANO IMPROVE AND TO ENABLE TRAINING OF EXISTING REINFORCEMENTS TO CONTINUE UNREDUCED REINFORCEMENT HOLDING AT DEPOT WILL NOT EXCEED FIGURE OF 7800 FOR WHICH EXISTING ESTABLISHMENT AND ARRANGEMENTS WERE DESIGNED (.) PARA 2 (.) WEEKLY MOVEMENT OUT OF DEPOT WILL BE MEANS BY WHICH PRESENT NUMBERS WILL BE REDUCED TO FIGURE OF 7800 (.) THEREAFTER INTAKE OF REINFORCEMENT PERSONNEL WILL NOT EXCEED OUTPUT (.) PARA 3 (.) PERSONNEL ALREADY ARRANGED TO MOVE TO CESANO IN FUTURE WILL BE DIVERTED TO OTHER DEPOTS EXCEPT THOSE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN CEILING AT 7800 (.) LEVEL (.) PARA 4 (.) AS ACCOMODATIONS AND TRAINING FACILITIES INCREASE THE CEILING FIGURE OF THE DEPOT WILL BE PROGRESSIVELY RAISED UNTIL FINAL AUTHORISED CEILING OF 11250 REPRESENTING A 25 PER CENT REINFORCEMENT HOLDING IS REACHED (.) PARA 5 (.) THE NUMBER 4 HOLDING REGT WHICH YOU REQUESTED AUTHORITY TO FORM IN YOUR 88617 OF 14 FEB WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED UNTIL CESANO DEPOT HAS TRAINED SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL TO WARRANT ITS FORMATION AS A HOLDING UNIT

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SERIAL

FROM: MCIA

TO (FOR ACTION): PRIORITY

DATE TIME

15 0515Z A

INFO: DOS 167.

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FOR G/AS (.) APPRECIATE PUSH ALL DIFFICULTIES BUT LIAISON OFFICER CEBAFO COMBAT MPTS DEPOT REPORTS ONE RETURNED AND PERMIT LARGE LOADS OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN DRAWN FROM 557 DOD BUT REGULATIONS COMPLETE SETS OF CLOTHING AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT IS APPLICABLE (.) THEY REQUIRED TURNED IN CHANGES BUT REQUEST ONE ISSUE IN BALANCED LOTS AS FAR AS PROVISION DIFFICULTIES PERMIT

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATION F. J. Nowak CJ

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMA CITE FHQCT

TO : MMCA

AG 86

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YOUR SD/57 OF 13 JANUARY (.) FORMATION OF TPT PLATOON AND CARABINIERI SEC FOR CESANO NOW AGREED (.) FORWARD DESIRED DESIGNATIONS SOONEST FOR PUBLICATION OF FORMATION ORDERS

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

WB

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10 Apr

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Subject: Request for Office Equipment.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
AQ/66

5 Feb 45.

MINISTRY OF WAR

(10)

1. Reference your 324C dated 31 Jan 45. It is not clear from your letter whence this request originated, but in any case the provision of office or mess furniture for British Liaison units is not the responsibility of Italian Authorities but of British Ordnance.

2. Any available surplus Italian equipment may be used by mutual arrangement.

A. J. HEAD, Major,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

AJH/sk

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TRANSLATION

FROM : Ministry of War. Ref : 524/0

TO : MMIA Date : 31st Jan 45.

SUBJECT: Request for Office Equipment.

S.M.S.E. pointed out the necessity to assign to the Rft Training Centre, CESANO the following stores required to equip offices of Col. MEA, Chief of the a/n Centre.

Sofas	3	
Arm chairs	6	(leather if possible)

Since this is high quality material which must be bought from local market because it is not available in out Depot, please inform this office if the request should be granted.

(Sgd) PELLIGRA

Reply.

The provision of office furniture for ~~Allied~~ British Units is NOT the responsibility of Italian Authorities but of British Ordnance. Any available surplus Italian equipment may be used by mutual agreement

S.P.

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Col Tedsley is speaking to Col Lee Fortiou re this tomorrow P S/L

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Translation.

Ref. 824/C
Date - 8th Dec. 40.

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From - HQ of W
To - HQ 5th INF

Subject - Request for officer reinforcement

I am directed to request that the necessity be arranged to send forward at the earliest to reinforce the Rifle Training Cadre, Lessons the following officer required to replace officer of Col Regt, chief of the cadre :-

Africans ——— 3
Arm class ——— 6

These officers being required to increase should be brought from local market because not available in the depending Depots. Please inform this office of action should be taken as and required

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(Sgd) PELLISIER.

Lt. COL.

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Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

Div. Caserma Reparto
Sez. 1ª 324/C Allegati

Roma 31 GEN 1945 anno

Alla LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA)
ROMA

OGGETTO: Richiesta materiali per arredamento uffici.

Lo Stato Maggiore R.E. ha segnalato la necessità dell'assegnazione al Centro Addestramento Complementi di Cesano per l'arredamento degli uffici del Colonnello Rea, capo della Missione Inglese presso il suddetto centro, dei seguenti materiali:

- divani n. 3
- poltrone (possibilmente di cuoio) n. 6.

Trattandosi di materiale di lusso, che deve essere acquistato dal commercio perchè non risulta disponibile nei magazzini dipendenti, si prega far conoscere se si debba aderire alla richiesta.

p. IL MINISTRO

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FROM: FREEDOM SIGNED SECDEF CITE PEDCT

311545

TO : MMLA

SECRET

F 18254

SUBJECT IS YOUR SD 2208 DATED 30 JAN (.) FIRST PARTY INSTRUCTORS VEHICLE ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL MOVE FROM BBOLI TO TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION BARLETTA 1 FEB (.) FIRST COURSE WILL BEGIN TRAMI EARLIEST POSSIBLE THEREAFTER

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

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AQ/86

30 1820 A

MEA

AFHQ CTR FIRST

ALCOM FOR TX SC

SD 2206

SHIP TOKR FX 90051 OF 23 (*) 300 TRAINEES FOR FIRST COMBS STANDING

RE TRANT (*) [illegible] FIRST COMBS [illegible]

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See folio 8

IMPORTANT

AQ
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CINC
2/3 (2)
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SUBJECT: War Establishments - Reinforcements
Training Centre Italian Combat Force

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/29/43
20 Jan 45

TO : AFHQ for G3 Org (10 copies)

Copy to: DAT (3)
British Training Unit
MMA. LO NC AFP

Enclosed are the War Establishments for the Reinforcement Training Centre, Italian Combat Force, as worked out with SMME, and agreed between DAT, AFHQ and MMA.

2. The Proposals

New W.E.s as summarised at Appendix "A".

3. The Effect of the Proposals

(a) Addition against the ER-ITI ceiling of:
Offrs 315 As detailed in Appendix "A"
OR's 2073 As detailed in Appendix "A"

An increase in M.T. of:
W/C's 126 As detailed in Appendix "B"
Vehicles 275 As detailed in Appendix "B"

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(b) Not applicable
(c) (i) Personnel are to be drawn from the disbanded PICENO Group
(ii) All personnel will be Italian troops.
(d) Reinforcement Training Centre, Italian Combat Force
(e) Proposed War Establishments enclosed.

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Enclosed are the War Establishments for the Reinforcement Training Centre, Italian Combat Force, as worked out with SHAE, and agreed between IRR, APHQ and MMLA.

2. The Proposals

New W.E.s as summarised at Appendix "A".

3. The Effect of the Proposals

(a) Alterations against the SH-ITI ceiling of:

Off'rs	319	As detailed in Appendix "A"
OR's	2063	As detailed in Appendix "A"

An increase in M.T. of:

M/C's	126	As detailed in Appendix "B"
Vehicles	275	As detailed in Appendix "B"

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(b) Not applicable
(c) (i) Personnel are to be drawn from the disbanded PCRENO Group
(ii) All personnel will be Italian troops.
(d) Reinforcement Training Centre, Italian Combat Force
(e) Proposed War Establishments enclosed.

4. Reasons for the Proposals

The establishment of a Reinforcements Training Centre which will have the following functions :

(a) The holding and training of reinforcements for 5 Combat Groups (total strength 45,000)
(b) The provision of courses for Combat Group personnel.
(c) The training of certain SH- TI Services specialists - e.g. Signals personnel.

for Major General
M.M.L.O.

Internal:
(G.SD) 2
A/G
G/T
M.d
SCR Sigs
G.T.S
Ignors. 5

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRES

ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

SUMMARY OF WAR ESTABLISHMENTS

SERIAL	UNIT	WAR ESTABLISHMENT	TRAINING STAFF OFFRS	TRAINING STAFF ORs	PERMANENT STAFF INCL TNG STAFF OFFRS	PERMANENT STAFF INCL TNG STAFF ORs
	H.Q. Units					
1.	H.Q. RTC ICF	As proposed	-	-	22	138
2.	Ration and POL Depot & Clothing Store	"	-	-	4	51
3.	A Field Hygiene Section	"			1	27
4.	A Transport Platoon	NA/533/1			1	49
5.	2 L/D's	NA/540/1			-	24
6.	HQ CC.RR. Coy	As proposed	1	6	2	21
7.	3 Sections CC.RR.	NA/524/1			1	51
	T O T A L - H.Q. Units I C F		1	6	31	361
8.	H.Q. Reception Regiment	As proposed	-	-	14	113
9.	3 Reception Battalions	"	12	162	33	~~388~~ 237
	T O T A L - Reception Regiment		12	162	47	~~501~~ 350
10.	H.Q. Infantry Regiment	As proposed	-	-	12	65
11.	3 Infantry Battalions	"	30	159	54	387
	T O T A L - Infantry Rfts Regt		30	159	66	472
12.	H.Q. Composite Regiment	As proposed	-	-	8	42
13.	Artillery Depot and School	"	12	44	26	175
14.	Mixed Reinforcements Battalion	"	1	3	8	36
15.	H.Q. Engineer Battalion	"	-	-	5	28
16.	Field Engineering School	"	7	41	10	94
17.	Signals Dep & School(figures originally	"	25	61	32	159
18.	Mech Engineer Trg Coy proposed)	"	-	-	3	21
	T O T A L - Composite Reinforcements Regt		45	149	92	555
19.	HQ Schools(incl Interpreters Section)	As proposed	3	-	22	55
20.	Infantry School	"	0	30	12	57
21.	Instructors School	"	32	33	38	137
22.	Driving & Maintenance School	To be proposed	-	-	-	-
23.	Mechanics School	As proposed	5	53	7	96
	T O T A L - SCHOOLS		48	116	79	345
	GRAND TOTAL (Excl Scr 22 & 23		136	592	315	~~1083~~ 1033
	ATTACHED					
	1 Field Hospital	NA/571/1			7	58
	1 Field Bakery	NA/597/1			1	31
	1 C T Coy(pending organisation of 3 x "" Schools)	NA/531/1, NA/559/1 NA/534/1, NA/535/1			9	323

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTERS

ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

STATUS OF WAR ESTABLISHMENTS

RESTRICTED
APPENDIX "A" to
MEMO. S/G/29/43
of 26 JAN 1944

		WAR ESTABLISHMENT	TRAINING STAFF OFFRS	TRAINING STAFF ORs	PERMANENT STAFF INCL TNG STAFF OFFRS	PERMANENT STAFF INCL TNG STAFF ORs	REINFORCEMENTS OFFRS	REINFORCEMENTS ORs
		As proposed	-	-	22	138	-	-
& Clothing Store		"	-	-	4	51	-	-
on		"			1	27		
		RA/533/1			1	49		
		RA/540/1			-	24		
		As proposed	1	6	2	21	-	-
		RA/524/1			1	51	2	102
			1	6	31	361	2	102
I C Y								
nt		As proposed	-	-	14	113	-	-
		"	12	162	33	~~208~~ 237	70	1290
			12	162	47	~~258~~ 350	70	1290
Regiment								
t		As proposed	-	-	12	85	-	-
		"	30	159	54	387	90	4110
			30	159	66	472	90	4110
Rgt								
nt		As proposed	-	-	8	42	-	-
chool		"	12	44	26	175	15	625
Battalion		"	1	3	8	36	10	270
on		"	-	-	5	28	-	-
ool		"	7	41	10	94	10	270
figures originally		"	25	61	32	159	5	155
proposed)		"	-	-	3	21	5	75
Reinforcements Regt			45	149	92	555	45	1395
roters Section)		As proposed	3	-	22	55	-	-
		"	8	30	12	57	-	-
		"	32	33	38	137	-	-
School		To be proposed	-	-	-	-	-	-
		As proposed	5	53	7	96	-	-
			48	116	79	345	-	-
22 & 23			150	592	315	~~1007~~ 1083	207	6891
		RA/574/1			7	58		
		RA/597/1			1	31		
tion of		RA/531/1, RA/533/1			9	326		
		RA/533/1, RA/533/1						

RESTRICTED

APPX 'B' to MMIA letter
S/G/29/43 of 28 Jan 43

REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE

ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

SUMMARY OF MANSPORT

Serial	UNIT	Bicycles	Motor Cycles	Cars 4 str 4 x 2 or 4 x 4	Cars 2 str 4 x 2 or Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4	Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 G S	Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 F F W	Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 Water	Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 G S or 4 x 4	Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 Office Disinfestors	Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 inch	Lorries 3 ton broakdown	Lorries 3 ton 6 x 4 Stores binned	Tractors Before	Tractors 6 x 4 breakdown	Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 Air Compressor	Carriers Universal	Trailers Water
1	HQ RTC IDF	-	8	2	7	7			3									
2	Ration & POL Depot & Clothing Store					1			1									
3	A Field Hygiene Section	2	6			1			1					1				
4	A Transport Platoon		3		1	1			31								1	
5	2 LAD's		4			2												
6	HQ CC.RR. Company	2	2		1	1			1									
7	3 Section CC.RR.		58		3	9			3									
8	HQ Reception Regiment		2		2	3		1	5									
9	3 Reception Battalions	6			6	6			6									
10	HQ Infantry Regiment		2		2	3		1	4									
11	3 Infantry Battalions	30	6		6	12	6		12									
12	HQ Composite Regiment		1	1	1	1			2									
13	Artillery Depot and School		2	1	3	4		1	10			1		10				
14	Mixed Reinforcements Battalion		2		2	1			2									
15	HQ Engineer Battalion		1		1	1			2									
16	Field Engineering School		2		1	2			1		1					1		
17	Signals Training Centre		16	1		10	5		7									
18	Mechanical Engineers Training Company		1		1	1			1									
19	HQ Schools (Incl Interpreters Section)	2	2	1	2	2			4									8

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Serial	UNIT	Bicycles	Motor Cycles	Cars 4 str 4 x 2	Cars 2 str 4 x 2	Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2	Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 4	Trucks 30 cwt 6 x 4	Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2	Lorries 3 ton 4 x 4	Lorries 3 ton 4 x 4 Dia	Lorries 3 ton 4 x 4	Lorries 3 ton 6 x 4	Lorries 3 ton 6 x 4 Dia	Tractors Bf	Tractors 6 x 4	Trailers 15 cwt	Air Compressors	Carriers Universal	Trailers Water
1	HQ MEC ICF	1	8	2	7	7			3											
2	Ration & POL Depot & Clothing Store					1			1		1									
3	A Field Hygiene Section	2	6			1			31							2				1
4	A Transport Platoon		3		1	2														
5	2 LAD's		4			1			1											
6	HQ CC.RR. Company	2	2		1	1			3											
7	3 Section CC.RR.		58		3	9			5											
8	HQ Reception Regiment		2		2	3		1	6											
9	3 Reception Battalions	6			6	6			4											
10	HQ Infantry Regiment		2		2	3		1	12											
11	3 Infantry Battalions	130	6		6	72	6		2											
12	HQ Composite Regiment		1	1	1	1														
13	Artillery Depot and School		2	1	3	4			10						1					
14	Mixed Reinforcements Battalion		2		2	1			2							10				
15	HQ Engineer Battalion		1		1	1			2											
16	Field Engineering School		2		1	2			1											
17	Signals Training Centre		16	1		10	5		7									1		
18	Mechanical Engineers Training Company		1		1	1			1											
19	HQ Schools (Incl Interpreters Section)	2	2	1	2	2			4											1
20	Infantry School		2	1																
21	Instructors School		5	1	7	6			4											
22	Driving & Maintenance School																			
23	Mechanics School	2	1		1	2			4											
	TOTAL	44	126	6	47	76	11	3	104	1	1	1	2	10	2	1	8	1	7372	

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE.
ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

A HEADQUARTERS, REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE.

War Establishment.

Officers.	22
O.Rs.	136
TOTAL	158
M.Cs.	8
Vehicles.	19
Trailers.	-

(1) Personnel.

Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
General Officer Commanding (Major General)	1				1
A.D.C. (Subaltern)	1				1
Lieut Colonel					
Personnel Section.					
Lieut Colonel	1				1
Major	1				1
Services Section					
Lieut Colonel	2				2
General Staff					
Major	1				1
Quartermaster Section					
Captain	1				1
Medical Section.					
Major	1				1
M.T. Section.					
Captain	1				1
Welfare Section.					
Lieut Colonel or Major	1				1
Captain or Subaltern	1				1
HQ Commandant-Lieut Colonel	1				1
O.C. HQ Company	1				1
M.O. HQ Company	1				1
Orderly Officer HQ Company (Subaltern)	1				1
Interpreters " " (Subaltern)	1				1

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Detail.

	Officers	Senior NCO	Junior NCO	Privates	TOTAL.
General Officer Commanding (Major General)	1				1
A.D.C. (Subaltern)	1				1
Lieut Colonel	1				1
Personnel Section.					
Lieut Colonel	1				1
Major	1				1
Services Section					
Lieut Colonel	2				2
General Staff					
Major	1				1
Quartermaster Section					
Captain	1				1
Medical Section.					
Major	1				1
M.T. Section.					
Captain	1				1
Welfare Section.					
Lieut Colonel or Major	1				1
Captain or Subaltern	1				1
HQ Commandant-Lieut Colonel	1				1
O.C. HQ Company	1				1
M.O. HQ Company	1				1
Orderly Officer HQ Company (Subaltern)	1				1
Interpreters " " (Subaltern)	2				2
Signals Officers (Subaltern)	1				1
Postal Officers (Subalterns)	2				2
TOTAL - OFFICERS	22				22
H.Q. COMPANY					
Office Section.					
Chief Clerk (W.O.)		1			1
Postal WO		1			1
Pay Clerks		1	1		2
HQ Clerks		10	10		20
Orderlies				5	5

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Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL
(i) Personnel (Contd)					
SERVICES SECTION.					
NCO i/c		1			1
Medical Orderlies (for NC MI Room)					5
Officers Mess - Mess Sjt		1	2	4	7
Cooks			2	2	4
Orderlies				4	4
C.R. Mess - Cooks			1	2	3
Barber		1	1	6	8
Tailor				1	1
Shoemaker				1	1
Batman				1	1
Storeman				14	14
(2) Men				2	2
				4	4
SIGNALS SECTION.					
Teleprinter operators					
Switchboard operators		2	2	4	8
Interpreters		1	1	2	4
Signals clerks (For Message Centre)		1			1
Linesmen		1	1	2	4
Electricians				2	2
Driver mechanics				1	1
Motor cyclists				2	2
				8	8
Post Office - Duty men		2	3	5	10
M.T. Section. - NCO i/c		1			1
Driver mechanics			2		2
Drivers i/c				17	17
TOTAL - Offrs.		24	25	89	138
TOTAL - (i) Reinforcements Training Centre	22	24	25	89	160

(ii) Transport.

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Officers Mess - Mess Sjt	1				1
Cooks		2	2		4
Orderlies			2		2
C.Rs. Messes - Cooks	1	1	6		8
Barber			1		1
Tailor			1		1
Shoemaker			1		1
Patman			14		14
Storeman			2		2
(1) Man			4		4
SIGNALS SECTION.					
Telegrinter operators	2	2	4		8
Switchboard operators	1	1	2		4
Interpreters	1				1
Signals clerks (for Message Centre)	1	1	2		4
Linesmen			2		2
Electricians			1		1
Driver mechanics			2		2
Motor cyclists			8		8
Post Office - Duty men	2	3	5		10
M.T. Section.- NCO i/c	1				1
Drivers i/c		2			2
Drivers			17		17
TOTAL - ORs.		24	25	89	138
TOTAL - (1) Reinforcements Training Centre	22	24	25	89	160

(11) Transport.

(a) For Signals Section.

Motor cycles, solo	8
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	1
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	1

(b) For IR Section.

Cars 4 str 4 x 2	2
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	6
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	6
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	3

NOTE: This (1) has also under command, on separate TEs:
Ration, POL and Clothing Depot
Bakery Section
G.T. Platoon.
2 L.A.A.Trs.
Company Carabinieri Reali

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE.
ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

RATION AND POL INPUT AND CLOTHING STORE.
(Under command HQ R.T.C.)

War Establishment.

RESTRICTED.

Officers	4
O.Rs.	51
TOTAL	55
M.Cs.	-
Vehicles.	2
Trailers.	-

(i) Personnel.

Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Ration and POL Stores.					
Officer Commanding (Captain)	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
TOTAL - Officers	2				2
Administrative Staff		2	2		4
Issue Clerks		1	1	5	7
Storeman Issuers		1	1	4	6
Batman				1	1
Orderlies				2	2
Butchers				2	2
Bakers				2	2
Driver mechanic				1	1
Driver i/c				1	1
GD Men				8	8
TOTAL - O.Rs.		4	4	26	34
Clothing Store.					
Officer Commanding	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
TOTAL - Officers	2				2
Administrative Staff.		2	2		4

(i) Personnel.

Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	Total.
Ration and POL Stores.					
Officer Commanding (Captain)	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
TOTAL - Officers	2				2
Administrative Staff		2	2	5	9
Issue Clerks		1	1	2	4
Storemen Issuers		1	1	2	4
Batmen				1	1
Orderlies				3	3
Butchers				1	1
Bakers				2	2
Driver Mechanic				1	1
Driver i/c				1	1
GD Men				8	8
TOTAL - O.Rs.		4	4	25	34
Clothing Store.					
Officer Commanding	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
TOTAL - Officers	2				2
Administrative Staff.		2	2	4	8
Storemen			2	3	5
Orderlies				2	2
Tailors				3	3
Shoemakers				3	3
TOTAL - O.Rs.		2	4	11	17
TOTAL - Ration and POL Depot and Clothing Store.	4	6	8	37	55

(ii) Transport.

Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	1

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A FIELD HYGIENE SECTION (Italian)

War Establishment.

HEADQUARTERS

Officers.	1
O.Rs.	27
TOTAL	28
M.Cs.	6
Vehicles.	5
Trailers.	1

(i) Personnel.

Detail.	Officers.	Sgts. or NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Captain Or Lieut)	1				1
Sanitary Assistants		3			3
Clerk				1	1
Batman				1	1
Sanitary Inspectors			6		6
Sanitary Dutymen				5	5
Works Squad					
NCO i/c		1			1
Bricklayer				1	1
Carpenters				2	2
Painter decorators				1	1
Sheet metal workers				1	1
Drivers i/c			1	3	4
Cook				1	1
TOTAL A FIELD HYGIENE SECTION	1	4	7	15	28

(ii) Transport.

Bicycles	2
Motor cycles.	6
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	1

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(i) Personnel.

Detail.	Officers	Sanitary Assistants	Sanitary Inspectors	Sanitary Subyrun	Total
Officer Commanding (Captain or Lieut.)	1				1
Sanitary Assistants		3			3
Clerk				1	1
Bhisti				1	1
Sanitary Inspectors			6		6
Sanitary Subyrun				5	5
Works Squad					
MOO i/c		1			1
Bricklayer				1	1
Carpenters				2	2
Painter Decorators				1	1
Sheet metal workers				1	1
Labours i/c			1		1
Cook				1	1
TOTAL A FIELD HYGIENE SECTION	1	4	7	13	25

(ii) Transport.

Bicycles	2
Motor cycles.	6
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 (special distributor)	1

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MEDIUM RESISTANCE TRAINING CENTRE.
ITALIAN COMBAT UNITS.

RESTRICTED.

A HEADQUARTERS, A COMPANY CARABINIERI REALI (CC.RR)

Officers.	2
O.R.s	21
TOTAL	23
M.Cs.	2
Vehicles	3
Trailers.	-

War Establishment.

(i) Personnel.

Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Captain)	1				1
Instructors Section					
Subaltern	1				1
Warrant Officer		1			1
* Serjeant Majors		2			2
Sjt		1			1
Cpls			2		2
HQ Section.					
Warrant Officers.		1			1
Quartermaster Sjt		1			1
Motor cyclists and orderlies				3	3
Cooks and CD men				7	7
* Drivers M/c				3	3
TOTAL - A company HQ CC.RR	2	6	2	13	23

(ii) Transport.

Motor cycles solo	2
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	1
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	1
Bicycles	2

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Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Captain)	1				1
Instructory Section					
Subaltern	1				1
Warrant Officer		1			1
* Sergeant Majors		1			1
Sjt			2		2
Opls					2
HQ Section.					
Warrant Officers.		1			1
Quartermaster Sjt		1			1
Motor cyclists and orderlies				3	3
Cooks and GD men				7	7
* Drivers L/c				3	3
TOTAL - A company HQ CO.RE	2	6	2	13	23

(ii) Transport.

Motor cyclen solo	2
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	1
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	1
Bicycles	2

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE.

ITALIAN COMBAT PIECE.

A Regimental Headquarters for a Reception Regiment.

War Establishment.

(1) Personnel.

RESTRICTED.

Officers	14
O.Rs.	113
TOTAL	127
M.Cs.	2
Vehicles.	11
Trailers.	-

Detail.	Officers.	Senior N.C.Os.	Junior N.C.Os.	Privates.	Total.
Officer Commanding (Colonel)	1				1
Second in Command (Lieutenant Colonel	1				1
Adjutant (Major)	1				1
Documentation Officer (Major)	1				1
Quartermaster (Captain)	1				1
Messing Officer (Captain)	1				1
Administrative Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Medical Officer (Subaltern)	2				2
Orderly Officer and Interpreter (Captain or Subaltern)	1				1
Welfare Officer	1				1
Chaplain	1				1
O.C. HQ Coy.	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
	14				14
Office Section.					
Chief Clerk W.O.		1			1
Post Clerk		1			1
Clerks		6	6	5	17
Ordenlies				4	4
Services Section.					
Quartermaster Sgt and Pay Clerks.		2	2		4
Storemen		2		5	7

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Detail.	Officers.	Senior N.C.Os.	Junior N.C.Os.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Colonel)	1				1
Second in Command (Lieutenant Colonel	1				1
Adjutant (Major)	1				1
Documentation Officer (Major)	1				1
Quartermaster (Captain)	1				1
Messing Officer (Captain)	1				1
Administrative Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Medical Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Orderly Officer and Interpreter (Captain or Subaltern)	1				1
Welfare Officer	1				1
Chaplain	1				1
O.C. HQ Coy.	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
	14				14
Office Section.					
Chief Clerk W.O.		1			1
Post Clerk		1			1
Clerks		6	6	5	17
Orderlies.				4	4
Services Section.					
Quartermaster Sjt and Pay Clerks.		2	2		4
Storemen		2		5	7
Medical Orderlies.			1	2	3
Officers Mess Personnel.					
Cooks			1	3	4
Mess Sergeant		1			1
Mess Corporal			1		1
Orderlies.				6	6
WOs and CRs Mess Personnel.		1	4	24	29
Barbers				4	4
Tailors				3	3
Shoemakers				2	2
Batmen				8	8

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	Officers.	Senior NCO's.	Junior NCO's.	Privates.	Total.
cont'd. Mess Personnel.					
G.D. Men				4	4
M.T. Section.					
MCO 1/c (W.O.)		1			1
Drivers 1/c				10	10
Motor cyclists				2	2
Dvrs. Mechanic			1		1
TOTAL - OTHER RANKS.		15	16	82	113

(11) Transport.

Cars 8 cwt 4 x 2	2
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	3
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	5
Trucks 15 cwt water	1
Motor Cycles solo	2

(12) Arms.

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C.R. Men				4	4
M.T. Section.					
RCO 16 (W.O.)					
Drivers 1/c		1			1
Motor cyclists				10	10
Dvrs. Mechanic			1	2	3
TOTAL - OTHER RANKS		15	16	82	113

(ii) Transport.

Cars 8 cwt 4 x 2	2
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	3
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	5
Trucks 15 cwt water	1
Motor Cycles solo	2

(iii) Arms.

Personal Arms Only.

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE.
ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

A Battalion Headquarters (Infantry and Composite) for a Reception Regiment.

Officers.	11
O.Rs.	79
TOTAL	90
M.Cs.	-
Vehicles.	6
Trailers.	-

War Establishment.

(1) Permanent Staff for Battalion H.Q. and three companies (200 reinforcements each).

Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	Total.
Officer Commanding (Lieutenant Colonel or Major)	1				1
Adjutant (Captain or Lieutenant)	1				1
Orderly (Administrative)Officer (Captain or Subaltern)	1				1
Officers Commanding Companies (Captains)	3				3
Subaltern commanding H.Q. Platoon	1				1
Training Officer (Major)	1				1
Company Training Officers (Capts or Lieuts)	3				3
TOTAL OFFICERS	11				11
Office Section.					
Warrant Officer Clerk		1			1
Corporal Clerk			1		1
Typist				1	1
Orderlies				2	2
Services Section.					
Quartermaster Sergeant		1			1
Company Drill NCOs.		10	36		54
Medical NCO			1		1
Batmen				6	6
GD Men				6	6
Drivers i/c				6	6
TOTAL - OTHER RANKS		20	38	21	79
TOTAL - 1 BATTALION HQ REINFORCEMENT UNIT	11	20	38	21	90

Detail.	Officers	Senior NCOs	Junior NCOs	Privates	Total
Officer Commanding (Lieutenant Colonel or Major)	1				1
Adjutant (Captain or Lieutenant)	1				1
Orderly (Administrative)Officer (Captain or Subaltern)	1				1
Officers Commanding Companies (Captains)	3				3
Subaltern commanding H.Q. Platoon	1				1
Training Officer (Major)	1				1
Company Training Officers (Capts or Lieuts)	3				3
TOTAL OFFICERS	11				11
Office Section.					
Warrant Officer Clerk		1			1
Corporal Clerk			1		1
Typist				2	2
Orderlies				2	2
Services Section.					
Quartermaster Serjeant		1			1
Company Drill NCOs.		10	36		54
Medical NCO			1		1
Matron				6	6
GD Men				6	6
Drivers i/c				6	6
TOTAL - OTHER RANKS		20	38	21	79
TOTAL - A BATTALION HQ RECEPTION REGT	11	20	38	21	90

(ii) **Transport.**

Cars 2 str 4 x 2	2
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2	2
Bicycles	2
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	2

Personnel for NCO's and Men's Messes are included in W.E. for Regtl H.Q.

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE
ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

A HEADQUARTERS FOR AN INFANTRY REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING REGIMENT

War Establishment

RESTRICTED

Officers	12
O.R.	85
TOTAL	97
M.Cn.	2
Vehicles	10
Trailers	-

(i) Personnel

Detail	Officers	Senior NCOs	Junior NCOs	Privates	TOTAL
Officer Commanding (Colonel)	1				1
Second in Command(responsible for training) Colonel	1				1
Adjutant (Major or Captain)	1				1
Staff Officer "A" (Major)	1				1
Captain Quartermaster	1				1
Messing Officer	1				1
Orderly Officer Interpreter	1				1
Welfare Officer	1				1
Medical Officer(Captain)	1				1
Administrative Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Chaplain	1				1
Officer Commanding HQ Coy (Captain)	1				1
TOTAL OFFICERS	12				12
Office Section					
Chief Clerk (W.O.)		1			1
Postal NCO		1			1
Clerks		4	4	6	14
Telephonists & Orderlies				4	4
Services Section					
Quartermaster Sergeant and Staff		2	2		4
Medical Orderly			1		1
Officers Mess personnel (a)					

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Detail	Officers	Senior NCOs	Junior NCOs	Privates	TOTAL
Officer Commanding (Colonel)	1				1
Second in Command(responsible for training, Colonel	1				1
Adjutant (Major or Captain)	1				1
Staff Officer "A" (Major)	1				1
Captain Quartermaster	1				1
Messing Officer	1				1
Orderly Officer Interpreter	1				1
Welfare Officer	1				1
Medical Officer(Captain)	1				1
Administrative Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Chaplain	1				1
Officer Commanding HQ Coy (Captain)	1				1
TOTAL OFFICERS	12				12
Office Section					
Chief Clerk (W.O.)		1			1
Postal NCO		1			1
Clerks		4	4	6	14
Telephonists & Orderlies				4	4
Services Section					
Quartermaster Sergeant and Staff		2	2		4
Medical Orderly			1		1
Officers Mess personnel (a)		1			1
Mess Sergeant			2		2
Corporal Cooks				4	4
Cooks				15	15
Orderlies				7	7
Batmen		1	1	3	5
Storemen			1	2	3
Cooks for Officers' Mess				2	2
Barbers				1	1
Tailor				1	1
Shoemaker				1	1
CD Men				6	6
M.T. Section					
NCO i/c		1			1
NCO Driver Mechanics			1		1
Drivers				9	9
Motor cyclists				2	2
TOTAL OTHER RANKS		11	12	62	85
TOTAL - INF INFANTRY REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING REGIMENT	12	11	12	62	97

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(ii) Transport.

Cars 6 cwt 4 x 2	2
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	3
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	4
Trucks 15 cwt (water)	1
Motor cycles solo	2

(iii) Arms.

Personal arms only.

(e) This W.E. is intended to provide minor personnel for all officers of the Infantry Regiment, both permanent staff and reinforcements, and of the Infantry School.

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING (MATH).

ITALIAN COMBAT TROOPS.

A BATTALION HEADQUARTERS FOR AN INFANTRY REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING REGIMENT.

Officers.	18
O.Rs.	129
TOTAL	147
MCr.	2
Vehicles.	12
Trailers.	-

War Establishment.

(1) Personnel.

Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Lieutenant-Colonel or Major	1				1
Adjutant (Captain or Lieutenant)	1				1
Orderly Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Training Staff.					
(a) Battalion Instructors (Captains or Lieutenants)					
Carriers	1				1
Mortars	1				1
Signals	1				1
Anti-tank	1				1
Pioneers.	1				1
(b) Company Training Officers (Lieutenants)	5				5
Officers Commanding Companies (Captains)	5				5
TOTAL - OF ITEMS.	18				18
Office Section.					
Record Clerks		1	1		2
Clerk				1	1
Orderlies				2	2

Officer Commanding (Lieutenant-Colonel or Major	1					1
Adjutant (Captain or Lieutenant)	1					1
Orderly Officer (Subaltern)	1					1
Training Staff.						
(a) Battalion Instructors (Captains or Lieutenants)						
Carriers	1					1
Mortars	1					1
Signals	1					1
Anti-tank	1					1
Pioneers	1					1
(b) Company Training Officers (Lieutenants)	5					5
Officers Commanding Companies (Captains)	5					5
TOTAL - OF ITEMS.	18					18
Office Section.						
Record Clerks		1	1			2
Clerk				1		1
Orderlies				2		2
Service Section.						
Quartermaster Sergeant		1				1
Medical N.C.O.			1			1
M.T., N.C.O.		1				1
Driver mechanics			2			2
Drivers				10		10
Motor cyclists				2		2
Batmen				8		8
Messing Staff - O.R.s. Mess		1	2	15		18
Carpenter				1		1
Armourer			1	1		2
Battalion Instructors (Sergeants)						
Carriers		1				1
Mortars		1				1
Anti-Tank		1				1
Pioneers		1				1
Signals		2				2
Platoon Weapons		2				2

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Detail	Officers	Senior NCOs	Junior NCOs	Privates	Total
Company Training N.C.Os.					
Sergeants		15			15
Corporals			30		30
Five Company Headquarters					
C.S.M.		5			5
Clerks			5	5	10
Storemen				5	5
Orderlies				5	5
TOTAL OTHER RANKS		32	42	55	129
TOTAL-4 BATTALION HQs. 1ST RIFLE COY	18	32	42	55	147

(14) **Transport.**

Cars 5 cwt 4 x 2	.....	2
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	.....	4
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 fitted for wireless	.....	2
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 G.S.	.....	4
Motor Cycles solo	.....	2
Bicycles	.....	10

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REST (NOTE).

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ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

A HEADQUARTERS, A COMPOSITE REINFORCEMENTS REGIMENT.

War Establishment

Officers	8
O.Rs.	42
TOTAL	50
M.Cs.	1
Vehicles	5
Trailers	-

(i) Personnel.

Detail	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Colonel)	1				1
Adjutant (Major)	1				1
Major (Training)	1				1
Quartermaster (Captain)	1				1
Medical Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Administrative Officer	1				1
Chaplain	1				1
O.C. Headquarters Company (Captain)	1				1
TOTAL - OFFICERS	8				8
Office Section					
Chief Clerk (W.O.)		1			1
Clerks		4	3	3	10
Orderlies				3	3
Service Section					
Quartermaster Sergeant		1			1
Corporals			2		2
Medical Orderly			1		1
Officers Mess - Cook			1		1
Orderlies				2	2
ORs. Mess - Cooks			1	2	3
Storemen				2	2
				5	5

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	Off.	Sgt.	Jun.	Pte.	TOT.
Officer Commanding (Colonel)	1				1
Adjutant (Major)	1				1
Major (Training)	1				1
Quartermaster (Captain)	1				1
Medical Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Administrative Officer	1				1
Chaplain	1				1
O.C. Headquarters Company (Captain)	1				1
TOTAL - OFFICERS	8				8
Office Section					
Chief Clerk (W.O.)		1			1
Clerks			4	3 3	10
Orderlies					
Service Section					
Quartermaster Sergeant		1			1
Corporals			2		2
Medical Orderly			1		1
Officers Mess - Cook			1	2	3
Orderlies					
CRs. Mess - Cooks				2	2
Storemen				5	5
Batmen				1	1
Barber				3	3
GD Men			1		1
M.T. NCO				1	1
Driver Mechanic				4	4
Drivers i/c				1	1
Motor cyclist					
TOTAL - ORS.		7	9	26	42
TOTAL - HQ COMPOSITE & REINFORCEMENTS REGIMENT	8	7	9	26	50

(ii) Transport

Motor cycles solo	1
Cars 4 str 4 x 2	1
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	1
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	2

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE.
ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

AN ARTILLERY REINFORCEMENTS DEPOT AND SCHOOL

War Establishment.

Officers	26
O.Rs.	175
TOTAL	201
M.Cs.	7
Vehicles	37
Trailers	-

(1) Personnel for Depot HQ

Details.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Colonel or Lieutenant Colonel)	1				1
Second in command (Lieutenant Colonel)	1				1
Adjutant (Captain)	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
Artillery equipment officer (Captain)	1				1
Clothing officer (Captain)	1				1
Rations Officer	1				1
Medical officer	1				1
Chaplain	1				1
Officer Commanding administrative wing	1				1
M.T. Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Company Commander (Capts)	3				3
TOTAL - OFFICERS.	14				14
OFFICE SECTION.					
Chief Clerk		1			1
Clerks			2	4	6
Postal Clerks		1	1		2
Telephonists			1	2	3
Pay Clerks			2		2
SERVICES SECTION.					

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Detail.	Officers.	Sergeants.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL
Officer Commanding (Colonel or Lieutenant Colonel)	1				1
Second in command (Lieutenant Colonel)	1				1
Adjutant (Captain)	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
Artillery equipment officer (Captain)	1				1
Clothing officer (Captain)	1				1
Rations Officer	1				1
Medical officer	1				1
Chaplain	1				1
Officer Commanding administrative wing	1				1
W.T. Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Company Commander (Capts)	3				3
TOTAL - OFFICERS.	14				14
OFFICE STAFF.					
Chief Clerk		1			1
Clerks		1	4	2	7
Postal Clerks			2		2
Telephonists			1		1
Pay Clerks			2		2
CENTORS SECTION.					
NCOs for discipline (incl 1 warrant officer		4			4
NCOs i/c artillery equipment		1			1
clothing		1			1
rations		1			1
Medical orderlies			1	2	3
Gun fitters			2	2	4
Storemen				3	3
Clerks				3	3
Batmen				12	12
Offs Mess Personnel.					
NCO i/c		1			1
Corporal Cooks			2		2
Private Cooks				10	10
Officers Mess Personnel.					
Mess Sergeant		1			1
" Corporal Cooks			1		1
" Cooks				3	3
" Orderlies				6	6

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Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Services Section (Contd)					
Butcher				1	1
Shoemaker				1	1
Carpenters				2	2
Barber				1	1
G.D. Men (including sanitary orderlies				10	10
M.T. Section.					
M.T. NCO			1		1
Vehicle Mechanics		1			1
Driver mechanics		1			1
Drivers i/c			1		1
Motor Cyclists			2	4	6
				36	36
				2	2
TOTAL - ALL RANKS	14	13	15	103	145

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ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

A HEADQUARTERS MIXED
REINFORCEMENT BATTALION.

War Establishment

(i) Personnel

RESTRICTED

Officers	8
O.Rs.	36
TOTAL	44
M.Cs.	2
Vehicles	5
Trailers	-

Detail	Officers	Senior NCOs	Junior NCOs	Privates	TOTAL
Officer Commanding (Lt.Col or Major)	1				1
Adjutant (Captain)	1				1
Quartermaster (Subaltern)	1				1
O.C. HQ Platoon	1				1
Company Commanders (Captain)	3				3
Instructors - officers (a)	1				1
TOTAL - OFFICERS	8				8
Instructors - N.C.Os. (a)		3			3
Office Section					
Chief Clerk and Clerks		1	2	1	4
Services Section					
Quartermaster Sergeant		1			1
Medical Orderly			1		1
Batman				5	5
Driver Mechanic			1		1
Drivers				4	4
Motor cyclists				2	2
Officers Mess - Cooks			1	1	2
O.Rs. Mess - Cooks & Orderlies			1	3	4
Shoemaker				1	1
Storeman				2	2
GD Men				6	6
TOTAL O.Rs	8	5	6	25	36

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Quartermaster (Subaltern)	1				1
O.C. HQ Platoon	1				1
Company Commanders (Captain)	3				3
Instructors - officers (a)	1				1
TOTAL - OFFICERS	8				8
Instructors - N.C.Os. (a)		3			3
Office Section					
Chief Clerk and Clerks		1	2	1	4
Services Section					
Quartermaster Sergeant		1			1
Medical Orderly			1		1
Batman				5	5
Driver Mechanic			1		1
Drivers				4	4
Motor cyclists				2	2
Officers Mess - Cooks			1	1	2
O.Rs. Mess - Cooks & Orderlies			1	3	4
Shoemaker				1	1
Storeman				2	2
GD Men				6	6
TOTAL O.Rs	8	5	6	25	36
TOTAL - N.C.O. Mixed Reinforcements Battalion	8	5	6	25	44

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(a) Training Staff comprises:

1 Officer 1 Sjt 1 Corporal
for each of Medical, S.I.
Ord and Admin Coys.

(ii) Transport.

Motor cycles solo	2
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	2
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	2

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE.
ITALIAN CO BAT FORCE.

A HEADQUARTERS, EASTERN REINFORCEMENTS BATTALION.

War Establishment.

(1) Personnel.

Officers	5
O.Rs.	23
TOTAL	28
M.Cs.	4
Vehicles.	4
Trailers.	1

Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Lieut Col)	1				1
Adjutant (Captain)	1				1
Quartermaster (Subaltern)	1				1
Medical Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
M.C. Platoon Commander (Subaltern)	1				1
TOTAL - OFFICERS.	5				5
Office Section.					
Chief Clerk (W.O.)		1			1
Clerks			1	1	2
Orderlies				2	2
Services Section.					
Quartermaster Sergeant		1			1
Quartermaster Corporal			1		1
Medical Orderly			1		1
Batman				3	3
Cooks			1	2	3
Storeman				2	2
G.D. Man				6	6
M.T. NCO		1			1
Driver mechanic			1		1
Drivers.				3	3
Motor cyclist				1	1

Officer Commanding (Lieut Col)	1				1
Adjutant (Captain)	1				1
Quartermaster (Subaltern)	1				1
Medical Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
H.Q. Platoon Commander (Subaltern)	1				1
TOTAL - OFFICERS.	5				5
Office Section.					
Chief Clerk (W.O.)		1			1
Clerks			1	1	2
Orderlies				2	2
Services Section.					
Quartermaster Sergeant		1			1
Quartermaster Corporal			1		1
Medical Orderly			1		1
Batmen				3	3
Cooks			1	2	3
Storemen				2	2
G.D. Men				6	6
M.T. NCO		1			1
Driver mechanic			1		1
Drivers.				3	3
Motor cyclist				1	1
TOTAL - OTHER RANKS		3	5	20	28
TOTAL - HQ ENGINEER REINFORCEMENTS BATTALION	5	3	5	20	33

(11) Transport.

Motor cycles solo	1
Cars 2-str 4 x 2	3
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	2

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE.
ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

A FIELD ENGINEERING SCHOOL
(designed to hold and train 360
Field Engineer Reinforcements)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

Officers	10	
O.Rs.	94	
TOTAL	104	
M.Cs.	2	
Vehicles	6	
Trailers.	-	

1. Personnel.

Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Private.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Major)	1	-	-	-	1
HQ Reinforcement Company.					
Captain	1	-	-	-	1
Subaltern	1	-	-	-	1
Training Staff (a)					
Captains or Subalterns	7	-	-	-	7
Total: Officers	10	-	-	-	10
C.Q.M.S.		1			
Instructors (CSI's or S/Ts)		7			
S/Ts (b)		6			
Total: WOs and S/Ts	-	14	-	-	14
Office Section.					
Draughtsmen	-	-	1	-	1
Clerks	-	-	1	2	3
Telephone Orderlies	-	-	-	2	2
Services Section					

	Officers	Senior NCOs	Junior NCOs	Privates	TOTAL
Officer Commanding (Major)	1	-	-	-	1
HQ Reinforcement Company.					
Captain	1	-	-	-	1
Subaltern	1	-	-	-	1
Training Staff (a)					
Captains or Subalterns	7	-	-	-	7
Total: Officers	10	-	-	-	10
C.Q.M.S.		1			
Instructors (CSI's or Sjts)		7			
Sjts (b)		6			
Total: WOs and Sjts	-	14	-	-	14
Office Section.					
Draughtsmen	-	-	1	-	1
Clerks	-	-	1	2	3
Telephone Orderlies	-	-	-	2	2
Services Section.					
Medical Orderly	-	-	1	-	1
Cooks - officer's mess	-	-	1	2	3
men's mess	-	-	2	6	8
Orderlies - officer's mess	-	-	-	3	3
General dutyman	-	-	-	7	7
Batman	-	-	-	6	6
M.T. Section.					
Driver Mechanics	-	-	2	-	2
Drivers	-	-	-	5	5
Motor cyclists	-	-	-	2	2
Total carried forwd:	-	-	8	35	43

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Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates Privates.	Total.
Total brought forward	-	1	6	35	42
Training Section.					
Assistant Instructors.	-	-	28	-	28
Offs for maintenance of stores.	-	-	-	9	9
Total rank and file	-	-	34	44	78

11 Distribution by trades.

	Officers Sch. Sec.	Serv. Instr Sec	NCO Sec	Pte Sec.	
Clerks	3	-	-	1	4
Cooks	-	11	-	-	11
Draughtsman	1	-	-	-	1
Dvr Mech	-	-	2	-	2
Drivers	-	-	3	-	3
Motorcyclists	-	-	2	-	2
Carpenter	-	-	1	-	1
Blacksmith	-	-	1	-	1
Engine fitter	-	-	1	-	1
Storeman	-	2	-	5	7
Shoemaker	-	1	-	-	1
Barber	-	1	-	-	1
Normal rates	2	13	-	-	15
	6	28	9	9	52
Instructors	-	-	-	28	28
					80

111 Transport.

Motor cycles	-	2
Cars 2-str 4 x 2	-	1
Truck 15-cwt 4 x 2 GS	-	2
" " " " "	-	1

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ii Distribution by trades.

	Offrs Spec Sec.	Serv Spec Sec	MT Sec	Trp Sec.	
Clerks	3	11	-	1	4
Cooks	1	-	1	-	1
Draughtsman	-	-	2	-	2
Dvr Mech	-	-	2	-	2
Drivers	-	-	2	5	7
Motorcyclists	-	-	-	1	1
Carpenter	1	2	-	-	3
Blacksmith	-	1	-	-	1
Engine fitter	-	1	-	-	1
Storeman	-	1	-	-	1
Shoemaker	-	1	-	-	1
Barber	-	1	-	-	1
Normal rates	2	13	-	1	16
	6	30	9	9	52
Instructors	-	-	-	28	28
					80

iii Transport.

Motor cycles	-	2
Cars 2-str 4 x 2	-	1
Truck 15-cwt 4 x 2 GS	-	2
" " " " " air compressor		1++
Lorries 3-ton 4 x 2GS	-	1
" " " " " - winch		1++

++ required for any purpose.

iv Weapons - Personal weapons only.

Notes. (a) Trg staff is organised to deal with seven parties under trg at one time on the following programme:

Field Engineering	2 weeks	2 parties	at a	time.	
Bridging	2 "	"	"	"	"
Mine Warfare	2 "	"	"	"	"
Water Supply	1 week	1 party	"	"	

(b) Includes two clerks (one for pay duties) one MT mft.

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE

ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

SIGNAL TRAINING CENTRE

RESTRICTED

War Establishment

Officers	32
O.Rs	159
Total	191
M.Cs	20
Vehicles	23

(1) Personnel

Detail		H.Q.	Operators Wing	Lines Wing	T.T. Wing	Total Signals Wing	Regtl Wing	Sig Training Wing (For det incl Arty) and Inf	GRAND TOTAL	Remarks
Lt. Col.	Cmdt	1							1	
Major.	C.I.									
Capt.	Adjt	1							1	
Capt.	Instructors		2	1		3	4		7	
Lt.	Instructor		6		1	7	7	1*	17	(* x 3 each)
Lt.	Interpreter	1							1	
Lt.	(QM)	1							1	
Lt.	(TWO)				1	1			1	
Lt.	(Admin)	1							1	
Medical Officer		1							1	
Total Officers		7	8	1	2	11	11	3	32	
R.S.M.		1							1	
R.Q.M.S.		1							1	
C.S.M.			1			1	1		2	
CQMS (F of S)					1	1			1	Foreman of Sign
C.Q.M.S.		1							1	
Sjt. (Orderly Room)		1							1	
" (Cook)		1							1	
" (I.M.)					1	1			1	
" (Operator)			4			4	10	1*	17	
" (Lineman)				1		1	1		2	
" (D.R.)				1		1			1	
" (Fitter M.V.)					1	1			1	
Total NCOs & Sjts		5	5	2	1	10	12	3	30	
Corpls. (I.M.)					3	3		1*	6	
" (Cook)		3							3	
" (Operators)			5			5	6	3*	20	Total ~ 5
" (Lineman)										

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Lt. Col.	Cmdt	1							1	
Major.	C.I.								1	
Capt.	Adjt	1				3	4		1	
Capt.	Instructors		2	1	1	7	7	1*	17	(* x 3 each)
Lt.	Instructor		6						1	
Lt.	Interpreter	1							1	
Lt.	(QM)	1			1	1			1	
Lt.	(TMO)								1	
Lt.	(Admin)	1							1	
Medical Officer		1								
Total Officers		7	8	1	2	11	11	3	32	
R.S.M.		1							1	
R.Q.M.S.		1							1	
C.S.M.			1			1	1		2	
CQMS (F of S)					1	1			1	Foreman of Sigs
C.Q.M.S.		1							1	
Sjt. (Orderly Room)		1							1	
" (Cook)		1							1	
" (I.W.)					1	1			1	
" (Operator)			4		1	4	10	1*	17	
" (Lineman)				1		1	1		2	
" (D.R.)				1		2			1	
" (Fitter M.V.)					1	1			1	
Total NCs & Sjts		5	5	2	3	10	12	3	30	
Cpls. (I.W.)						3		1*	6	
" (Cook)		3							3	
" (Operators)			5			5	6	3*	20	Total Cpls 85
" (Lineman)				1		1	3	2*	10	
" (D.R.)				2		2			2	48
" (Clerk)		1							1	
" (San)		1							1	
" (Storeman)		1	1	1	1	3	1		5	
Signalmen		48	1	1	6	8	1		57	10 of which may be L/Cpls
Drivers		24							24	
Total Rank & File		78	7	5	10	22	11	18	129	
Total O.Rs.		83	12	7	13	32	23	21	159	
Total, ALL RANKS		90	20	8	15	43	34	24	191	

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(ii) Rank and File, by trades.

DETAIL	H.Q.	Operating Wing	Line Wing	T/ Wing	Total Signals Wing	Regimental Wing	Signal Training Wing (for det to Arty & Inf and GENIO Bn	GRAND TOTAL	REMARKS
Operators		5			5		3*	28	(* x 3 each)
Clerks	2	1	1	1	3	3		8	
Fitters M.V.			1	1	2		1*	4	
Instrument Mechanics									
Linemen						3	2*	10	
Draughtsmen	1				1			1	
Despatch Riders	2		2		2			4	
Driver Mechanics	3							3	
Storemen	1	1	1	1	3	1		5	
Cooks	9							9	
Medical Orderlies	2							2	
General Duties	30							30	
Sanitary	1							1	
Drivers I.C.	21							21	
Batmen	6							6	
Total Rank & File	78	7	5	10	22	11	18	129	

(iii) Transport

Cars, 4 seater	1							1	
Trucks, 15 cwt FFW	5							5	
Trucks 15 cwt G.S.	10							10	
Trucks 3 ton G.S.	7							7	
Motorcycles, solo	16						4*	20	*for detach-ment with GENIO Bn

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A HEADQUARTERS, MECHANICAL ENGINEERS REINFORCEMENT COMPANY

Officers.	3
O.Rs.	21
TOTAL	24
M.Cs.	1
Vehicles.	3
Trailers.	3

War Establishment.

(i) Personnel.

Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Captain)	1				1
Section Commanders (Subaltern)	2				2
TOTAL - OFFICERS	3				3
HQ Section.					
Serjeant Major		1			1
Quartermaster Serjeant		1			1
Clerks			1	1	2
Motor cyclist				1	1
Storeman			1	2	3
Cooks			1	3	4
Batmen				2	2
GD Men				4	4
Driver mechanic			1		1
Drivers				2	2
TOTAL - Ops.		2	4	15	21
TOTAL - HQ Mechanical Engineers Reinforcements Company	3	2	4	15	24

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(ii) Equipment.

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Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Captain)	1				1
Section Commanders (Subaltern)	2				2
TOTAL - OFFICERS	3				3
HQ Section.					
Sergeant Major		1			1
Quartermaster Sergeant		1			1
Clerks			1	1	2
Motor cyclist			1	1	2
Storeman			1	1	2
Cooks				2	2
Batmen				2	2
GD Men				4	4
Driver mechanic				2	2
Drivers			1		1
TOTAL - ORs.		2	4	15	21
TOTAL - HQ Mechanical Engineers Reinforcements Company	3	2	4	15	24

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(11) Transport.

Motor cycles	1
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	1
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	1

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~~HEADQUARTERS TRAINING CENTRE.~~

ITALIAN COMBAT UNIT.

A HEADQUARTERS TRAINING SCHOOLS.

War Establishment.

(1) Personnel.

Officers.	22
O.Rs.	55
TOTAL	77
M.Cs.	2
Vehicles.	9
Trailers.	3

Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Colonel)	1				1
Personal Assistant (Lt. Col)	1				1
HQ Office.					
Major	1				1
Captain	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
Training Office.					
Lt. Col.	1				1
Training Officers.	4				4
Interpreter Section.					
Major (Interpreter)	1				1
Subaltern Interpreter (Instructor)	4				4
Service Training Section.					
Major	1				1
Subalterns	2				2
HQ Company					
Officer Commanding	1				1
Administration Officer (Subaltern)	1				1

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Detail.	Officers	Senior NCOs	Junior NCOs	Privates	TOTAL
Officer Commanding (Colonel)	1				1
Personal Assistant (Lt. Col)				1	1
HQ Office.					
Major	1				1
Captain	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
Training Office.					
Lt. Col.	1				1
Training Officers.	4				4
Interpreter Section.					
Major (Interpreter)	1				1
Subaltern Interpreter (Instructor)	4				4
Services Training Section.					
Major	1				1
Subalterns	2				2
HQ Company					
Officer Commanding	1				1
Administration Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Medical Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Subaltern i/c Services Platoon	1				1
TOTAL - OFFICERS.	22				22
HQ Section.					
Quartermaster Sergeant		1			1
NCO i/c Stores.		1			1
Postal NCO			1		1
Q Clerks			1		2
Orderlies.				4	4
Services Section.					
Warrant Officers.		2			2
NCO Clerks.		4	6		10
Clerks.				6	6
Batman				9	9
Cooks				3	3
Officers Mess Orderlies.				2	2
GD Men				4	4

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Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
M.T. Section.					
NCO i/c		1			1
Vehicle Mechanics.		1			1
Driver Mechanics.			1		1
Drivers M/C				8	8
Motor cyclist.				2	2
TOTAL - C.Rs.		10	9	36	55
TOTAL - A Headquarters, Training Schools.	22	10	9	36	77

(ii) Transport.

Bicycles	2
Motor cycles, solo	2
Cars 4 str 4 x 2	1
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	2
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	2
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	4

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE

ITALIAN COMBAT FORCES

AN INFANTRY SCHOOL

War Establishment

(i) Personnel

Officers	12
ORs	57
TOTAL	69
M.Cs.	2
Vehicles	9
Trailers	-

Detail	Officers	Senior NCOs	Junior NCOs	Privates	TOTAL
Officer Commanding (Lieutenant)	1				1
Chief Instructor (Major)	1				1
HQ Company Commander (Captain)	1				1
Orderly Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Interpretor (Subaltern)	1				1
Company Sergeant Major		1			1
Clerks		1	1	2	4
Orderlies				2	2
Drivers				1	1
Motor cyclist				1	1
Tactical Wing					
Instructors (Major or Captain	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
Warrant Officers & Sergeants		10			10
Clerks			1	1	2
Storeman				1	1
Mines Wing					
Instructors Captain	1				1
N.C.Os.		5	2		7
Clerks			1	1	2
Storeman				1	1
Anti Tank Wing					
Instructors Captain	1				1
N.C.Os.		2			2

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Detail	Officers	Senior NCOs	Junior NCOs	Privates	TOTAL
Officer Commanding (Lieutenant)	1				1
Chief Instructor (Major)	1				1
HQ Company Commander (Captain)	1				1
Orderly Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Interpretor (Subaltern)	1				1
Company Sergeant Major		1			1
Clerks		1	1	2	4
Orderlies				2	2
Drivers				1	1
Motor cyclist				1	1
Tactical Wing					
Instructors (Major or Captain	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
Warrant Officers & Sergeants		10			10
Clerks			1	1	2
Storeman				1	1
Mines Wing					
Instructors Captain	1				1
N.C.Os.		5	2		7
Clerks			1	1	2
Storeman				1	1
Anti Tank Wing					
Instructors Captain	1				1
N.C.Os.		2			2
Clerk				1	1
Storeman				1	1
3" Mortar Wing					
Instructors Captain	1				1
N.C.Os.		3			3
Snipers Wing					
Instructors Captain	1				1
N.C.Os.		4			4
Carrier Wing					
Instructors Lieutenant	1				1
N.C.Os.		6			6
Drivers			1	7	8
TOTAL	12	32	6	19	69

(11) **Transport**

Carriers Universal	8
Cars 4 str 4 x 2	1
Motor cycles	2

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DEMONSTRATIVE TRAINING UNITS.

ITALIAN CONSAR WORKS.

AN INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL
ALL ARMS.

War Establishment.

(1) Personnel.

	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	Total.
1. HQ.					
Officer Commanding (Brig Gen or Colonel)	1				1
Training Officer (Major)	1				1
Training Officer (Captain)	1				1
M.O.	1				1
M.S.M.		1			1
2. Administrative Tail.					
Officer Commanding (Captain)	1				1
Interpreter (Subaltern)	1				1
Orderly Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
M.S. Officer.		1			1
Chief Clerk				2	2
Clerks				2	2
Draughtsman		1			1
Quartermaster Sergeant				2	2
Quartermaster Clerks			1	1	2
Medical Orderlies.				25	25
Batman all Orderlies.		1			1
Officers Mess - Mess Sgt			1		1
Cooks				3	3
Orderlies.				10	10
NCOs and Ors Messes - NCO i/c		1			1
Cooks			2	8	10
MT NCO		1			1
Driver Mechanics			2		2
Drivers i/c				10	10
Artificers				2	2
G.D. Men				6	6

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Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
5 (Contd)					
Company Commanders.					
Commandant (Lieut Colonel)	1				1
Instructors (Majors)	3				3
Junior Leaders.					
Commandant (Lieut Colonel)	1				1
Instructors - Majors	2				2
Captains	3				3
6. Administrative School.					
Commandant (Lieut Colonel)	1				1
Chief Instructor - Majors.	2				2
Instructors - Captains	3				3
7. Training Staff					
Storemen				4	4
Armourers		1	1	1	3
Pioneers.			1	3	4
Personnel to Range Butts.		1		10	11
TOTAL - ALL INSTRUCTIONS SCHOOL.	38	32	8	97	175

(11) Transport.

Motor cycles	5
Cars 4 str 4 x 4	1
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	7
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	5
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	4

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE
ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

Officers	7
O.Rs	96
TOTAL	103
M.Cs	2
Vehicles	7
Trailers	-

A MECHANICS SCHOOL
WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(1) Personnel

DETAIL	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	
Officer Commanding (Major)	1				1
Adjutant (Captain)	1				1
O.C. Administrative Wing (Captain)	1				1
Orderly Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Chief Instructor Driver Mechanics Wing (Capt.)	1				1
Chief Instructor Vehicle Mechanics Wing (Capt)	1				1
Chief Instructor Armourers & Fitters Wing (Lieut)	1				1
TOTAL - Officers	7				7
Driver Mechanics Wing					
N.C.O. Instructors (Armament Artificers or Vehicle Mechanics)		25			25
N.C.O. Instructors (Electricians)		4			4
Vehicle Mechanics Wing					
N.C.O. Instructors (Armament Artificers		16			16

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Adjutant (Captain)	1				1
O.C. Administrative Wing (Captain)	1				1
Orderly Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Chief Instructor Driver Mechanics Wing (Capt.)	1				1
Chief Instructor Vehicle Mechanics Wing (Capt)	1				1
Chief Instructor Armourers & Fitters Wing (Lieut)	1				1
TOTAL - Officers	7				7
Driver Mechanics Wing					
N.C.O. Instructors (Armament Artificers or Vehicle Mechanics)		25			25
N.C.O. Instructors (Electricians)		4			4
Vehicle Mechanics Wing					
N.C.O. Instructors (Armament Artificers or Vehicle Mechanics)		16			16
N.C.O. Instructors (Electricians)		3			3
Armourers and Fitters Wing					
N.C.O. Instructor (Arm. Art. Fd)		1			1
N.C.O. Instructor (A & Armourer)		1			1
N.C.O. Instructors (Fitters)		3			3
Administrative Wing					
Company Serjeant Major		1			1
Quartermaster Serjeant		1			1
Interpreter		1			1
MT N.C.O.		1			1
Rations S.I		1			1

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(I) Personnel (Cont'd)

DETAIL	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	
Pay Clerk			1		1
Clerks			1	1	2
Technical Clerks			1	1	2
Draughtsmen			1	1	2
Technical Storemen				2	2
Turner				1	1
Fitter				1	1
Carpenters				2	2
Blacksmith				1	1
Medical N.C.O.			1		1
Officers Mess - Cooks			1	2	3
N.C.O's & OR's Mess - Cooks			1	4	5
Driver Mechanic			1		1
Drivers				6	6
GD Men				8	8
TOTAL - ORs		58	8	30	96
TOTAL - A MECHANICS SCHOOL	7	58	8	30	103

(II) Transport

Bicycles	2	Cars 8 cwt 4 x 2	1
Motor Cycles	1	Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	2

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Technical Clerks			1	1	2
Draughtsman				2	2
Technical Storeman				1	1
Turner				1	1
Fitter				2	2
Carpenters				1	1
Blacksmith			1		1
Medical N.C.O.			1	2	3
Officers Mess - Cooks			1	4	5
N.C.O's & CR's Mess - Cooks			1		1
Driver Mechanic				6	6
Drivers				8	8
GD Men					
TOTAL - ORs		56	8	30	96
TOTAL - A MECHANICS SCHOOL	7	58	8	30	103

(II) Transport

Bicycles	2	Cars 2 str 4 x 2	1
Motor Cycles	1	Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	2
		Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	4

(III) Notes

(a) The School is designed to deal with the following numbers:

Driver Mechanics	144	3 Weeks course
Vehicle Mechanics	90	6 " "
Armourers	9	3 " "
Fitters	27	3 " "

(b) Wireless and Instrument Mechanics, Wireless Storeman, and Turners to be trained at British Establishments.

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM : 12CA 28 /167 A

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR
PENSOUTH FOR M IA LO
MOV ROME
MOVWIT

INFO : AFHQ FOR Q(AB) AND MOV
5 DISTRICT
M IA LO RPC ICP
NO 2 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD
56 AREA FOR EMT

REF NO: SD 2195

RESTRICTED

ONE (.) 42 VEHICLES OF NO 1 C.T. COMPANY WILL LEAVE CESANO 29 JAN FOR NAPLES TO PICK UP STORES FOR RPC ICP FROM NO2 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD VEHICLES WILL STAGE AT AVRAGOLA CAMP (.) TWO (.) CONVOY COMMANDER WILL REPORT TO MOV ROME 26 JAN TO ARRANGE DETAILS OF convoy (.) THREE (.) M IA LO PENSOUTH WILL ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS TO CONVOY COMMANDER REFERENCE PICKING UP OF STORES AND WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR RETURN JOURNEY TO CESANO WITH MOVWIT (.) FOUR (.) ESSENTIAL STORES LOADED AND CONVOY RETURNS SOONEST AS SENDING FORWARD OF REINFORCEMENTS DEPENDS ON THEIR ARRIVAL (.) FIVE (.) M IA LO PENSOUTH WILL REPORT WEIGHT OF ANY OUTSTANDING STORES ON COMPLETION ABOVE MOVE AND CONTACT EMT TO ARRANGE LIFT IN TRAINING VEHICLES IF POSSIBLE

PRECEDENCE REGULATE

AUTHENTICATED

INTERNAL
SIGO SEC. ST. L/O. Q/CS. MOV (2). FLOAT (2)

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NO2 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD
56 AREA FOR DMT

REF NO: SD 2195

RESTRICTED

ONE (.) 42 VEHICLES OF NO 1 G.T. COMPANY WILL LEAVE CESANO 29 JAN FOR NAPLES TO PICK UP STORES FOR RTC ICF FROM NO2 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD VEHICLES WILL STAGE AT AFRAGOLA CAMP (.) TWO (.) CONVOY COMMANDER WILL REPORT TO MOV ROME 26 JAN TO ARRANGE MARSHALLING OF CONVOY (.) THREE (.) HQ1A LO PENSOUTH WILL ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS TO CONVOY COMMANDER REFERENCE PICKING UP OF STORES AND WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR RETURN JOURNEY TO CESANO WITH MOVWIT (.) FOUR (.) ESSENTIAL STORES LOADED AND CONVOY RETURNS SOONEST AS HINDERING FORWARD OF TRAINING ELEMENTS DEPENDS ON THEIR ARRIVAL (.) FIVE (.) HQ1A LO PENSOUTH WILL REPORT WEIGHT OF ANY OUTSTANDING STORES ON COMPLETION ABOVE MOVE AND CONTACT DMT TO ARRANGE LIFT IN TRAINING VEHICLES IF POSSIBLE

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATED

INTERNAL
SPEC SEC. ST. L/O. C/OS. MOV (2). FLOAT (2)

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AQ/86

SUBJECT: No. 1 G.T. Company

LAND FORCES SOUTH-EAST. A.C.
(M.E.I.A.)
File No. G/G/29/26
2/Jan 45

TO : HEADQUARTERS

Copy to: MEIA 10 ATS IGF

1. No. 1 G.T. Company, now located at CERIGO, is placed under command of HQMX until further notice, probably the end of February.

2. The Company consists of 4 Transport Platoons (30 vehicles each) which will be employed as follows:-

(a) Three Sections of one platoon, i.e. 15 vehicles to be placed at disposal of Commander RAF IGY for local services.

(b) Remaining two sections of above platoon plus two more platoons (i.e. 75 vehicles) to carry out duties as detailed by HQMX.

(c) The fourth platoon to be a reserve platoon and to provide reserve vehicles for vehicles off road. Platoon and sections under (a) and (b) above should therefore always be up to strength.

3. Any journey by vehicles under 2(a) and (b) above involving absence of more than one day will be referred to MEIA who will also order other journeys as required by higher authority.

4. Vehicles at disposal of Commander RAF IGY will be stationed at CERIGO and will be maintained by 1 Road Workshop.

5. HQMX is requested to investigate the possibility of accommodating the remainder of the Company elsewhere in order to relieve pressure at CERIGO. These vehicles will be maintained by the Company's own Workshop Platoon.

6. The first duties for which the 75 vehicles at the disposal of HQMX are required are:- 7348

(a) 30 vehicles to leave CERIGO morning of 20 Jan for MELEDA to move RAF and subsequently 2SU Field Hospital to the Army Area.

(b) 45 vehicles to leave CERIGO morning of 6 Jan for MELEDA to

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of [redacted] until further notice, probably the end of February.

2. The Company consists of 4 Transport Platoons (30 vehicles each) which will be employed as follows:-

(a) Three Sections of one platoon, i.e. 18 vehicles to be placed at disposal of Commander RNZ IOF for local services.

(b) Remaining two sections of above platoon plus two more platoons (i.e. 72 vehicles) to carry out duties as detailed by [redacted].

(c) The fourth platoon to be a reserve platoon and to provide reserve vehicles for vehicles off road. Platoon and sections under (a) and (b) above should therefore always be up to strength.

3. Any journey by vehicles under 2(a) and (b) above involving absence of more than one day will be referred to [redacted] who will also order other journeys as required by higher authority.

4. Vehicles at disposal of Commander RNZ IOF will be stationed at [redacted] and will be maintained by 1 Port Workshop.

5. [redacted] is requested to investigate the possibility of accommodating the remainder of the Company elsewhere in order to relieve pressure at [redacted]. These vehicles will be maintained by the Company's own Workshop Platoon.

6. The first duties for which the 72 vehicles at the disposal of [redacted] are required are:- 7348

(a) 30 vehicles to leave [redacted] morning of 26 Jan for [redacted] to move RNZ and subsequently RNZ Field Hospital to the Army Area.

(b) 42 vehicles to leave [redacted] morning of 27 Jan for [redacted] to collect clothing and equipment for RNZ Inf.

Movement orders for above details will follow. Meanwhile the unit will be prepared, and 28 Jan devoted to maintenance and rest.

7. The method of detailing journeys for the 72 vehicles under para 2(b) above will be as follows:

The move to be carried out will be ordered by [redacted] (General Staff) to [redacted]. [redacted] will then issue the necessary orders to 1 OT Company, and will fix the details of the move (i.e. timing of convoys, staging areas etc.) with Movements, [redacted].

Internal: G(MD) [redacted]
A/G [redacted]

for Major General
M. E. I. A.

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Accomodation of Refugees now at COSANO

A/ LITTORIA

1 CASERMA FUNZIONALE

Folio 418 A9/12 Lefus

It consists of 2 identical two storied buildings, each built as living quarters & accomodate 1,000 soldiers. There is a separate cookhouse building.

All three of the main buildings are damaged by shell fire. The windows are missing, but there are shutters & about half the doors.

Each block has been holed in many places, but it is estimated that more than half the accomodation is or could be made suitable for housing refugees in a short time.

Water is laken from a stand pipe in front of the central building.

Light is laid on and is working in at any rate part of the buildings.

Sanitary installations are in the buildings, but are not in working order, probably owing to lack of water.

These buildings are now used -

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The local military Director is known here, and found there are about 60-70 civilians in charge of being called up.

It is considered that the Casabianca from 1 (above) could already be accommodated here, in which case there would not be room for any substantial number of refugees.

3/ SABAUDIA

1. CASERMA FUNZIONALE

This consists of 3 large buildings, deployed for one of the same at Littoria, Situated 1½ miles from the town. All the buildings are undamaged structurally, and there are 7346 covering a shelter to nearly all the windows.

There are 76 rooms in the barracks, but for refugees already received at 3 (below), would be used as the upper 4 floors to deliver it from Col. BARELLA for the ROME Territorial HQ and he would supply the furniture, a civilian contractor would be employed for electricity, & the overhead electric cables from near the side. They have been empty for about a month, the last occupants being Germans.

Conditions

These barracks are built for 3000 soldiers & would easily accommodate the 1200 refugees

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2 CASERMA MILIZIA PORTUALE

The result of one large, two story building, chiefly of large halls, and would probably accomodate 6-800 refugees in halls, but is not very suitable if they are to be divided into families.

It is used for light which is in the town, refugees using, and water is in the building.

It is believed that with the control of the Regia Marina has been empty for about a month. It was last occupied by 100 Canadians.

3 CATERATTINO

This was an Artillery School - is about 1½ miles from Barletta. It consists of a number of small tiled out the huts, open grass stands etc.

It is said that there is no light or water - that the water pumping system has been demolished by the Germans. The electrical plant has been removed from the camp.

The camp is only separated from the sea by a sand dune, - the ground round is said to be very extremely mined.

It does not appear to be very suitable for the refugees, but would be useful to have a number of necessary

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has been empty for about a month. It was last occupied by 500 Canadians.

3 CATERATTINO

This was an Artillery School - is about 1½ miles from Sabaudia. It consists of a number of small brick and other huts, open yards etc.

It is said that there is no light or water, that the water pumping system has been dismantled. The overhead electric cable runs to the camp.

The camp is only separated from the sea by a sand dune, & the ground round is such that the sea is easily reached.

It does not appear the very suitable for the refugees, but would no doubt take a few hundred if necessary

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CONCLUSION.

CASERMA FUNEDONALE at Sabaudia is not the best location of those inspected for housing the refugees. It is not recommend for Allied Military Use.

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The actual question of electricity and water supply and installation of the water pumps is being urgently investigated by the War Directory. GOC mentioned this to War Minister 25 Jan.

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V/ [illegible] Cayenne Camp.

A.D.A.T.S.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.A.S
(M.M.I.A.) HQ.
VII/V/11
24 Jan.43.

Spec.Sec.MMIA.

Copy to- AQ. MMIA.

1. Reference VII/R/11 dated 21.Jan.

2. Lt.Col. [illegible] is now temporarily attached to the Combat Group Reinforcement Centre, Cumana, to assist in welfare organisation during the initial stages.

Lt.Col.
A.D.A.T.S.

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24/1.

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To : DISTHREE (EAST) MAIA

Info : DISTHREE, ALCOM MAIA LO (TRANI)

Ref : FX 90051

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My FX 89264 of 22 (*) FIRST (*) Course for instruction of Allied Commission drivers for North West Italy will commence at TRANI Italian Base Rfts Depot on or about 27 Jan under arrangements DMT (*) 300 trainees for first course will be found as follows (*) Suitable personnel from 510 Italian Smoke Coy - to be disbanded - and balance to total of 300 from reinforcements now in TRANI will be selected under supervision DISTHREE EAST by arrangement with MAIA LO TRANI (*) Combat or Muleteer Rfts will NOT rpt NOT be used (*) MAIA will ensure necessary personnel available at TRANI and that Adm staff are informed (*) Training staff and vehicles are being provided through DMT (*) RECONL (*) Further courses each for 300 trainees will be held at four week intervals after first course above (*) MAIA will ensure necessary flow of reinforcements excluding Combat and Muleteers available for selection anticipate 507 and 509 Smoke Coys will be disbanded for this purpose (*) Formation orders for General Transport Companies will follow

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(1) AFHQ

(2) 15 ARMY GROUP

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(1) FOR G3 CMD (*) STRONGLY URGE THAT 1 CT COMPANY BE LEFT AT DISPOSAL
SHEF TILL 2ND PURSUANT FOR ORGANISATION OF REC ICF AND MOVES OF WEH AND
MATERIALS UNLESS OPERATIONALLY ESSENTIAL FORWARD (*) IF THIS IMPOSSIBLE
REQUEST THAT ONE PLATOON OUT OF THE FOUR I.E. 30 VEHICLES BE LEFT AT REC ICF
UNTIL TRANSPORT PLATOON REQUESTED IN OUR 89/57 OF 13 JAN IS FORMED

IN PURSUANT

5/6/29/43
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TRANSLATION

AQ/12

From : Ministry of War. Ref: 200972/II

To : High Commissary for War Refugees. Date: Jan 17, 1945

SUBJECT: Billeting of Mil. Chemical City at CESANO.

M.M.I.A. (see enclosed letter) insists that the CESANO Camp (RCRE) be immediately evacuated in order to billet there the Reinforcement Training Centre of the Combat Groups.

In regard to the above, please order the immediate evacuation of said camp, transferring elsewhere the refugees located there, and please confirm the complete availability of the SABAUDA Barracks.

IL MINISTRO

s/d F/to ALESSANDRO CASATI

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COPY AQ/86

Subject:- Formation of Rft Depot for Combat Groups - CESANO I ROMA

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

AQ/10
3 January, 45.

To:- S.M.R.E.

Ref your S/3717/Serv of 28 Dec. 1944.

1. Please furnish details of the material required.

2. On receipt of this information, your request will be forwarded to the proper authorities.

(sgd) D.S.L.GREGSON, Major.
for Major General.
m.m.i.a.

DSLG/le

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COPY

From: S.M.R.S.

To : M.M.I.A.

Re: No. 5/3717/Serv

Date: 28 December,44

Subject: Formation of Refit Depots for Combat Groups at CESANO DI ROMA.

It appears that the requisition Office of 46 VIA BOTTEGHE OSCURE, ROME have some time ago through the person of Capt. BAGER requisitioned large amounts of construction material found at CESANO DI ROMA.

We beg you to let us know if at least part of said material could be assigned for the work now taking place to prepare the a/m camp.

In affirmative answer is received, list of required material will be sent.

(Sgd) SANTI

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