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SQUADRA - OFFICE INSTRUCTION

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GENERAL

1. Instructions have been received from AFHQ (authy AFHQ letter 210/Org 3 of 14 Mar, copy att) that w.e.f. 1 April a War Establishment Committee will be constituted at Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (LSIA) to investigate and coordinate all new war establishments and amendments to existing war establishments of the Italian Army units in the following categories -

(a) ITI-ITI

(b) BR-ITI including Italian Combat Groups

CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE

2. The committee will be constituted as follows:-

Chairman : GSO I (Ops and SD)

Members : Col 'A' or an officer of field rank nominated by him.
Col 'Q' " " " " " " " "
A U.S. officer not below field rank when ITI-ITI units are under consideration

Secretary : GSO II (SD)

SCOPE OF THE COMMITTEE

3. The committee will have the following functions:-

(a) to ensure that all proposed establishments or amendments conform to Allied and Italian Army requirements.

(b) to approve all establishments or amendments to ITI-ITI units.

(c) to approve, subject to final approval of AFHQ, all new establishments or amendments to BR-ITI incl Italian Combat Group units without limitation of personnel, eqpt or vehs.

(d) to promulgate and issue all establishments or amendments to existing establishments of units in categories listed in para 1(b) above after final approval has been received from AFHQ.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

4. (a) BR-ITI Service Units and Italian Combat Groups

Proposals will be submitted [illegible]

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SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

4. (a) BR-ITI Service Units and Italian Combat Groups

Proposals will be submitted to HBC as follows:-

(i) by Fifth and Eighth Armies and Nos 1, 2 and 3 Districts direct to G(SD) this HQ, copy to 15 Army Group and AFHQ, for all units under their command.
G(SD) will circulate proposals to advisers and services for comment through staff channels as below:-

'G' Branch direct to Sigs and Engrs.

'A' Branch for Med, Provost, and Welfare.

'Q' Branch for S & T, Ord, RE Fab & V & M.

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Service comments will be coordinated with War Ministry and when necessary with the branches and services of APHQ and returned to G(SD) Branch through the staff branches concerned, who will endorse the service comments.

(ii) by APHQ or 'P' HLU direct to the advisers, services or staff branches of this HQ. Proposals will not be prepared in detail by APHQ but will be prepared by the appropriate staff branches or services at HQ LA. They will then be submitted to G(SD) in quintuplicate, signed by the senior officer of the section and endorsed by the staff branch concerned as in para 4(a)(i) above. All proposals will be coordinated with the War Ministry and APHQ before submission. Proforma on which proposals will be submitted together with specimen layout for WEs are given in Appendices as below:-

App 'A' - Proforma for submission of proposal.
App 'B' - Normal WE for a HQ
App 'C' - Normal WE for a unit comprising sub-units.
App 'D' - Normal WE for a unit without sub-units.

(iii) Proposals emanating from this HQ will be coordinated with War Ministry and APHQ and submitted as for para 4 (a)(ii) above.

(iv) Any proposals submitted direct by the HLU of the Combat Groups to services or staff branches will be forwarded at once to G(SD) branch who will return them to the Army or District concerned for resubmission through the correct channels.

(v) Staff branches and services will be required to sponsor before HSC any proposals which they submit and to attend in an advisory capacity meetings at which proposals from outside are being heard.

(vi) Any major reorganisation of units will receive the approval of APHQ in principle before steps are taken to prepare proposals.

(b) ITL-ITI Units

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(i) The War Ministry or any other HQ employing ITL-ITI personnel wishing to amend existing establishments or create new ones will forward their proposals to HQ LNA (when they will be distributed to the staff branch concerned, i.e. G,A or Q)

(ii) The staff branch concerned ...

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(i) The War Ministry or any other HQ employing ITL-ITI personnel wishing to amend existing establishments or create new ones will forward their proposals to HQ INA (when they will be distributed to the staff branch concerned, i.e. G,A or Q)

(ii) The staff branch concerned will consider the proposal in principle and ensure from G(SD) that any increases are within the ceilings laid down.

(iii) If the proposal is agreed the staff branch will arrange for the preparation of the proposal in accordance with Appx 'A' and forward it to G(SD) branch for inclusion in WEC agenda.

(iv) Approval by APHQ will not be required for amendments to existing WEs or new WEs of ITL-ITI units so that coordination of proposals with APHQ will only be necessary if APHQ are interested in the units concerned.

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(v) ITI-ITI establishments will be prepared in detail in Italian by the War Ministry for circulation to Italian Units. Establishments in the British form are only required as a ready guide or summary of the number of personnel and tpt and the organisation of the unit. Establishments submitted to MEC therefore need only be submitted in outline and ranks will normally only be divided into the following categories:-

Senior Offrs	(i.e. Majors and above)	To be shown in detail
Junior Offrs	(i.e. Capts and below)	
Senior NCOs		To be shown in block only.
Junior NCOs		
Ptes		

Distribution by specialists and trades will be included.

COMMITTEE PROCEDURE

5. (a) The committee will sit weekly on Thursdays in the [illegible] IA conference room at 1430 hrs or more frequently if necessity demands.

(b) Agenda will be issued at least two days beforehand to all concerned.

(c) Staff branches and services who will be required to attend the various meetings will be notified in the agenda of the time and date.

(d) Decisions of the MEC will be issued in minutes, which will be forwarded with resulting amendments and establishments to AFHQ for approval, where necessary. In order that as little delay as possible may be experienced in receiving AFHQ approval it is essential that proposals or comments should be coordinated in principle with AFHQ before the MEC meeting.

PROMULGATION OF ESTABLISHMENTS AND AMENDMENTS

6. (a) BR-ITI and Italian Combat Gp Units

As soon as AFHQ approval has been received for new ests or amendments to existing ests, these will be issued by G(SD) to AFHQ and 9 Pubs Depot who will issue to units and formations in the theatre and to staff branches and services of AFHQ. Establishments will be issued within the HQ and to War Ministry by G(SD) Branch.

(b) ITI-ITI Units

ITI-ITI ests will not be circulated [illegible]

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PROMULGATION OF ESTABLISHMENTS AND AMENDMENTS

6. (a) BR-ITI and Italian Combat Gp Units

As soon as AFHQ approval has been received for new sets or amendments to existing sets, these will be issued by G(SD) to AFHQ and 9 Pubs Depot who will issue to units and formations in the theatre and to staff branches and services of AFHQ. Establishments will be issued within the HQ and to War Ministry by G(SD) Branch.

(b) ITI-ITI Units

ITI-ITI sets will not be circulated as above but will be distributed on a limited distribution as follows:-

War Ministry	- I copy
All outstation LOs	- 3 copies each
Staff branches and services of MMIA concerned	- I copy each.

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LOs with Armies and Districts will be instructed to contact the G Branch of the HQ to which they are attached in order to ascertain number of copies required by that HQ. LOs will then indent on this HQ which will carry necessary stocks.

(c) All cats which are translated by the War Ministry for issue to Italian units will be forwarded to NMLA for checking before issue by the War Ministry.

IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW ESTABLISHMENTS AND AMENDMENTS

7. All applications to implement new establishments of BRAITT units or to form new units will be submitted to G(SD) Branch in quintuplicate on the proforma attached at Appendix 'D' to AMMG 210/Org 3 of 14 March, copy of which is attached.

L. Browning

31 March 1945

Major General
H.Q., N.M.L.A.

NOTE: Copies of Appendices ' ' 'B' 'C' and 'D' are not at present available for distribution but will be circulated later. Meanwhile a copy may be seen at the office of GSOII (MS) Room 54.

Distribution:-

MA to GOC	1
Chief of Staff	1
GSO I	1
Col 'A'	1
Col 'Q'	1
G(SD)	2
G(L)	1
G(I)	1
'A'	2
'Q/AE'	1
QM	1
Engrs	1
Sigs	1
S & T	1
Med	1
Ord	1
REME	1
Lab	1
Provost	1
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Distribution:-

MA to GOC	I
Chief of Staff	I
GSO I	I
Col 'A'	I
Col 'Q'	I
G(SD)	2
G(I)	I
G(I)	I
'A'	2
'Q/AE'	I
Q2	I
Engrs	I
Sigs	I
S & T	I
Led	I
Ord	I
RE&E	I
Lab	I
Provost	I
Welfare	I
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APPENDIX "A" TO GW/TEN INSTRUCTION
NO 74 DATED 31 MARCH 45

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I THE PROPOSAL

(a) Full title of the War Establishment(s) to be approved or amended together with the WE numbers, both CM/- and Vol XII (in the case of amendments to existing WEs).

(b) Is the proposal for a new WE or for an amendment to an existing WE.?

(c) The title and number of any WE to be superseded, or designation of any unit to be converted to the new proposed WE.

II THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL

(a) What are the increases or decreases in the number of Officers, ORs, ATS, Civilians, M/Cs, and vehicles (by Types) ? (Where a number of comparisons is involved, these should be shown in detail on a comparative table attached to the proposal

(b) What upgradings or downgradings are proposed ? (Where a number of changes in rank are involved these also should be shown in the form of a comparative table

(c) How many units in this theatre are effected ?

(d) Are any additional personnel, vehicles etc required to be obtained by conversion or reduction of any existing units, or does the proposal involve an overall increase to the number of personnel, vehicles etc required for this theatre ?

(e) If the proposal involves any increase in personnel, what reduction in the overall manpower ceiling as contained in the AMSI Basic Order of Battle is to be made, or what reduction already effected but subsequent to 25 Mar 44 is to be used as an offset to cover such an increase ?

(f) Which of the personnel can be Medical Category "B" (unfit for general service with fighting units) ?

(g) Has approval in principle been obtained (where necessary) for the formation of the unit(s) ? If so, from when and when ?

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existing ME ?

(c) The title and number of any ME to be superseded, or designation of any unit to be converted to the new proposed ME.

II THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL

(a) What are the increases or decreases in the number of Officers, OTs, ATS, Civilians, W/Os, and vehicles (by type) ? (Where a number of comparisons is involved, these should be shown in detail on a comparative table attached to the proposal

(b) What upgradings or downgradings are proposed ? (Where a number of changes in rank are involved these also should be shown in the form of a comparative table

(c) How many units in this theatre are affected ?

(d) Are any additional personnel, vehicles etc required to be obtained by conversion or reduction of any existing units, or does the proposal involve an overall increase to the number of personnel, vehivles etc required for this theatre ?

(e) If the proposal involves any increase in personnel, what reduction in the overall manpower ceiling as contained in the AFHQ Basic Order of Battle is to be made, or what reduction already effected but subsequent to 25 Apr 44 is to be used as an offset to cover such an increase ?

(f) Which of the personnel can be Medical Category "E" (unfit for general service with fighting units) ?

(g) Has approval in principle been obtained (where necessary) for the formation of the unit(s) ? If so, from whom and when ?

(h) If the proposal is for a new ME, the draft of the proposed establishment should be attached to the proposal, together with a table showing detailed comparison(s) with any existing ME of the same type

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III. REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL

In the case of a new establishment these will necessarily include its function and should be as concise as possible but enough to give members of the Committee a clear description of the purpose of the organisation.

In the case of amendments they should show what has necessitated the change.

It will assist the Committee and consequently the sponsors if sponsoring branches anticipate the questions which are likely to be asked by the Committee and other interested branches. In particular a clear picture of the organisation in diagrammatical form should be included.

A long detailed description of the duties of each individual will be unnecessary, but the sponsor must be prepared to give oral answers on the duties of each individual at the meeting.

Sufficient detailed information to provide the Committee with a basis for assessing the need for the members proposed must always be included for example :-

Instructors - the number of students and basis of allotment.

Mess Orderlies and Cooks - The number type and strength of each mess.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

14 March 1945

FILE NO : 210/ORG-3

SUBJECT : A.F.H.Q. Revised War Est. Committee Charter and Notes on Formation of Units.

TO : All Concerned.

1. A new procedure for the handling of Italian War Establishments will be taken into operation w.e.f. 1 Apr 45, and is detailed below.

2. Para 1 of Appendix 'A' to 210/ORG-3 of 6 Dec 44 as notified in our 210/ORG-3 of 30 Dec 44 is cancelled.

3. The following amendments will be made to 210/ORG-3 of 6 Dec 44 :-

All new paras as follows :-

17. "Submission of application to form new units and implementation of units - Italian Army Units "

(a) Formation of units.

Applications to form or convert Italian Army units will be submitted to G-3 (Org) Foreign on the pro forma given in Appx 'D'. One copy will be forwarded to G-1 (D), A1, and G-3 (Org-4) and Q (AE) and two copies to Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.). Services will submit applications through G-1 (D), Q (Maint) or Q (AE) as appropriate.

(b) Implementation of units.

Implementation of units, after approval by A.F.H.Q. and promulgation by Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.) will be automatic except when a note is added "not to be implemented without A.F.H.Q. authority", in which case authority to implement will be requested as laid down in para 17 (a) above.

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18. Co-operator Units.

The procedure for the of new Co-operator units or units incl co-ops store and implementation of units will continue to be as for Br units vide paras 14 and 16 above.

4. The following Appendices will be added to 210/ORG-3 as

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All new paras as follows :-

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(a) Appendix 'C'. Subdivision of Italian Army or Italian Allied W.Es.

(b) Appendix 'D'. Application to form, convert or disband Italian Army Units.

By Command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER :

for W.D. MORGAN,
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff.

JIM/bmr

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APPENDIX 'C'
to 210/Orgn-1 of 6 Dec 44.

[illegible] OF ITALIAN ARMY OR ITALIAN DILUTED WE's

ITALIAN ARMY UNITS

1. W.e.f. 1 Apr 45 a War Establishment Sub Committee will be constituted at Land Forces Sub Commission, AC (MMIA) to investigate and coordinate all new War Establishments or units to existing War Establishments of the Italian Army units in the following categories :-

(a) ITI - ITI units
(b) ROI - ITI units
and Italian Combat Gps.

2. This committee will be constituted at the discretion of Comd Land Forces Sub Commission , AC (MMIA) to include a senior 'G', 'A' and 'Q' officer and will have the following functions :-

(a) to ensure that all proposed sets or units conform to Italian army requirements.

(b) to approve all establishments or units to ITI - ITI units.

(c) to approve, subject to final approval of AFHQ all new sets or units to ROI - ITI or Italian Combat Gp units, without limitation of personnel, eqpt or vehs.

(d) to promulgate and issue all establishments or units to existing sets or units in categories listed in para 1 above after final approval has been received from AFHQ.

3. Submission of Proposals.

(a) Accordingly, wef 1 apr, all proposals for new sets or units to existing sets for Italian Army units in the categories given in para 1 (b) above will be forwarded by Armies and Districts in duplicate (!) to Land Forces Sub Commission, AC (MMIA), copy to 15 Army Gp and G-3 (Org) (War), A.F.H.Q., who will forward any comments they may have to Land Forces Sub Commission AC, (MMIA) as soon as possible after receipt of the proposal. Pro-forma given in Appendix 'A' to 210/Orgn-1 of 6 Dec will be used for submission of proposals.

(b) Staff branches or services of A.F.H.Q. and 'G' SHAEF will submit proposals through the Staff or service rep at Land Forces Sub Commission, AC (MMIA), who will be responsible for preparation, co-ordination and submission of the proposals.

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2. This committee will be constituted at the discretion of Canal Land Forces Sub Commission, AF (AAL) to include a senior 'G', 'A' and 'Q' officer and will have two following functions :-

(a) to ensure that all proposed cots or units conform to Italian army requirements.

(b) to approve all establishments or units to ITI - ITI units.

(c) to approve, subject to final approval of AFHQ all new cots or units to AMI - ITI or Italian Combat Gp units, without limitation of personnel, eqpt or roles.

(d) to promulgate and issue all establishments or units to existing cots or units in categories listed in para 1 above after final approval has been received from AFHQ.

3. Submission of proposals.

(a) Accordingly, and 1 Apr, all proposals for new cots or units to existing cots for Italian Army units in the categories given in para 1 (b) above will be forwarded by Areas and Districts in septuplicate to Land Forces Sub Commission, AF (AAL), copy to 15 Army Gp and G-3 (Org) (For), A.F.H.Q., who will forward any comments they may have to Land Forces Sub Commission AF, (AAL) as soon as possible after receipt of the proposal. Pro-forma given in Appendix 'A' to 210/Org-3 of 6 Dec will be used for submission of proposals.

(b) Staff branches or services of A.F.H.Q. and '2' SLO will submit proposals through the Staff or Service rep at Land Forces Sub Commission, AF (AAL), who will be responsible for preparation, co-ordination and standardisation of the proposals.

4. Committee procedure.

(a) Minutes of meetings will be recorded and circulated to all concerned. All decisions will be forwarded to A.F.H.Q. for approval.

(b) New cots will be given numbers in the CA/- series as follows:-

CA/571/1 - CA/1000/1

(c) After approval of new cots and units to existing cots has been received from A.F.H.Q. copies will be prepared and distributed by Land Forces Sub Commission, AF (AAL) as follows:-

A.F.H.Q. 20 copies
9 Base Depot 300 copies

Translations into Italian will be made when necessary.

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(d) [illegible] will record in [illegible] minutes the approval of new sets or units to existing sets (incl editorial units) of [illegible] or Combat Cy units and will forward copies, when received, from Land Forces Sub Committee of [illegible], to the Office [illegible] for other CL sets.

(e) [illegible]-[illegible] sets will be issued on a local distribution to [illegible] Ministry and such Br units as are concerned.

5. Major Reorganization of Units.

Any major reorganization of units will be coordinated in principle with [illegible] by Land Forces Sub Committee, [illegible] before consideration by [illegible].

[illegible] Co-operators.

6. All establishments or amendments involving [illegible] co-operators will be forwarded to G-3 (Org-3) in accordance with Appendix '[illegible]' to 21(/[illegible]-3) of 6 Dec.

7. Owing to the short supply of co-operators, proposals will be co-ordinated with G-1(2) [illegible] before submission and should include a statement that this has been done. It is pointed out that, if co-operators are found to be unavailable after a new establishment or amendment has been submitted, it may be necessary to rewrite the proposal, which often means considerable delay and correspondence.

8. Proposals which include co-operators should state whether civilians are acceptable in lieu, and, whenever possible, civilians should be included in preference to co-operators.

9 [illegible]

9. The policy with regard to dilution is as follows and is published as a guide to formations and branches when framing [illegible].

(a) [illegible] personnel must be self-administering, so that a unit diluted with [illegible] personnel should normally be divided into two self administering establishments, i.e. [illegible] element and [illegible] element.

(b) [illegible] Co-operators and Civilians.

These need not be self administering and will therefore be included as a separate column in [illegible] establishments.

(c) [illegible] of [illegible] personnel.

[illegible] personnel will [illegible]

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will be forwarded to G-3 (Ops) in accordance with Appendix "A" to 211/DEC-3 of 6 Dec.

7. Owing to the short supply of co-operators, proposals will be co-ordinated with G-1(B) and G-4 before submission and should include a statement that this has been done. It is pointed out that, if co-operators are found to be unavailable after a new establishment or amendment has been submitted, it may be necessary to revise the proposal, which often causes considerable delay and correspondence.

8. Proposals which include co-operators should state whether civilians are acceptable in lieu, and, wherever possible, civilians should be included in preference to co-operators.

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(a) ~~[illegible]~~ personnel must be self-administering, so that a unit diluted with [illegible] personnel should normally be divided into two self administering establishments, i.e. British element and [illegible] element.

(b) [illegible] Non-operators and Civilians.

These need not be self administering and will therefore be included as a separate column in [illegible] War Establishments.

(c) Mixing of [illegible] personnel.

[illegible] personnel will not be mixed with [illegible] Co-operators or civilians in the same establishment without the prior concurrence of G-1 (B), [illegible].

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SUBJECT : [illegible] to form, convert or disband [illegible] Fr. [illegible]

TO : G-3 (Cr.) Foreign, [illegible].

Copies to : G-3 (B) [illegible]
G-3 (Trg-4)
[illegible] (X)
} N.F.H.Q.

Land Forces Sub Commission [illegible] - 2 [illegible].

(c) [illegible] application is made to form/convert/disband the following [illegible] unit(s) :-

S.r No.	To form/ disband/ convert.	Designation	No. Rnk	Offrs.	Cdn	Vehs	Dr	Trailers	Fwd to Bn Lines	[illegible]

(b) Total Increase/Decrease

(c) Reasons for the formation, conversion, or disbandment :-

Converted _____

Brief _____ *

* Use, [illegible] staff [illegible] where [illegible].

Formation Commander

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...fing/Convert/Charge and the following ...D ... Y unit(s) :-

... Ref	Offrs.	Cas	Vehs	...Cs	Trailers	Scale Rqt List	Equipd Rqt List.	Location	Power Wing ...with	Desired effective date.

...on, conversion, or disbandment :-

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...n where ...licable.

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(Pl. service)

Branch of Service _____

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SUBJECT: Formation of 157-159 Units
Cat 1(C) Section 1 (Med)

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

SD/18/2
(Ser 130)

18 May 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

157 ITALIAN MILITARY HOSP - FERRARA
168 ITALIAN MILITARY HOSP - VERONA
169 ITALIAN MILITARY HOSP - VERONA

1. Authority is given to form the above mentioned units with effect from 25 May.

2. They will be carried in Cat 1(C) Sec 1 (Med). Adjustment of the Section 1 ceiling will be effected by the disbandment of 7 - 8 - 9 - 10 - 11 Rft Holding Coys. Vide AMGI letters SD/18/2 (Ser 313/5) of even date.

3. Particulars of the units to be formed are as follows:-

SERIAL	UNIT	W.E.	MEN	OFFRS	SISTERS	OR	TOTAL
157	157 Italian Military Hospital - FERRARA	53/[illegible]/1	300	9	7	44	360
158	158 Italian Military Hospital - VERONA	71/[illegible]/1	300	16	18	80	118
159	159 Italian Military Hospital - VERONA	71/[illegible]/1	300	16	18	80	118

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4. Medical personnel now operating these hospitals will be screened as soon as possible; those suitable enrolled into the Italian Army, the remainder will be replaced and the W.E. filled under your arrangements.

5. Report formation progress on 30 May to this HQ.

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127 ITALIAN MILITARY HOSP - FERRARA
168 ITALIAN MILITARY HOSP - VERONA
169 ITALIAN MILITARY HOSP - VERONA

1. Authority is given to form the above mentioned units with effect from 25 May.

2. They will be carried in Cat 1(C) Sec 1 (Med). Adjustment of the Section 1 ceiling will be effected by the disbandment of 7 - 8 - 9 - 10 - 11 Rft Holding Coys, vide MMLA letters SD/18/2 (Ser 312/6) of even date.

3. Particulars of the units to be formed are as follows:-

NAMEAL	UNIT	A.E.	BEDS	OFFRS	SISTERS	ORS	TOTAL
167	127 Italian Military Hospital - FERRARA	55/[illegible]2/1	300	9	7	44	60
168	168 Italian Military Hospital - VERONA	71/[illegible]2/1	300	16	12	90	118
169	169 Italian Military Hospital - VERONA	71/[illegible]2/1	300	16	12	90	118

4. Medical personnel now operating these hospitals will be screened as soon as possible; those suitable enrolled into the Italian Army, the remainder will be replaced and the W.E. filled under your arrangements.

5. Report formation progress on 30 May to this HQ.

Major General
MMLA

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MMLA LO 5 ARMY (BR INSTR)
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MMLA LO 1 [illegible]

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SUBJECT: Disbandment of III-ITI Units
Cat 1(C) Section 1 (Med)

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MMLA)

SD/12/2
(Ser 131 2/6)

8 May 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

7 Rft Holding Coy
8 Rft Holding Coy
9 Rft Holding Coy
10 Rft Holding Coy
11 Rft Holding Coy

Reference our letter SD/12/2 (Ser 130) of even date and SD/94 of 28 Feb.

1. The above mentioned units will be disbanded with effect from 30 May.

2. Particulars of these units are as follows:-

MMLA SERIAL	UNIT	W.E.	OFFRS	SISTERS	ORS	TOTAL
312	7 Rft Holding Coy	80/MMRE/1	30	10	160	200
313	8 Rft Holding Coy	81/MMRE/1	77	20	398	495
314	9 Rft Holding Coy	82/MMRE/1	20		80	100
315	10 Rft Holding Coy	80/MMRE/1	30	10	160	200
316	11 Rft Holding Coy	83/MMRE/1	10		40	50

3. Confirm your action on 30 May.

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A.M.Z. Slater
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9 Rft Holding Coy
10 Rft Holding Coy
11 Rft Holding Coy

Reference our letter SD/12/2 (Ser 130) of even date and SD/94 of 22 Feb.

1. The above mentioned units will be disbanded with effect from 22 May.

2. Particulars of these units are as follows:-

MMLA SERIAL	UNIT	W.E.	OFFRS	SISTERS	ORS	TOTAL
312	7 Rft Holding Coy	80/SMRE/1	30	10	160	200
313	8 Rft Holding Coy	81/SMRE/1	77	20	398	495
314	9 Rft Holding Coy	82/SMRE/1	20		80	100
315	10 Rft Holding Coy	80/SMRE/1	30	10	160	200
316	11 Rft Holding Coy	83/SMRE/1	10		40	50

3. Confirm your action on 30 May.

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S.M. Inglis
Major General
MMLA

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MMLA LO 5 ARMY
MMLA LO 5 ARMY (SR INCR)
MMLA LO 6 ARMY
MMLA LO 1 DIST

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G/92

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-4 Section
APO 512

16 May

Ref. T-18

SUBJECT: Formation of Transport Corps AC

TO : HQ Motor Transport Group AC

Ref your AC/MT/146/1 dated 7 May (received here 15 May).

2. AFHQ Message No. FX 63330 dated 6 May 45 to 5 District, Base Allied Area Commands and NALA (copy to Allied Commission for information) directed :

a) 5 District to complete formation of 528, 529 and 554 Transport Corps and 440, 443 and 444 Light AA Detachment at CIVITA VECCHIA with all speed

b) 528 and 554 Italian Transport Corps (Allied Commission) to be formed under supervision of MAAC at CIVITA-VECCHIA and to be trained under ALCOM arrangements; each corps to consist of:

(i) HQ of Corps - [illegible]/III/116/2
(ii) 4 Transport Platoons - [illegible]/III/117/2
(iii) 3 Relief Driver Increments - [illegible]/III/181/2
(iv) 1 Light AA Detachment - [illegible]/[illegible]/[illegible]/1

c) NALA to make trainers available for both 528 and 554 Corps at CIVITAVECCHIA somewhat, by direct arrangements with ALCOM.

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3. AFHQ message FX 63334 dated 8 May to 5 District (copy to ALCOM and NALA for information) ordered HQ Commanders AIS and AIS Transport Columns AC to move to CIVITAVECCHIA on 7 May together with their respective BRITISH cadres.

3. Please confirm that moves to CIVITAVECCHIA as outlined above have taken place.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4

Base Allied Area Command Rome (copy to Allied Commission for information) directed :

a) 5 District to complete formation of 223, 233 and 234 Transport Coys and 482, 483 and 484 Light Aid Detachment at CIVITAVECCHIA with all speed

b) 223 and 224 Italian Transport Coys (Allied Commission to be formed under supervision of SAAC at CIVITAVECCHIA and to be trained under ALCOM arrangements; each coy to consist of:

(i) HQ AF Coy - 8H/III/116/3
(ii) 4 Transport Platoons - 8H/III/117/3
(iii) 5 Relief Driver Increments - 8H/III/121/3
(iv) 1 Light Aid Detachment - 8H/CI/873/1

c) MMLA to make trainers available for both 223 and 224 Coys at CIVITAVECCHIA account, by direct arrangements with ALCOM.

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4. AFHQ message FX 67724 dated 8 May to 5 District (copy to ALCOM and MMLA for information) ordered HQ Commandos 211 and 212 Transport Columns AC to move to CIVITAVECCHIA on 7 May together with their respective BRITISH cadres.

5. Please confirm that moves to CIVITAVECCHIA as outlined above have taken place.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3

R.J. GREEN-JONES
Lt. Colonel
Resources & Supply Division

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The Sub-Commission, AC
Secretariat Section, AC

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SUBJECT: Formation of S/L Units (BR-ITI) Cat 3.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

SD/23/2/B

15 May 45

TO : MINISTER OF WAR

820 Italian SL BN HQ
HQ 830 Italian Mobile SL Coy
HQ 840 Italian Static SL Coy
841 Italian Static SL Pl
842 " " " "
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845 " " " "
846 " " " "
847 " " " "
848 " " " "
849 " " " "
471 Italian Mobile SL Wksp

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1. The above mentioned units have been and are being formed as shown in Appx 'A' att. wef 16 Apr 45. They will be carried in Cat. 3 as BR ITI service units vide MMIA letter SD/23 of 12 Mar. 45.

2. Formation has been effected in part by the disbandment wef 16 Apr 45 under orders contained in this HQ letter SD/23/2/A of 15 May of the ITI ITI units listed on p. 49 of MMIA Strength State 2/B of 9 Mar. under Cat. 4 A.A. The balance of the personnel required has been arranged by MMIA through 3 District - vide MMIA letters SD/23 of 12 Mar and A/161 of 27 Mar.

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3. Unit equipment will be issued on basic scale 4058/7. SRLs will be issued shortly.

4. AFHQ letter G-1(B3) 1116/A1 (Gen 2199) of 11 May 45 refers.

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HQ 840 Italian Static St. Coy
841 Italian Static SL Pl
842 " " " "
843 " " " "
844 " " " "
845 " " " "
846 " " " "
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848 " " " "
849 " " " "
471 Italian Mobile SL Wksp

1. The above mentioned units have been and are being formed as shown in Appx 'A' att. wef 16 Apr 45. They will be carried in Cat. 3 as BR ITI service units vide MMLA letter SD/23 of 12 Mar. 45.

2. Formation has been effected in part by the disbandment wef 16 Apr 45 under orders contained in this HQ letter SD/23/2/1 of 15 May of the ITI ITI units listed on p. 49 of MMLA Strength State 2/8 of 9 Mar. under Cat. 4 A.A. The balance of the personnel required has been arranged by MMLF through 3 District - vide MMLA letters SD/23 of 12 Mar and 1/151 of 27 Mar.

3. Unit equipment will be issued on basic scale 6058/7. SELs will be issued shortly.

4. AFHQ letter G-1(BR) 1116/11 (Ser 2199) of 11 May 45 refers.

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Major General,
MMLA.

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AMQ Serial No.	War Office Mob Serial No.	DESIGNATION OF UNIT	W.E.	Offrs	Oks	Vehs	Mks	Vehicle Marking No.	LOCAT
820	95268	820 Italian SL MT HQ	CM/980/1	3	13	2	2	1281	NAP
830	95269	HQ 830 Italian Mobile SL Coy	CM/982/1	2	18	3	1	1282	NAP
840	95270	HQ 840 Italian Static SL Coy	CM/983/1	2	9	2	1	1287	To be [illegible]
841	95271	841 Italian Static SL Pl	CM/984/1	1	24	1	1	1288	"
842	95272	842 " " "	"	1	24	1	1	1289	"
843	95273	843 " " "	"	1	24	1	1	1290	"
844	95274	844 " " "	"	1	24	1	1	1291	"
845	95275	845 " " "	"	1	24	1	1	1292	"
846	95276	846 " " "	"	1	24	1	1	1293	"
847	95277	847 " " "	"	1	24	1	1	1294	"
848	95278	848 " " "	"	1	24	1	1	1295	"
849	95279	849 " " "	"	1	24	1	1	1296	"
471	— 95280	471 Italian Mobile Wksp	CM/981/1	1	33	4	-	1253	"

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Annex 'A' to MMTA letter
AG/23/2 dated 15 May

DESIGNATION OF UNIT	W.E.	Office	Offr	Vehs	MCo	Vehicle Marking No.	LOCATION	SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY	REMARKS
Gen SL Bn HQ	CM/980/1	3	13	2	2	1281	NAPLES	HQ 3 Dist	Reference Formation Order G-1(BR) 1116/A1 for 2199 of 11 May 45
Indian Mobile SL Coy	CM/982/1	2	16	3	1	1282	NAPLES	"	
Indian Static SL Coy	CM/983/1	2	9	2	1	1287	To be detailed by MAAP	HQ 3 Dist in conjunction MAAP	
Gen Static SL Pl	CM/984/1	1	24	1	1	1288	" "	"	
" "	"	1	24	1	1	1289	" "	"	
" "	"	1	24	1	1	1290	" "	"	
" "	"	1	24	1	1	1291	" "	"	
" "	"	1	24	1	1	1292	" "	"	
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" "	"	1	24	1	1	1295	" "	"	
" "	"	1	24	1	1	1296	" "	"	
Gen Mobile Wkshp	CM/981/2	1	33	4	-	1253	" "	"	

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SUBJECT: Disbandment of AA Units (BR - III)

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MMIA)

SD/TS/3/A

15 May 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

MMIA SERIAL	
309	3 Searchlight Coy
310	50 Searchlight Sec
311	Mobile Searchlight TRSp

1. The above mentioned units listed under Cat 4 (AA) of MMIA Italian Army Strength State SD 2/8 of 9 Mar 45 (page 49) are disbanded with effect from 16 Apr 45 on conversion to BR - III Category 3.

2. Details of this conversion and the fwn orders for the new BR-III units are contained in our letter SD/23/2/8 dated 15 May 45.

Major-General 1t-Col
MMIA

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MMIA LO 54 Area

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SUBJECT:- Formation of New Units - ITALIAN ARMY.

ALLIED FORCE HEAD QUARTERS
G-1(DS)/1116/A.1.(Ser. 2212)
13 May 45.

115, 116, 117, 318 & 319 ITALIAN MOBILE DENTAL UNITS.

Reference AFHQ letter G1/1116/A.1.(Serial 2043) dated 19 Apr 45.

The effective dates for the formation of the above mentioned Units is now to be notified to all concerned by AFHQ, and will not be as detailed in Appx 'A', column (vi) of the letter under reference, which will be amended accordingly.

Field Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

DISTRIBUTION:
(as per G1/1116/G-1(DS)(Ser.2043) of 19 Apr 45)

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SUBJECT: Fmn of Category 1(C) Engr Units (III-III)

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MGIA)

SD/4/2
(Ser 138)

8/92

) May 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

MGIA Serial 148 1 MD WKG BK

Reference your letter 407/MIS/UOO dated 7 May 45.

1. The formation of the above-mentioned unit is approved in principle with strength 308 all ranks. You should earmark the necessary personnel now.

2. The corresponding reductions in other units of Category 1(C) in order to accommodate this unit within the ceiling will be published in due course.

3. Further details will follow shortly.

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Major-General,
for MGIA.

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SECRET MESSAGE

ORIGIN : NAIA

TO : AFMIC

INFO : NAIA AS NAVAL ATTACHE ARMY

ZEAF : AS ROTB

Date 13.2.30 Time 8

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FOR G-2 CMD (*) UNDERSIGNED FROM 1 S A R E T G R O U P

THE B A N D A M A I N I L L A S E T MOV REQUIRED (*)

IF THIS IS OF GOOD ENGAGEMENT YOU CARRY FORMATION ORDER VIDE

YOUR G H/ 1116 / G - 1 (MR) SER : 1 0 6 DATED 27 A P R I L

(*) PARAGRAPH TO BE DISPATCHED THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS

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SUBJECT: Formation of A.C. Units
Cat S(A) XII-XIII

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

SD/48/2
(Gen. 128)

12 May 48

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NO : MINUTES OF SUB

MMIA NOTICE 147 - 1 ITALIAN P.W. (GARRISON) PL.

1. The above mentioned unit will be formed w.e.f. 11 Apr 48 on MI SOF/SMMI/1 strength 15 Offrs, 15 NCO's and 50 OR's; total 77 all ranks.

2. The unit will be carried in Cat. S(A) (AC) and the adjustment of the ceiling of that section to accommodate this new unit of 77 all ranks will be effected by allotation of the following:-

(a) Personnel of	1 A.C. Service Pl disbanded w.e.f. 11 Apr 48 vide MMIA letter SD/146 dated 31 Mar 48.	33
(b) Personnel	unallotted and detailed at p. 59 MMIA Strength State No. 8/8 on balance to XII Cat. S(A).	44
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3. Report location and status of this unit on 28 May.

Lt-Col

Major General
MMIA

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1. The unit will be carried in Out. B(A) (AE) and the adjustment of the ceiling of that section to accommodate this new unit of 77 all ranks will be effected by allocation of the following:-

(a) Personnel of	1 A.C. Service Pl disbanded w.e.f. 11 Apr 45 vide MMIA letter SD/146 dated 31 Mar 45.	33
(b) Personnel	unallotted and detailed at p. 59 MMIA Strength State No. 2/8 as balance to WE Out. B(A).	44
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2. Report location and status of this unit on 28 May.

Lt-Col

Major General
MMIA

Copy to: G-1(AW) A.G.
WSD and Div Gen A.G.

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SUBJECT:- Formation of New Units - ITALIAN ARMY

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ALLIED FORCE HEAD QUARTERS
G-1(SS) 1116/A.1.(Ser.2199)
11 May 45.

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ITALIAN SEARCHLIGHT UNITS.

1. (a) The under mentioned Units will be formed as shown below with effect from 15 Apr 45:-

Unit (i)	W.E. (ii)	Serial No. (iii)	Supervisory Authority (iv)	Location (v)
820 Italian Searchlight Bn HQ	CM/980/1	95268	HQ No.3 District	NAPLES
HQ 830 Italian Mobile Searchlight Coy	CM/982/1	95269	-do-	"
HQ 840 Italian Static Searchlight Coy	CM/983/1	95270	HQ No.3 District in conjunction with HQ NAAF	to be detailed by HQ NAAF
841 Italian Static Searchlight Pl	CM/984/1	95271	-do-	"
842 -do-	"	95272	-do-	"
843 -do-	"	95273	-do-	"
844 -do-	"	95274	-do-	"
845 -do-	"	95275	-do-	"
846 -do-	"	95276	-do-	"
847 -do-	"	95277	-do-	"
848 -do-	"	95278	-do-	"
849 -do-	"	95279	-do-	"
471 Italian Mobile Searchlight Comp	CM/985/1	95280	-do-	"

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(b) Copies of the W.Es will be distributed automatically by Supervisory authorities. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from No.10 Publications Depot. Indents should state that these copies are in addition to those received from Supervisory authorities.

(c) Serial numbers as in (a)(iii) above have been allotted to these Units.

2. PERSONNEL

Personnel will be provided under arrangements Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (MMIA).

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3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by supervisory authorities:-

(i) Replacements of clothing, necessaries and personal equipment to scale.

(ii) Unit equipment to Basic scale 6088/7 and [illegible]

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	Searchlight Coy				
HQ 840	Italian Static Searchlight Coy	CM/983/1	95270	HQ No.3 District in conjunction with HQ MAAP	to be detailed by HQ MAAP
841	Italian Static Searchlight Pl	CM/984/1	95271	-do-	"
842	-do-	"	95272	-do-	"
843	-do-	"	95273	-do-	"
844	-do-	"	95274	-do-	"
845	-do-	"	95275	-do-	"
846	-do-	"	95276	-do-	"
847	-do-	"	95277	-do-	"
848	-do-	"	95278	-do-	"
849	-do-	"	95279	-do-	"
471	Italian Mobile Searchlight Wksp	CM/991/1	95280	-do-	"

(b) Copies of the W.Es will be distributed automatically by Supervisory authorities. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from No.10 Publications Depot. Indents should state that these copies are in addition to those received from Supervisory Authorities.
(c) Serial numbers as in (a)(iii) above have been allotted to these Units.

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2. PERSONNEL
Personnel will be provided under arrangements Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (MMLA).

3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT
Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by supervisory authorities:-

(i) Replacements of clothing, necessaries and personal equipment to scale.
(ii) Unit equipment to Basic scale 6056/7 and Special Equipment List to be issued by Q.(AR), AFHQ.
(iii) Anti-gas stores in accordance with AFHQ Operation Memorandum No.48.
(iv) Transport to complete to W.E. To be provided as available in accordance with existing priorities.

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4. STATIONERY
Demands, based on two months' estimated requirements, will be submitted as indicated below:-

(i) Army Forms, Books and Stationery (indent form A.F.L.1393) to No.21 Stationery Depot.
(ii) Publications (indent form A.F.L.1394) to No.10 Publications Depot (indents to be endorsed "Initial Demand").
(iii) Office Machinery (indent form A.F.L.1392) to AFHQ, AFHQ.

5. POSTAL
Units will use the Posta Militare No of the Italian Adm HQ of the formation of which they form a part

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6. COMPLETION

Supervisory authorities will report to G.1.(B), AFHQ, copy to G.3.(Org.4) Foreign, AFHQ, when formations are complete.

7. ACK

Field Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

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SUBJECT: Formation of ETI - ITI Units Cat 1 (c) Med

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MMIA)

SD/12/2
(Serial 127)

12 May 45

TO : MILITARY GOV MAR

MMIA
Serial

143 16 Med Commission for War Pensions att 143 Terr Mil Hosp Chieti

144 17 Med " " " " att 144 Terr Mil Hosp Perugia

145 18 Med " " " " att 145 Terr Mil Hosp Leghorn

Reference your letter 1271L/CMD/II dated 30 Apr 45.

1. Authority is given to form the above mentioned units att to Hospitals as shown with effect from 20 May 45. Authority is not granted for the of a similar commission at Maurita ; report whether serials 92 and 94 of Appx A (Section (i)) to MMIA letter SD/94 of 22 Feb have been implemented.

2. NE will be 55/EMED/1 - 3 Offrs 3 Cdn.

3. These units will be carried in Cat 1 (c) Gen.1 Med. They will rank in addition to Serials 88 - 94, Appx A of MMIA letter SD/94 of 22 Feb and amendments to that letter will follow. 5518

4. Report formation progress on 25 May to this HQ.

Major-General
MMIA

Lt-Col

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143	16 Med	Commission	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	att 163 Terr Mil Hosp Chieti
144	17 Med	"	"	"	"	att 164 Terr Mil Hosp Perugia
145	18 Med	"	"	"	"	att 165 Terr Mil Hosp Leghorn

Reference your letter 12714/GHD/II dated 30 Apr 45.

2. Authority is given to form the above mentioned units att to hospitals as shown with effect from 20 May 45. Authority is not granted for fmn of a similar commission at Messina ; report whether serials 92 and 94 of Appx A (Section (i)) to MMIA letter GD/94 of 22 Feb have been implemented.

3. MS will be 55/[illegible]/1 - 3 Offrs 3 ORs.

4. These units will be carried in Cat 1 (e) Sec,1 Med. They will rank in addition to Serials 88 - 94, Appx A of MMIA letter GD/94 of 22 Feb and amendments to that letter will follow.

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5. Report formation progress on 25 May to this HQ.

J. M. Gladden
Major-General
MMIA

Lt-Col

MMG

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SUBJECT: Unauthorized Units - Disbandment

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (AMGIA)

SD/95

12 Mar 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Personnel Att 5/1 Inf Regt

1. It is understood that adm responsibilities in the GRICIA area have become greatly reduced following recent moves of units.

2. 5/1 Inf Regt (vide Cat 6(B) AMGIA Italian Army Strength State SD 2/B of 9 Mar at page 61 note (a)) will therefore be disbanded by you w.e.f. 30.5.45.

3. The personnel of this unit will be used as reinforcements under your arrangements. State on 10 June how disposal of the personnel has been effected.

F. M. Gladwell
Major-General
AMGIA

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SUBJECT: Pen of Co Lns (DR-ITI)(Cat 3) CONFIDENTIAL

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (M.L.)

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12 SD/13/2

May 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR.

526 Italian Gd Bn
527 Italian Gd Bn

172.

Reference this HQ letter SD/13/2 dated 3 May 45.

1. The above mentioned units will now be formed as shown at Appx 'A' att. with effect from 1 Aug 45.

2. Personnel will be provided by you under the normal reinforcement arrangements.

3. Equipment will be issued on basic scale 5058/7. SMLs have not yet been issued.

4. The following vehicles only, will be implemented in respect of 526, 527 Italian G Bns (each):-

Car	2 str	4 x 2	= 1
Lorry	3 ton	4 x 2 GS	= 1
Motor Cycle			= 1

Horses and carts will be provided in lieu of further MT under your arrangements.

The final scale of horse drawn tpt has not yet been confirmed but a proposed scale was advised in our SD/13/2 dated 3 May 45.

5. Report progress in the formation of the above mentioned units on 25 May 45. 5516

6. AFHQ letter G-1(BR) 1116/A1(SGR 2179) of 6 May refers.

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at Appx 'A' att. with effect from 1 May 45.

2. Personnel will be provided by you under the normal reinforcement arrangements.

3. Equipment will be issued on basic scale 6058/7. SMLs have not yet been issued.

4. The following vehicles only, will be implemented in respect of 826, 827 Italian G Bns (each):-

Car	2 str	4 x 2	=	1
Lorry	3 ton	4 x 2 GS	=	1
Motor Cycle			=	1

Horses and carts will be provided in lieu of further MT under your arrangements.

The final scale of horse drawn tpt has not yet been confirmed but a proposed scale was revised in our 55/13/2 dated 3 May 45.

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5. Report progress in the formation of the above mentioned units on 25 May 45.

6. AFHQ letter G-1(BR) 1115/A1(SLR 2179) of 6 May refers.

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S.M. Ingleden.
for Major General, Lt-Col
AMGOT.

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AFHQ SERIAL NO.	WAR OFFICE MOB SERIAL	UNIT DESIGNATION	W.E.	OFFRS	ORS	VEHS	MCs	[illegible]
926	95224	526 Italian Gd Bn	CM/990/1*	26	772	2	1	[illegible]
927	95225	527 Italian Gd Bn	CM/990/1*	26	772	2	1	[illegible]

* Restricted implementation of vehicles
See Para 4 of covering letter.

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Appendix "A" to NMIA letter 30/13/2 dated 12 May 1945

UNIT DESIGNATION	M.T.	OFFRS	ORS	VEHS	MCs	LOCATION FOR FORMATION	SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY	REFERENCE FORMATION ORDER
26 Italian Gd Bn	GM/990/1*	28	772	2	1	802 BRD ORVIETO	HQ No. 1 DISTRICT	G-1(Br) 1116/A1 (Ser.2179) of 6 May 45
27 Italian Gd Bn	GM/990/1*	28	772	2	1	802 BRD ORVIETO	HQ No. 1 DISTRICT	G-1(Br) 1116/A1 (Ser.2179) of 6 May 45.

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SUBJECT: Formation of HK - ITI MGMS Units (Cat 2)

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MMIA)

SD/10/2

12 May 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

154 IAD att GARIBALDI ITALIAN INF BDGE

1. The above mentioned unit will be formed as shown at Appx A with effect from 1 May 45. It will be carried in Cat 2 Combat as an L of C unit.

2. Personnel will be provided by you.

3. Equipment will be issued on basic scale 6508/2 and SEL 130/1.

4. Report progress in formation of this unit on 25 May 45.

5. AFHQ letter G-1(HR) 1116/A1 (HRR 2179) of 6 May refers.

Major-General
MMIA

KMG

Copy to : HQ RAAC - your 48/125 of 9 May 45 refers.
'G' BLN RCD 1CP

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1. The above mentioned unit will be carried as shown in Appx A with effect from 1 May 45. It will be carried in Cat 2 Combat as an L of C unit.

2. Personnel will be provid by you.

3. Equipment will be issued on basic scale 8508/2 and SRE 130/1.

4. Report progress in formation of this unit on 25 May 45.

5. AMSQ letter G-1(SR) 1116/A1 (SEN 2179) of 6 May refers.

Major-General
MGA

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Copy to : HQ RAAF - your 4BA125 of 9 May 45 refers.
'P' SLD MTC LCP

Internal: G2 (L)
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AFHQ SERIAL NO.	WAR OFFICE MOB SERIAL	UNIT DESIGNATION	W.E.	OFFRS	ORS	VEHS	MCs	LOCATION FOR POTEATIOS	SUPPLY ARTICLE
1473	95223	154 LAD att GARIBALDI Italian Infantry Regt.	CM/540/1	-	12	3	2	VITERBO	NQ MA

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Appendix "A" to MMLA letter
55/10/2 dated 12 May 1945

T	W.E.	OFFRS	ORS	VEHS	MCs	LOCATION FOR FORMATION	SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY	REFERENCE FORMATION ORDER
TION								
BERLIN Infantry	Cm/540/1	-	12	3	2	VITEBSO	HQ MAC	AFHQ G-1(Sr) 1216/A1 (Ser.2179) of 6 May 45.

Subject: No. 62 Ambulance Car Section

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Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (SEIA)
SEAC
M/34/2067
11 May 45

Ministry of War,
Direzione Generale di Sanità Militare

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1. SEAC letter MP/1/3 of 6 May 45 to Ministry of War, gives authority for the formation of No. 62 Ambulance Car Section, strength 1 officer 30 other ranks, vehicles 23 ambulance cars, 1 land carrier, 2 motor cycles.

2. From reports from SEAC L.M. 5th Army, it is understood that many, if not all, of the ambulance cars necessary for the formation of this unit are available in Bologna.

3. Please co-ordinate with A.C.M.M. and Alliance Corps Automobilistico and arrange to form this unit under the supervision of No. 6 Territorial Command at Bologna. When formed the unit will function in Bologna Area.

4. When formed, a report should be furnished to SEAC showing personnel and vehicles on strength.

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N. C. Higgs
Major-Gen.
A.M.D.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(SEIA)

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1. AMGOT letter 39/1/3 of 6 May 45 to Ministry of War, gives authority for the formation of No. 62 Ambulance Car Section, strength 1 officer 30 other ranks, vehicles 20 ambulance cars, 1 load carrier, 2 motor cycles.

2. From reports from AMGOT H.Q. 5th Army, it is understood that many, if not all, of the ambulance cars necessary for the formation of this unit are available in Bologna.

3. Please co-ordinate with G.H.Q. and Division Corps Administration and arrange to form this unit under the supervision of No. 6 Territorial Command at Bologna. When formed the unit will function in Bologna area.

4. When formed, a report should be furnished to AMGOT showing personnel and vehicles on strength.

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M. C. Higgie
Major-Gen.
A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Comm. MC. (AMGOT)

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SUBJECT: Formation of ITI-ITI Units
Cat 1(c) (Med)

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

SD/12/2
(Serial No. 125)
10 May 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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No. 6 PRINCIPAL MILITARY HOSPITAL
No. 185 ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL

Reference our letter E/1/2000 dated 7 May.

1. Formal authority is now given for the formation of the above mentioned hospitals at BOLOGNA, w.e.f. 10 May 1945.

2. Detailed particulars are as follows:-

MMIA SERIAL	UNIT	WE	BEDS	OFFRS	SISTERS	ORS	TOTAL
140	6 Principal Military Hospital	52/3HE/1	300	25	13	142	180
141	185 Orthopaedic Hospital	72/3HE/1	500	24	16	126	166

3. Report progress on 25 May 1945.

Major General
MMIA

Copy to: AFHQ for G-3(Org)
MMIA LO 5 ARMY
MMIA LO 5 ARMY (BR IMCA)

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Reference our letter K/1/2000 dated 7 May.

1. Formal authority is now given for the formation of the above mentioned hospitals at BOLOGNA, w.e.f. 10 May 1945.

2. Detailed particulars are as follows:-

MMIA SERIAL	UNIT	NE	BEDS	OFFRS	SISTERS	ORS	TOTAL
140	6 Principal Military Hospital	52/SLNE/1	300	25	13	142	180
141	185 Orthopaedic Hospital	72/SLNE/1	500	24	16	126	166

3. Report progress on 25 May 1945.

Major General
MMIA

Copy to: AFHQ for G-3(Org)
MMIA LO 5 ARMY
MMIA LO 5 ARMY (DR INCR)

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SUBJECT:- Disbandment and Formation of NT Units - (ETI-NTI) Cat 1(c) Sec 6

LAND FORCES SUB COM A.C. (MMIA)

SD/10/2
(Serial 125)
10 May 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

6/92

1 MOBILE PARK
2 MOBILE PARK
1 RECOVERY SEC

1. No 1 Hvy Mobile Wkshps will be disbanded and the above mentioned units formed from the personnel released, all w.e.f. 10 May 45.

2. The particulars are as follows:

MMIA Serial No	Old Unit	W.E.	Offrs	OR's	MMIA Serial No	New Units	WE	Offrs	OR's
103	1 HVY MOB WKSHS	182/EMHE/1	20	430	104	1 MOB PARK	179/EMHE/1	9	199
					105	2 MOB PARK	179/EMHE/1	9	199
					106	1 RECOVERY SECTION	178/EMHE/1	2	32
			20	430				20	430

Formal WEs for the new units will follow shortly.

3. These units will be carried in Cat 1(c) Sec 6.

4. Report progress and location of units on 22 May 45.

J.M. Tayleur
Major General
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formed from the personnel released, will w.e.f. 10 May 45.

2. The particulars are as follows:

MNLA Serial No	Old Unit	W.E.	Offrs	OR's	MNLA Serial No	New Units	WE	Offrs	OR's
301	1 HVY MOB WEEPS	184/SMHE/1	20	430	104	1 MOB PARK	179/SMHE/1	9	199
					105	2 MOB PARK	179/SMHE/1	9	199
					106	1 SMOOVERY SECTION	178/SMHE/1	2	32
			20	430				20	430

Formal WEs for the new units will follow shortly.

3. These units will be carried in Cat 1(c) Sec 6.

4. Report progress and location of units on 22 May 45.

J.M. Singleton
Major General
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FROM : DISTAMB

TO : MEDIA

INFO: HQS ITALIAN BASE RFT DEF CONTROL

REF : SD 7

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REF YOUR SD/SV/2 OF 04 APR PARA 1 (.) THIS HQ HAS NO PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENT W R CM/731/1 OTHER THAN ADDITION 2 x 5 TON LORRIES ALREADY RECOMMENDED

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SUBJECT: Org - Independent Combat Force Units - Cat 2

LAND FORCES SUB COMM, AC, MMIA.

SD/38/2

7 May 45

TO : MINISTER OF WAR

GARIBALDI Regt. 68 44

Ref this HQ letters SD/1/2 of 1 May and SD/38/2 of 25 Apr 45.

1. This formation will now be trained for guard and internal security duties only and operational equipment will not be issued.

2. Further instructions will follow.

Major General
MMIA.

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AHQ MLU RAC WCW.

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SUBJECT: Org of Independent Combat Troops Cat 2 Combat

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

SD/26/2

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7 May 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Patriot Recce Bns

1. Reference this HQ letter SD/28 of 25 Feb 1945 and your 1202/G.A of 26 Feb 1945.

2. In view of the cessation of hostilities in Italy it has been decided that the plan for incorporating into the Italian Army five patriot recce battalions shall not now be proceeded with. Instructions are being issued for disposal of the patriots of 28 GARIBALDI BDE and LIBERO BAND to be effected in the normal way - those wishing to join the Army to be dealt with by the screening cete, the remainder to be dispersed.

3. A further letter will follow amending this HQ letters SD/94 of 24 Apr and 1 May and reallocating the total of 2800 now rendered unallotted within the Category 2 (Independent Combat Troops) ceiling of 5921. It is probable that the 2800 will be counted within an increased allocation to carabinieri.

S.M. Ingleden
Major General, AC
MMIA.

Info: - 'P' BLU RCC ICF

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3. In view of the cessation of hostilities in Italy it has been decided that the plan for incorporating into the Italian Army five patriot recce battalions shall not now be proceeded with. Instructions are being issued for disposal of the patriots of 28 GARIBALDI BDE and LIBERO BAND to be effected in the normal way - those wishing to join the Army to be dealt with by the screening cts, the remainder to be dispersed.

4. A further letter will follow amending this HQ letters SD/94 of 24 Apr and 1 May and reallocating the total of 2500 now rendered unallotted within the Category 2 (Independent Combat Troops) ceiling of 5921. It is probable that the 2500 will be counted within an increased allocation to carabinieri.

J.M. Ingleden.
Major General, AA-QM
MMIA.
for

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-3 (Org) Foreign through G(Maint).

SUBJECT :- Application for the Formation and Conversion of Italian Army Units.

(a) Application is made to form and convert the following ITALIAN ARMY Units :-

Ser No.	To form/ convert.	Designation.	War Est.	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Vehs.	MCs	Trlrs	Mobile Wpnt List	Concert Equip List
1	Conversion	1000,1001,1002,1004 Italian Army Gen Tpt Coys - each								
		HQ MT Coy	III/116/2	5	41	10	6	-		
		4 Tpt Pls	III/117/2	4	244	148	32	-		
		2 MDIs.	III/121/2	-	62	-	-	-		
		W/Shop Ser. 3.	III/122/3	1	48	13	2	-		
		Total One Coy.		10	395	171	40	-		
		Total four Coys.		40	1580	684	160	-		
	to	227,228,229,230 Italian Tpt Coys A.C. each							To be published by G(AG)	To be published by G(AG)
		HQ MT Coy	III/116/2	5	41	10	6	-		
		4 Tpt Pls	III/117/2	4	244	148	32	-		
		2 MDIs	III/121/2	-	62	-	-	-		
		Total One Coy.		9	347	158	38	-		
		Total Four Coys.		36	1388	632	152	-		
2	Formation	467,468,469,470 Italian LAMs (AC) att. 227,228,229, 230 Italian Tpt Coys	CM/675/1		68	12			G(AG)/7	305/7
(b)	Total Decrease			4	124	40	8			

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P.T.O. BRANCH.

Fwd 8/92

To Q2 (1)

GBSSD (2) Org + WE (3)

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nvert the following ITALIAN ARMY Units :-

	War Est.	Offrs.	O.Rs.	Vehs.	MTs	Trlrs	Basic Mgmt List	Special Equip. list.	Location	Supervisory Authy	Desired Effective Date.
	III/116/2	5	41	10	6	-					
	III/117/2	4	244	140	32	-					
	III/121/2	-	62	-	-	-					
	III/122/3	1	48	13	2	-					
	Coy.	10	395	171	40	-					
	ur Coys.	40	1580	684	160	-					
	C.						To be published by Q(AF)	To be published by Q(AE).	To be notified earliest.	To be notified earliest.	15 May 45
	III/116/2	5	41	10	6	-					
	III/117/2	4	244	140	32	-					
	III/121/2	-	62	-	-	-					
	wo Coy.	9	347	150	38	-					
	ur Coys.	36	1388	652	152	-					
	ys	CM/675/1		60	12		6050/2	300/3	-do-	-do-	15 May 45.
			4	124	40	8					

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(c) Reasons for the Retention and Conversion. This proposal is in accordance with G-4 (D) letter AMTT/TAS/2/1(Maint), dated 22 Mar 45.

Concurred _____

Q (Maint).

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G-3 (Org 4).
Q(AE).
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tion and Conversion. This proposal is in accordance with G-4 (E) letter to G-3 (Ord) reference .PRT/400/2/1(Misint), dated 30 Mar 45.

H Woodfillard
Brigadier

R.C.GOODFELLOW, Brig.,
For M. C. Gen.
Director of Supplies and Transportation.

s Commission A.C. (MTA) - 2 Copies.

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SUBJECT: Org of Independent Combat Troops Cat 2 Combat

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

SD/26/2

7 May 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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Patriot Recce Bns

1. Reference this HQ letter SD/28 of 25 Feb 1945 and your 1202/C.A of 26 Feb 1945.

2. In view of the cessation of hostilities in Italy it has been decided that the plan for incorporating into the Italian Army five patriot recce battalions shall not now be proceeded with. Instructions are being issued for disposal of the patriots of 26 GARIBALDI BDE and LIBERO BAND to be effected in the normal way - those wishing to join the Army to be dealt with by the screening cete, the remainder to be dispersed.

3. A further letter will follow amending this HQ letters SD/94 of 24 Apr and 1 May and reallocating the total of 2500 5 now rendered unallotted within the Category 2 (Independent Combat Troops) ceiling of 5921. It is probable that the 2500 will be counted within an increased allocation to carabinieri.

S.M. Ingleden.
Major for Brig.
MMIA.

Info: - 'P' BDE RPC ICF

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" " 8 Army
" " 5 Army Br Incr
" " 1 District

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2. In view of the cessation of hostilities in Italy it has been decided that the plan for incorporating into the Italian Army five patriot recce battalions shall not now be proceeded with. Instructions are being issued for disposal of the patriots of 28 GARIBALDI BDE and LIBERO BAND to be effected in the normal way - those wishing to join the Army to be dealt with by the screening cuts, the remainder to be dispersed.

3. A further letter will follow amending this HQ letters SD/94 of 24 Apr and 1 May and reallocating the total of 25605 now rendered unallotted within the Category 2 (Independent Combat Troops) ceiling of 6921. It is probable that the 2600 will be counted within an increased allocation to carabinieri.

J M Ingledew
Major General, AG
MMIA.
for

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SUBJECT: Ren of Tpt Units - Category 2, Combat (BRI-ITT)

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MAIA)

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SD/6/2

7 May 45

TO : RAAC

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1. Copy AFHQ letter AG.353/131 GOT-O of 3 May relating to the above unit is forwarded for necessary action regarding the assembly reports referred to in AFHQ letter AGD/922.1(e) of 17 Mar, para 5.

2. This HQ letter SD/6/2 of 19 Apr addressed Ministry of War copy RAAC and 'F' HQ gave details regarding personnel at para 3.

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Major-General,
MGA.

Copy to : 'F' HQ RTO ICF, incl copy AFHQ letter of 3 May.
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1. Copy AFHQ letter AG.353/131 GOT-O of 3 May relating to the above unit is forwarded for necessary action regarding the assembly reports referred to in AFHQ letter AED/322.1(w) of 19 Mar, para 5.

2. This HQ letter SD/6/2 of 19 Apr addressed Ministry of War copy RAAC and 'F' HQ gave details regarding personnel at para 3.

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Major-General,
MMLA.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 353/131 GCT-0

SECRET

SUBJECT:- Maintenance Transport for Italian Combat Force Reinforcement Training Centre

TO :- President,
Allied Commission
FOR : Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MMIA)

1. Further reference is made to this Headquarters letter file as above, dated 28 April 45.

2. Owing to the present operational situation, every transport unit available will be required for comitments in Northern ITALY. It is regretted that 3 ITALIAN General Transport Company will be required as soon as it is complete. You are requested to ensure that personnel are provided as a matter of urgency for the new company, and that assembly reports are forwarded by "F" MLU in accordance with this Headquarters letter ADD/922.1(8) of 17 Mar 45.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

5503

signed JACK CARTER
Captain, ACD
Assistant Adjutant General

3 May 45

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0192 (31)

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Form of ITI-ITI Tet Units (Cat 1C)

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (SEIA)

SD/11/2

7 May 45

TO : Ministry of War

1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 Corr Tet Stations

1. Authority is given to form the above-mentioned Category 1(C) (Sec 6) units forthwith.

2. They will be formed on US 202/SEAC/1 - 1 Offr, 2 ORs.

3. Please advise this HQ where the units will be formed and give estimated date for completion.

S.M. Inglebeard.
for Major-General, H-Cl
SEIA.

Internal: AI
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SI
C(AE)
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Med
Cr. B
File (E)/1/3

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SUBJECT:- Fmn of New ITI-ITI Units

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LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

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SD/1/3
Serial 123)

MINISTRY OF WAR

6 May 45

1. Authority is given for the fmn of the following ITI-ITI units as shown, w.e.f. 1 May 45.

(a) MMIA Serial	(b) Unit Designation	(c) W.E.	(d) Offrs	(e) ORs	(f) Vehs	(g) M/Cs
Category 1 C Section wi Motor Transport						
100	23 Recovery Unit	592/SMRE/1	6	16	5	1
101	24 " "	592/SMRE/1	6	16	5	1
102	1 Terr Repair Direc.	186/SMRE/1	3	3	Details follow	
103	5 Repairs Unit IA	77/SMRE/1	Strength 100 all ranks formal WE follows 5501			
107	6 Efficient Veh Park	189/SMRE/1	30	30	Details follow	
108	7 " " "	189/SMRE/1	30	30	"	"
129	62 Amb Car Sec	198/SMRE/1	3	30	21	1
Category 1 C Section Vet and Remount						
126	1 Vet Recovery Unit	256/SMRE/1 (proposed)	18	54		

2. Serial 126 will be formed as a temporary unit. See MMIA letter M/9/1974 of 5 May.

3. Consequent amendments to MMIA letter SD/94 of 22 Feb will follow.

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103	5 Repairs Unit 16	17/SMRE/1	Strength 100 all ranks formal WE follows			
107	6 Efficient Veh Park	189/SMRE/1	30	30	Details follow	
108	7 " " "	189/SMRE/1	30	30	"	"
129	62 Amb Car Sec	198/SMRE/1	1	30	21	1
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2. Serial 126 will be formed as a temporary unit. See MMIA letter M/9/1974 of 5 May.

3. Consequent amendments to MMIA letter SD/94 of 22 Feb will follow.

4. Report progress and state locations for formation on 16 May.

SEE 97

A. M. Inglesby
for Major General
M M I A

Internal : GWE, GRI, A (?), Q1, Q2, QAF, RE, NED, REMR, ORD, WELFARE, SD/10/2, SD/11/2, SD/15/2, ED/6/2, ST, SD/94, SD/1/3, Org B

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SUBJECT: Pen of New Units - BR-ITI Service (Cat 3)

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MMIA)

SD/31/2

G/92 6. May 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

901 Italian Transit Camp (Ceiling 500)

1. The above unit will be formed in Cat 3 (BR-ITI) on WE CM/259/2 w.e.f. 1 May 45, under the supervision of HQ No.1 District at ANCONA.

2. Personnel will be provided by you through normal BR-ITI reinforcement channels. The W.E. will be implemented fully by Italian Army Personnel and not in part by British or co-operator personnel as stated in CM/259/2.

3. Equipment will be to basic scale 6058/7, S.R.L. to be issued by Q(AE), APMG.

4. The unit will use the Posta Militare number of the Italian Adm HQ of the formation of which it forms part.

5. APMG letter G.I.(BR)1116/A.I.(Ser 2148) of 3 May refers.

6. Full particulars are given at Appx 'A'.

7. For your information BCS Transit Camp ANCONA is due to move north into Army Area by 15 May under arrangements 15 Army Gp.

5500

L.M. Ingleden
for Major-General, IT-Cl
MMIA.

Copy to: HQ No.1 Dist.
MMIA LO 1 Dist.
MMIA LO [illegible]

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Wecas 1 May 45, under and sup[illegible] Group No.1 District at AREZZO.

2. Personnel will be provided by you through normal BR-ITI reinforcement channels. The W.E. will be implemented fully by Italian Army Personnel and not in part by British or co-operator personnel as stated in CM/253/2.

3. Equipment will be to basic scale 6050/7, S.E.L. to be issued by Q(AE), AMMG.

4. The unit will use the Posta Militare number of the Italian Adm HQ of the formation of which it forms part.

5. AMMG letter G.I.(BR)1116/A.I.(Ser 2148) of 3 May refers.

6. Full particulars are given at Appx 'A'.

5500

7. For your information 805 Transit Camp AREZZO is due to move north into Army Area by 14 May under arrangements 15 Army Gp .

L.M. Ingleden. Lt-Col.
for Major-General,
MMIA.

Copy to: HQ No.1 Dist.
MMIA LO 1 Dist.
MMIA LO 5 Army Br Incr.

Internal: A
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UNIT	W. E. No.	STRENGTH			SUPERVISING AUTHORITY	RADIO EQUIPT. SCALE	SERIAL No.
		Offrs	ORs	Vehs			
801 Italian Transit Camp	CM/259/2	3	27	2	HQ No. 1 Dist.	6058/7	95170

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Appx 'A' to MMCIA letter
MD/31/2 of 4 May 45

STRENGTH			SUPERVISING AUTHORITY	BASIC EQUIPT. SCALE	SERIAL No.	EFFECTIVE DATE	LOCATION
Offrs	Offs	Vehs					
3	27	2	HQ No. 1 Dist.	6058/7	95170	1 May 45	AMB2220

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT : Disbandment of 174 - 177 Bdlts Cat 1 (c) Section 1 (Med)

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AC (MGIA)

SE/21/2
(Serial 300)
May 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

M.I. MAIN SECTION, 70/SMPS/1

Reference your letter 1/1577/OAK dated 26 Apr 45.

1. Authority to disband the above Cat 1(c) Section 1 Med Bdlt is confirmed w.e.f. 1 May 45

2. Serial 27 will be deleted from this HQ letter 22/36 dated 22 Feb 45 Appx. A and the Italian Army Order of Battle (vide MMIA 2/8 of 9 Mar 45, p.5) will be amended accordingly.

Major-General
MMIA

Copy to : AFHQ for G5 Org

Internal : 2 i/c
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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: APWC and MACMED SITE FRONT

TO : AMIA

INFO: ALCOM
15 A GP

REF : FX 70877

051345 B

SECRET

IMPORTANT

YOUR SD/86 OF 1 MARCH (.)
PLAN FOR FORMATION OF I T A L I A N MOBILE BNS
CANCELLED (.) STRENGTH 4000, 3800, 2500., 3900 (/)
WILL PROBABLY BE COUNTED WITHIN INCREASED
ALLOCATION TO C A R A B I N I E R I

(/) PLEASE STATE IF BY TO BE CHECKED

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: FREEDOM Sgd SACRED CITY PEGCY 052145 B

TO : MAIN 8 ARMY SECRET

INFO: ALCOM IMMEDIATE
15 A GP
REAR 8 ARMY
AMIA

Q/92

REF : FX 71329

YOUR U 973 OF 04 NOT TO ALL (.)
FORMATION OF PATRIOT MECCE BNS CANCELLED (.)
DISPOSAL OF PATRIOTS OF 28 G A R I B A L D I
BDE AND L I B E R O BAND WILL BE EFFECTED
THROUGH PATRIOT BRANCH A L C O M EXCEPT FOR
INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO JOIN I T A L I A N
ARMY (.) LATTER WILL BE ENLISTED THROUGH NORMAL
ITALIAN AGENCIES

SD DISTRIBUTION:

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Italy & GI
BAE

JV 6 May 45

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : AFHQ signed MACMILLAN cite FWDCT — CONFIDENTIAL

TO : ACTION- NMIA — SECRET

INFO - ALCOM 15 ARMY GROUP 612 — IMPORTANT

REF : FX 70877

YOUR SD/26 OF 1 MARCH (.) PLAN FOR FORMATION OF ITALIAN RECCE BNS CANCELLED (.) STRENGTH 2500 WILL PROBABLY BE COUNTED WITHIN INCREASED ALLOCATION TO CARABINIERI

A.G. DISTRIBUTION

ACTION : LAND FORCES SUB-COM (2)

INFO : A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
PUBLIC SAFETY
FILE

S.G. DISTRIBUTION

ACTION : SD/26/2

INFO : SD/47
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Td 05 MAY 45

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SECRET

SUBJECT : Disbandment of ITI - ITI Vet Units

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AD (MMIA)

MD/11/2
(Serial 303)

5 May 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Veterinary Unit - Vibo Valentia Cat 6 (C)

It is understood that the requirements of the above unit shown in Cat 6 (c) of the Order of Battle Italian Army vide MMIA strength state 2/8 of March 1945 (T.O. 4) with a strength of 3 offrs 80 ORs are now completed.

5/94

The unit will therefore be disbanded w.e.f. 15 May and the personnel absorbed by you as reinforcements within the ITI - ITI category.

Confirm your action on 20 May.

J.M. Inglehart
Major-General
MMIA

Copy to : MMIA LO Portsmith
" 3 Dist
" 54 Area

Internal: A
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RESTRICTED

SUBJECT : Org of Vet Units FFI - ETO Cat 1(C) Sec 5

TASK FORCES SUB-UNM, AG (MMCIA)

AG/11/2

May 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

101 Vet Hosp BAAF

1. The above unit carried in Cat 1 (C) Section 5 Vet and Remount and authorised on WE 215/SMTD/1 vide this HQ letter 101/34 dated 22 Feb Appx A, will be reduced in strength to an overall total of 5 offrs and 58 O.R.s w.e.f. 1 May 45.

2. This HQ letter M/9/1974 of 5 May also refers.

Major-General
MMCIA

Copy to : MMCIA LO 34 Area

Internal: A
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Org B
B2/94/1

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d92 (80)

SUBJECT : Gen Guard Units On: 9 XVI - XVI

LAND (GREEN SUB-XXI), AO (MEUSA)

SD/13/2

4 May 45

TO : HEADQUARTERS OF TAR

Grenzlieri Bn.-516 Guard Bn.

1. The 516 Gd. Bn. will be organized wef 15 May 45, on the same TO as other Gd. Bns.

2. Units of the 516 Gd. Bn. will be

(a) Bn. HQ

(b) 534 Special Gd. Co

(c) 535 Special Gd. Co.

(d) Bicycle Co.

(e) Fourth Co.

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3. The Bn. HQ and Fourth Co. will be contacted by you from [illegible] and will be held there until ordered forward.

4. The two Grenzlieri Cos with BLUE will be formed with effect from 15 May 45 into the "Grenzlieri Bn" and will remain with BLUE. The strength of this Bn. is approved as for 510 all ranks. The [illegible] be carried in category [illegible]. Details proposed [illegible] to this HQ by 15 May 45.

5. Super [illegible] of reorganization to this HQ.

[illegible]

1. The 510 Gd. Bn. will be inactivated eof 15 May 45, on the same IB as other Gd. Bns.

2. Unit of the 51 Gd. Bn. will be

(a) Bn. HQ

(b) 55th Special Gd. Co

(c) 555 Special Gd. Co.

(d) Fifth Co.

(e) Fourth Co.

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3. The Bn. HQ and Fourth Co. will be acclimated by you from PHOENIXVILLE and will be held there until ordered forward.

4. The two Greenstiert Coys with RAAC will be formed with effect from 15 May 45 into the "Greenstiert Bn" and will remain with RAAC. The strength of this Bn. is approved as for 110 all ranks. This Bn. will be carried in category 1B. Submit proposed TE to this HQ by 15 May 45.

5. Report completion of reorganization to this HQ.

Maj Gen F. Pickeley
Major General
GOC

Copy to: AFHQ
HQ 3 Div
HQ RAAC
HQ LO 3 Div
CMG 3d

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION, AC (MMIA)

WAR ESTABLISHMENTS COMMITTEE

79 0/12

5th Meeting held on 2nd May 1945.

Present : Lt Col S.M. DEVLIEGER — Chairman
Col F.L. SIMONS (US Army) — "Q" Branch
Major E.E. PEGGETT (US Army) — "G" Branch
Major J.A. DORSS — "A" Branch
Major J.L.P. GREENE — G(SD)

ADDITIONS TO MINUTES

Serial Number	Category		War Establishment
1	Z - BR-ITI Combat Tps	GAS TRAINING TEAM FOR THE ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE (ITALIAN ARMY)	CM/S74/1

This establishment has been approved by AMSC with the deletion of the Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 GS - 1.

This establishment will be issued with the above alteration. Implementation will be subject of a separate letter.

MINUTES

18	Z - Combat Tps	REQUIREMENT FOR REINFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTRE ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE	3.91

The proposal for a new establishment to combine 152 Mech Engr Pl, 152 & 153 LAD was postponed for one month until the future of RTC, ICF has been clearly defined. In addition "A" Branch stated that the personnel were not available.

File : SD/45/2

19	ITI-ITI Category 1(C)	CENTRAL PROCUREMENT OFFICE	205/3482/1

The following amdt was approved w.e.f. 2 May:-

Add 96 officers
Delete 30 other ranks

File :SD/94/1

5 May 1945

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AFHQ (2)
CG 15 Army Group

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1 2 - BR-ITI
Combat Type

[illegible]
FORCE (ITALIAN ARMY)

This establishment has been approved by AFHQ with the deletion of the Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 GS - 1.

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MINUTES

18 2 - 3.91
Combat Type

WORKSHOP FOR REINFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTRE
ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

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Category 1(C)

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5 May 1945

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MMIA LO Eighth Army
MMIA LO 1 District
MMIA LO 2 District
MMIA LO 3 District
MMIA LO NAPLES
MMIA LO 52 Area
MMIA LO 54 Area
MMIA LO SICILY
MMIA LO SARDINIA
"P" SLD
Ministry Of War (2)

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UNCLASSIFIED SIGNAL

FROM : MMLA

TO : AMSG

INFO : SACMC GOC
CIVIL AFFAIRS SEC
DEAWCOIS BRANCH

REF : SD 2652

Date 04/1/44

SECRET

REF VISIT MMLA REPS TO G3 DEC 3 APR (.) SHARPCT INSTRUCTED FORMATION CEILING OF FIVE PATRIOT BRCHE BDS (.) IN VIEW OF CONSTATION BY GPS IN I T A L Y RECOMMEND THAT ABOVE UNITS BE N O T FORMED BUT WHERE PATRIOTS TREATED IN NORMAL MANNER BY PATRIOT BRANCH AT (.) CEILING COULD BE MADE FOR GP BDS IF DESIRED (.) THIS SIGNAL AGREED AT WHICH WE HAVE STATED THAT INDIVIDUALS DULY WISHING TO JOIN THE ARMY WILL BE GIVEN PREFERENCE TO DO SO (.) IN THIS CONNECTION THERE ARE AT THIS TIME 50000 AVERAGE DEMOBILIZABLE PERSONNEL WHO ARE SURETY OF DEPARTURE SIGNAL.

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[illegible] (.) [illegible] INCLUDING
IORGANISH GREEK OR FIVE PATRIOT RECCE BDS (.) IN VIEW OF CONSERVATION
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SIGNAL.

PRECEDENCE Important

AUTHENTICATED

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File : SD/26/2

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SECRET

SUBJECT : Proposed Increase to AC TTI - TTI Ceiling (Cat 5a)

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MMIA)

SD/94/5

4 May 45

TO : EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER A.C. (5 copies)

1. AFHQ has instructed MMIA to hold a conference on the recent request by AC for 6000 additional Italian Army personnel.

2. It is proposed that this meeting shall be held in the MMIA Conference Room 7th Floor AC Building at 1530 hours 5 May 45 to discuss the attached Agenda. Will you please send representatives on a First Grade Staff Officer level to attend, with powers to make decisions.

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J.M. Hughes
for Major General
MMIA

Internal : MA to GOC
C or H
A - will you please send a rep.
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AGENDA

1. (a) A.C. request is for 6000 military personnel broken down as under :-

Eight Mine Clearance Coys and three Bn Hqs	1732
Twenty Frontier Repatriation Posts Twenty Transit Centres Five Group Hqs	2015
Twenty Collection and Transit Centres (WND & PW sub-cos)	1320
Total	5067
Spare to cover further requirements	933

(b) AFHQ has recommended that the military components for all camp staffs be ten key personnel supplemented by civilians.

(c) Is the above agreed (either in whole or in part) and to what extent will the commitment in para 1(a) above thereby be reduced?

2. Are there any other reductions which can be made in 1(a) above?

3. How soon is the personnel required?

4. To what extent does the present AC ceiling cover the revised demands?

5. How is the balance (if any) to be met?

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cgl.

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SUBJECT: AA-III Tpt Coys, AC (Cat 3).

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. AC (MMIA)

SD/o/3

7 May 45.

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TO : MINISTRY OF WAR.

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Reference our SD/o/3 of 1 May 45.

1. Para 3(b).
825, 826 Tpt Coys AC are now being formed at CIVITAVECCHIA under supervision RAAC and NOT at TRANI under supervision 3 District.

2. Para 6(a).
Personnel of 461 LAD (AC) completed trg 3 May at RCMS.
Personnel for 462 LAD (AC) are now being trained at AC Mech School, Rome.

3. Para 5.
465, 466 LADS (AC) will now be formed at CIVITAVECCHIA under supervision RAAC NOT at TRANI under supervision 3 District. 5187

4. Formal confirmation of MMIA letters SD/10/E of 20 Apr, SD/o/3 of 14 Apr will follow.

Major General,
MMIA.

Copies to:- AC for G-1 (SH)
To SC
Member Type G,
MMIA LO 3 District
SH AFHQ
Fanbourth
OC SC Depts Sub SHD
Sub SHD

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3. Para Six.
Personnel of 461 LAD (AC) completed trg 3 May at MAAF.
Personnel for 462 LAD (AC) are now being trained at AC Mech School, Rome.

2. Para 5.
461, 466 LADs (AC) will now be formed at CIVITAVECCHIA under supervision RAAF NOT at TRANI under supervision 3 District. 5187

4. Formal instructions covering MMIA letters SD/10/8 of 25 Apr, SD/6/5 of 14 Apr will follow.

Major General,
MMIA.

Copies to:- AD for G-1 (MR)
Th SC
Motor T. G.
MMIA LO 3 District
54 area
Penedolit
OC Sr Guard SoS SRD
SOA SRD

Internal:- S-1/c
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G (L)
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SUBJECT : Pun of New Unit (BR - XTI)

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MMIA)

SD/E/2

3 May 45.

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Amendment No. 4 to Priority List Eight
SD/2/2 of 27 Mar. 45.

1.

Page	Serial		Amendment
1	820	Insert under Coln	(c) CM/980/1
	830	" " "	(c) CM/982/1
2	840	" " "	(c) CM/983/1
	841 - 8	" " "	(c) CM/984/1
		Insert under Col (g)	Insert under Col (h) Insert under Col (j) Vide MMIA letter SE/4/1 of 24 Apr refers to Serials 22 - 26
3.	22	TARAMEO	3 DISTRICT From 43 Incr to Art Wkm Coy plus Rfts
	23	FLORENCE	5 ARMY From 46 Incr to Art Wkm Coy plus Rfts
	24	MOMBRA	3 DISTRICT From 47 Incr to 699 Art Wkm Coy plus Rfts
	25	MERCEDITEIR	5 ARMY From 48 Incr to 701 Arts Coy plus Rfts
	26	ARRIERO	1 DISTRICT From 54 Incr to "A" Arts Wkm Coy plus Rfts
	27	PENCARA.	3 DISTRICT Vide MMIA letter SD/4/1 - refers to Serials 27 - 37. Forming with 17 Engr Coy
	28	8 ARMY	8 ARMY Forming with 1 Engr Coy
	29	CASTEL RAIMONDO	1 DISTRICT " " 2 " "
	30	SANTANO	1 DISTRICT " " 12 " "

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Amendment No. 4 to Priority List Eight
SD/2/2 of 27 Mar. 45.

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1.	Page	Serial	Amendment		
	1	820	Insert under Coln	(c)	CM/980/1
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	3.	22	TARANTO	3 DISTRICT	From 43 Incr to Art Wks Coy plus Rfts
		23	FLORENCE	5 ARMY	From 46 Incr to Art Wks Coy plus Rfts
		24	NOCERA	3 DISTRICT	From 47 Incr to 699 Art Wks Coy plus Rfts
		25	MERCATELLE	5 ARMY	From 48 Incr to 701 Arts Coy plus Rfts
		26	AREZZO	1 DISTRICT	From 54 Incr to "A" Arts Wks Coy plus Rfts
		27	PESCARA	3 DISTRICT	Vide MMIA letter SD/4/1 - refers to Serials 27 - 37. Forming with 17 Engr Coy
		28	8 ARMY	8 ARMY	Forming with 1 Engr Coy
		29	CASTEL BALSORDO	1 DISTRICT	" " 2 " "
		30	SAVIANO	3 DISTRICT	" " 12 " "
		31	8 ARMY	8 ARMY	" " 3 " "
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		33	ORTIA	3 DISTRICT	" " 11 " "
		34	ANCONA	1 DISTRICT	" " 13 " "
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		36	FALCONARA	1 DISTRICT	" " 14 " "
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		900	Amend to read in (c) CM/989/1		

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5	902 903 919	Insert under Col (c) CM/990/1 Amend to read in Col (d) 28 Amend to read in Col (e) 772
	926 927	Amend to read in Col (d) 28 Amend to read in Col (e) 772 Insert under Col (g) - CONVERTO Add in Col (j) See MGIA letter SD/13/2 dated 3 May.
5		Under ST before Serial 221 insert two new serials
	211	Insert under Col (a) HQ Cond 211 Tpt Column AC (b) "B" (c) 111/115/2 (d) 4 (e) 19 (g) TRANI (h) 3 Detachment (j) See MGIA Ltr order SD/1/2 dated 1 May
	212	Insert under Col (a) HQ Cond 212 Tpt Column AC (b) "D" (c) (j) as per Serial 211
7	471	Insert under Col (c) CM/981/1
9	1650	Delete all detail
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(h) 3 District
(j) See ICIL 2 in order
SD/1/2 dated 1 May

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(c) (j) as per Serial 211

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1651, 1652, 1653, 1654 Insert in Col (j) BX-ITI Cat 2

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SUBJECT : AIR IMS - OTTAWA AREA

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, MD (OTTA)

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TO : DGIA MD 3A AREA

Ref your GSO/LO/5/DD of 28 Apr.

1. The question of an AIR IM for the units in the OTTAWA Area is under consideration by 3 Dist.

2. No action will be taken by this HQ until the recommendations of 3 Dist are received.

3. A standard IM for all the Divs is being considered at this HQ now. If this is passed by GSO an increment to 327 Div HQ to cover the 2 Offrs and 12 ORs already authorized will also be considered and it is felt that the most practicable method of meeting any increase for the OTTAWA Area would be to include the personnel in this increment to 327 Div.

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Subject:- Formation of Engineer Units (RE-ITI) Cat. 3

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Land Forces Sub Comm (MMIA)

SD/4/1

3 May 45

To : MINISTRY OF WAR

Formation 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 Engr Coys
Parent Units 17 1 2 12 3 9 11 13 19 14 18 Engr Coys

1. Further to this HQ letter SD/4/1 of 24 Apr 45 the formation of further engineer companies as listed above will shortly be authorised.

2. The method of forming these units will be to post sufficient personnel to certain existing engineer companies (RE-ITI Category 3) in excess of establishment and then to form a new company.

3. The following list gives the parent company, the designation of the new company, the date of formation of the new company and the supervising authority.

Parent Company	New Company	Date of Formation	Supervising Authority
17 Engineer Coy	27 Engineer Coy	15 May	2 District
1 Engineer Coy	28 Engineer Coy	30 May	8 Army
2 Engineer Coy	29 Engineer Coy	30 May	1 District
12 Engineer Coy	30 Engineer Coy	30 May	3 District
3 Engineer Coy	31 Engineer Coy	15 Jun	8 Army
9 Engineer Coy	32 Engineer Coy	15 Jun	3 District
11 Engineer Coy	33 Engineer Coy	15 Jun	1 District
13 Engineer Coy	34 Engineer Coy	30 Jun	1 District
19 Engineer Coy	35 Engineer Coy	30 Jun	3 District
14 Engineer Coy	36 Engineer Coy	15 Jun	1 District
18 Engineer Coy	37 Engineer Coy	15 Jun	3 District

4. The WE for the new companies will be CE/E4/1

Offrs 5 ORs 231 Vehs 8 plus 1 Trailer

5. Personnel for these will be provided from the parent companies and from the appropriate BRD's in accordance with MMIA AI6X of 27 March.

6. Formal orders for the formation of the above Engr Coys will follow in due course.

7. AFHQ letter AG [illegible]

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2. The method of forming these units will be to post sufficient personnel to certain existing engineer companies (BR-ITI Category 3) in excess of establishment and then to form a new company.

3. The following list gives the parent company, the designation of the new company, the date of formation of the new company and the supervising authority.

Parent Company	New Company	Date of Formation	Supervising Authority
17 Engineer Coy	27 Engineer Coy	15 May	2 District
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9 Engineer Coy	32 Engineer Coy	15 Jun	3 District
11 Engineer Coy	33 Engineer Coy	15 Jun	1 District
13 Engineer Coy	34 Engineer Coy	30 Jun	1 District
19 Engineer Coy	35 Engineer Coy	30 Jun	3 District
14 Engineer Coy	36 Engineer Coy	15 Jun	1 District
18 Engineer Coy	37 Engineer Coy	15 Jun	3 District

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4. The WE for the new companies will be CM/849/1

Offrs 5 ORs 231 Vehs 8 plus 1 Trailer

5. Personnel for these will be provided from the parent companies and from the appropriate BRD's in accordance with MMIA A161 of 27 March.

6. Formal orders for the formation of the above Engr Coys will follow in due course.

7. AFHQ letter AG 091.711/197 GCT-O dated 26 Apr refers, and see MMIA letter SE/2/2 dated 27 Mar 45.

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SUBJECT: Prg of Guard Bns Br III Cat 3

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (SUTA)

SD/13/2

3 MAY 45

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TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

526 Guard Bn
527 Guard Bn

Ref this HQ letter SD/2/2 dated 27 Mar as amended aurials 926 and 927.

1. Formation orders are expected shortly for the above two units. Available details appear at Appx "A" att.

2. It has been recommended that each Bn be allotted 1 M/C, 1 light vehicle and 1 load carrier from Allied sources. The remainder of the transport of each Bn would consist of 10 horse drawn vehicles, 20 horses and 2 riding horses provided by you from Italian sources, as you are already aware.

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Info : AFEQ for G-3 ORG
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APP. "A" to WDTA letter
CD/13/2 of 2 May 45

AFHQ Svc. No.	Designation of Unit	MS	MS STRENGTH OFFS	ORs	M/Cs	Cars	PRIORITY TRANSPORT Lead Carriers	H.V. Vehs	Forces L.H.	Others
526	526 Guard Bn	CM/XXC/1 (Less tpt)	28	772	1	1	1	10	20	2
527	527 Guard Bn	CM/XXC/1 (Less tpt)	28	772	1	1	1	10	20	[illegible]

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APP. "A" to WMTA letter
AG/413/2 of , May 45

TO	RE STRENGTH		PROPOSED TRANSPORT						LOCATION	SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY
	OFFRS	ORs	M/Cs	Cars	Load Carriers	H.D. Vehs	Horses L.D.	Horses Riders		
/990/1 (ma tpt)	28	772	1	1	1	10	20	2	802 BMD ORSTETO	HQ 1 DISTRICT
/990/1 (ma tpt)	28	772	1	1	1	10	20	2	802 BMD ORSTETO	HQ 1 DISTRICT

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

SUBJECT: Org. of Mobile Units 121-131

LAND FORCES SUB COM., AC (ANZA)

SD/12/2
(Serial 122)

7 May 45.

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR.

122 Mobile Dental Unit (Cat 1 C)

You are authorised to form the above unit forthwith organised (pending WE) as follows :

- One dental surgeon (Capt or Lieut),
  one dental mechanic (NCO),
  one Batman,
  one driver,
  Total 4 all ranks and one vehicle.

The unit will be carried in Cat 1 C Section 1 Medical.

Report progress on 15 May, giving location and stating under whose command the unit is being formed.

for Major General, G.
ANZA.

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HQ R.A.F. Ord of Mc Ind Units.

LAST POSSIBLE SUB COM, AC (MOIA)
SD/12/2
5 May 45.

TO : AFM for G-1 Br (3)

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Italian Mobile Repair Units

1. Reference AFM letter CS/1114/G-1(Sr) (Sur.2043) dated 19 Apr 45. authorising the formation of five SR.ITI mobile control units serials 316, 317, 1353, 1354 and 1355 file AS/922.2 dated 6 Apr 45. and of 9 Apr, 1 Key for combat groups and 15 Key for the two service units.

2. Sufficient Italian transport and material equipment is not available at the moment for these units but is expected to become available shortly. It is therefore recommended that the effective date quoted in Appx "A" to the above letter of 19 Apr be suspended. You will be notified immediately it becomes possible to convert the necessary tpt and equip the units.

(F. Brooke-Popham)
Air Vice Marshal
DMT.

Info : HQ R.A.A.F. (5) ref your 45 A 119 of 22 Apr
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SUBJECT : Formation of HQs GRADE SEN LTC COLMS (NR)

LAND FORCES SUB-COM AC (MMLA)

SD/6/3

2 MAY 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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HQs OF BASC 'N' & 'O' GENERAL TRANSPORT COLMNS

1. The above mentioned British Units are being formed on W.E. 111/115/2 with a strength each of 2 Offrs and 4 Ohs, w.e.f. 25 Apr. 45.

2. They will be attached to AC for duty with Italian Tpt Colns A.C. when formed. This H.Q. letters SD/6/3 and SD/1/2 both 1 May refer.

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225 and 226 ITALIAN TRANSPORT COYS (A L L I E D C O M M I S S I O N) EACH CONSISTING OF HEADQUARTERS [illegible] COY WE III/115/2 & TRANSPORT PLATOONS WE III/117/2. [illegible] DETACHMENTS WE III/121/? AND 1 LIGHT AID DETACHMENT WE CM/675/1 WILL BE TRAINED UNDER A L C O M ARRANGEMENTS AND WILL BE FORMED UNDER SUPERVISION N A A C at C I V I T A V E C C H I A [illegible]. (.) D I S T H R E E WILL COMPLETE 222, 223 and 224 TRANSPORT COYS and 462, 463 and 464 LIGHT AID DETACHMENTS AT T R A N I WITH ALL SPEED. (.) MMIA WILL MAKE [illegible] AVAILABLE FOR BOTH 225 and 226 COYS at C I V I T A V E C C H I A [illegible] BY DIRECT ARRANGEMENTS WITH A L C O M. (.) F O R M A D AUTHORITY TO FORMATION [illegible] FOLLOWS.

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FURTHER TO A F H Q FX 50982 OF 27 (.)

ONE (.) WE A S L U FOR AN I T A L I A N C O M B A T G P HAS BEEN EXAMINED IN DETAIL FROM THE ANGLE OF WHAT ARE MINIMUM ADDITIONS IN PERSONNEL AND T P T NEEDED TO ENABLE B L U'S TO GET THE BEST OUT OF I C G IN SEMI NON RULE AND OF PARTI PARTE WITH BRIT RULE OF A R M Y (.)

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THREE (.) SUGGEST B L U REQUIRED FOR I C G OR INTERNAL SECURITY DUTIES MAY BEAR LITTLE RELATION TO B L U NEEDED TO ENABLE G R U P P I TO G P IN LINE UNDER BRIT CORPS N Q (.)

FOUR (.) SUGGEST THEREFORE PRESENT B L U N E T NEEDED FOR SHORT PERIOD TO BE SUPERSEDED IN DUE COURSE BY WHATEVER G R O CONSIDERED NECESSARY AFTER CLARIFICATION POLICY FUTURE EMPLOYMENT I C G'S

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FROM MMIA

TO MINISTRY OF WAR
BRITISH CADRE BOR BRD

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

AUTHORITY IS GIVEN FOR ARMY VEHICLE DISPOSAL UNIT CMA NOW UNDER COMMAND OF 1 DISTRICT CMA HITHERTO OPERATING WITH THE CLASS VI VEHICLE PARK C E S E N A CMA TO BE BROUGHT UP TO STRENGTH OF 2 OFFICERS AND 180 OR'S IN ACCORDANCE WITH W E CM/878/1 (.) NECESSARY REINFORCEMENTS UNDERSTOOD TO NUMBER 75 NON-SPECIALIST PERSONNEL WILL BE DRAWN FROM BOR B R D (.) MOVEMENT WILL BE BY ROAD UNDER ARRANGEMENTS M M I A L O ONE DISTRICT (.) OFFICIAL FORMATION ORDER FOR THIS UNIT IS YET TO BE ISSUED

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SUBJECT: Formation of New Units, Cat 2 & 3, SS-TTL

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC, MMIA

SD/2/2

1 MAY 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

HQ Commander 211 - 212 Italian Tpt Colns (AC)
152 Italian Driving and Maintenance School — Cat 3
153 Italian LAD — Cat 2
HQ and 1, 2, 3 Bns GARIBALDI Italian Inf Regt — Cat 2
MANELLA Patriot Bn — Cat 2
HQ 1 Italian Gd Regt and 302, 303, 319 Bns 1 Italian Gd Regt — Cat 2
461 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 Italian LADs (AC) — Cat 2
att 221 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 Italian Tpt Coys (AC) respectively — Cat 3

1. The above Cat 2 and 3 SS-TTL units will be formed as shown in App "A" attached.

2. EFFECTIVE DATES

Effective date for the formation of these units on MMs or shown in App "A" is 25 Apr 45 with the exception of the following:

MANELLA Patriot Bn — 19 Apr 45

464 Italian LAD (AC)
att 224 Italian Tpt Coy (AC) — 15 May 45

465 Italian LAD (AC)
att 225 Italian Tpt Coy (AC) — 15 May 45

466 Italian LAD (AC)
att 226 Italian Tpt Coy (AC) — 1 Jun 45

3. PROVISION OF PERSONNEL

The provision of personnel will be effected as follows.

Serials 1 - 2 — from REC ICF

" 3 - 6 — Garibaldi Div personnel, [illegible]

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MAMELIA Patriot Bn	
HQ 1 Italian Gd Regt and 502, 503,519 Bns 1 Italian Gd Regt	Cat 2
461 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 Italian LADs (AC)	
att 221 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 Italian Tpt Coys (AC) respectively	Cat 3

1. The above Cat 2 and 3 BR-ITI units will be formed as shown in App "A" attached.

2. EFFECTIVE DATES

Effective date for the formation of these units on MEs as shown in App "A" is 25 Apr 45 with the exception of the following:

MAMELIA Patriot Bn	19 Apr 45
464 Italian LAD (AC) att 224 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	15 May 45
465 Italian LAD (AC) att 225 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	15 May 45
466 Italian LAD (AC) att 226 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	1 Jun 45

3. PROVISION OF PERSONNEL

The provision of personnel will be effected as follows:

Serials 1 - 2	from RCC IGF
" 3 - 6	Garibaldi Div personnel - vide our SD/38/2 of 25 Apr 45. And see NMLA signal SD 2647 of 1 May.
" 7	by enrolment into the Italian Army of suitable personnel of the present bns; deficiencies remaining should be filled by local recruitment of patriots. NMLA letter SD/94 of 24 Apr 45, App "B", should be amended to correct ME as at app "A" att.
" 8 - 11	transfer of category of units vide our SD/94 of 24 Apr 45
" 12 - 17	Personnel to be provided from AC Mech School. SD/10/2 of 25 Apr 45, para 2 refers.
" 18 - 19	Restricted implementation of ME III/115/2 as shown at App "B" att. NMLA SD/6/3 of 28 Apr 45 refers.

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4. EQUIPMENT

(a) Equipment will be on basic scale 6508/2 with the following exceptions:

Serials	12 - 17	- -	6058/7
"	18 - 19	- -	249/1

(b) Serials 8 - 11 These units should be fully equipped with Italian arms. Please confirm availability.

" 3 - 6 Instructions contained in our SD/38/2 of 25 Apr 45 are confirmed. You will provide Italian 81 mm and 45 mm mortars and ammn in lieu of 3" and 2" mortars. This HQ (Arty Records) will inform supervisory authorities of availability of mortars and ammn.

" 12 - 17 Reference our letter SD/10/2 of 25 Apr 45 the provision of shop vehicles ex 1000, 1001, 1002 and 1004 Gen Tpt Coys is still under discussion vide MMIA letter SD/6/3 dated 1 May.

5. POSTAL

Supply a copy to this HQ of the notification of the postal address of the units concerned.

6. REMARKS

The Cat 2 units detailed in App "A" hereto will be inserted in MMIA "Order of Battle, Italian Army" sub-sections as stated, and see MMIA letter SD/94 of 1 May 45.

7. REFERENCE

AFHQ letters CR/1116/G-1(SR)(Ser 2109) of 28 Apr 45 (reference units in App "A", Serials 18 - 19) and CR/1116/G-1(SR)(Ser 2106) of 27 Apr 45 (ref units in App "A", Serials 1 - 17).

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Records) will inform supervisory authorities of availability of mortars and ammn.

* 12 - 17 Reference our letter SD/10/2 of 25 Apr 45 the provision of ex-Imp vehicles ex 1000, 1001, 1002 and 1004 Gen Tpt Coys is still under discussion vide MMIA letter SD/6/3 dated 1 May.

5. POSTAL

Supply a copy to this HQ of the notification of the postal address of the units concerned.

6. RECORDS

The Cat 2 units detailed in App "A" hereto will be inserted in MMIA "Order of Battle, Italian Army" sub-sections as stated: and see MMIA letter SD/94 of 1 May 45.

7. REFERENCE

AFHQ letters CR/1116/G-1(SE)(Ser 2109) of 26 Apr 45 (reference units in App "A", Serials 18 - 19) and CR/1116/G-1(SE)(Ser 2106) of 27 Apr 45 (ref units in App "A", Serials 1 - 17).

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for Major General
MMIA

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No	Unit	War Office Mob Ser No	AFHQ Ser No	WE	Officers	ORs	Vehs inc o/ms	Supp Auth
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	
CATEGORY 2 MTC ISP UNITS								
1	152 Italian Driving and Maintenance School	93299	1270	CM/991/1	13	151	108	HQ [illegible]
2	153 Italian LAD	93613	1472	CM/540/1	-	12	5	HQ [illegible]
CATEGORY 2 INDEPENDENT (HEAVY TROOPS - CEILING 5722								
3	HQ GARIBALDI Italian Inf Regt	93300	1211	CM/526/1	24	358	97	HQ [illegible]
4	1 Bn GARIBALDI Italian Inf Regt	93301		CM/527/1	30	737	89	"
5	2 Bn " " " "	93302		CM/527/1	30	737	89	"
6	3 Bn " " " "	93303		CM/527/1	30	737	89	"
7	MAMELI Patriot Bn	93304	1231	CM/931/1	35	703	35 and 33 bicycles	HQ [illegible]
CATEGORY 2 NO 1 GD REGT - CEILING 2621								
8	HQ 1 Italian Gd Regt	93295	1232	CM/989/1	9	64	8	HQ [illegible]
9	502 Bn 1 Italian Gd Regt	93296	1233	CM/990/1	28	772	9	"
10	503 Bn " " " "	93297	1234	CM/990/1	28	772	9	"
11	519 Bn " " " "	93298	1235	CM/990/1	28	772	9	"

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Apx "A" to MMIA letter
SD/2/2 dated 1 May 45

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93315	1472	OH/540/1	-	12	5	HQ MAAC	CEUAM
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93300	1211	OH/526/1	24	358	99	HQ MAAC & F EU	VITERBO
93301		OH/527/1	30	737	89	" " " " "	"
93302		OH/527/1	30	737	89	" " " " "	"
93303		OH/527/1	30	737	89	" " " " "	"
93304	1231	OH/931/1	35	703	35 and 33 bicycles	HQ Eighth Army	Eighth Army
93295	1232	OH/989/1	9	64	8	HQ No 2 District	SIENA
93296	1233	OH/990/1	28	772	9	" " " "	"
93297	1234	OH/990/1	28	772	9	" " " "	"
93298	1235	OH/990/1	28	772	9	" " " "	"

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Sheet 3

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
CATEGORY 3 - AC UNITS							
12	461 Italian LAD (AC) att 221 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	93353	461	OB/875/1	-	17	3
13	462 Italian LAD (AC) att 222 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	93359	462	OB/875/1	-	17	3
14	463 Italian LAD (AC) att 223 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	93575	463	OB/875/1	-	17	3
15	464 Italian LAD (AC) att 224 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	93612	464	OB/875/1	-	17	3
16	465 Italian LAD (AC) att 225 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	93613	465	OB/875/1	-	17	3
17	466 Italian LAD (AC) att 226 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	93614	466	OB/875/1	-	17	3
18	HQ Commander 211 Italian Tpt Coln (AC)	93637	-	III/115/2 (restricted) (implementation) (vide app "B")	4	19	8
19	HQ Commander 212 Italian Tpt Coln (AC)	93638	-	III/115/2 (restricted) (implementation) (vide app "B")	4	19	8

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SD/1/2 dated 1 Jan 45

(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(k)
93353	461	OM/875/1	-	17	3	BQ No 3 District	TRANT
93359	462	OM/875/1	-	17	3	" " " "	"
93575	463	OM/875/1	-	17	3	" " " "	"
93612	464	OM/875/1	-	17	3	" " " "	"
93613	465	OM/875/1	-	17	3	" " " "	"
93614	466	OM/875/1	-	17	3	" " " "	"
93637	-	III/115/2 (restricted) (implementation) (vide App "B")	4	19	8	BQ No 3 District	TRANT
93638	-	III/115/2 (restricted) (implementation) (vide App "B")	4	19	8	" " " "	"

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App "F" to BMA letter
SD/1/2 dated 1 May 45

M.A.B. ESTABLISHMENT (III/315/2 (Part))

(i) Personnel (NR-ITI)

Lieutenant Colonel	1
Major	1
Captains	2
Clerks : Staff Sergeant	1
Sergeant	1
Corporal	1
Privates	3
Drivers for duty as:	
Drivers of vehicles	10
Batman	2
Batman drivers	2
Motor cyclists (including 1 Lance Corporal)	5
TOTAL Headquarters	21

Attached

Cooks (Privates)	2
TOTAL Headquarters (including attached)	23

(ii) Vehicles

Motor Cycles solo	4
Cars 4-str 4 x 2	1
Cars 2-str 4 x 2	2
Lorries 3-ton 4 x 2 GS	1

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SUBJECT: Adjustment Ceiling BR-ITI Combat — S E C R E T

LAND FORCES SUB COM., AC (MMIA)

SD/94

1 May 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR.

67 Q/92

Category 2 Combat 40/1

1. Ref. this HQ letter SD/94 dated 24 Apr and SD/1/2 of 1 May. See 68.

2. Two new subsections will be added to the "Order of Battle Italian Army" (vide MMIA N° 2/8 of 9 Mar) Category 2 Combat as follows :

(a) "Independent Combat Troops" - ceiling - 5921
comprising :
(i) Garibaldi Inf Regt Total all ranks 2683
(ii) Five Patriot Radio Bns " " " 2500
(iii) Bande Patrioti Mobile " " " 738
5921

This Sub Section will be carried immediately after Mantova Combat Group.

(b) "N" 1 Guard Regt - ceiling - 2473
This Sub Section will be carried immediately after "Independent Combat Troops".

3. Reference Appx "B" to MMIA above quoted letter SD/94 dated 24 April, the WE proposed for the Mobile Unit now comprises 35 Offrs and 703 ORs and NOT 37 Offrs and 722 ORs as stated. Total unallotted should consequently be amended from 607 to read 628.

S M Gladen
Major General,
MMIA.

Copies to :-
MMIA Senior LOs
5 Army
8 Army

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Category 2 Combat as follows :

(a) "Independent Combat Troops" - ceiling - 5921
comprising :

(i)	Garibaldi Inf Regt	Total all ranks		2683
(ii)	Five Patriot Recce Bns	"	"	2500
(iii)	Bonda Patriotti Mobile	"	"	738
				5921

This Sub Section will be carried immediately after Mantova Combat Group.

(b) "M" 1 Guard Regt - ceiling - 2473
This Sub Section will be carried immediately after "Independent Combat Troops".

3. Reference Appx "B" to MMIA above quoted letter SD/94 dated 24 April, the WE proposed for the Mobile Unit now comprises 35 Offrs and 703 ORs and NOT 37 Offrs and 722 ORs as stated. Total "unallotted" should consequently be amended from 607 to read 628.

J.M. Ingledew. Lt-Col.
Major General,
MMIA.

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8 Army
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Sicily
Naples c/o PENSOUTH
Eastern Italy c/o 54 Area

MMIA LOs
5 Army BR Inter
1 Dist
2 "
3 "
50 BIU
51 "
52 "
53 "
56 "
"P" BIU

INTERNAL :-
MA for GOC
Chief of Staff
GSI
G (1)
G (Trg)
A (2)
Q (2) 1 left to GOC
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CC: A: 6th-XIX Tpt Corps, AC (Cat 3).

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC, MMIA

SD/6/3

1 May 45

AC : MINISTRY OF WAR

2 - 212 Italian Transport Columns, AC

For your information the proposed organization of the above columns (forming the 2nd-XIX portion of the Special Tpt Group, AC) at present in recapitulated as follows:-

1. 2nd XIX (Italian) (TMO)

HQ Commander, 211 Italian Tpt Coln, AC.
HQ Commander 212 Italian Tpt Coln, AC.

Each on MS III/115/2 - Implementation restricted to 4 Offrs, 19 Ors vide MMIA letter SD/6/3 of 28 Apr 45.

2. 6th XIX (Italian) (TMO)

HQ Commander 221 Tpt Coln.
HQ Commander 222 Tpt Coln.

Each on MS III/115/2 - Implementation restricted to 2 Offrs (Dr), 4 Ors (Dr) vide MMIA letter SD/6/3 dated 1 May 45.

3. Tpt Companies (TMO)

(a) 1000, 1001, 1002, 1004 Tpt Coys (MS-III) now in existence are carried in Cat 3 vide Italian Army Strength State 2/8 (Annex) .94
organised on MS III/115/2 3 Offrs 41 Ors - HQ
III/117/2 (four) (each) 1 Offr 61 Ors - Tpt Pls
III/121/2 (two) (each) - 31 Ors - SPLs
III/122/3 (Car 3) 1 Offr 48 Ors - Wkshp Pl

See MMIA letter SD/10/2 dated 25 Apr 45, para 4, regarding the workshop platoons.

(b) 221 - 226 Italian Tpt Coys AC formed or forming on the same lines as in sub-para (a) above less III/122/3 (Wkshop Pl) [illegible]

(Pending the [illegible] portion of the Special Tpt Group, AC) at present is recapitulated as follows:-

1. Bde HQs (Italian) (SHQ)

HQ Commander 211 Italian Tpt Coln, AC.
HQ Commander 212 Italian Tpt Coln, AC.

Each on TE III/115/2 - Implementation restricted to 4 Offrs, 19 ORs vide MMIA letter SD/6/3 of 28 Apr 45.

2. Gp Bde (British) (TBG)

HQ Gp(B) "B" Gp Coln.
HQ Gp(B) "C" Gp Coln.

Each on TE III/115/2 - Implementation restricted to 2 Offrs (Br), 4 ORs (Br) vide MMIA letter SD/6/3 dated 1 May 45.

3. Tpt Companies (TPC)

(a) 1000, 1001, 1002, 1004 GT Coys (SR-IPI) now in existence and carried in Cat I vide Italian Army Strength State 2/8 (March) organised on TE

III/116/2	5 Offrs	41 ORs - HQ
III/117/2 (four) (each)	1 Offr	61 ORs - Tpt Pls
III/121/2 (two) (each)	-	31 ORs - MMLs
III/122/3 (Ser 3)	1 Offr	48 ORs - Wksp Pl

See MMIA letter SD/10/2 dated 25 Apr 45, para 4, regarding the workshop platoons.

(b) 221 - 226 Italian Tpt Coys AC formed or forming on the same TEs as in sub-para (a) above less III/122/3 (wksp pl) at TRANI under supervision 3 District.
Vide MMIA letters SD/6 of 16 Mar 45 and SD/6/3 of 14 Apr 45.

221 Tpt Coy	now formed	-	moving from TRANI	1 May 45
222 "	"	effective date		15 Apr 45
223 "	"	"	"	15 Apr 45
224 "	"	"	"	15 May 45
225 "	"	"	"	15 May 45
226 "	"	"	"	15 Jun 45.

4. British Cadres for Coys.

Authority has so far been given for formation of British Cadres MAAC for 221 and 222 Italian Tpt Coys AC vide MMIA letter SD/6/3 dated 25 Apr 45 on AE CM/317/1 implemented as to 3 Offrs, 16 ORs plus a workshop section of 4 ORs - total all ranks 25(British).

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5. LADs (SIX ordered to date - FOUR more to be ordered)

(a) 461 - 466 Italian LADs (AC) for attachment to 221 - 226 Italian Tpt Coys (AC) have been ordered to form at TRANI under supervision 3 District. Vide MMIA letter SD/1/2 dated 1 May 45.

461 LAD (AC)	w.e.f. 25 Apr 45	personnel moving from TRANI to ROME for AC Mech School 1 May 45.
462 LAD (AC)	w.e.f. 25 Apr 45	
463 LAD (AC)	w.e.f. 25 Apr 45	
464 LAD (AC)	w.e.f. 15 May 45	
465 LAD (AC)	w.e.f. 15 May 45	
466 LAD (AC)	w.e.f. 1 Jun 45.	

(b) No further instructions have been received regarding the disbandment of the workshop platoons with 1000, 1001, 1002, 1004 GP Coys vide sub-para (a) above but it is understood that the intention is to employ a LAD only with each of the ten Tpt Coys. MMIA letter SD/10/2 dated 25 Apr 45 also refers.

Major General
MMIA

Copies to:- AC for G-4 (SR)
Tn SC
Motor Tpt Gp
MMIA LO 3 District
34 Area
Personnel
OC Br Centre 803 BRD
804 BRD

Internal:- P-1/c
G (Trg)
G (L)
A (2)
Q1
Q2
Q(AE)
Q(OS)
SC (3)
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(b) No further instructions have been received regarding the disbandment of the workshop platoons with 1000, 1001, 1002, 1004 GT Coys wide sub-para (a) above but it is understood that the intention is to employ a LAD only with each of the ten Tpt Coys. MGIA letter 32/10/2 dated 25 Apr 45 also refers.

Major General
MGIA

Copies to:- AC for G-1 (RR)
Tn SC
Motor Tpt Gp
MGIA LO 3 District
54 Area
Portsmouth
OC Br Cadre 803 BRD
804 BRD

Internal:- 2-i/c
G (Trg)
G (L)
A (2)
Q1
Q2
Q(LE)
Q(OS)
SV (3)
RDME

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SD/10/2

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

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FROM: AMIA

Date Time

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR 01 630 B

INFO: HQ RAAF,
F BDE HQ ICF.

REF : SD 8647

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REF OUR SD/38/2 OF 26 APR (.)

INFORM GARIBALDI INF BDE

IS COMPLETE AS TO ORG AND EQUIPMENT AT

VITERBO BY 10 MAY (.)

REPORT DIFFICULTIES (.)

FORMAL FORMATION ORDER FOLLOWS

See file 149 PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

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FORMAL FORMATION ORDER FOLLOWS

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ARTY RECORDS

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SUBJECT: Formation of Units for BEN IOR

L-SO FOR GSS SUB-COM, A.G. (MMIA)

SD/46/8

May 46

TO : "F" MLU BEN IOR

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(a) OT Coy (two s/s six MMIs)
(b) 155 LAD

1. Reference is made to this HQ letter SD/6 of 19 March, copy to you.

2. Herewith copy of AFHQ reply under ref AG 383/181 OCTM dated 18 April. Formation of the OT Coy referred to has not been authorized.

3. Copy of MMIA letter to War Ministry confirming formation of 155 LAD under authority AFHQ letter GS/1116/G-1(Mr)(Ser.1106) dated 27 April 46 (copy attached) will follow.

Sd/-
J. Major General
MMIA

Copy to: A1
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File SD/6/8

Less AFHQ letter of 27 April

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

APO 512

AG 565/151 GCT-G 28 April 1945

SUBJECT: Maintenance Transport for Italian Combat Force Reinforcement Training Centre

TO : President
Allied Commission
APO 394
FWD: Land Forces Sub-Commission (NMIA)

1. Reference is made to NMIA letter SD/4 dated 19 March 1945.

2. Formation of an additional LAD on GS/540/1 for service with the Driving and Maint School is approved. Formation orders will follow.

3. It is regretted that authority cannot be given for formation of further transport units for maintenance of the Reinforcement Training Centre. It is impossible at the present time to release vehicles for this commitment without prejudice to completion of other units of higher operational priority. Temporary allotment of 5 Gen Tpt Coy is now being considered.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

/s/ R. H. PARKER
/t/ R. H. PARKER
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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Sub. ref: MMC MMIA

LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (MMIA)

SC/105

29 April 45

TO : AFHQ for G-3 Grp (Pur)

1. Attached at Appendix "A" are two copies of minutes of MMIA MSC No 4.

2. Serials 11, 12, 13, 16 and 17 do not involve increases of transport and formal proposals are therefore not attached. Further details are given below :-

(a) Serials 11 and 12 were considered by MSC separately from the review of Combat Group cats, as, in the case of serial 11, MG-ETI service units are also affected, and, in both cases, the increases are urgently required and, in fact, personnel have been posted.

(b) Serial 13
As the Static Officers Shop will act as a form of depot for the Mobile Officers Shop, it is considered that an officer of the rank of captain is essential. Similarly the 4 ORs will be essential if the stocks are to be maintained and the mobile shops properly administered.

(c) Serial 16
This cat is intended to regularise an existing attachment. The numbers are the minimum possible and it is felt that to cut down the numbers would adversely affect the work of the unit.

(d) Serial 17
This is a temporary measure but it is considered that immediate action should be taken without waiting for the High Comm review of Combat Group cats. 9.55

3. Serial 14 and 15
As these MSs include transport formal proposals are attached at Appendices as below:-

Serial 14 An Italian Officer's Shop (Mobile) - App "B"
Serial 15 An Italian Engr Park Company - App "C"

4. Serial 18
(a) It is requested that clarification of your AG 091.711/TAS SCT.6 of 26 March be given to this HQ as a guide to assessing the pds and bns requirements of the Italian Government to Italian army

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review of Combat Group data, as, in the case of serial 11, MG-MT service units are also affected, and, in both cases, the increases are urgently required and, in fact, personnel have been posted.

(b) Serial 13
As the Static Officers Shop will act as a form of depot for the Mobile Officers Shop, it is considered that an officer of the rank of captain is essential. Similarly the 4 ORs will be essential if the stocks are to be maintained and the mobile shops properly administered.

(c) Serial 16
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(d) Serial 17
This is a temporary measure but it is considered that immediate action should be taken without waiting for the Eighth Army review of Combat Group ests.

3. Serial 14 and 15
As these SUs include transport formal proposals are attached at Appendices as below:-

Serial 14 An Italian Officer's Shop (Mobile) - App "B"
Serial 15 An Italian Magr Park Company - App "C"

4. Serial 10
(a) It is requested that classification of your AG 094.711/085 GCT.8 of 26 March be given to this HQ as a guide to assessing the adm and trg requirements of the Italian Detachment to Italian Army Pack Transport Training Centre (PORCHESTER) (CM/697/1)

(b) There are in the Italian Army authorised units totalling approx 7,000 pack transport personnel. At 5%, this means only 350 pack transport rfts can be held and trained. It is felt that, in these circumstances, the present adm staff of 59 together with a proposed training staff of 61 and a British Cadre of 19, total 139 all ranks, is excessive for a rft holding of 350, i.e. a ratio of one permanent staff to 2.5 rfts. It is considered that a ratio of 1 permanent staff to 5 rfts should be adequate. GT branch of this HQ is examining the problem with GT branch AFHQ with a view to putting up a new GS for review by you, and it is requested that further details regarding the future of the Training Centre be given.

Major General
M.M.I.A.

Internal : App "A" "B" "C"

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SUBJECT: Formation of new Veterinary & Remount Units (Cat 1 C) (ITI-ITI.)

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

SD/11/2

28 Apr 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Q/92

Reference your "Nota per la MMIA - oggetto : recupero quadrupedi nell'Italia Settentrionale" dated 26 Apr.

1. Authority is given to form the following units forthwith :-

UNIT	WE	OFFRS	ORS	VEHS
25 REMOUNT DEPOT	251/SMRE/1	8	34	-
26 REMOUNT DEPOT	251/SMRE/1	8	34	-

2. N°. 25 Remount Depot will be stationed in N.W. Italy and carry out its duties in N° 1, 2, 3 Territorial Comds whilst N° 26 should be stationed in N.E. Italy being responsible for 4, 5, 6 Territorial Comds.

3. These units will be carried in Cat 1 C (ITI-ITI) Section 5. (Vet and Remount).

4. Please advise this HQ where the units will be formed and give estimated date for completion.

Major General,
MMIA.

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Copy to: AFHQ (for G-3 OPS)

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25 REMOUNT DEPOT	251/SMRE/1	8	34	-
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3. These units will be carried in Cat 1 C (ITI-ITI) Section 5. (Vet and Remount).

4. Please advise this HQ where the units will be formed and give estimated date for completion.

Major General,
AMMA.

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Copy to: AFHQ (for G-3 OBO)

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Q.1 MED AMMA LO 2 Dist
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G.Rec. please amend SD/94 of 22 Feb.

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SUBJECT: Proposal for a new TE for a HR-ITI Service Unit

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MMA)

SD/4

28 Apr 46

TO : AFHQ for G-3 GMO FOR.
AFHQ for G-3 GMO 3

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(1)

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1. The Proposal

(a) An Italian Engineer Park Company

(b) A new TE effected by amending the existing TE CM/596/1 for an Italian Fd Pk Coy.

(c) NOT applicable.

2. The Effect of the Proposal

	Offrs	OR	MT	Vehs	Trailers
(a) An increase of	5	126	10	16	1

(b) NOT applicable

(c) At present it is intended to form one unit.

(d) The proposal involves an overall increase in vehs and eqpt. Personnel will be provided from existing available HR-ITI service rifts and from the pool resulting from the disembodiment of Italian Inactments to Art Mts Coys (LE).

(e) Unit to be formed in place of one of the Italian Engr Coys already authorized vide Priority List 6 (ASD/900.1(e) of 17/7/45) and still to be formed.

(f) NOT applicable

(g) The proposal has been forwarded by 15 Army Group, agreed in principle with G-3 GMO (FOR) and Engr AFHQ, and approved subject to AFHQ concurrence by minutes of MMIA MEC No 1 Serial 14.

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1. The Proposal

(a) An Italian Engineer Park Company

(b) A new ME effected by amending the existing ME CM/996/1 for an Italian Pk Pk Coy.

(c) NOT applicable.

2. The Effect of the Proposal

	Offrs	OR	MT	Vehs	Trailers
(a) An increase of	3	126	10	16	1

(b) NOT applicable

(c) At present it is intended to form one unit.

(d) The proposal involves an overall increase in vehs and eqpt. Personnel will be provided from existing available BR-ITI service rfts and from the pool resulting from the disbandment of Italian Increments to Art Wks Coys (L2).

(e) Unit to be formed in place of one of the Italian Engr Coys already authorized vide Priority List 8 (AGD/911.1(8) of 17/3/45) and still to be formed.

(f) NOT applicable

(g) The proposal has been forwarded by 15 Army Group, agreed in principle with G-3 GHQ (FCR) and Engr AFHQ, and approved subject to AFHQ concurrence by minutes of MGIA MEC No 4 Serial 14. 5763

(h) The ME is attached as Appx "A" for approval.

3. The Reasons for the Proposal

(a) This unit is required as a Fd Pk Coy for "F" GHQ Tps Engrs now forming.

(b) This formation, consisting of a Hq GHQ Tps Engrs and three Pioneer Coys, each with an RE increment, will operate in a normal engr role with an AGRA. They will require the workshops and stores facilities of a Fd Pk Coy.

(c) Owing to a theatre shortage, there are no British G Fd Pk Coys available, and it is probable that in addition to

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supporting "F" GHQ Tps Engrs, the proposed unit, when formed will have to operate a stores dump for two GHQ Tps Engrs within an ASRE.

(d) By deleting the Div or Fl (not required in a GHQ Tps Engrs) from WE .GH/596/1 and strengthening the stores pl, a suitable establishment is created for the type of unit required.

(e) Tradesmen can be found or trained with the exception of Engine fitters - mechanical eqpt, for which no training facilities exist in the Italian Army. The trade has not been deleted as personnel can be trained within British resources.

Major General
AMGI

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Effective Date
APR 45

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AN ITALIAN ENGINEER LABOR COY
War Establishment

(i) Personnel

DETAIL	Headquarters	Workshop Platoon	Stores Platoon	Total Italian Engr Pr Coy
Captain	1			1
Subalterns	2	1	1	4
Total Officers	3	1	1	5
Company Sergeant Major	1			1
Company Quartermaster Sergeant	1			1
Military Mechanist (Mechanical) Staff Sergeant				1
Transport NCO (Sergeant)		1		1
Sergeants	1			1
Total Warrant Officers, Staff Sergeants and Sergeants		1	1	2
Corporals (Sap or Class)	2	2	1	5
Corporals (Driver Class)	2	2	3	7
Sappers	1		1	1
Drivers	26	38	34	98
Total Rank and File	4	4	9	19
Total Other Ranks	32	41	47	119
Total all Ranks	36	43	48	127
Attached	31	44	49	124
Armourer (Sergeant)	1			1
Cooks	4	2	2	8
Total Attached	5	2	2	9
Total Italian Engr Pr Coy (Including attached)	34	46	51	131

(ii) Distribution of Rank and File by Trades and Duties

Tradesmen				
Blacksmith		2		2
Bricklayer		1		1
Carpenters and Joiners		5		5
Clerks	4			4
Driver Mechanic (Driver Class)	1	1	2	4
Electricians (Maintenance)		3		3
Engine Fitters-ID & Pumps Mechanical Appt		3		3
Engine Hands ID		1		1
Equipment Repairer		2		2
Fitters		1		1
Painters & Decorators		4		4

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Transport NCO (Sergeant)	1			1
Sergeants		1	1	2
Total Warrant Officers, Staff Sergeants and Sergeants	3	2	1	6
Corporals (Sapper Class)	2	1	3	7
Corporals (Driver Class)	1		1	2
Sappers	26	36	34	96
Drivers	4	4	9	18
Total Rank and File	35	41	47	123
Total Other Ranks	38	43	48	129
Total all Ranks	51	44	49	134
Attached				
Armourer (Sergeant)	1			1
Cooks	3	6	3	6
Total Attached	3	2	2	7
Total Italian Engr Pk Coy (Including attached)	54	46	51	151

(ii) Distribution of Rank and File by Trades and Duties

Tradesmen				
Blacksmith		2		2
Bricklayer		1		1
Carpenters and Joiners		3		3
Clerks	4			4
Driver Mechanic (Driver Class)	1	1	2	4
Electricians (Maintenance)		3		3
Engine Fitters-IC & Pumps		3		3
Mechanical Eqpt		1		1
Engine Hands IC		2		2
Equipment Repairer		1		1
Fitters		4		4
Painters & Decorators		3		3
Pioneers for duty as General dutymen	2	2	26	30
Water Cyclists	3		2	5
Storeman	3	1	8	12
Batman	3	1	1	5
Sanitary dutyman	1			1
Water Dutyman	1			1
Plumbers & Pipefitters		2		2
Sawyers		2		2
Sheet Metal Worker		1		1
Surveyor (Engineering)	1			1
Turner		1		1
Vehicle Mechanics (Driver Class)	1			1
Welders (Acetylene & Electric)		2		2
Total Tradesmen	20	38	37	95
Non Tradesmen				
Drivers IC for duty as Tpt NCOs	1		1	2
Drvs of Vehs	1	3	7	11
Total Non Tradesmen	2	3	8	13
Total Rank and File	22	41	47	113

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(iii) Transport

DETAIL	Headquarters	Workshop Platoon	Stores Platoon	Total Italian Engr Pk Coy
Bicycle	1			1
Motor-cycles, solo	6	2	3	10
Cars 5-cwt 4 x 4	2		1	3
Trucks 15-cwt 4 x 2 GS	1		3	4
Machinery Type XL		1		1
Lorries 3-ton 4 x 4 GS	2	1	5	8
Lorries 3-ton 4 x 4 Winch		1		1
Lorries 3-ton 6 x 4 Machinery 24 KW RE		1		1
Trailer 1-ton 2-wheeled water 180 gallons	1			1

NOTE

This establishment will NOT be implemented without AFHQ authority.

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LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, A.C. (MMIA)

WAR ESTABLISHMENTS COMMITTEE

4th Meeting held on 26 April 1945.

Present:

	Lt. Col. S. M. DOCKERTY	Chairman
	Lt. Col. R. A. CURTIS	"Q" Branch
	Maj. R. E. PINKLEY (U.S. ARMY)	"O" Branch
	Maj. J. A. DORAN	"A" Branch
	Maj. J. L. W. CHENTE	G(SD)

AMENDMENT TO MINUTES

Serial Number	Category		War Establishment
5	3 - HR-ITI Service Tps	Light Aid Detachment for an Italian Transport Coy	CM/675/1

This new WE has been approved by AFHQ, with the deletion of one truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.

The WE will be issued in due course incorporating this amdt.

7	3 - HR-ITI Service Tps	Italian Base Reinforcement Depot	CM/730/1

The following amdt to minutes of meeting No. 3 Serial 7 is entitled.

Delete - Under HQ Bn

Cooks, Offrs mess - 1
Waiters, Offrs mess - 1

Substitute - Under HQ Coy

Cooks, Offrs mess - 1
Waiters, Offrs mess - 1

8	3 - HR-ITI Service Tps	British Cadre to Italian Base Reinforcement Depot	CM/731/1

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Serial Number	Category		War Establishment
5	3 - HR-ITI Service Tps	Light A/C Detachment for an Italian Transport Coy	CM/875/1

This new HE has been approved by AFHQ, with the deletion of one trunk 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.

The Est will be issued in due course incorporating this amdt.

7	3 - HR-ITI Service Tps	Italian Base Reinforcement Depot	CM/730/1

The following amdt to minutes of meeting No. 3 Serial 7 is notified.

Delete - Under HQ Coy

Cooks, Offrs mess - 1
Waiters, Offrs mess - 1

Substitute - Under HQ Coy

Cooks, Offrs mess - 1
Waiters, Offrs mess - 1

8	3 - HR-ITI Service Tps	British Cadre to Italian Base Reinforcement Depot	CM/731/1

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A previous recommendation to antedate this est to 9 Dec 44 has been included in the proposal to add 2 x lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 G.S. Submitted to AFHQ. (MSC 3/8 refers)

M I N U T E S

10	3 - HR-ITI Service Tps	Italian Increment to Italian Army Port Transport Training Centre (PORCHERETTA) as an Increment to RASC Training Depot	CM/697/1

In view of AFHQ instruction that this W.E. should be reviewed it was

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considered desirable that the whole Est including the Adm Staff and the Training Staff should be considered at one time.

It was felt that the role of the increment also required reviewing and that instruction in basic training were not required as basic training of rfts would be undertaken at BRDs before they were posted to the centre.

The reconsideration of this proposal was postponed pending completion of the comprehensive review, required by AHQ.

(Minutes of MCC 3/6 refer)

File: SD/TC/2

11 E - MA-ITI Combat Tps — An Italian Field Hospital — CM/574/1

The following amdt was approved w.e.f. 16 April 45, subject to AFHQ concurrence.

Amend Title to read

"An Italian Evacuation Hospital (BCD type)"

Add Medical Offrs
(1 to be a surgical specialists) - 2
Dets - 2
Nursing Orderlies - 5
General Duty Orderlies - 6
Nursing Sisters - 10

Concurrence: - Army, IMD, AFHQ

Will be promulgated on receipt of AFHQ concurrence as amdt No. 2.

File: SD/12/2

12 3 - MA-ITI Service Tps — An Italian Field Surgical Unit — CM/575/1

The following amdt was approved

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(Minutes of MMC 3/6 refer)

File: SD/30/1

11 — 4 - MD-ITI Combat Tps — An Italian Field Hospital — CM/374/1

The following amdt was approved w.e.f. 26 April 45, subject to AFHQ concurrence.

Amend Title to read

"An Italian Evacuation Hospital (200 beds)"

Add Medical Offrs
(1 to be a surgical specialists) - 2
Dents - 2
Nursing Orderlies - 5
General Duty Orderlies - 6
Nursing Sisters - 10

Concurrence: G Army, IMS, AFHQ

Will be promulgated on receipt of AFHQ concurrence as amdt No. 2.

File: SD/12/2

12 — 3 - MD-ITI Service Tps — An Italian Field Surgical Unit — CM/375/1

The following amdt was approved w.e.f. 26 April 45, subject to AFHQ concurrence:-

Add - Nursing Sisters - 4

Concurrence: G Army, IMS, AFHQ.

Will be promulgated on receipt of AFHQ concurrence as amdt No. 2.

File: SD/12/2

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13 3 - SR-ITI Service Tps — An Italian Officers' Shop (Static) — CM/976/1

This new Est was approved w.e.f. 26 April 45, subject to AFHQ concurrence.

It consist of 1 Officer and 4 ORs.

Concurrence: Ord and Q(AK) AFHQ

File: SD/15/2

14 3 - SR-ITI Service Tps — An Italian Officers' Shop (Mobile) — CM/977/1

This new Est was approved w.e.f. 26 April 45, subject to AFHQ concurrence.

It consists of 1 Offr, 3 ORs and Tpt.

Concurrence: Ord and Q(AK) AFHQ.

File: SD/15/2

15 3 - SR-ITI Service Tps — An Italian Engineer Park Coy — CM/978/1

This new Est was approved w.e.f. 26 April 45, subject to AFHQ concurrence.

It consists of 5 Offrs and 126 ORs & Tpt and will be formed instead of an Italian Engr Coy. (CM/649/1 - strength 6 Offrs and 231 ORs) now awaiting formation, thus providing a nett saving of 105 ORs.

Concurrence: 15 Army Group, Engrs Branch, AFHQ.

File: SD/A/2

16 3 - SR-ITI Service Tps — An Army Vehicle Disposal Unit — CM/979/1

This new Est was approved w.e.f. 26 April 45, subject to AFHQ concurrence.

It consists of 2 Offrs and 107 ORs. This unit is already in existence and it has been found that the numbers allowed for are the minimum necessary for its role, particularly as the liberation of Northern Italy is likely to increase the work of the

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This new Est was approved w.e.f. 26 April 45, subject to AFHQ concurrence.

It consists of 1 Offr, 3 ORs and Tpt.

Concurrence: Ord and G(L3) AFHQ.

File: SD/15/2

15 S - SA-ITT Service Tps — An Italian Engineer Park Coy — CA/878/1

This new Est was approved w.e.f. 26 April 45, subject to AFHQ concurrence.

It consists of 3 Offrs and 126 ORs 2 Tpt and will be formed instead of an Italian Engr Coy. (CA/649/1 - strength 5 Offrs and 231 ORs) now awaiting formation, thus providing a net saving of 105 ORs.

Concurrence: G Army Group, Engrs Branch, AFHQ.

File: SD/4/2

16 S - SA-ITT Service Tps — An Army Vehicle Disposal Unit — CA/879/1

This new Est was approved w.e.f. 26 April 45, subject to AFHQ concurrence.

It consists of 2 Offrs and 180 ORs. This unit is already in existence and it has been found that the numbers allowed for are the minimum necessary for its role, particularly as the liberation of Northern Italy is likely to increase the work of the unit.

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Concurrence: G Army
Salvage, AFHQ

- proposal for a Sr Cadre has been submitted by G Army to AFHQ.

17 T - ITI-ITT — An OC RE Coy — CA/737/1

The following unit was approved w.e.f. 26 April 45, subject to AFHQ concurrence.

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Add - Captains - 5

Delete - General dutyman - 5

Captains are required as AMGs with each Combat Gp and will be attached from this W.E.. The deletion of the general dutyman is essential as an offset since the Carabinieri ceiling is full. Rifts will be used to replace the permanent general dutyman deleted.

It was agreed that this was only a temporary measure until a proposal for a CC MG HQ in each Combat Group HQ has been prepared by G Army but that as the personnel were urgently required and had been provided, immediate cover was necessary.

Will be promulgated as amdt No. 1 on receipt of AFHQ concurrence.

File: Gb/41/2

Now War Establishments will not be implemented without authority of AFHQ if in categories 2 or 3 (HR-ITL) or of Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. (LMCL) if in categories 1, 4, 5 or 7 (IPI-ITL).

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For the Chief
Lt. Col.
G. S.

DISTRIBUTION: AFHQ (2)
G.S. 15 ARMY GP
5 ARMY (RA DUCK)
6 ARMY
1 DIVISION
2 DIVISION
4 DIVISION
MGL. LO 5 ARMY (RA DUCK)
MGL. LO 6 ARMY

INTERNAL: 6 of 8

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a temporary [illegible] until a proposed for a CO RB HQ in each Combat Group HQ has been prepared by 8 Army but that as the personnel were urgently required and had been provided, immediate cover was necessary.

Will be promulgated as amdt No. 1 on receipt of AFHQ concurrence.

File: SD/41/2

New War Establishments will not be implemented without authority of AFHQ if in categories 2 or 3 (HQ-III) or of Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. (MMLA) if in categories 1, 4, 5 or 7 (III-III).

28 Apr 45

Lt. Col.
G. S.

DISTRIBUTION: AFHQ (2)
C.O. 15 ARMY GP
5 ARMY (HQ INCR)
8 ARMY
1 DISTRICT
2 DISTRICT
3 DISTRICT
MMLA LO 5 ARMY (HQ INCR)
MMLA LO 8 ARMY
MMLA LO 1 DISTRICT
MMLA LO 2 DISTRICT
MMLA LO 3 DISTRICT
MMLA LO NAPLES
MMLA LO 54 AREA
MMLA LO 51 AREA
MMLA LO SICILY
MMLA LO SARDINIA
"F" SEC
MINISTRY OF WAR (2)

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File: SD/108

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SUBJECT: Proposed WE for ~~AB~~ Italian Officer's Shop (Mobile)

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM, MC (MAIA)

SD/15/2

22 Apr 45

TO : G-3 Org(For) AFHQ (10)
G-3 (Org 4) AFHQ 1

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1. THE PROPOSAL

(a) AB ITALIAN OFFICER'S SHOP (MOBILE)

(b) New WE draft of which is attached

(c) Nil.

2. EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL

(a) Overall increase of 1 Italian officer
3 " ORs.
1 x Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 GS

(b) Not applicable

(c) It is proposed to form two such units

(d) Overall increase

(e) Nil

(f) All Category "B"

(g) Ord & Q(AL) AFHQ. Approved subject AFHQ concurrence by MAIA WOC Minutes 4 serial 13

(h) Proposed new WE is attached at Appx "A" for AFHQ concurrence.

3. REASONS FOR PROPOSAL

(a) To form the seven thereby Italian Officers in the Gruppi di Combattimenti may effect renewals of personal kit by purchasing in the field. The establishment of two such shops is agreed to in principle by letters AFHQ/717A/9(AS) dated 5 Mar 45 and [illegible]

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(a) [illegible] (NGLL)

(b) New WE draft of which is attached

(c) Nil.

2. EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL

(a) Overall increase of 1 Italian officer
0 " OR.
1 x Lorry } for 4 x 2 CR

(b) Not applicable

(c) It is proposed to form two such units

(d) Overall increase

(e) Nil

(f) All Category "B"

(g) Ord & Q(AS) AFHQ. Approved subject AFHQ concurrence by MGLL HDO Minuter 4 serial 1)

(h) Proposed new WE is attached at Appx "A" for AFHQ concurrence.

3. REASONS FOR PROPOSAL

(a) To form the nucleus whereby Italian Officers in the Gruppi di Combattimenti may effect renewals of personal kit by purchasing in the field. The establishment of the such shops is agreed to in principle by letters AFHQ/9174/0(AS) dated 3 Mar 45 and 16 Apr 45.

(b) It is considered that one offr is essential to provide adequate supervision.

(c) The storeman act as storeman and guards as it is considered essential that the veh and stores be watched all the time.

(d) A lorry of sufficient capacity is required for the carriage of stocks.

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Internal 'A' 'J'

Major General
MGLA

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Effective Date - 26 April 1945

Appx "A" to LCCIA
SD/16/2 of 18 Apr 45

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AT ITALIAN OFFICERS STOP
(MOBILE)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

	Officer	Junior NCOs	Ptes	Total
Subaltern	1	-	-	1
Storeman	-	1	1	2
Driver	-	-	1	1
Total an Italian Officer's Shop (Mobile)	1	1	2	4

(ii) Transport

Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 G.S. — 1

NOTE

Personnel may be category B.

This establishment will NOT be implemented without AFHQ authority.

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Subaltern	1	-	-	1
Storeman	-	1	1	2
Driver	-	-	1	1
Total an Italian Officer's Shop(mobile)	1	1	2	4

(ii) Transport

Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 G.S. — 1

NOTE

Personnel may be category B.

This establishment will NOT be implemented without AFHQ authority.

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SUBJ. OT : Formation LAD's for
221/226 G.T. Corps

Land Forces Sub Comm, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME
Q/92

27 April 45

20 : H.Q. Motor Gp
Allied Commission

Ref your AC/TB/102/1 21 April 45.

1. Personnel selected as vehicle mechanics will be fitters.

2. It is agreed that WE III/117/2 provides one fitter per 4pt platoon and it is assumed these have been included in personnel selected for 221G T Coy.

R.A.C.

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

Copy : 3 District ref para 2

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HEADQUARTERS
MOTOR TRANSPORT GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION (I.A.F.)
APO 394

Q/92

Tel. 886334
Ext. 8

JHB/mg.

Ref. AC/TB/102/1

21 April 1945

SUBJECT : Proposed W.E. for L.A.D.

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

1. Reference your Q/92 dated 18th April, 1945.

2. It is difficult for this H.Q. to comment on the proposed W.E. for the L.A.D. until it is cognizant of the technical equipment with which the L.A.D. will be equipped.

3. It is noted, however, that there are no fitters shown in the Workshop Section and although only 1st Line Repairs are to be undertaken, it is considered that there will be a need for at least 5 fitters. This need not necessarily cause an increase in personnel as they could be off-set against the Vehicle Mechanics.

4. Further the Transport Platoons of the Transport Coys A.C. which were being formed by Diethree are shown as being organised on W.E. 111/117/2. This W.E. calls for 1 Fitter per Transport Platoon. Is this H.Q. correct in assuming that this is being done?

WALTER J. CANNON,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding,
MOTOR TRANSPORT GROUP.

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SUBJECT: Formation of AC, ST Units (Ex-ITI Cat 3)

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MMLA)

SD/6/3

13 APR 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. It is proposed that the following Cat 3 (Ex-ITI) units shall be formed at TRANE under the supervision of HQ 3 District. They will work for HQ AC and control the AC Tpt Coys (Ex-ITI).

Designation	WE	Offrs	OR's	Vehs	M/Cs	Basic Equipment List
HQ Commander 821 Italian Tpt Coln. AC	III/ 115/ E restricted implement-ation. See APPX A attached.	4	19	4	4	249/1
HQ Commander 822 Italian Tpt Coln. AC	III/ 115/ E restricted implement-ation. See APPX A attached.	4	19	4	4	249/1

2. Personnel will be provided under your arrangements through the normal Ex-ITI reinforcement channels.

3. Further details will follow.

4. AFHQ, Rome AGD/202.8(S)(1) of 24 Apr 45 refers.

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units shall be formed by [illegible] under the supervision of HQ 3 District. They will work for HQ AC and control the AC Tpt Coys (Sn-ITI).

Designation	MS	Offrs	OR's	Vehs	M/Cs	Basic Equipment List
HQ Commander All Italian Tpt Coln, AC	III/115/2 restricted implement-ation. See appx A attached.	4	19	4	4	249/1
HQ Commander All Italian Tpt Coln, AC	III/115/2 restricted implement-ation. See appx A attached.	4	19	4	4	249/1

2. Personnel will be provided under your arrangements through the normal Sn-ITI reinforcement channels.

3. Further details will follow.

4. AFHQ Memo AED/928.8(S)(1) of 24 Apr 45 refers.

See SD/1/2 Army

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Major General
MAL.

Copy to: CI Br AC
Tn SO AC
Master
G, AC
3 Dist.
MAL. LO 3 Dist
MAL. LO 54 Area
CO 2F Cadre 504 SCD

Internal: A.I.
G.S.
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APPX 'A' to MGLA letter
SD/6/3 dated 28 Apr 45

MAR EST ESTABLISHMENT (III/115/2 (Part))

(i) Personnel

Lieutenant Colonel	
Major	1
Captains	1
	2
Clerks : Staff Sergeant	1
Sergeant	1
Corporal	1
Privates	1
	3
Drivers for duty as:	
Drivers of vehicles	2
Batman	2
Batman Drivers	2
Motor Cyclists (including 1 Lance Corporal).	5
TOTAL Headquarters	11
Attached	
Cooks (Privates)	2
TOTAL Headquarters (including attached)	13

(ii) Vehicles

Motor Cycles solo	4
Cars 4 seater 4 x 4	1
Cars 2 seater 4 x 2	2
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	1

two

Drivers of vehicles	2
Batman	2
Batman Drivers	2
Motor Cyclists (including 1 L ance Corporal).	5
TOTAL Headquarters	21

Attached

Cooks (Privates)	2
TOTAL Headquarters (including attached)	23

(ii) Vehicles

Motor Cycles solo	4
Cars 4 seater 4 x 2	1
Cars 2 seater 4 x 2	2
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 CG	1

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RECORD

SUBJECT: Formation of MT Units - MR-III G.t 3.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MMLA)

MD/3/2

27 ADF MT

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

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272 Pack Tpt Increment to MMR

Ref this HQ letter MD/2/2 of 27 Mar Serial 272.

1. It is understood that MT CM/797/1 is only intended to be implemented to the following extent for this unit.

OC Lieut	1
Interpreter 2nd Lieut	1
Warrant Offr	1
Farrier	1
Assistant Farrier	1
Saddler	1
Assistant Saddler	1
Muleteers	75
	82

2. Further details will follow.

Sd/-
for Major General
MMLA

Internal: AI
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MT
G Secy

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SUBJECT: Training Units - PR-PZ Cat 3.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AG (MMLA)
SD/95/D

Aug 45

TO : MINISTER OF WAR
3 DISTRICT

DG Mounted Range Det.
(DG Hualco Montalto)

1. The above unit appears in your returns and in MMLA Strength State 2/9 in Cat 3 under command 3 District as being located at CAMEROTA with a strength of 1 Offr 15 ORs.

2. You are requested to confirm that this unit does in fact exist at CAMEROTA stating by which Italian DG it is administered and giving details of the present strength.

3. For 3 District. AFHQ letter AG 091-711/077 GCP-0 of 23 Apr refers.

G.A.
Major General
MMLA

Copy to: MMLA LO 3 District
PATD

Internal: G(Trg)
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Q1
Q2

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SUBJECT: Unauthorised units BR ITI Cat 6(B)

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LAND FORCES SUB COM. AC (AMIA)

SD/95/E

16 Apr 45.

TO : AFHQ for G-3 ORG.

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1. Ref your AG 091.711/077 COM-O dated 23 Apr and 3 Dist letters 764/G of 13 and 24 Apr.

2. 1009 GP (Drivers) Coy

The personnel of this unit (at present att. to 412 Cdo Pl PA LUCERA and shown at page 61 note (.) AMIA Strength State No 2/6 (March)) it is agreed should be utilised in its present location by 3 Dist in the formation of 382 Italian Ord Coy in accordance with your letter CR 1116/Gl.Br (Ser 2043) of 19 Apr. It is requested that 3 Dist notify this HQ which part of WD CM/637/1 it is intended to implement at LUCERA and which part at SALERNO, and give details of the personnel required in addition to those already made available ex 803 BRD, when the Italian Ministry of War will be informed accordingly. AMIA letter SD/15/2 dated 26 April not to all refers.

3. Italian Det. 14 R.D Turlizzi

This is dealt with in AMIA letter SD/95 of 25 Apr 45. In the meanwhile no action has been taken by this HQ to disband this unit, nor the unit mentioned in part 2 above.

4. 80 Mounted Range Det

Is understood to be in existence at CAMEROTA. Further details are being obtained.

5. 6 Coy 513 Inf Regt.

2 Provisional Coy att. RAOC Tr. Bat.

Action is being taken to disband these unauthorised units and post the personnel as rfts (Br ITI) to 803 BRD.

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The personnel of this unit (at present att. to 412 Cri Vch Pk LUCERA (as shown at page 61 note (..) AMIA Strength State No 2/6 (March)) it is agreed should be utilized in its present location by 3 Dist in the formation of 382 Italian Ord Coy in accordance with your letter CR 1116/Gl.Br (Sur 2043) of 19 Apr. It is requested that 3 Dist notify this HQ which part of WO CM/637/1 it is intended to implement at LUCERA and which part at SALERNO, and give details of the personnel required in addition to those already made available ex 803 BRD, when the Italian Ministry of War will be informed accordingly. AMIA letter S7/15/2 dated 26 April not to all refers.

3. Italian Det. 14 B.A.P Terlizzi

This is dealt with in AMIA letter 3D/95 of 25 Apr 45. In the meanwhile no action has been taken by this HQ to disband this unit - nor the unit mentioned in para 2 above.

4. 80 Mounted Range Det

Is understood to be in existence at CAMERONI. Further details are being obtained.

5. 6 Coy 513 Inf Bgt.

2 Provisional Coy att. RAOC Tr. Bat.

Action is being taken to disband these unauthorised units and post the personnel as rfts (Sr IRI) to 803 BRD.

Major General,
S.M.I.

Copy to: 3 Dist
AMIA LO 3 Dist
AMIA LO 54 Area

Internal: G.Ops
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Q.1.
Q.2.
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SUBJECT : Unauthorised Units - MR-XVI Cat 6(D)

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MGIA)

30/95/1

1 APR 42

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

6 Coy 513 Inf Regt.
(6 Co 513 Regt Infantry.)

1. The above unit will be disbanded w.e.f. 1 May. It is shown in MGIA Strength State No 2/8 p.61 Cat 6(D) as being located at CANCELLO with a strength of 7 Offrs 207 ORs.

2. The personnel will be moved to RAVISCANINA under your arrangements as rfts (MR-XVI) vide MGIA signal A 1034 dated 26 Apr para 6.

Major General
MGIA

Copy to: 3 District
MGIA LO 3 District
MGIA LO Portsmouth
OC Br Cadre 903 RED

ATS4 letter AG 091-711/077 GCI-O of 23 Apr - copy att - return.

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SUBJECT: Unauthorised Units - DR-ITI Cat 6(B)

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MMLA)
DD/95/A

16 Apr 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

2 Provisional Coy att RAOC Trg Est.
(2 Cp Inquadr RAOC)

1. The above unit will be disbanded w.e.f. 1 May. It is shown in MMLA Strength State No. 2/E p.61 Cat 6(B) as being located at PASSING with a strength of 3 Offrs 74 ORs.

2. The personnel will be moved to PLYMOUTH under your arrangements as rfts (DR-ITI) vide MMLA minuted A 1034 dated 26 Apr para 5.

Major General
MMLA

Copy to: 3 District
RAOC Trg Est
MMLA LO 3 District
MMLA LO Portsmouth
OC Dr Cadre BOS BRD

AMSO letter AO 091-711/OTI OOT-O of 23 Apr - copy att - refers.

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SUBJECT: Formation of Italian Increments to MGIs

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MAIA)
SD/36/2
26 Apr 45.

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Bill Increment to MG No. 1 Dist

1. The above unit was formed under the Supervision of MG No. 1 Dist. on 19 Jan 44.

2. Further details are contained in Appx "A" att. for information and completion of your records.

3. A F H Q letter G3/M16/G-1(SD)(Sur 2043) of 19 Apr 45 refers.

See Folio 66-Q14

Major-General
MAIA.

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MAIA LO 1 Dist.

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1. The above unit was formed under the Supervision of HQ n°.1 Dist. on 19 J[illegible] 44.

2. Further details are contained in Appx "A" att. for information and com[illegible]ation of your recor[illegible].

3. A P H Q letter G3/M16/G-1(SR)(Ser 2043) of 19 Apr 45 refers.

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Major-General
MMIA.

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MMIA LO 1 Dist.

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Appendix
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AFHQ SERIAL NO.	RAR OFFICE SERIAL NO.	UNIT DESIGNATION	W.E.	BASIC SCALE	SRL	W.E. STRENGTH OFFRS	ORS	VEHS	E/CS	LOCATION FOR FORMATION	SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY
811	95107	811 Increment to HQ No. 1 District	GM/447/1	6058/7		1	53			CATANIA	1 Dist

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Appendix "A" to MMIA letter
GD/36/2 dated 26 April 1945

BASIC SCALE	SEL	K.E. STRENGTH OFFRS	ORS	VEHS	E/CS	LOCATION FOR FORMATION	SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY	DATE OF FORMATION	REFERENCE FORMATION ORDER
6058/7		1	53			CATANIA	1 Dist	19 Jun 44	GR/1116/G-1 (Pr)(Ser 2043) of 19 Apr 45.

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SUBJECT: Org of GRD Units - HR-III Cat 3

LAND FORCES SUB-COM,AC (MMIA)

SD/15/2

26 Apr 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

384 Italian Ord Coy

Ref this Hq letter SD/2/2 dated 27 Mar 45 the above unit will be formed w.e.f. 15 May as shown in App "A" hereto.

1. Personnel will be provided as detailed in this Hq letter A/161 of 27 Mar 45.

2. The unit will be manned in Cat. 3 HR-III Service Units and shown under command 3 District - Hq 287 Adm Div.

3. The Unit will use the Posta Militare number of Hq 287 Adm Div.

4. Supervisory authorities will be issuing necessary instructions regarding Equipment and Transport.

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Major General
MMIA

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MMIA LO PLYMOUTH.
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AFHQ Serial No.	War Office Mob Serial No	Unit Designation	MS	IDEX.	Basic Scale	T/O STRENGTH Offrs	OR's	Vehs	W/Cs	Location for Ren	Supervisory Authority
382	95114	382 Italian Ordnance Dep	OM/637/1	Not required	6088/7	6	433	1	-	BALERNO	3 Dist

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Appx "A" to MGCLA letter
SD/15/2 dated 26 Apr 45

		Basic Scale	TE STRENGTH Offrs	OR's	Vehs	W/Cs	Location for Dan	Supervisory Authority	Date of Dan	References of Formation Order.
/637/1	Not required	6058/7	6	433	1	-	SAIZEBO	3 Dist	15 May 45	GS/1116/G-1 (Br)(Ser 2043) 19 Apr 45

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