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SD/17/A ORG OF R.A.C. UNITS

Opened Ap. 15, 1944 - Closed Nov. 19, 1944

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Effective date August 1944
(data 31 agosto 1944)

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RESTRICTED
(Ristretto)

1051 TANK BATTALION
(1051 Btg Carristi)

(Italian army personnel)
War Establishment
(Organico di guerra)

Amdt No (modif. n) Date (data)	
Offrs (ufficiali) ORs (sott. e truppa)	12 322
Total (totale)	334
MCs (motocicli) Vehicles (veicoli) Tractors (trattori)	1 — —

(a) Personnel (b) Personale

DETAIL (descrizione)	Officers (ufficiali)	Warrant officers class I (marescialli 1a classe)	Warrant officers class II (marescialli 2a classe)	Staff Sergeants (sergenti maggiori)	Sergeants (sergenti)	Corporals (caporali magg)	Lance Corporals (caporali)	Privates (soldati)	Total, 1051 Tank batt (Totale, 1051 btg carristi)
Officer commanding (major) (ufficiale comandante (maggiore))	1								1
Adjutant (captain) (aiutante maggiore (capitano))	1								1
Administrative officers (captains) (ufficiali di amministrazione (capitano))	2								2
Lieutenant (tenente)	1								1
Medical officer (2/lieutenant) (ufficiale medico (S tenente))	1								1
Officer IC stores (2/lieutenant) (ufficiale di magazzino (S tenente))	1								1
2/Lieutenants (sottotenenti)	5								5
Total, officers (totale, ufficiali)	12								12
Armourer (armiere)					1				1
Carpenter (falegname)					1				1
Clerks (scritturali)			4		3				7
Drivers (autieri)			4		15				19
General dutyman (servizi vari)					1				1
Interpreters (interpreti)					4				4
Mechanics (meccanici)			2		8				5
Tailor (sarto)					1				1
Total, warrant officers and sergeants (totale, sottufficiali)			10		29				39
Barbers (barbieri)								2	2
Batmen (attendenti)								15	15
Carpenters (falegnami)								8	8

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DETAIL (descrizione)	Officers (ufficiali)	Warrant officers class I (marescialli 1a classe)	Warrant officers class II (marescialli 2a classe)	Staff serjeants (sergenti maggiori)	Serjeants (sergenti)	Corporals (caporali magg)	Lance Corporals (caporali)	Privates (soldati)	Total, 1051 Tank batt (Totale, 1051 big carrier)
Clerks (scrivani)						(a) 28	80	111	2
Drivers (autieri)						(b) 10	20	30	10
Electricians (elettricisti)						(c) 3	45	48	30
General dutymen (servizi vari)						(c) 1		1	1
Mechanics (meccanici)								1	1
Motor cyclist (motociclista)								9	9
Painter (pittore)								30	30
Signallers (segnalatori)								11	11
Storemen (magazzinieri)								1	1
Sanitary dutymen (aiutanti di sanità)						(c) 1	10	11	1
Tailor (sarto)									
Welders (saldatori)									
Total, rank and file (totale, graduate e truppa)						45	238	285	
Total, other ranks (totale, sottuff e truppa)			10	29	45		238	322	
Total, 1051 tank battalion (totale, big carrier)	12		10	29	45		238	334	

(ii) Transport ((ii) mezzi di trasporto)

Motor-cycle, solo (motocicli, solo)
 (a) includes 16 lance-serjeants ((a) comprende 16 caporali maggiori)
 (b) includes 4 lance-serjeants ((b) comprende 4 caporali maggiori)
 (c) lance-serjeants ((c) caporali maggiori)

NOTE (NOTA)

Italian personnel for duty with the following units are included in this establishment.
 (Il personale italiano di servizio con i seguenti reparti sono compresi in questo organico.)

- (i) Headquarters, Armoured Delivery Regiment, RAC (NA/336/1)
 ((i) comando regt corazzato (servizi))
- (ii) Armoured Delivery Squadron, RAC (NA/337/1)
 ((ii) comando comp corazzato (servizi))
- (iii) Headquarters, Armoured Replacement Group, RAC (NA/382/1)
 ((iii) comando gruppo corazzato complementi)
- (iv) Armoured Reinforcement Regiment, RAC (NA/383/1)
 ((iv) reggimento corazzato di rincalzo)

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HEADQUARTERS
13 NOV 1944
ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No. 794 U. S. Army
Office of G-3 (British)

19 NOV. 1944

RAAC/16/11 /03(Br)

11 November 1944

SUBJECT: Ranges

SQ/23

TO: RACTD
ADL

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1. Further to visit of G-3 (Br) to RACTD ranges on 10 Nov and subsequent conversation with Comdr RACTD, permission and approval is hereby given for the use as AFV ranges of the territory earmarked, and as outlined, in rough sketch.
2. It is confirmed that the employment of civilians in the capacity of Range Wardens and for range duties is approved. Necessary arrangements will be completed on behalf of RACTD by ADL in order to ensure continuity of training with the minimum delay.
3. In addition to normal range precautions which are the responsibility of RACTD and the employment of civilian range personnel, a general notice in the Italian local press will be required in order that the range area receives as much publicity as possible.
4. These warnings and notices will be arranged by RACTD and AMG representative at RIETI.
5. Please forward a copy of the revised trace of the range to this Headquarters as soon as possible.

R. H. Camrass

R. H. CAMRASS,
Lt-Col

Deputy Chief of Staff 7881

Copy: HQ Allied Commission
59 Town Major
AMG RIETI

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PERSONAL

Military Mission Italian Army
R O M E

SD/23
11 Oct 44

My Dear

Thank you very much for your full explanation of the business of the 5th Armoured Car Company, which clears up the whole matter.

I know you agree that there should be absolute frankness between you and me and that anything like this should be ventilated and not "bottled-up" with possible resulting suspicion.

Anyhow, as far as I am concerned, I am quite satisfied and the matter is closed.

Yours

L.B.

(Major General)

H.E. Count CASATI
Minister of War

This Ventilation has done good. They realize we do spot things! I think we can drop it now. It was before Casati's day.

*L.B.
11 Oct*

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IL MINISTRO DELLA GUERRA

P.M. 151, 10 ottobre 1944

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Caro Generale Browning,

mi riferisco alla sua lettera SD/23
del 6 ottobre 944.

Ho ripreso personalmente in esame il fatto segnalatomi nei riguardi della 5^a cp. Carri L. ed ho personalmente trattata la cosa con S.E. il Generale Bernardi.

Ritengo doveroso precisare :

- 1)- la 5^a cp. carri L, nel marzo u.s., faceva parte del LI btg. carristi alle dipendenze del LI corpo d'armata.
- 2)- per l'attuazione del programma di cessione reparti agli A.A., lo S.M.R.E. - senza alcuna specifica richiesta della M.M.I.A. - in data 21 marzo o.s. dispose la trasformazione del LI btg. carristi in 1051^o reparto antieri carristi per A.A.. Dalla costituzione di tale reparto venne esclusa la 5^a cp. carri L, perchè era già impiegata in servizio di ordine pubblico a Lecce, per esigenza allora riconosciuta dal Ministero della Guerra (salvaguardia degli organi centrali dell'Esercito).
- 3)- in conseguenza, a fine marzo il LI btg. carristi era stato sciolto e la 5^a cp. carri L, esclusa.

Al Generale Langley BROWNING
Capo della Missione Milit. Alleata
ROMA

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la costituzione del 1051° btg. autieri, venne posta alle dipendenze della R.Accademia di Lecce, anche per ragioni di addestramento degli allievi. L'Accademia disciplinarmente dipendeva dal Ministero.

- 4)- il 25 aprile la M.M.I.A. (fogl.SD/23) fissò gli organici del 1051° reparto autieri carristi, impartendo disposizioni per la riorganizzazione di tale unità e per l'invio in zona d'impiego. Per la riorganizzazione del reparto nessuna richiesta specifica fu fatta dalla M.M.I.A. perchè venisse inclusa la 5^a cp.carristi I, che non aveva mai fatto parte organica del 1051° btg.
- 5)- nel luglio scorso, cessata la necessità di tenere a Lecce un reparto per servizio di O.P. (trasferimento a Roma del Ministero Guerra e dello S.M.R.E.), e - d'altra parte - essendo state effettuate delle riduzioni nella forza vettovagliata della R.Accademia, previa autorizzazione del Ministero, la 5^a cp. venne trasferita alla divisione "Piceno" la cui forza era al di sotto di quella stabilita dagli A.A. .
- 6)- di tale trasferimento venne informato via breve il Magg. Baumann della M.M.I.A. -
- 7)- la mancata segnalazione della cp nella situazione di maggio e giugno, non è da attribuire a voluta omissione, ma al semplice fatto che la forza della R.Accademia veniva, nella situazione stessa riportata in unica voce.
- 8)- tutte le suddette ragioni sono state chiarite dallo S.M.R.E. alla M.M.I.A. anche verbalmente tramite il Magg. Baumann .
- 9)- dato lo svolgimento dei fatti che ho sopra esposto con assoluta franchezza Ella potrà, Signor Generale, dedurre che nessun sotterfugio né mala fede è da at-

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IL MINISTRO DELLA GUERRA

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tribuirsi agli organi centrali militari italiani e in particolar modo allo S.M.R.E. nei riguardi della 5^a cp. carri L. -

Le comunicazioni verbali fatte a suo tempo al Magg. Daumann, denotano che, sia pur tenendo conto dei desideri dell'allora Ministro della Guerra, Generale Orlando, non si è voluto deliberatamente da parte dello S.M.R.E. evitare di eseguire gli ordini di cotesta M.M.I.A.

Spero vivamente che l'impressione del Suo Stato Maggiore potrà evanire dopo questi chiarimenti e ci tengo ad assicurarla che tutte le questioni con cotesta M.M.I.A. saranno sempre trattate da questo Ministero, come in passato, con la massima schiettezza.

L'accentramento delle relazioni voluto da V. S. presso questo Ministero, assicura infine che il controllo portato a tutte le questioni da questo Ministero stesso, eviterà per l'avvenire anche quelle apparenze di forma e non di sostanza che possono avere indotto lo Stato Maggiore della M.M.I.A. in

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sioni che non rispondono alla realtà dei fatti e
che è mio desiderio siano completamente dissipa-
te.

Con osservanza, sinceramente,

Alf. Secos
Alexandra Secos

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PERSONAL

Military Mission Italian Army
ROME

SD/23
6 Oct 44

Dear

I attach a memorandum to me from my second in command on the matter of the 5th Armored Car Company.

This is not good reading, and is an instance of what I spoke to you about the other day, viz. that on occasions my staff suspect that MMIA orders are deliberately evaded. I know you will agree with me that such a state of affairs cannot be tolerated, and I send you the attached for such action as you think fit. I do not wish to labour or pursue this matter any further, but, to say the least of it, it is disheartening to me to get a report such as the attached.

Yours

L.B.

(Major General)

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His Excellency
Count Casati
Minister of War

COPY

October 5, 1944.

Memorandum to: G.O.C.

1. Prior to April 25th., there existed in the Italian Army the 51st Tank Battalion and on April the 25th. instructions were issued to re-organize this battalion into a Tank Delivery Unit for the Allies.

2. At a conference with General Berardi, and Briadier Duchesne, sometime prior to the 25th. of April, General Berardi asked that the 51st Tank Battalion be retained for public security, and General Berardi was told by Brigadier Duchesne that this was not possible. However, on receipt of our order to reform this battalion, SMRE held out the 5th Armored Car Co., which was part of the battalion, and maintained it in the Italian Army. The excuse now given is that the 5th Armored Car Co. was not with its battalion, but was at Lecce. It will be noted that we did not specify the location of the 51st Tank Battalion in our order, and had we known that the 5th Armored Car Co. was being held out, we would have insisted that it would be made available for the Allied program and disbanded.

3. On the Strength Returns for May and June, the 5th Armored Car Co. as such, did not appear. It now develops that the 5th Armored Car Co. was carried as a part of the Military Academy strength for those two months. On the July Return the 5th Armored Car Co. of the 51st Tank Battalion appeared again as a part of the Piceno Division.

4. The retention of the 5th Armored Car Co. in the first place, and the hiding of the company for two months on the strength of the Military Academy and its later incorporation into the Piceno Div., smacks of deliberate evasion on the part of the SMRE. Certainly between the 25th. of April, and the 10th. of September, this was an illegal unit numbering about 90 people. 7877

4. General Oxillia states in his letter of the 21st. of September, that the 5th Armored Car Co. has now been disbanded, and the personnel allotted to units of the Piceno Combat group.

Translation

From: M. of W.

To: M. M. I. A.

Subject: 5th. Coy of "L" tanks.

Ref: 301474.

Date: 21. 9. 44.

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Re your SD/23 dated 10th. inst.

I) Having communicated with SORRE regarding the a/m unit, I beg to point out that: -

1) under instructions issued on March 21st. last (SORRE letter 2960/Mob delivered by hand to MMIA) personnel of the 51st. Tank Bn. stationed at Police SALENTI NO - 15 off 225 ORS - was to be employed in the formation of the 1051 Tank Dvr. Unit. The 5th. "L" tank Coy was excluded because it had been transferred to the Lecce area in February for public safety reasons.

The 51st Tank Bn. having been disbanded the 5th Coy consequently ceased to form part of same and attached to the Lecce R. Academy where it was also

used for training purposes.

2) When your SD/23 of April 25th. reached us ordering reorganisation of the 1051 Tank Dvr. Unit the 5th. "L" tank Coy. could not be contacted, it had

(SOMRE ltr 2960/Mdr delivered by hand to MIA)
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 it had been transferred to the base area
 in February for public safety reasons.
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Sec R. Academy where it was also
 used for training purposes. 7878
 2) When you SD/23 of April 25th. reached
 no ordering reorganization of the 1051
 Tank Div. Unit the 5th. 1st Tank Coy. could
 not be used because, as stated, it had
 not formed part of the 51st Bn. since March.

3) Last July as it was no longer
 necessary to retain the Coy in base for
 public safety reasons it was transferred
 to the "Piceno" Div (see strength return
 for July 15th) who were then under strength

On the 10th of July 1961 L.O. unit
SARRE was newly informed of
this move.

II) a) On the 9th. unit disbandment of
5th "L" tank Coy was ordered. This personnel
has been allotted to unit of the
"Piceno" combat group.

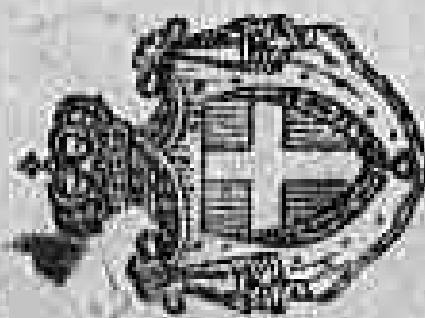
b) I do not consider, judging
from all the above, that anybody
can be held responsible for the fact
that the unit referred to was
not disbanded earlier.

(Sga) for OXICWA.

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URGENTISSIMO 20



Ministero della Guerra

GABINETTO

n° 317-3-2
317-3-2/C.A.

P.H. 151, 21 settembre 1944

OGGETTO: 5ª compagnia carri "L".-

5ª Co. of "L" weapons

M.A. A.	SD/23
FILE REF	
Data Recd	21/9/44

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO

R O M A

Riferimento SD/23 del 10 corrente.

I)- Sentito lo S.M.R.E. in merito a quanto comunicato circa il reparto indicato in oggetto, rappresento:

1° - con disposizioni impartite in data 21 marzo c.a. (foglio dello S.M. n. 2960/Mob. consegnato a mano a codesta M.M.I.A.) fu ordinato l'impiego del personale del II battaglione carristi dislocato a Salice Salentino - ufficiali 15, sottufficiali e truppa 225 - per la costituzione del 1051° reparto autieri carristi. Ne fu esclusa la 5ª cp. carri "L" perchè - sin dal febbraio - era stata trasferita nella zona di Lecce per esigenze di ordine pubblico. Sciolto il II btg. carristi, la 5ª cp. cessò, conseguentemente, di far parte del battaglione suddetto e venne aggregata alla R.Accademia di Lecce dove fu utilizzata anche per l'addestramento degli allievi.

2° - Allorchè pervenne la lettera SD/23 del 25 aprile per la organizzazione del 1051° reparto autieri carristi la 5ª cp. carri "L" non poté essere impiegata, perchè, come detto, sin dal mese di marzo non faceva più parte del II btg.

3° - Nel luglio scorso, cessata la necessità di tenere la 5ª cp. a Lecce per esigenze di ordine pubblico, il reparto fu trasferito alla divisione "Piceno" (v. situazione del 15 luglio) la cui forza era al disotto del contingente per essa stabilito.

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II)- a) In data 9 corrente è stato disposto lo scioglimento della 5° cp. carri "I". Il personale è stato destinato ai reparti del gruppo da combattimento "Piceno".

- b) Da quanto sopra esposto ritengo non vi siano responsabilità da imputare ad alcuno circa il mancato scioglimento del reparto di cui trattasi.

IL SOTTOSGREGARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA
(Generale G.B. Oxilia)

G. Oxilia

Subject: Fifth Armored Car Company.

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Army Sub Commission (SMIA)
Hq ACC
Rome
SD/23
10 September 1944

To : Minister for War.

1. a) On 17 April SMRK was informed that the 51st Tank Battalion would be employed as a tank delivery unit (our SD/23).
b) On 25 April SMRK was directed to reorganize the 51st Tank Battalion into a tank delivery unit with a strength of 12 officers and 280 other ranks (our SD/23).
c) During this time the strength returns showed that the Fifth Armored Car Company was a part of the Tank Battalion, and was included in the strength of 35 officers and 250 other ranks.
d) The War Establishment proposed by SMRK for the Piceno Division does not include an Armored Car Company.
e) On the reorganization of the 51st Tank Battalion into a tank delivery unit, the 51st Tank Battalion, including the Fifth Armored Car Company, should have ceased to exist.
f) Instructions have been repeatedly issued by the Commander-in-Chief and transmitted to you that no new units would be organized and no old units would be reorganized, without specific authority.
g) It now develops that the Fifth Armored Car Company exists in the Piceno Division with a strength of 11 officers and 86 other ranks.
2. In view of the above, it is desired that you take action at once to:
- a) Have the Fifth Armored Company disbanded and the personnel assigned to authorized units of the Italian Army, informing this Headquarters when this is accomplished.
b) Inform this Headquarters as to who was responsible for disregarding the instructions outlined in par 1 above.

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3. This matter will be treated as urgent, so that I will be able to report to the Superior Allied Authority.

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L. Browning

Major General
Army Sub Commission (MMIA)

9 September 1944

MEMORANDUM:

TO: GOC

1. On 17 April our SD/23 SMRE was informed that the 51st Tank Battalion would be employed as a tank delivery unit.
2. Our SD/23 of 25 April to SMRE directed that the 51st Tank Unit would be reorganized into a tank delivery unit, with a strength of 12 Officers and 280 other ranks.
3. The Italian strength return at that time showed the strength of the 51st Tank Battalion to be 35 Officers and 250 men. The Italian return showed that the 51st Tank Battalion included the Fifth Armored Car Company in this strength. Had the Italians used all of the personnel available in the 51st Tank Battalion, it would have been a surplus of 23 Officers and a shortage of 30 men, which would have been made up otherwise.
4. Late strength returns show that the Fifth Armored Car Company is still in existence as a part of the Piceno Division with a strength of 11 Officers and 86 men. Since the 51st Tank Battalion included the Fifth Armored Car Company, and the Italians were ordered to convert it into a tank delivery unit, the entire battalion should have been used for this purpose, and the Fifth Armored Car Company should have ceased to exist. The Italians have been instructed not to organize any new units without permission of this Headquarters and no permission has been granted for the reorganization of the Fifth Armored Car Company, nor does the proposed organization of the Piceno Division submitted by SMRE show an Armored Car Company in the Division. The Fifth Armored Car Company is therefore an illegal organization and I recommend that the Italians be instructed to disband it forthwith, and explain why our previous orders in this matter have not been complied with.

2nd y/c

(K)

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*Agree**L.B.**9 Sep*

Subject: Italian officers.

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)

HQ. A.C.C.

R O M E

AQ/11

Sep 44

Ministry of War

Maj. Alterio 1051 Tk Bn (Italian).

1. It is reported that the a/m officer left HQ 1 Armd Replacement Group RAC on Aug 9th without notifying his Allied Comd.
2. He informed his own staff (Italian) that he was proceeding to Rome to visit his HQ.
3. Furthermore, Maj. Alterio left his unit HQ on British Humber Utility W.D. No 4497226 a vehicle loaned to his unit for the purpose of making administrative journeys within his units sphere of activity.
4. Maj. Alterio has not yet rejoined his unit.
5. You will discover his whereabouts and that of his vehicle reporting same to this HQ, at the same time giving particulars as to why this officer was absent without leave of his Allied Comd and also information as to what disciplinary action has been taken in this case.
6. This will be treated as urgent.

Clayton. P. Kerr. Col. 7872
for Major General
Army Sub Commission (MMIA)

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Copy to: HQ 1 Armd Replacement Group RAC
(your 48/83/AQ of 25/8/44 refers.)

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ST 33, Military Mission

SECRET

SUBJECT:- Formation of New Units - RAC.

M.M.I.A.	5/23
FILE REF	1
Date Recd	11/91

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G.1(B)1003/359/A.1(Ser. 0661)
29 Aug 44.

'E' ARMY DELIVERY SQUADRON, RAC (NORTH AFRICA)

1. Reference AFHQ letter of even number (Ser.0325) dated 15 Jun 44.
2. A number has now been allotted to the above unit by the War Office, and the designation mentioned in the above quoted letter is therefore superseded.
3. The correct designation is:-

279 ARMY DELIVERY SQN, RAC (NORTH AFRICA)

W. L. White
General,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

DISTRIBUTION:-

(as per G.1(B)1003/359/A.1(Ser. 0325) of 15 Jun 44)

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HQ 1 ARMED REPLACEMENT GP, RAC,
CAF

Tel: Via Main Eighth Army.

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13 Aug, 44.

Subject: Formation of Units.

G(ED) HQ AAI

Copy to: HQ RAC

MOCA, HQ AAI ✓

The Proposal

Enclosed please find proposed War Establishment for 1054 Tk Bn (Italian) under command this HQ. This new WE absorbs the Italian personnel at present on WE of units of 1 ARG.

Effect of the Proposal.

- (a) The establishment shows an increase of 1 Offr and 54 ORs, 1 Motor Cycle, 1 PU, 1 3-ton Lorry GS.
- (b) No upgradings or downgradings are involved.
- (c) (1) The increases are partially covered by the fact that this Establishment absorbs Italian personnel at present shown on the following WEs:-

Unit.	WE No.	Personnel.
HQ 1 Armed Replacement GP, RAC	NA/332/1	1 Sanitary Dutymen
HQ 1 Armed Rct Regt, RAC	NA/333/1	1 Carpenter 4 Batmen 14 Drivers IC 3 Sanitary Dutymen
HQ Armed Dely Regts (each)	XII/107/1	2 Batmen 1 Sanitary Dutymen
HQ Armed Dely Sgns (each)	XII/107/1	1 Batman 1 Sanitary Dutymen

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(11) All personnel are Italian Military.

Reasons for the Proposal.

- (a) Instructions have been received that all Italian personnel in 1 ARG were to be absorbed into the WE of 1054 Tk Bn, which would act as a pool.

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Enclosed please find... This new WE absorbs the Italian personnel at present on under command this HQ. WE of units of 1 ARG.

Effect of the Proposal.

- (a) The establishment shows an increase of 1 Offr and 54 ORs, 1 Motor Cycle, 1 PU, 1 3-ton Lorry GS.
- (b) No upgradings or downgradings are involved.
- (c) (i) The increases are partially covered by the fact that this Establishment absorbs Italian personnel at present shown on the following WEs:-

Unit.	WE NO.	Personnel.
HQ 1 Arm'd Replacement Co., RAC	NA/382/1	1 Sanitary Dutymen
HQ 1 Arm'd Bt Regt., RAC	NA/385/1	1 Carpenter 4 Batmen 14 Drivers IC 3 Sanitary Dutymen
HQ Arm'd Dely Regts (each)	XII/107/1	2 Batmen 1 Sanitary Dutymen
HQ Arm'd Dely Sqns (each)	XII/107/1	1 Batman 1 Sanitary Dutymen

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Reasons for the Proposal.

- (a) Instructions have been received that all Italian personnel in 1 ARG were to be absorbed into the WE of 1051 Tk Bn, which would act as a pool.
- (b) 1 Offr and 30 ORs are required to act as Storemen in ARG Kitting & Stores Coy and thereby avoid the use of Br personnel.
- (c) The large number of unskilled personnel in 1051 Tk Bn have been found unsuitable and their replacement by skilled personnel is urgently required.

HQ RAC letter RAC/3/6/26 dated 5 Aug 44, to MIA, refers.

Handwritten signature
Colonel,
Comd.

Field,

Enc.

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PROPOSED WAR ESTABLISHMENT 1051 TANK BN

to include Pool of Italian personnel authorized
for all the units of 1 ABG.

	Proposed W.E.	Present W.E.	Sub- Plan	Defic- iency
Major (Comd)	1	1	-	-
Captain (Adjutant)	1	1	-	-
Captain (Admin Offr)	2	2	-	-
Lieuts	1	1	-	-
2/Lieuts	5	5	-	-
2/Lieut (Medical)	1	1	-	-
2/Lieut (i/c Stores Sec)	1	-	-	1
Total, officers	12	11	-	1

OFFICERS

Major (Comd)
Captain (Adjutant)
Captain (Admin Offr)
Lieuts
2/Lieuts
2/Lieut (Medical)
2/Lieut (i/c Stores Sec)
Total, officers

SERGEANT MAJORS

Admin	4	4	-	-
Drivers	4	4	-	-
Mechanics	2	2	-	-
Total, sergeant majors	10	10	-	-

SERGEANTS

Clocks	3	3	-	-
Drivers	15	15	-	-
Interpreters	4	4	-	-
Amourers	1	1	-	-
Carpenter	1	1	-	-
Mechanics	3	3	-	-
Tailor	1	1	-	-
General dutymen	1	1	-	-
Total, sergeants	29	29	-	-

CORPORAL MAJORS

Drivers	16	16	-	-
Welders	1	1	-	-
Mechanics	3	3	-	-
Motor cyclists	1	1	-	-
General duties	4	8	4	-
Total, corporal majors	25	29	4	-

CORPORALS

Drivers	12	12	-	-
Clocks	2	2	-	-
General duties	6	6	-	-
Total, corporals	20	20	-	-

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SERGEANT MAJORS

Admin	4	12	11	-	1
Drivers	4	4	4	-	-
Mechanics	2	2	2	-	-
Total, serjeant majors	10	10	10	-	-

SERGEANTS

Clerks	3	3	3	-	-
Drivers	15	15	15	-	-
Interpreters	4	4	4	-	-
Amourers	1	1	1	-	-
Carpenter	1	1	1	-	-
Mechanics	3	3	3	-	-
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Total, corporal majors	25	25	25	4	-

CORPORALS

Drivers	12	12	12	-	-
Clerks	2	2	2	-	-
General duties	6	6	6	-	-
Total, corporals	20	20	20	-	-

PRIVATES

Tailor	1	1	1	-	-
Painter	1	1	1	-	-
Carpenters	3	3	3	-	-
Drivers	85	52	52	33	33
Mechanics	45	23	23	22	22
Signals	9	1	1	8	8
Electricians	10	1	1	9	9
Welders	10	2	2	8	8
Barbers	2	2	2	-	-
Sanitary dutymen	11	-	-	11	11
Batmen	13	-	-	13	13
General dutymen	20	96	96	76	76
Storemen (experienced in MT & AFV spaces)	30	7	7	30	30
Total, privates	240	182	182	18	18
Total, all ranks	336	191	191	80	135

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Sheet 2.

TRANSPORT.

1 Motor cycle (solo)
1 Cars 8 cwt FU
1 Lorry 3-ton GS

SUBJECT: W.E. - 1054 Italian Tank Unit.

1 Arm'd Replacement Co.

Copies to:- G(SD) A.I.
M.E.I.A.

Reference AI/1701/42/G(SD 2) of 26 July '44.

1. As a result of discussions between HQ M.E.I.A. and this HQ, it has been agreed that a revised W.E. for 1054 Italian Tank Unit should be submitted for approval in accordance with the policy to convert all existing Italian military units operating with British formations.

2. As all Italian military personnel must now be included in a separate Italian W.E. with complete Italian administration, the new establishment should include all Italian personnel at present included in W.E.s of all sub-units of the Group. The establishments of these units will then be amended accordingly.

3. In designing this establishment the opportunity should be taken to amend existing numbers and ranks as previously requested by you and authorized in para. 6 of our RAG/3/6/26 of 5 August.

4. It is requested that you submit your proposals to this HQ for approval by not later than 21 August.

Folio below

refer.

H.R.E. WATKINS.
Brig.
ERAG.

W. Watkins

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HQ RAC
c/o Main HQ A.A.I.

RAG/3/6/29

13 August 44.

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Condition :- G(SD) AAI,
M.H.I.A.

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4. It is requested that you submit your proposals to this HQ for approval by not later than 24 August.

F. lio below

refers.

U. R. B. HAYKINS.
Edis.
BRAC.

5/2

45 June 1964

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13 August 1944

Subject:- Employment of Italian Military
Personnel, 1 Armoured Replacement
Group (RAC).

M.M.I.A.
 H.Q. A.A.I.I.

1. In order to conserve British manpower within the organisation of the Armoured Replacement Group authority was recently given for the formation and employment of 1051 Italian Tank Battalion.

2. As a result of actual working experience of this Battalion it has been found to include a considerable number of Italian other ranks of an unskilled nature who are quite unsuitable for employment in the Armoured Replacement Group.

3. Experience has also shown that the unit is too small to enable it adequately to cope with the holding and maintenance of A.F.Vs for which it is largely responsible in the various sub-units of the Group.

4. It is now understood that all Italian units in the theatre are to be regularised and organised on War Establishments to enable internal administration to be carried out entirely by Italian personnel.

5. It is also understood that in so far as this unit is concerned, there is in existence an Italian War Establishment which will now presumably be re-written by you on a British basis.

6. It is requested, therefore, that the opportunity should now be taken to make the following amendments to the establishment of this unit:-

(a) The establishment to be increased by the addition of one officer and 30 other ranks.

(b) Arrangements to be made for the substitution of 85 other ranks who have had some engineering or technical training for the same number of other ranks of an unskilled nature

HQ RAC,
 c/o MAIN HQ AAI.

RAC/3/6/26

5 August 1944.

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- (c) The establishment to be re-designed to include as far as possible a proportion of one N.C.O. to each 10 other ranks.

G.I.
Adv 1. S. to Col Turner who is H.R.B. WATKINS, Brig. B.R.A.C. up again
up to 2 AC (A.A.I.) suggested A.A.I. at black above)
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G.I. 2/10/6

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HQ (REMO REPLACEMENT GROUP, RAG.,
C.R.F.

Tel:- Via Main Eighth Army.

File:- 42/40/100.

Date:- 20 Jul, 44.

TO:- HQ RAG, C.R.F.

COPY TO:- HQ 1 ADR.
HQ 200 ADR.
DATA, AAI. ✓

MJALZ	SD
FILE REF	/
Date Recd	4/8/44

SUBJECT:- Employment of Italian Military Personnel.

Reference 1051 Tk Unit Italian.

1. Of the personnel of the Italian Tk Unit serving with Units of AAV a total of 85 OR's are engaged in unskilled or general duties.
2. It is requested that they are exchanged for a similar number of tradesmen with knowledge of AVV servicing or with engineering or mechanical training.
3. It is requested that so far as possible the proportion of WO's to OR's be approximately 1 WO to each 10 OR's.

Answer AAI order *GI*

1. H. H. S. / epd
Colonel
Comd.

Field.

HJA/CRA.

WFO 4/8

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MESSAGE FORM

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No. of Groups
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Serial No. 38/32
Office Date Stamp
11/23/50

TO AAI INFO NMIA HQ RAC HQ ADR HQ 200 ADR

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FROM HQ ARG

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

50/2/172 your SD 1506 of 28 0 No trans ctum available 0 Request one
detachment sent DARMY DELY SQ N C 4503 FORINO di SANGRO three
detachments and admin offrs to 1 ADR TORA railhead H 0305 last
detachment to 20 adr GEEZ CASERTA station 0 Request advise this HQ
date of all arrivals 0 Presume tentage and any accommodation stores
will travel with each detachment

This message may be sent As Written
by any means
(except)
(.....) Wireless

This message must be sent in Cipher
if liable to interception or to fall into
enemy hands

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

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Signature.....

Signature.....

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T.H.I.

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T.O.R.

TRANSLATIONFrom SMRE - VFF ORD & NOBRef. 3.09.1To: M.M.I.A.File SDDate 27 APRIL 1944Subject Tank delivery units

Reference your SD/23 of 25th APRIL

- 1) We forward the organization of the 10.51 unit of Tank drivers.
- 2) The detachments B, C, D, E will be ready to move on the fifth of May. Detachment A and the Hq. will be ready to move on the tenth of May.
- 3) We request, for transportation in the working area, 3 lorries for each detachment and 2 lorries for the Hq.

The transport of men and material will be undertaken with these vehicles.

2/c of S M
Gen Oxilia

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cf. 2.2.6

SEGRETO

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILIZZAZIONE
Sezione Ordinamento

n° 3091 /Ord. di prot.

P.M. 151.27 aprile 1944

OGGETTO: Reparti per consegna di carri armati.-

ALLG. 1.- *Tank delivery unit*

SD/ 28/4

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.O.C.

LEQUILLE

Riferimento al foglio SD/23 del 25 aprile di codesta sottocommissione.-

- 1) - Si invia, allegato, l'organico del 1051° reparto autieri carriisti.-
 - 2) - I distaccamenti B, C, D, E saranno pronti a muovere dal giorno 5 maggio p.v.- Il distaccamento A ed il comando dal giorno 10 di detto mese.-
 - 3) - Si richiede per il trasporto nella zona di impiego 3 autocarri per ciascun distaccamento e 2 autocarri per il ~~comando~~ *7863* do.-
- Con questi automezzi sarà effettuato il trasporto degli uomini e del materiale.-

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ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C.

LEQUITE

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do.-
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IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Gen. G.B. Oxilia)

G. Oxilia

ORGANICO DEL 1051° REPARTO
AUTIERI CARRISTI

1 comando :

1 maggiore comandante
1 ufficiale inf. A.M.
1 ufficiale subalterno medico
1 ufficiale interprete

1 plotone comando :

1 ufficiale sub. comandante
10 sottufficiali e truppa per:
- amministrazione;
- maggiorità;
- cariche varie (attendenti ecc.).

5 distaccamenti : (plotoni) contrassegnati delle lettere A,B,C,D,E. ciascuno su:

1 ufficiale sub. comandante

50 sottufficiali e truppa per lavori (1)

4 sottufficiali e truppa per servizi vari (cucina, cont, atten., ecc.)

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NOTA :

Alla sorveglianza amministrativa e disciplinare dei distaccamenti A e B è preposto il capitano con sede a Tora; per la sorveglianza amministrativa e disciplinare dei distaccamenti C,D,E è preposto il capitano con sede a Marciarise.

Totale

Ufficiali	sottuff. e truppa
comando 4	-
plot. comando 1	10
capitani nel controllo amn. ecc. 2	-
distacc. 5	270 (54 X 5)
12	280

- cariche varie (attendenti ecc.).

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plot. comando	1	10
capitani per controllo amm. ecc.	2	-
distacc.	5	270 (54 X 5)
	<u>12</u>	<u>280</u>

(1) 60 % conduttori
 10 % specialisti
 30 % servizi di fatica



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MESSAGE FORM

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TO 1 ARG INFO MMIA HQ RAC ACME (ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY) 29/4

FROM AAI	Originator's Number 8	Date	In Reply to Number
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HR 5 after 10 ors
Five Sets each 1 " 5 ors
+ Adm 2 "

Total 12 of 280 ors

4 Sets ready 5 May
HR and 1 Set " 10 "

by telephone from SHIR

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TO MMIA INFO HQ RAC CMF 1 ARS

FROM AAI

Originator's Number
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Date

In Reply to Number

CONFIDENTIAL O Ref third priority list serial 1072A
one th delivery sign O HQ RAC state have received
inform from Italian offr that unit cannot be
available before 15 may Obam you expedite

Twice 6 min
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FROM (A) 111111 Date Time of Origin 24 1150B Originator 111111 For Action 111111 (W) For Information (INFO) CONFIDENTIAL Message Instructions 01

Originator's No. 51576 OFFER OFFENHAUER FOR THRUPP

NO TRANSPORT AVAILABLE FROM ITALIAN SOURCES FOR 1051 TANK UNIT REQUEST YOU ADVISE ARG TO INVENT ON AAI AND TAKE IN CHARGE WHAT IS REQUIRED A DOUBTFUL IF ENGLISH SPEAKERS CAN BE FOUND

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT AS WRITTEN

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DA COMANDO LI CORPAMILES
AT SUPERESERCITO MOBILITAZIONE

N° 4675/ORD ALT SEGUITO TELE 4635/ORD DEL 27 CORRENTE ALT
PESO MATERIALI AT SEGUITO 1051^o REPARTO AUTIERI CARRISTI
EST QUINTALI 20 ALT LI CORPAMILES = 144530344

↓
*1° ordine Sella richiesta
Serial 1072*

*This is more correspondence on this Tank
Delivery unit. File this with it. 7857*

SUBJECT:- Tank Delivery Unit

S M R E

714
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/23

25 Apr 44

Ref this HQ SD/23 of 17 April.

1. 1051 Tank Unit will be reorganised as follows and will come under command of 1 Armoured Replacement Group with a proposed establishment of 12 offrs and 280 other ranks:-

HQ
Commanding Officer
Adjutant
3 Administrative offrs
Medical offr
English speaking offr
Small staff

Five Detachments

each: 1 offr
50 working men
Cook etc.

2. Each Platoon must be completely self contained administratively with tentage, cooking facilities and it would be an advantage if there could be one person able to speak a little English in each.
3. Each will have an equal proportion of the available specialists. These men will be required to service, clean, load with ammunition and generally maintain the tanks held by the British Tank Delivery Sqns under the direction of the British Squadron Commanders. When suitably trained, they will also be required to drive the tanks and assist in delivery.
4. The unit can retain its present designation but it is required that the detachments be designated A, B, C, D and E to conform with British organisation.
5. The unit will be located as follows:-

HQ with HQ 1	ADR	"	TORA H0305
A Det	with A Corps	Det Sqn	"
B Det	"	"	"
C Det	"	"	"
D Det	"	"	"
E Det	"	"	"
			TORA H0305
			PTE DEL PAGLIARONE HQ 0306
			MARCIANISE

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5. The unit will be located as follows:-

HQ with HQ 1 ADR	-	TORA HQ305	
A Det with A Corps Det Sqn	-	TORA HQ305	
B Det " " " "	-	PTE DEL PAGLIARONE HQ 0806	
C Det " " " "	-	MARCIANISE	
D Det " " " "	-	TORINO DI SANGRO G4503	
E Det " " " "	-	1 AFV I & SU (Inspecting & Servicing Unit)	- CASERTA
6. Efforts are being made to obtain minimum motor transport from Allied sources.
7. The Adjutant of 1051 Tank Unit Capt BISIGNANI has discussed all details with the Allied authorities and will doubtless report to you on his return.
8. The unit is required as soon as organised; individual detachments can be accepted as soon as ready.
9. Please notify this HQ of the establishment finally decided upon and expected date of readiness.

ABC

[Signature]
 1st Maj Gen,
 Army Sub Commission A.C.C.

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① The Italian Mr. Bisignani,
is held up owing to
transport difficulties. Will get
him back as soon as
possible. Meanwhile this
is the form.

② Can you inform me
when the unit, or ~~part~~
parts of it, are moving,
so that I can tell the
Army Regt. Gp. & get them
to lay in supplies, etc.
etc.

VCP

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Formation of Italian Arm'd. Delivery Unit 3

— 1051 Carristi Coy —

1. Visited Lt. Col. TURNER G.1, HQ RAC
20 Apr with Capt. BISIGNANI (Adit);
told to fix up the details with HQ Arm'd.
Replacement Gp. (Col. LIARDET).

2. Took Capt. BISIGNANI to BENEVENTO
HQ Arm'd. Repl. Gp. (21 Apr); spoke to
Lt. Col. PUNNINGTON (2 1/2) and Capt
AMEL (S.E.).

The British organization is shown below:-

HQ. Arm'd. Repl. Gp.

HQ. 1 Arm'd. Delivery
Regt
(TORA H.0305)

"A" Corps Delivery Sqn
(TORA)

"B" Corps Delivery Sqn
(PTE. DEL PAGLIARONE
HQ. 0806)

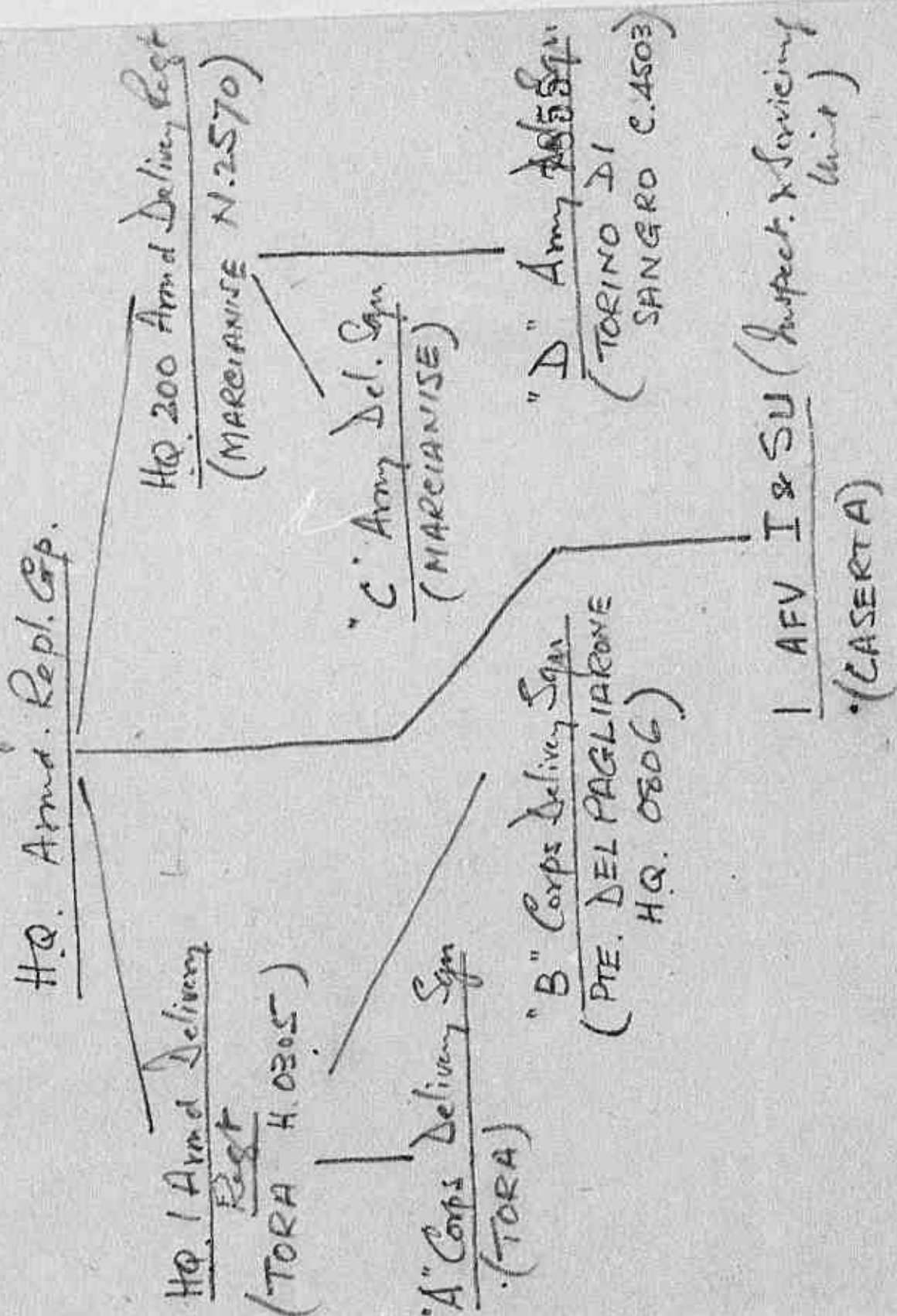
"C" Army Del. Sqn
(MARCIANISE)

HQ. 200 Arm'd. Delivery Regt
(MARCIANISE N.2570)

"D" Army Del. Sqn
(TORINO DI
SANGRO C.1502)

2. Look Capt. BISIGNANI to RENEVENTO
H.Q. Armd Repl. Gp (21 Apr); Spoke to
Lt. Col. ANNINGTON (2 1/2) and Capt
AMIEL (S.C.).

The British organization is shown below:-



3. The following is required:-
(a) 1st Italian det of 50 working men,
under an officer with each Del.
Sqn and with the I & SU. (5
dets in all).

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(b) The bats to be similarly organized, each with a proportion of the available specialists and tradesmen.

(Totals, given by BISGMAX: 140 Drivers of which 70 odd trained in handling tanks, and 24 fitters & mechanics).

(c) Each bat to be self contained administratively, supplied with tentage, cooking facilities & cooks.

(d) The men would be required to service, clean, load with amm. and generally maintain the tents held by the Sel. Sqns. under the direction of the Sqn Comd. When suitably trained they would also be required to drive the tanks and assist in delivery.

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It was decided that the H.Q. of the Coy should be attached to one of the A.D.R.'s (at present NO. 1 would be most suitable), and that there should be an officer to supervise the administration & discipline of the pls. at the H.Q. of each A.D.R. The pl. with the I & SU corner be supervised by the officers with 200 A.D.R.

The pl. at TORING D1 SANGRO need not present any difficulties. There are good comms. (incl. wireless) with D. Del. Sqn.

Strength

The strength originally proposed of 255 OR was considered on the low side in view of the need for providing 5 P's of 50 working men. However, subject to that consideration, Arms Rept. Gps were indifferent, and figures of 12 oftrs (incl. MO. and one English-Speaking oftr) and 280 OR were tentatively planned. This leaves a margin to take care of domestic personnel, clerks, cooks etc.

6. Tpt

The unit at present has no tpt. It was agreed that some tpt would be an advantage, if only to allow Italian Officers to visit their units. Rations etc. would be drawn by the British unit on behalf of the Italian P's.

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8. Designation
The unit could retain its own name (1051 Cornish); the Pls could be designated A, B, C etc. in the same way as the Det. Sqns. to make identifications easier.

9. Armd. Replacement GP. can accept the first Pl. as soon as ready; no need for unit to arrive in one go.

NAPLES 22 April 4

W. H. M. Col

SUBJECT:- Tank Delivery Unit

Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
Main H.Q. (MMIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
SD/23
7 APR 44

S M R E

1. Confirming instructions passed to you yesterday by Capt BAUMANN, 51 Tank Bn will NOT be formed into a General Transport Coy, but will instead be employed as a Tank Delivery Unit.
2. Allied HQ have asked urgently for a unit of 8 offrs and 225 other ranks and requested that an officer of 51 Tank Bn be despatched to contact Capt MONICO at NAPLES for further instructions.
3. This unit will be included in the Priority List in due course.

ABC

*See also
Folio 4*

Frank
List
7852
Maj Gen,
Army Sub Comm A.C.C.

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SD/6/4, 23/11
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MESSAGE FORM

ARMY FORM C.2128
CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS
 IN MEYT V MEEB P H QYRI QY NR 333/15
 OUT

No. of Groups _____
 GR. 73
 Date _____

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)

TO MMIA INFO HQ RAC MMIA LO
 FROM AHI

Originator's Number SD1227
 Date _____
 In Reply to Number _____

Ref your SD497 of 14 Apr 0

There is an urgent need for tank delivery sqn by RAC for 1 armoured replacement group. Request that 8 offrs and 255 CRS of the 51 Italian tank bn be used for this purpose. Dispatch one offr to contact camp/pt MONICO LO MMIA in NAPLES who will make arrangements with Lt COL TURNER HQ RAC.

This Message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means { Except _____ } Wireless { _____ }

This Message must be sent IN CIPHER if liable to interception or to fall into enemy hands.

Originator's Instructions
 Degree of Priority
IMPORTANT

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 T.H.I. 1247
 T.O.R. _____

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