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INTELLIGENCE UNITS ORG.

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Opened MAR 14, 1945 - Closed MAY 30, 1945
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SUBJECT: Air Interpretation Dets.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AG (MMIA)

SD/18/4

30 May 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR.

Reference MMIA letter SD/18/4 dated 28 May 45.

Personnel being dispatched to 58 Italian Transit Camp as a result of the decision not to proceed with the formation of 1651-5 Italian Air Interpretation Dets will be at your disposal and available for:

- a) Posting to vacancies in forward Adm. Divs.
- b) If not required for (a), for dispatch to CESANO.

Copy to: G(Trg)
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[Signature]
Major General.
MMIA.

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT : Formation of BR-III Units Cat.2

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AG (MMIA)

SD/18/4

28 MAY 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1651-5 ITALIAN AIR INTERPRETATION UNIT

Reference MMIA letter SD/18/4 dated 20 May 45.

1. The Air Interpretation Unit attached to the CREMONA Gp is being disbanded forthwith under supervision of P Blu.
2. Personnel are being despatched to 58 Italian Transit Camp and instructions in respect of vehicles and equipment will be issued by the supervisory Authority.

Copy to: MMIA LO 8 ARMY

G (Trg). *from*

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Q (Tao)

SD/1/4

ORBAT

Major-General
MMIA

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Reference NMIA letter SD/18/4 dated 20 May 45.

1. The Air Interpretation Unit attached to the GRENOMA Gp is being disbanded forthwith under supervision of F Blm.
2. Personnel are being dispatched to 58 Italian Transit Camp and instructions in respect of vehicles and equipment will be issued by the supervisory authority.

See 90/2/2.741

Major-General
NMIA

Copy to: NMIA LO 3 ARMY
G (Trg). ~~from~~
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CABIN

See F. 17.4.19

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Handwritten notes:
The following have returned
recovery of plate which has
may be considered as
are complete. Reported the
2 cases of personnel were
Cent to no further
Appt. Detach the

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SUBJECT: Formation of New Units - ITALIAN ARMY

Main HQ Eighth Army, GEF,

Tele Ext: 74,

W 5913 2,

21 May, 45.

HQ 51 BLU

Copy to: AFHQ G-1(B)

GHQ 2nd Echelon

Land Forces Sub-Commission AG (LALIA)

Main: GSI G(Air) G(SD)

Rear: OS

1651 - 1655 ITALIAN AIR INTERPRETATION DETS

1. Herewith for information copies of AFHQ letters CR/11116/G-1(BR) (Ser. 2106) of 27 Apr 45 authorising formation of the above named Dets and G-1(BR) 11116/41 (Ser. 2255) dated 17 May 45 cancelling such authorisation.

2. AFHQ has also issued separate instructions that the Italian Air Interpretation Dets with Italian Combat Groups will be disbanded forthwith. The Det attached to CREONA Combat Group will therefore now be disbanded under your supervision and completion report sent to this HQ as soon as possible.

3. Personnel should be despatched to 58 Italian Transit Camp, vehicles and G(SD) controlled equipment will be disposed of in accordance with instructions to be issued by G(SD) this HQ and equipment issued from British Army sources will be handed in in accordance with instructions DDCS/ADOS Emp/Area concerned.

4. Detailed lists of vehicles and equipment held by Unit will be submitted forthwith to G(SD) this HQ and DDCS/ADOS concerned forthwith for issue of disposal instructions.

See G/H and interested
branches of disposal

Brigadier,
DA & JIG,

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1. Herewith for information copies of AFHQ letters CR/1116/G-1 (RR) (Ser. 2106) of 27 Apr 45 authorising formation of the above named Dets and G-1 (RR) 1116/A1 (Ser. 2255) dated 17 May 45 cancelling such authorization.

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3. Personnel should be despatched to 58 Italian Transit Camp, vehicles and G(SD) controlled equipment will be disposed of in accordance with instructions to be issued by G(SD) this HQ and equipment issued from British Army sources will be handed in in accordance with instructions DDOS/ADOS Fmr/Area concerned.

4. Detailed lists of vehicles and equipment held by Unit will be submitted forthwith to G(SD) this HQ and DDOS/ADOS concerned forthwith for issue of disposal instructions.

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1. - See 12/14 and interested
branches of disposal
of Cremona Det and
its personnel.

MMIA - 'G'
FILE: 50/12/4
DATE: 24/5

for Brigadier,
DA & QIG,
EIGHTH ARMY.

GSO 1	_____
GSO 2 (QIG)	_____
GSO 2 (SD)	_____
GSO 2 (W)	_____
GSO 2 (L)	_____
GSO 3 (SD)	_____
GSO 3 (Ordn)	_____
GSO 4 (L)	_____

SO Dist- 50/18/4
A/S 50/11/1
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SUBJECT: Formation of New Units - Italian Army

British Increment 'A' Branch
Rear HQ FIFTH Army
CMF

Phone No: Lightning Rear162

145 A

20 May 45

British Increment,
BOLOGNA City Allied Command

Copy to:- Land Forces, Sub Commission(MMIA)
G(3D)
MMIA LO

1655 Italian Air Interpretation Det

Further to out 145 A dated 2 May 45.

The attached copies of AFHQ letter G-1(Br)1116/A1(Ser 2255) dated 17 May 45 relating to the above-mentioned unit are forwarded for necessary action as indicated therein.

MMIA - 'G'

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DRJ/HIN

Col,
CMF.

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SUBJECT:- Formation of New Units- ITALIAN ARMY

SECRET

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-1(BR) 1116/A.1(Ser.2255)
17 May 45.

1651	ITALIAN AIR INTERPRETATION DETACHMENT
1652	" " " "
1653	" " " "
1654	" " " "
1655	" " " "

Reference AFHQ letter CR/1116/G-1(BR) (Ser. 2106) of 27 Apr 45.

1. The formation of the above mentioned detachments is now cancelled.
2. All reference to these detachments in Appendix 'A' to the letter under reference will be deleted.

W. D. Smith, Lt Col
Field Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

DISTRIBUTION:-

(as per CR/1116/G-1(BR)(Ser. 2106) of 27 Apr 45.

See F. 7.

COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: G-3 (Br) 5 ARMY

201159B

TO : AFHQ FOR G-3 CRG

RESTRICTED

INFO: 15 ARMY GROUP
216 SUB AREA
52 ELU (THRU DISTWC)
MMIAREF : 9098

SD 1232 (.) OWING TO CHANGED OPERATIONAL SITUATION
1655 ITALIAN AIR INTERPRETATION DETACHMENT NOT NOW
REQUIRED (.) REQUEST YOU CANCEL ORDERS TO FORM GIVEN
IN YOUR CR/1116/G1 BR (SERIAL 2106) OF 27 APRIL

SD DISTRIBUTION:

Action Copy: SD/18/4

WS 21 May 45

GSO 1

G-3 (Ops)

GSO 2 (SD)

GSO 2 (W-)

GSO 2 (L)

GSO 3 (SB)

GSO 3 (C-3)

GSO 3 (H)

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*Let Davis see
for 13.*

R-2/s

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Formation of BR-TPI Units Cat. 3

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

SD/18/4

20 May 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR.

1651- 2-3-4-5 Italian Air Interpretation Units.
Reference MMIA Priority List 8 (vide SD/2/2 of
27 Mar 1945.)

1. In view of the cessation of operations, the above mentioned detachments are no longer required and they will be deleted from the list of units to be formed.

2. Amendments to MMIA Priority List 8 to cover this cancellation will follow in due course.

Stamlin
for Major General,
MMIA.

Copy to : MMIA LO 5 ARMY
MMIA LO 8 ARMY
MMIA LO 5 ARMY BR INCR.

Internal : G (Trg)
GSI
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Q (2)
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ORG B
SD/1/4

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See F18

H.Q. Land Forces Sub-Commission
Allied Commission (MMIA)
SECRET (4 copies)
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SUBJECT:- Formation of New Units- ITALIAN ARMY

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-1(BR) 1116/A.1(Ser.2255)
17 May 45.

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1651	ITALIAN AIR INTERPRETATION DETACHMENT
1652	" " " "
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1654	" " " "
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See 16A

Reference AFHQ letter CR/1116/G-1(BR) (Ser. 2106) of 27 Apr 45.

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2. All reference to these detachments in Appendix 'A' to the letter under reference will be deleted.

W.D. Austin, Lt Gen
Field-Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

DISTRIBUTION:-
(as per CR/1116/G-1(BR)(Ser. 2106) of 27 Apr 45.

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→ A/c SD/18/4
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MMIA - 'C'
SD/18/4
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GSO 2 (C-1) X
GSO 2 (V-1)
GSO 2 (S)
GSO 2 (S-1)
GSO 3 (G-1)
GSO 3 (G-1)

see letter file 14

SUBJECT: Formation of RR-III Units (Cat 2)

LAND FORCES SUB CORP, AC, MALTA

SD/18/4

10 May 45

TO : AETHQ FOR G-3(ORG)

1651 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 Italian Air Interpretation Units

Reference your CR/1116/C-1 (ER) (Ser 2106) of 27 Apr 45 and App "A" attached thereto ordering the formation of the above mentioned units.

In view of the cessation of operations Combat Groups will no longer require a supply of photo intelligence. It is therefore recommended that the above units are not now formed.

L. M. Ingalsbech.
Major General Lt-Col
MMA.

Copy to: NMIA LO Fifth Army
NMIA LO Eighth Army
NMIA LO Fifth Army Br Inor

Internal: G(Trg)
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SUBJECT: Formation of New Units - Italian Army

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British Increment 'A' Branch
Rear HQ FIFTH Army
OMP

Phone No: Lightning Rear 162

145 A

2 May 45

Brit Incr, BOLOGNA City Allied Command

Copy to:- Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA)
OC 10 Publications Depot
G (SD) - (With encl)
MMIA IO - (With encl)

SD See 164
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F.9.

1655 Italian Air Interpretation Det.

1. Herewith five copies of AFHQ letter CR/1116/C-1(Br) (Ser 2106) dated 27 Apr 45, ordering formation of the above-named unit on WE CM/988/1 with effect from 25 Apr 45.
2. Formation will be carried out under your supervision.
3. OC 10 Publications Depot is requested to forward five copies of the WE to Brit Incr, BOLOGNA City Allied Command and three to this HQ.
4. Completion will be reported to this HQ in due course.

51. Do you wish me
to write AFHQ recommending
cancellation of their order?
vide 10 9.

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GSD 2 (SD) X
GSD 2 (V)
GSD 2 (L)
GSD 3 (SD)
GSD 3 (Orat)
GSD 3 (n)

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MMIA 'C'
FILE: SD/18/4
DATE: 18/5
Col.
M & G.

CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT: Formation of New Units, Cat 2 & 3, BR-ITI.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC, MIA

SD/1/2

May 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

HQ Commander 211 - 212 Italian Tpt Colns (AC) Cat 3
 152 Italian Driving and Maintenance School Cat 2
 153 Italian LAD Cat 2
 HQ and 1, 2, 3 Bns GARIBOLDI Italian Inf Regt Cat 2
 MAIELLA Patriot Bn Cat 2
 HQ 1 Italian Gd Regt and 502, 519 Bns 1 Italian Gd Regt Cat 2
 461 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 Italian LADs (AC) Cat 1
 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 WEs as shown in App "A" is 25 Apr 45 with the exception of the following:

MAIELLA Patriot Bn	19 Mar 45	79J
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 RTC ICF

Cat 2
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Cat 3

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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 RTC ICF
" 3 - 6		Garibaldi Div personnel - vide our SD/38/2 of 25 Apr 45. And see MIA signal SD 2647 of 1 May.
" 7		by enrolment into the Italian Army of suitable personnel of the present band; deficiencies remaining should be filled by local recruitment of patriots. MIA letter SD/94 of 24 Apr 45, App "B", should be amended to correct WE 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 WE III/115/2 as shown at App "B" att. MIA SD/6/3 of 28 Apr 45 also refers.

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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 amm in lieu of 3" and 2" mortars. This HQ (Arty Recorda) will inform supervisory authorities of availability of mortars and amm.

" 12 - 17 Reference our letter SD/10/2 of 25 Apr 45 the provision of wksp vehicles ex 1000, 1001, 1002 and 1004 Gen Tpt Coys is still under discussion vide MIA 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 MIA "Order of Battle, Italian Army" sub-sections as stated; and see MIA letter SD/94 of 1 May 45.

7.

REFERENCE

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

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L.M. Longfellow
Recd

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POSTAL

" 12 - 17

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SD/38/210

A. M. F. England
for Major General
MIA

Copies to:

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HQ No 2 District
HQ No 3 District
MIA LO Eighth Army

MIA LO 2 District
MIA LO 3 District
MIA LO 54 Area
"F" ELU RTC ICF
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No	Unit	War Office Mob Ser No	AFHQ Ser No	WE	Offrs	ORs	Vehs inc m/cs (h)	Sup Auth
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	
<u>CATEGORY 2 RTC ICF UNITS</u>								
1	152 Italian Driving and Maintenance School	93299	1270	CM/991/1	13	151	108	HQ
2	153 Italian LAD	93615	1472	CM/540/1	-	12	5	HQ
<u>CATEGORY 2 INDEPENDENT COMBAT TROOPS - CEILING 5921</u>								
3	HQ GARIBALDI Italian Inf Regt	93300	1211	CM/526/1	24	358	99	HQ
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	MAIELLA Patriot Bn	93304	1231	CM/931/1	35	703	35 and 33 bicycles	HQ
<u>CATEGORY 2 NO 1 GD REGT - CEILING 2473</u>								
8	HQ 1 Italian Gd Regt	93295	1232	CM/989/1	9	64	8	HQ
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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App "A" to MMIA letter
SD/1/2 dated 1 May 45

	War Office Mob Ser No	AFHQ Ser No	WE	Offrs	ORs	Vehs inc m/cs	Supervisory Authority	Location
	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)
nd ge School	93299	1270	CM/991/1	13	151	108	HQ RAAC	CESANO
	93615	1472	CM/540/1	-	12	5	HQ RAAC	CESANO
<u>TROOPS - CEILING 5921</u>								
Inf Regt	93300	1211	CM/526/1	24	358	99	HQ RAAC & F BLU	VITERBO
Inf Regt	93301		CM/527/1	30	737	89	" " " " "	"
" "	93302		CM/527/1	30	737	89	" " " " "	"
" "	93303		CM/527/1	30	737	89	" " " " "	"
	93304	1231	CM/931/1	35	703	35 and 33 bicycles	HQ Eighth Army	Eighth Army
<u>ING 2473</u>								
	93295	1232	CM/989/1	9	64	8	HQ No 2 District	SIENA
	93296	1233	CM/990/1	28	772	9	" " " " "	"
	93297	1234	CM/990/1	28	772	9	" " " " "	"
	93298	1235	CM/990/1	28	772	9	" " " " "	"

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
<u>CATEGORY 3 - AC UNITS</u>							
12	461 Italian LAD (AC) att 221 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	93353	461	CM/875/1	-	17	3
13	462 Italian LAD (AC) att 222 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	93359	462	CM/875/1	-	17	3
14	463 Italian LAD (AC) att 223 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	93575	463	CM/875/1	-	17	3
15	464 Italian LAD (AC) att 224 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	93612	464	CM/875/1	-	17	3
16	465 Italian LAD (AC) att 225 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	93613	465	CM/875/1	-	17	3
17	466 Italian LAD (AC) att 226 Italian Tpt Coy (AC)	93614	466	CM/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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App "A" to MIA letter
SD/1/2 dated 1 May 45

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93353	461	CM/875/1	-	17	3	HQ No 3 District	TRANI
93359	462	CM/875/1	-	17	3	" " " "	"
93575	463	CM/875/1	-	17	3	" " " "	"
93612	464	CM/875/1	-	17	3	" " " "	"
93613	465	CM/875/1	-	17	3	" " " "	"
93614	466	CM/875/1	-	17	3	" " " "	"
93637	-	III/115/2 (restricted) (implementation) (vide App "B")	4	19	8	HQ No 3 District	TRANI
93638	-	III/115/2 (restricted) (implementation) (vide App "B")	4	19	8	" " " "	"

CONFIDENTIALApp "B" to MIA letter
SD/1/2 dated 1 May 45WAR ESTABLISHMENT (III/115/2 (Part))

(i) Personnel (BR-ITI)

Lieutenant Colonel	1
Major	1
Captains	2
Clerks	1
Staff Sergeant	1
Sergeant	1
Corporal	1
Privates	3
Drivers for duty as:	
Drivers of vehicles	2
Batmen	2
Batmen 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
Cars 4-str 4 x 2
Cars 2-str 4 x 2
Lorries 3-ton 4 x 2 GS

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SUBJECT: - Formation of New Units - Italian Army.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CR/11146/G-1(ER) (Ser. 2106)

27 Apr 45.

ITALIAN ARMY UNITS - VARIOUS.

- 1 (a) The Units detailed in Appx 'A' to this letter will be formed as shown.
(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.

2. PERSONNEL

Personnel will be provided under arrangements to be made by Land Forces Sub Commission, 40 (MILA).

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, necessities and personal equipment to scale.
- (ii) Unit equipment to Basic Scales as in Appx 'A' (Coln (iv)) and Special Equipment Lists to be issued by G.(AE), AFHQ.
- (iii) Anti-gas stores in accordance with AFHQ Operation Memorandum No. 46
- (iv) Transport to complete to W.E. in accordance with existing priorities.

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.I. 1593) to the nearest Stationery Depot (see GRO 357/44).
- (ii) Publications (indent form A.F.I. 1394) to No. 10 Publications Depot (indents to be endorsed "Initial Demand")
- (iii) Office Machinery (indent form A.F.I. 1392) to ADPSS, AFHQ.

5. POSTAL

Units will use the Poste Militaire number of the Italian Arm HC of the formation of which they form a part.

6. COMPLETION

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

7. ACK

DISTRIBUTION:-

The Under Secretary of State,

G.1.(E) A.9/10

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instructions to be issued by supervisory authorities:-

- (i) Replacements of clothing, necessities and personal equipment to scale.
- (ii) Unit equipment to Basic Scales as in Appx 'A' (Coln (iv)) and Special Equipment Lists to be issued by C.(AE), AFHQ.
- (iii) Anti-ras stores in accordance with AFHQ Operation Memorandum No.48.
- (iv) Transport to complete to W.E. in accordance with existing priorities.

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- (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 AFRSS, AFHQ.

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7. ACK

DISTRIBUTION:-

The Under Secretary of State,
The War Office (S.D.2.)

CG 15 Army Group 4
CG Fifth (US) Army (for 1st Incr) 6
HQ Eighth Army 9
HQ No.1 District 13
HQ No.2 District 3
HQ No.3 District 12
HQ RMAC 14
GHQ 2nd Echelon 14
GHQ 2nd Echelon (STATS) 28
HQ Land Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission (MIL.).

HQ Allied Commission
No.9 Publications Depot, RASO
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+++ ASD/922.8(3)1 dated 21 Apr 45, 22 Apr 45, 23 Apr 45 & 24 Apr 45 refer.
(7 letters).

APPENDIX 'A' TO CR/1116/C-1(BR)(Serial 2106) dated 27 Apr 45.

	Unit	W.E.	Serial No Allotted	Basic Scale	Effective Date	Supervisory Authority
	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)
1651	1651 Italian Air Interpretation Det	CM/988/1	93290	6508/2	25 Apr 45	HQ Eighth Army
1652	1652 -do-	-do-	93291	-do-	"	-do-
1653	1653 -do-	-do-	93292	-do-	"	-do-
1654	1654 -do-	-do-	93293	-do-	"	-do-
1655	1655 -do-	-do-	93294	-do-	"	Br Iner HQ Fifth (U)
1232	HQ 1 Italian Guard Regt	CM/989/1	93295	6508/2 (a)	"	HQ No.2 District
1233	502 Dn 1 Italian Guard Regt	CM/990/1	93296	-do- (a)	"	-do-
1234	503 -do-	-do-	93297	-do- (a)	"	-do-
1235	519 -do-	-do-	93298	-do- (a)	"	-do-
1270	152 Italian Driving and Maint School	CM/991/1	93299	6508/2	"	HQ RAAC
1211	HQ GARIBALDI Italian Inf Regt	CM/526/1	93300	6508/2 (b)	"	HQ RAAC & 'F' BLU
	1 Bn GARIBALDI Italian Inf Regt	CM/527/1	93301	-do- (b)	"	-do-
	2 Bn -do-	-do-	93302	-do- (b)	"	-do-
	3 Bn -do-	-do-	93303	-do- (b)	"	-do-
1231	MAIELLA Patriot Bn	CM/931/1	93304	6508/2	19 Mar 45	HQ Eighth Army
461	461 Italian LAD (AC) att					
	221 Italian Tpt Coy AC	CM/875/1	93353	6058/7 (c)	25 Apr 45	HQ No.3 District
462	462 Italian LAD (AC) att					
	222 Italian Tpt Coy AC	-do-	93359	-do- (a)	"	-do-
463	463 Italian LAD (AC) att					
	223 Italian Tpt Coy AC	-do-	93575	-do- (c)	"	-do-
464	464 Italian LAD (AC) att					
	224 Italian Tpt Coy AC	-do-	93612	-do- (c)	15 May 45	-do-
465	465 Italian LAD (AC) att					
	225 Italian Tpt Coy AC	-do-	93613	-do- (c)	"	-do-
466	466 Italian LAD (AC) att					
	226 Italian Tpt Coy AC	-do-	93614	-do- (c)	1 Jun 45	-do-
1472	153 Italian LAD	CM/540/1	93615	6508/2	25 Apr 45	HQ RAAC

- (a) Arms will be Italian and will be provided under arrangements to be made by Land Forces Sub
- (b) Personnel will be provided from GARIBALDI Div. Basic Scale 6508/2 will be less 2" & 3" Mo 81mm and 45mm Mortars. Special Equipment Lists will be 135/1 for CM/526/1 and 136/1 for
- (c) Wksp vehicles will be provided from Wksp Pls attached 1000, 1001, 1002 & 1004 Italian Gen by G.(AE) and ST, AFHQ and HQ Allied Commission. Load carrying vehicles for stores etc v Personnel will be provided from AC Mech School.

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INDEX 'A' TO CP/1116/G-1(ER)(Serial 2106) dated 27 Apr 45.

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CM/988/1	93290	6508/2	25 Apr 45	HQ Eighth Army	Eighth Army
-do-	93291	-do-	"	-do-	"
-do-	93292	-do-	"	-do-	"
-do-	93293	-do-	"	-do-	"
-do-	93294	-do-	"	-do-	"
CM/989/1	93295	6508/2 (a)	"	Br Iner HQ Fifth (US) Army	Fifth Army
CM/990/1	93296	-do- (a)	"	HQ No.2 District	SIENA
-do-	93297	-do- (a)	"	-do-	"
-do-	93298	-do- (a)	"	-do-	"
CM/991/1	93299	6508/2	"	HQ RAAC	CESANO
CM/526/1	93300	6508/2 (b)	"	HQ RAAC & 'F' BLU	VITERBO
CM/527/1	93301	-do- (b)	"	-do-	"
-do-	93302	-do- (b)	"	-do-	"
-do-	93303	-do- (b)	"	-do-	"
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-do-	93613	-do- (c)	"	-do-	"
-do-	93614	-do- (c)	1 Jun 45	-do-	"
CM/540/1	93615	6508/2	25 Apr 45	HQ RAAC	CESANO

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 from CARIBALDI Div. Basic Scale 6508/2 will be less 2" & 3" Mortars and snipers rifles, plus Italian
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 HQ Allied Commission. Load carrying vehicles for stores etc will be provided from AC Stocks.
 from AC Mech School.

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Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

GBI/OI(PH)/320a/75.

6 April 1945

Subject: Photographic Intelligence.

To : Land Forces Sub-Division, Allied Commission (M.M.I.A.)

The following is in confirmation of the points raised during Major Crawford Heron's meeting with Maj Gen Browning (Col Pidsley and Capt Selby also attended) on 4 April 1945.

1. Proposed W/E for an Italian Army Interpretation Unit.

M.M.I.A.'s comments on this W/E as expressed in their cable SD 2544 of 29 March 1945 were discussed. The reasons for this W/E were more fully explained. In the light of this explanation M.M.I.A. were prepared to withdraw their objections and a copy of our letter GBI/OI (Ph)/319a/32 of 5 April 1945 recording this fact is attached hereto.

2. Selection of Students for Photo Intelligence Training.

Major Crawford Heron explained that Italian Officers are now being trained to take over Photo Intelligence duties and will be held on the W/E in para 1 above. Officers attending the present course have proved unsatisfactory in that only 50% can be recommended for employment as photo interpreters. These officers were selected by S.I.M. at the request of Eighth Army. It was stressed that the provision of Italian photo interpreters is a matter of urgency, in order to release British officers at present on loan to Italian Combat Groups and to cater more fully for the needs of forward troops.

It was agreed that students for the next course would be selected by M.M.I.A. and would be available for instruction at the Photo Intelligence School SAN SEVERO (APULIA) on or before 18 April 1945. The Photo Intelligence School can arrange for a course to begin as soon as the students are available. A total of 15 officers are required to attend this course.

Major Crawford Heron explained to Capt SELBY the guiding principles for selection and draft joining instructions will be sent as soon as completed.

3. Italian Administrative Officer for the Photo Intelligence School

Major Crawford Heron explained that the instructional staff of the Photo Intelligence School were having to spend considerable time on matters of Italian Administration to the detriment of instruction. Italian Officers appear to require more "looking after" than Allied Officers attending similar courses.

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Col. Pidsley agreed to endeavour to find an Italian Officer to act as administrative officer while these courses are running.

It is suggested that if an officer with sufficient personality is chosen he will also be of great assistance to the staff in controlling the mercurial temperament of the Italian students.

This officer need not necessarily speak the English language as interpreters are already available at the school.

For the A. C. of S., G-2,

I. Crawford Heron

I. CRAWFORD HERON,
Major, G.S.,
OI(Photo) Sub-Section,
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2,
(Operational Intelligence Section).

GBI/OI(Ph)/319a/32.

5 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Proposed W/E for Italian Army
Photographic Interpretation Unit.

TO : G-3 Org (Foreign),
A.F.H.Q.

Reference is made to your ASD/922.8(A)18 of 20 March 1945
and subsequent minutes, your AGO.91.711/033 GCI-0 of
22 March 1945 and M.M.I.A. cable SD 2544 of 29 March 1945.

1. On 4 April 1945 Major Crawford Heron visited M.M.I.A.,
ROME, to discuss with Maj.Gen. Browning the proposed W/E and M.M.I.A.'s
comments expressed in their cable SD 2544.

2. Maj.Gen. Browning now desires the following to be
recorded:-

- (i) The policy for the provision of photographic
intelligence for the Italian Army and the terms
of this W/E have been agreed with Eighth Army.
- (ii) He has received Major Crawford Heron's assurance
that this W/E is the essential minimum to provide
the Italian Army with an adequate photographic
intelligence organisation.
- (iii) In the light of (i) and (ii) he is now prepared
to support fully the original proposal.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2;

M.M.I.A. - 'G'

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I. CRAWFORD HERON,
Major, G.S.,
OI(Photo) Sub-section, Freedom 134.

COPIES TO: M.M.I.A.
G-2 (Org), A.F.H.Q.

MEMORANDUM

4 April 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Army Air Interpretation Unit

1. Following a visit by Major Herron, G2 (Photo Int) AFHQ to GOC, MIA attended by Col Pidsley and Capt Selby, the following verbal agreements were reached on the subject of the Italian Army Air Interpretation Unit.

The proposed WE of 15 offrs and 31 ORs put up originally by 8 Army and submitted to MIA for comment by AFHQ was agreed to by GOC in view of the fact that :-

- (a) Eighth Army was originator of proposals.
- (b) Maj Herron gave his assurance that the numbers requested by EIGHTH Army were the minimum required to make the scheme workable. G3 Org, AFHQ were also in agreement.
- (c) Owing to the fact that the first Photo Interpretation Course for Italian Officers of the Combat Gps arranged direct between EIGHTH Army and SIM was 50% failure officers for the next course (target date 18 Apr) would be selected by War Ministry via MIA. Col Pidsley would see to the proper selection of candidates. If M of W found suitable officers before 18 Apr course would start earlier.

2. Maj Herron said he would record agreements reached at the meeting and pass them for infm and necessary action to EIGHTH Army and G3 Org AFHQ.

3. Maj Herron also asked if MIA could find an Italian officer to act as Administration Officer as S. SEVERO (POGGIA). Duties of this officer would be to look after Italian students attending the Photo Intelligence School.

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JOINT JOINTED INSTRUCTION FOR ARMY INTELLIGENCE COURSE, AIR

ITALIAN OFFICERS

1. Courses 1 "A", 1 "B" and 2 "A" will be conducted at No. 1 ARMY INTELLIGENCE SCHOOL, SAN SEVERO (10 miles northwest of NOCIOLA) as indicated in paragraph 5 below.

2. (a) The object of courses entitled "A" is to give officers of the Italian Army training in the use, possibilities and limitations of air photographs as employed by the armies in ITALY. Instruction includes interpretation of topography with the use of the stereoscope, mapping, plotting and laying of maps. The course does not include training in photo interpretation of enemy defenses.

(b) Student officers should be selected from R. I.'s Combat Groups, R. I.'s Army Regts., Regts., Engineers, R. I.'s Inf. Regts., and Inf. Div. officers who will be employed on intelligence duties should first be considered. 780

3. (a) The object of courses entitled "B" is to train a limited number of officers for employment as air photo interpreters with Headquarters of Italian Combat Groups.

(b) Student officers for courses entitled "B" should be selected from the branches of the Italian Army mentioned in part 2 (b) above. They will subsequently be employed on photo intelligence

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(b) Student officers for courses entitled "B" should be selected from the branches of the Italian Army mentioned in para 2 (b) above. They will subsequently be employed on photo intelligence duties in the rank of Captain or Lieutenant at Combat Group Headquarters or on attachment to British Army or Corps H.Q.'s. The following principles to guide selection are emphasized:

(i) Previous experience in examination of air photographs or in photo intelligence.

(ii) Installation or equivalent field experience.

(iii) Knowledge of enemy defenses.

(iv) Good eyesight (the use of glasses to correct a reasonable defect in eyesight is no handicap).

X (v) Good general educational background. (Very important)

(vi) Officers over the age of 35 - 40 are not generally found

to be suitable.

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4. Knowledge of the English language is not essential since instruction will be carried out through Italian interpretations.
5. Dates for the opening and closing of the courses are as follows:

COURSE 1 "A"	Assemble - 26 February 1945.
	Disperse - 11 March 1945.
COURSE 1 "B"	Assemble - 14 March 1945.
	Disperse - 6 April 1945.
COURSE 2 "A"	Assemble - 10 April 1945.
	Disperse - 23 April 1945.
6. Vacations are allotted as follows:

COURSE 1 "A"	(20 officers - sub-allotment by H.Q. 6th Army).
COURSE 1 "B"	(15 officers) " " "
COURSE 2 "A"	(20 officers) " " "
7. Student officers will report for each course by 1200 hours on the day of assembly indicated to the C.O., No. 1 MILITARY INTELLIGENCE SCHOOL, No. 198 CORSO GARIBOLDI, ROME.
8. The courses consist of lectures, demonstrations, practical exercises and visits. All materials are provided by the school.
9. The school provides accommodation. Students will bring beds, bedding and personal equipment (including sewing utensils). Rates

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COURSE 1 "A" -	(20 officers - sub-allotment by L.C. 8th and 9th)
COURSE 1 "B" -	(15 officers)
COURSE 2 "A" -	(20 officers)

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7. Student officers will report for each course by 1200 hours on the day of assembly indicated to the C.O., No. 1, 1000 HILL, LORAIN, IOWA, No. 152 CORPS CAMPBELL, SAN ANTONIO.

8. The courses consist of lectures, demonstrations, practical exercises and visits. All materials are provided by the school.

9. The school provides accommodation. Students will bring beds, bedding and personal equipment (including wearing utensils). Officers should accompany student officers on a scale of 1 per 4 officers.

10. Units will be responsible for transportation and prompt arrival of students on the day of assembly and for return transportation to units on dispersal. Students arriving by rail or by air should call the C.O., No. 1, 1000 HILL, LORAIN, IOWA, telephone ALBANY 90 (through POSTAL exchange) for transport from railway station or airfield to the school. The signal address of the school is "H.C. 536 HILL, LORAIN, IOWA, U.S.A., FOR POSTAL TELEGRAPH SERVICE".

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IN REPLY YOUR A G 091.711/033 OCT-0 OF 22 MAR (.) SUBJECT
PROPOSED W H FOR ITALIAN ARMY AIR INTERPRETATION UNIT (.)
FIRST (.) COMBAT OF UNIT (.) ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY CONSIDERS
PROPOSAL TOO LARGE AND STATES ONE OFFER AND ONE O R ADDED TO
W H OF INTEL SEC COMBAT OF H Q ON C H/523/1 SHOULD BE AMPLE
(.) SECOND (.) CENTRAL H Q (.) ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY CONSIDERS
A CENTRAL INDEPENDENT H Q NOT NECESSARY (.) THIRD (.)
BOTH FIRST AND SECOND ABOVE ARE SUPPORTED BY
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22 March 1945

SUBJECT: Proposed W/E for Italian Army Combat Unit.

TO: Commanding General, 15th Army Group.
President, Allied Commission (FOR: Land Forces Sub
Commission, (MMIA).
Commanding Officer, 56th BLU (Benavento).

It is desired that you forward comments on the attached proposal
by signal as soon as possible.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

R. H. Freese

R. H. FREESE
Captain, AGP
Asst Adjutant General

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Memo, GHL/ETEC/ORG/2044,
dated 14 March 1945 (trip)

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Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
A.P.O. 512 U.S. ARMY

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14 March 1945

MEMORANDUM TO : G-3 (Org) (Foreign)

SUBJECT : War Establishments.

I. THE PROPOSAL.

- (a) Italian Army Air Interpretation Unit.
- (b) A new War Establishment.
- (c) Not applicable.

II. THE EFFECTS OF THE PROPOSAL.

- (a) (i) Increases: Personnel

Officers 15
Other Ranks 31

Transport

Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4 6
Trucks 3 ton 4 x 4 G.S. 7

- (ii) Decreases: Nil.

- (b) See Appendix 'A'.

- (c) Nil.

- (d) An overall increase to the existing theatre commitment.

- (e) Nil.

- (f) Nil.

- (g) Not applicable.

- (h) See Appendix 'A'.

III. REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL.

Photographic Intelligence is at present being supplied to the Italian Combat Groups under command Eighth Army and it is established that the supply and dissemination of such intelligence must be handled through specialist channels. Specialist personnel for this purpose are supplied to all troops in the theatre on the levels of Army, Corps and Division.

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Other RanksTransport

Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4	6
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The Italian Combat Groups in the line are at present served by specialist personnel on loan from the Mediterranean Army Interpretation Unit (West) (British).

The supply of British personnel to Italian Combat Groups is a commitment not covered by the M.A.I.U. (West) Establishment. Therefore, either M.A.I.U. (West) establishment must be increased to cover this commitment, or the Italian Army must have its own establishment to carry specialist personnel and become self-supporting; the latter alternative has been decided on as a matter of policy, and the proposed establishment has been designed to implement this.

(i) Combat Group Unit

The Combat Group corresponds closely with a British Division and the Combat Group Unit proposed corresponds exactly to the Divisional Unit authorised under Mediterranean Army Interpretation Unit (West) War Establishment - MA/61/3.

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(ii) Headquarters

Five Combat Groups are at present formed, each of which will receive a Photographic Inter-rotation Unit. A central Headquarters is therefore required to control and administer these units. In addition it will be necessary to have liaison with the Corps under whose command the Combat Groups will be, and also with Army Headquarters. Further, due to sickness or pressure of work the Combat Groups may require replacements or reinforcements; personnel in the Headquarters will be treated as a pool to provide for such contingencies.

For the A.C. of S., G-2.

H. G. Edwards
H. G. EDWARDS,
Lt. Col. G.S.,
G-2 (Exec).

Appendix 'A'

ITALIAN ARMY AIR INTERPRETATION UNIT

(i) Personnel

Detail	Headquarters	Combat Group Unit (Each)
General Staff Officers 2nd Grade	1	
Intelligence Officers (Capt or Its)	4 (a)	2
Total Officers	5	2
Clerks R.A.S.C.:		
Lance-Corporals		(b) 1 (c)
Privates	1	(b) 1 (c)
Draughtsmen R.E.:		
Corporals	1	
Sappers	2 (d)	
Drivers I.C.	1	
Batmen-Driver	2	2
Batmen	2	
Orderlies & General Dutymen	1	
Cooks A.C.C. (Privates)	1	
Total Other Ranks	11	4
(ii) Transport		
Cars, 5-cwt 4 x 4	1	1
Trailers, 5-cwt	1	1
Trailers, 2 wheeled, water 50 gallons	1	
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 4 G.S.	2	1
Total Vehicles	3	2

NOTE: (a) One to act as Administration Officer.
 (b) Trained in the reproduction of tactical sketches.
 (c) May be filled by draughtsmen R.E.
 (d) May be filled by clerks R.S.C. trained in the reproduction of tactical sketches.

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Photo Interpretation.

In of W. think proposed
WE. too big.

They think one Bfr + one DR
per Ep is sufficient

HQ. not considered necessary
but if AFHQ want one ⁷⁷⁶
then in of W suggest

2 DFRS 2 batmen + one
draughtsman sufficient.

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G.I.

I have not included
the five ~~Interp~~ ~~Inter~~
Interpretation units in
my today's formation
orders: vide Col Ven.

K.

None to be formed.
Ops have ceased entirely
in Italy.
No Contact Gps as 77d.
MS.

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In instructions to M of W regarding these units please tell M of W that personnel are at 58 Gm. 1st group Transit Camp and at M of W's disposal for:

- (1) Posting to vacancies - Toward Air Base
- (2) If not required for (1), for sending to Lisano

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29 May

GOC.

~~High Chief of [unclear]~~ (K)

Please see F7 and F8.

I was visiting Eighth Army at
the time of your meeting.
Will you please confirm
that para 2 (iii) of F7
is correct.

Yes.


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Ref. attached. A & B.

Will you please ask M & W
to find 14 suitable officers
to be trained in Photo Int.
work.

Next course will start
on 18 Apr.

Qualifications, which are
most important, are enumerated
at para 3.

Please let me have copy of
your letter 4/4. M. Selby Capt G 3 (Int)

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Ans

Col. Pidsley.

Para 3 of attached gives qualifications necessary for Photo Int Course.

In addition offers of strong personality who will "put over" the importance of their work to Div Comds are required. 771

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