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SD/19/A ORG. of OP UNITS & FORMATIONS
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SUBJECT: War Establishment of an Infantry Battalion

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

SD/19

25 Feb 45.

TO : MAIN H.Q. 8 ARMY (3 Copies)

1. Reference is made to AFHQ AG OVL 112/119 OCT-0 of 20 December according to which all proposals for changes in organisation of Combat Groups should be made "through normal staff channels to the Allied H.Q. concerned for decision or recommendation to M.M.I.A."

2. B.L.Us have (while Groups were still under S.M.R.E.) made a number of proposals to M.M.I.A. for changes in the W.E. of the Infantry Battalion, (mostly following on the abolition of the Scouts Platoon). It was decided that the best way to present these was to co-ordinate such proposals with the views of the other B.L.Us and of the Italian General Staff, and to re-write the W.E.

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5. You may consider, particularly having regard to the role allotted to Combat Groups and the possible course of events in the immediate future, that this is not the time to make any further changes. On the other hand there are many other changes being considered particularly in the Artillery and Signal organization. None of them are vital and some of them make extra equipment which does not seem likely to materialise. In the circumstances, therefore, it is recommended that any changes involving major reorganization or the provision of extra equipment should not be proposed unless the resulting gain is considered absolutely necessary for operational reasons.

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Detail	HQ Officers	HQ Platoon	"I" Section	Snipers Section	Signals Platoon	Pioneer Platoon	Total - HQ Coy	HQ Platoon	"3" Mortar Platoon	Carrier Platoon	A/Rk Platoon	Total Support Coy	HQ Platoon	3 Rifle Platoons	Total-Rifle Coy.	Total-Infantry Bn
Officer Commanding(Lt Col)	1															1
2nd i/c (Major)	1															1
Adjutant(Capt or Subaltern)	1															1
Medical Offrs(Subaltern)	2															2
Intelligence Officer (Subaltern)	1															1
Quartermaster (Capt. or Subaltern)	1															1
Cpts	1	1					1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5
Subalterns	1	1					3	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	4	19
Total - Officers	7	2					4	2	1	1	1	5	2	1	5	31
Warrant Offrs		1					1					1	1		1	1
Quartermaster Sjt		1					1	1				1	1		1	5
Ration Sjt																3
Signals Sjt							3	1					1		1	6
Armourer Sjt		1					1									1
M.T. Sjt		1					1									1
Sjt Majors or Sjt							4	6	1	5	2	3	11	2	6	35
Total - WOs & Sjt		4		1	1	3	4	13	2	5	2	3	12	3	9	52
Corporals		4			9	4	17	9	4	12	4	29	6	5	21	109
Privates		21		8	6	34	23	92	22	27	42	107	23	34	125	574
Total - Other ranks		29		9	7	46	51	122	33	36	56	148	32	41	155	735
Total - An Infantry Battalion	7	31	9	7	47	32	126	35	37	57	27	153	34	42	160	766

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by duties

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Detail	HQ Officers	HQ Platoon	"I" Section	Snipers Sec	Signals Pl	Pioneer Pl	Total-HQ Co	HQ Platoon	"3" Mortar B	Carrier Pl	A/Tk Platoon	Total-Support	HQ Platoon	3 Rifle Pl	Total-Rifle	Total-Infant
Ammunition Corporals															1	4
Ammunition numbers															3	17
Armourer Mechanics															1	1
Blacksmiths																4
Carpenters - Corporals																1
Privates																1
Clerks - Corporals																1
Privates																1
Cooks - Corporals																1
Privates																1
Drivers i/c																1
Driver Mechanics																1
Electricians																1
General Duty Men																1
Gun Numbers - Corporals																1
Privates																1
Masons - Corporals																1
Privates																1
Mechanics																1
Medical Orderlies - Corporals																1
Privates																1
Mortar-men (2") - Corporals																1
Privates																1
Mortar-men (3") - Corporals																1
Privates																1
Motor Cyclists																1
Orderlies																1
Pay Clerks - Corporals																1
Pioneers (for Assault Secs)																1
Rangefinders																1
Rifle-men & LMG Numbers																1
Corporals																1
Privates																1
Signallers - Corporals																1
Privates																1
Stretcher Bearers																1
Switchboard Operators																1
Telephonist - Linemen																1
Wireless Operators - Corporals																1
Privates																1
Total Rank and File		25	8	6	43	27	109	31	31	54	20	136	29	39	146	683

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(iii) Transport

Detail	HQ Company					Support Company					3 Rifle Companies (each)		Total Infantry Bn	
	HQ Platoon	"I" Section	Snipers Section	Signals Platoon	Pioneer Platoon	Total - HQ Coy	HQ Platoon	"75" Mortar Platoon	Carrier Platoon	A/Tk Platoon	Total - Support Coy	HQ Platoon		3 Rifle platoons (each)
Motor cycles solo	1			5		6	1	2	2	1	6	2		2
Cars, 2 str 4 x 2	1					1	1				1			2
Cars 4 str 4 x 2	1					1								1
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	4			3	1	8	1	3	2	1	7	3		24
Truck 15 Cwt 4 x 2, Water.	1					1								1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	8				2	10	1				1			11
Trailers, water.	1					1								1
Carriers, universal									13			1		16
Carriers, mortar								5			5			5
Carriers, Lloyd										5	5			5

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Motor cycles solo

Cars, 2 str 4 x 2

Cars 4 str 4 x 2

Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS

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Water.

Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS

Trailers, water

Carriers, universal

Carriers, mortar

Carriers, Lloyd

1	5	6	1	2	2	1	6	2	2	18
1		1	1				1			2
1		1								1
4	3	1	8	1	3	2	1	7	3	24
1		1								1
8	2	10	1			1				11
1		1								1
					13		1			16
				5			5			5
							5			5

NOTE

An infantry platoon is organized as follows:

H.Q.

1 Officer 11 OR's

1 Subaltern

1 Sergeant

2 P/O's

1 Runner

2" Mortar group

2 MG group

PIAT group

3 mm

3 mm

2 mm

3 Sections

8

Each: 10 OR's

1 P/O group

1 cpl (and platoon)

6 Riflemen

1 T.M.C.

6 Rifles

2 MG group

1 3/4" (2 1/2")

2 P/O's 2 MG

1 2 MG

2 Rifles

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File
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MESSAGE FORM

FROM - MMIA
TO ACTION- AFHQ
INFO - WAR MINISTRY

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REF AGO91-711/047 OCT-0 OF 8 FEB FOLLOWING AGREEMENTS SUGGESTED PROPOSED WE
MATELLA BN (.) FIRST (.) ADJT TO BE CAPT OR SUBALTERN NOT CAPT (.)
COY COMD TO BE CAPT NOT MAJOR (.) EFFECT IS TO EQUALISE GRADING WITH EQUIVALENT
APPOINTMENTS IN COMBAT OF INF BN WHICH CONSIDERED IMPORTANT (.) SECOND (.)
PIONEER PL TO BE IN R, COY2 AS IN COMBAT OF INF BN NOT IN SUPPLY COY AS SHOWN (.)
THIRD (.) ABOVE ARE COMMENTS OF ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY BROUGHT BY MMIA (.)
FOR WAR MINISTRY YOUR LETTER 10889/Ord of 19 FEB REFERS

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Ordinamento

n° 10820 /Ord. di prot.

P.M. 3300, 17 febr. 345

OGGETTO: Organico proposto per il battaglione Maiella.-

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (ANIA) R O M A

Riferimento foglio SD/19 del 12 c.m.-

Questo S.M. ha esaminato l'organico di guerra inviato da codesta M.M.I.A. per il battaglione Maiella e trova opportuna la proposta di dare alla banda patriotti Maiella un ordinamento pressomè analogo a quello del battaglione di fanteria per un gruppo di combattimento.-

L'organico che si trasmette (allegato n° 1) è stato compilato tenendo conto di quanto sopra detto e avendo cura di evitare che gli ufficiali, ricoprenti cariche corrispondenti a quelle del battaglione di fanteria per gruppo di combattimento, abbiano gradi più elevati.-

Nell'allegato n° 2 sono riportate le note e varianti all'organico proposto dall'A.F.H.Q.-

L'ordinamento interno di ciascun comando e reparto è riportato, nella forma italiana, nell'allegato n° 3.-

Nulla da obiettare circa l'assegnazione dei mezzi di trasporto e delle armi.-



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Ministero della Guerra - Roma - 19

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(Alessandro Santi)

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Valery R 107

This HQ has examined the W.E. forwarded by M.M.I.A. for the MAIELLA Co. and approves the proposal to give the MAIELLA Band of patriots an organization more or less analogous to that of an inf. Co. in a combat gr. In preparing the establishment attached at A.F.H.Q., it has been taken into account and can be seen that officers performing corresponding duties corresponding to those in combat gr. inf. Co. are not given higher ranks. A.F.H.Q. contains notes on and amendments to the W.E. proposed by A.F.H.Q. A.F.H.Q. contains organization tables for each subunit and subunit HQ in ITALIAN form. HQ's allotment of weapons and vehicles is agreed.

Allegato n° 2 al f° 0820 / Ord. del 19.2.45

NOTE E VARIANTI ALL'ORGANICO PROPOSTO DALL'A.T.H.Q. PER
IL BATTAGLIONE MAIELLA

a)- Comando di battaglione

- 1)- Non si ritiene opportuno assegnare un vice-comandante di battaglio-
ne.- L'eliminazione di detto ufficiale viene compensata dall'au-
mento di un ufficiale medico nel comando.- Ciò in analogia all'or-
ganico del battaglione di fanteria per un gruppo di combattimento.-

b)- Compagnia comando

- 1)- Viene aggiunto un plotone comando che inquadra il personale
del comando di battaglione.-
- 2)- Il plotone pionieri, in analogia a quanto è stato fatto per il
battaglione di fanteria per gruppo di combattimento, viene trasfe-
rito dalla compagnia armi accompagnamento alla compagnia comando.-
- 3)- I 12 cuccinieri e i 20 portaferiti, accentrati nel plotone servi-
zi (Admin. platoon), sono stati ripartiti tra le compagnie come
segue :

	cuccinieri	portaferiti
compagnia comando	2	2
compagnia armi accompagnamento	2	2
4 compagnie fucilieri	8	16
Totale	12	20
	=====	=====

- 4)- Nel plotone servizi sono stati previsti 2 meccanici automobilisti
(driver mechanics), diminuendo conseguentemente gli automobili-
sti da 8 a 6.-

c)- Compagnia armi accompagnamento

- 1)- Si ritiene conveniente trasferire il plotone pionieri alla compa-
gnia comando di battaglione dove trova più opportuna sede.-
- 2)- Sono stati aggiunti nel plotone carrette cingolate (Recce Platoon)
n° 6 "esploratori (scoutmen)" e n° 3 "porta munizioni (ammunition
numbers)", riducendo a 8 il numero dei mitraglieri e fucilieri
(L.G. numbers and riflemen).- Questi ultimi 8 militari più 3 ser-
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- 3)- I 12 cuccinieri e i 20 portafanti, accentrati nel plotone servizi (Admin. platoon), sono stati ripartiti tra le compagnie come segue :

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compagnia armi accompagnamento	2	2
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Totale	12	20
	=====	=====

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c)- Compagnia armi accompagnamento

- 1)- Si ritiene conveniente trasferire il plotone pionieri alla compagnia comando di battaglione dove trova più opportuna sede.-
- 2)- Sono stati aggiunti nel plotone carrette cingolate (Reece Platoon) n° 6 "esploratori (scoutmen)" e n° 3 "porta munizioni (ammunition numbers)", riducendo a 8 il numero dei mitraglieri e fucilieri (Inf. numbers and riflemen).- Questi ultimi 8 militari più 3 cannonici-automobilisti e 1 sottufficiale possono costituire una squadra carrette cingolate (3 carrette cingolate) analoga come formazione a quella del battaglione di fanteria per gruppo di combattimento.-
- 3)- Sono stati aggiunti nel plotone mortai da 2-pollici e nel plotone mitraglieri 2 porta munizioni per ciascun plotone traendoli rispettivamente dai mortai e dai mitraglieri che pertanto sono stati

ridotti da 16 a 14.-

d)- Compagnia fucilieri

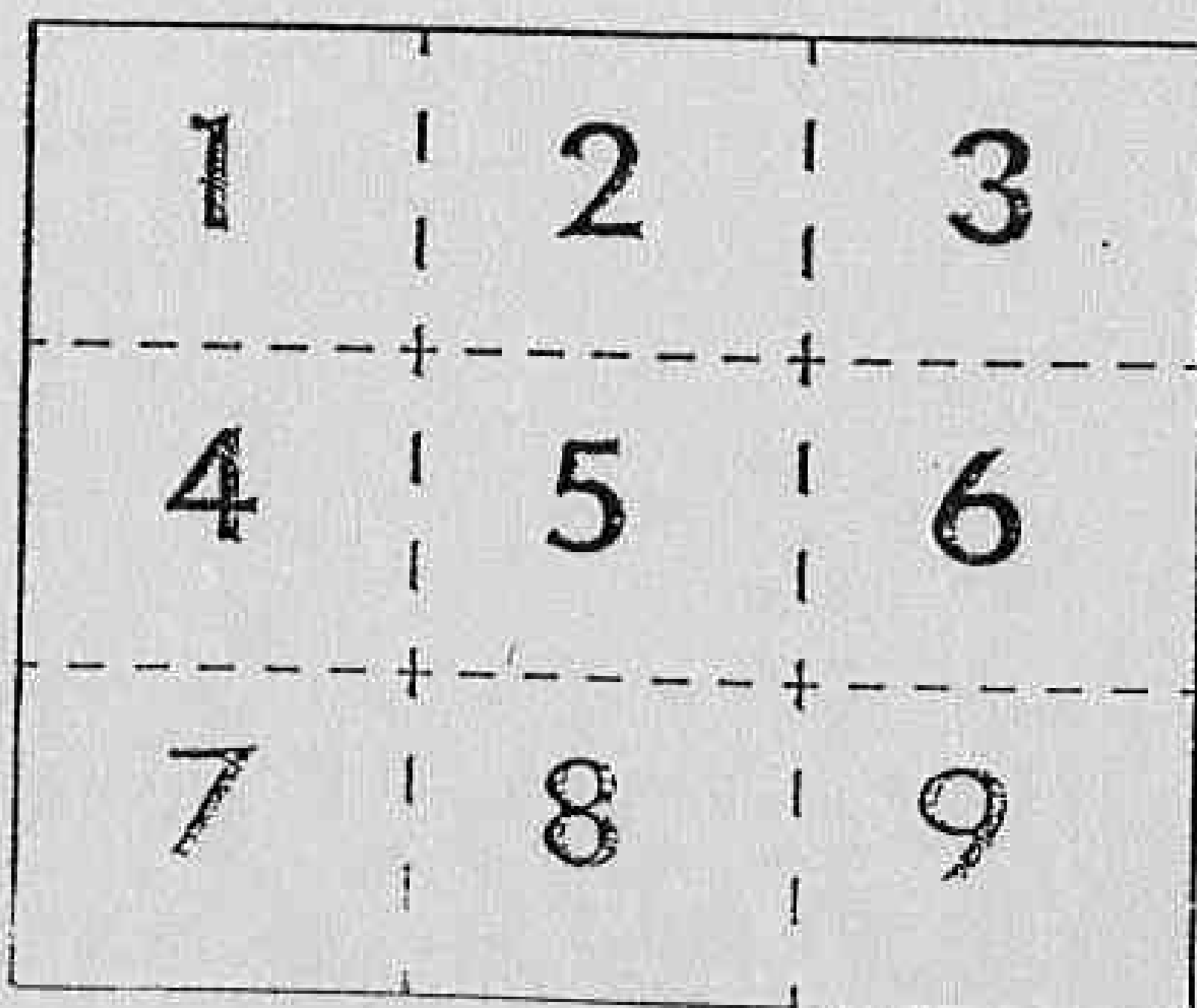
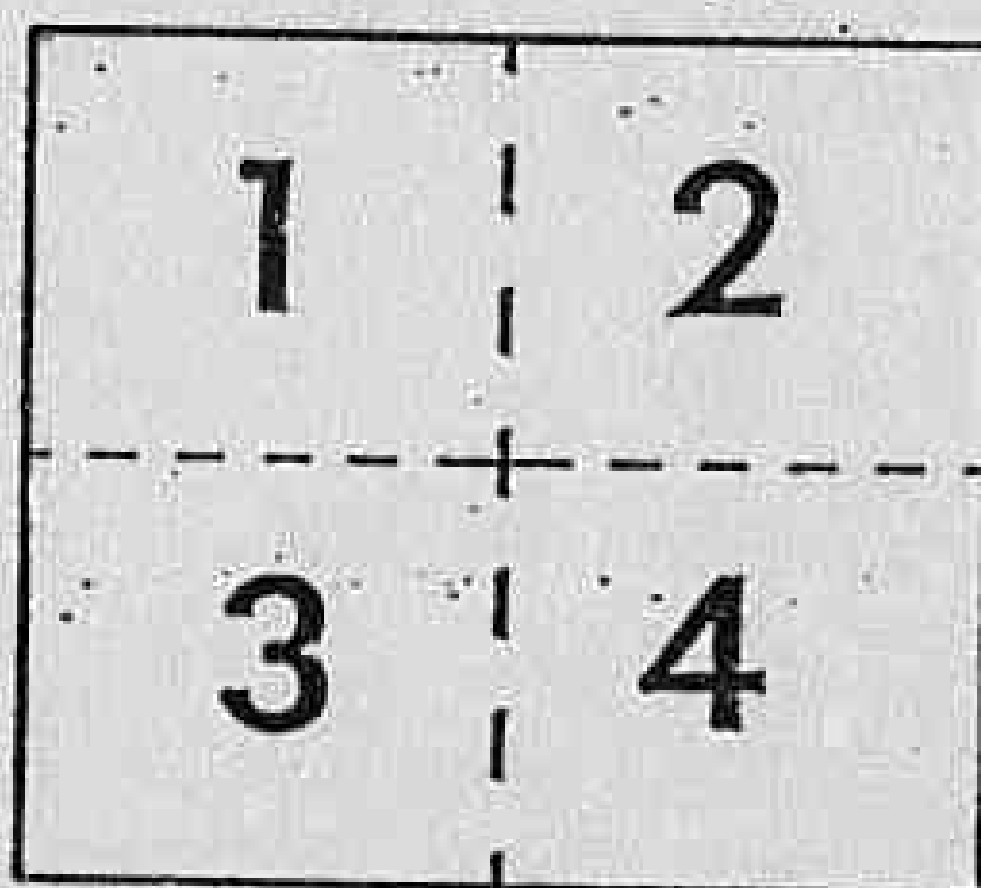
1)- Il plotone fucilieri è stato organizzato pressochè analogo a quello del battaglione di fanteria per gruppo di combattimento e cioè :

- 1 comando su 1 nucleo fuc. scelti e 1 nucleo mortai PIAT
- 3 squadre fucilieri ciascuna su 1 nucleo fucilieri (7 fucilieri) e 1 nucleo fucili mitragliatori (3 mitragliatori).-



MAPS AND CHARTS TOO LARGE TO FILM
ON ONE EXPOSURE ARE FILMED CLOCKWISE
BEGINNING IN THE UPPER LEFT CORNER,
LEFT TO RIGHT, AND TOP TO BOTTOM.

SEE DIAGRAMS BELOW.



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MAIELLA BATTALION (BATTAGLIONE MAIELLA)

War Establishment (Organico di guerra)

(i) Personnel (Personale)

Offrs (Ufficiali)
ORs (sott.e truppa)

Vehs (veicoli)
Trailers (rimorchi)
MCs (motocicli)

D E T A I L
(Dettaglio)

D E T A I L (Dettaglio)	Bn. H.Q.(Comando di btg)	Headquarter company (Compagnia comando)				Support company (Cp.armi acc.)		
		H.Q's (Comandante e pl.comando)	Sig. Platoon (Plotone collegam.)	Pioneer Platoon (Plotone pionieri)	Admin.Platoon (Plotone Servizi)	Total, H.Q.Coy (Totale cp.comando)	H.Q's (Comando)	4.2-inch mortar pl. pl.mortai da 42 mm
X Officer commanding (lieutenant colonel or major) Comandante (ten.col. o maggiore)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adjutant (captain or subaltern) Aiutante maggiore (capitano o subalterno)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transport officer (subaltern) Ufficiale addetto agli automezzi (subalterno)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intelligence Officer (subaltern) Ufficiale informatore (subalterno)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Captains = Capitani	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-
Subalterns = Subalterni	-	1	1	1	1	4	-	1
Quarter-master (subaltern) Uff.addetto ai mater.e rifornimenti (subalter.)	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Total officers = Totale ufficiali	4	2	1	1	2	6	1	1
Battalion serjeant-major = maresc.di maggioranza	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Battalion quarter-master serjeant Sottufficiale addetto ai mater.e riforn.di btg.	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Pay and accounts serjeant Sottufficiale di contabilità	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-
Company quarter-master serjeant Sottufficiale addetto ai mater. e rif.di cp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-

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ITALION (BATTAGLIONE MAIELLA)

Personnel (Personale)

Offrs (Ufficiali)	37.
ORs (sott.e truppa)	722
Vehs (veicoli)	31
Trailers (rimorchi)	1
MCs (motocicli)	6

	Bn. H.Q. (Comando di btg)	Headquarter company (Compagnia comando)					Support company (Cp. armi accompagn.)					Four rifles coy (each) 4 cp. fuc. (ciasc)		Total Maella Bn. (Totale Battaglione Maella)
	H.Q.'s (Comandante e pl. comando)	Sig. Platoon (Plotone collegam.)	Pioneer Platoon (Plotone pionieri)	Admin. Platoon (Plotone Servizi)	Total, H.Q. Coy (Totale cp. comando)	H.Q.'s (Comando)	4.2-inch mortar pl. (pl. mortai da 42 pol.)	Recce Platoon (Pl. carrette cing.)	MMG. Platoon (Plot. mitraglieri)	Total, support coy (totale cp. a.a.)	H.Q.'s (comando)	Three platoons (each) (3 pl. fuc. ciascuno)	Total, rifle coy (totale cp. fucilieri)	
Lieutenant colonel or major (Maggiore)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Platoon leader (Capo o subalterno)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Platoon leader (Capo o subalterno)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Platoon leader (Capo o subalterno)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Platoon leader (Capo o subalterno)	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	6
Platoon leader (Capo o subalterno)	-	1	1	1	1	4	-	1	1	1	3	1	4	23
Platoon leader (Capo o subalterno)	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Platoon leader (Capo o subalterno)	4	2	1	1	2	6	1	1	1	1	4	2	5	34
Platoon leader (Capo o subalterno)	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Platoon leader (Capo o subalterno)	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Platoon leader (Capo o subalterno)	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	6
Platoon leader (Capo o subalterno)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	5

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D E T A I L
(Dettaglio)

Attached = Aggregati

Chaplain = Cappellano

Batman = attendente

A.M.C.- Medical officers = Ufficiali medici

E.M.E.

Armourer (serjeant) = Armaiolo (sottuff.)

Fitter, M.V. (serjeant) = Meccanico per auto
veicoli (sottuff.)

A.O.C.- Shoemaker (corporal) = calzolaio

A.C.C.- Cooks for: = Cucinieri per:

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| - Officer mess | - mensa ufficiali |
| - Other ranks' mess | - sottuff. addetti alla |
| (serjeant) | cucina sott. e tr. |
| - Privates | - cucinieri (compreso |
| (included 1 corporal) | 1 graduato di cucina) |

Total attached = Totale aggregati

Total Maiella Bn. = Totale btg. Maiella

Bn. H.Q. (comando di btg.)	Headquarter company (Compagnia comando)					Support com (Cp. armi acco)		
	H. Q.'s (Com. te e pl. comando)	Sig. Platoon (plotone collegamento)	Pioneer Platoon (plotone pionieri)	Admin. Platoon (Plotone servizi)	Total H.Q. Coy (Totale cp. comando)	H. Q.'s (Comando)	4.2-inch mortar platoon (pl. mortai da 2 pollici)	Rece platoon (pl. carrette cinghio)
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3	1	-	-	8	9	2	-	-
7	32	34	19	38	123	12	25	27

Segue allegato n.1 al f.

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	Bn.H.Q. (comando di btg.)	Headquarter company (Compagnia comando)					Support company (Cp. armi accompagn.)				Four rifles coy (each) 4 cp. fuc. (ciascuno)				
		H. Q.'s (Com.te e pl.comando)	Sig. Platoon (plotone collegamento)	Pioneer Platoon (plotone pionieri)	Admin. Platoon (Plotone servizi)	Total H.Q. Coy (Totale cp.comando)	H.Q's (Comando)	4.2-inch mortar platoon (pl.mortai da 2 pollici)	Recece platoon (pl.carrette cingol.)	MMG. Platoon (Pl.mitraglieri)	Total, support coy (totale cp. a.a.)	H.Q' s (comando)	Three platoons (each) (3 pl.fuc.-ciascuno)	Total, rifle coy (Totale, cp.fucilieri)	Total, Maiella Bn. (Totale Btg. Maiella)
Ufficiali medici	1 2	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 2	
meccanico (sottuff.)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
meccanico per auto	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
meccanico (sottuff.)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
meccanico calzolaio	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
meccanici per:	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
meccanici ufficiali	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
meccanici addetti alla	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	
meccanici sott.e tr.	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	
meccanici (compreso graduato di cucina)	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	12	
meccanici aggregati	3	1	1	1	8	9	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	22	
meccanici btg.Maiella	7	32	34	19	38	123	12	25	27	25	89	15	40	135	759

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(ii) Distribution of rank and, file by trades and duties
 (Distribuzione dei graduati e truppa secondo le cariche)

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 (Dettaglio)

	Headquarter company (Compagnia comando)					Support c (Cp. armi acc		
	H.Q.'s (Comandan- te e pl. comando)	Sig. Platoon (Plotone colleg.)	Pioneer platoon (Plotone pionieri)	Adm. platoon (Plotone servizi)	Total, H.Q. Coy (Totale, cp. comando)	H.Q.'s (Comando)	4-2-inch mortar pl. (pl. mortai da 2 pol)	Rece platoon (pl. carretta cingol.)
<u>Tradesmen = Specializzati</u>								
Carpenters and joiners = falegnami e carpentieri	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-
Clerks = scritturali	3	-	-	2	5	1	-	-
Drivers mechanics = meccanici automobilisti	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-
Equipment repairer = spec. riparazioni articoli in pelle	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Mason and bricklayer = muratore e cementista	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-
Vehicle mechanic = meccanico per autoveicoli	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Technical storemen = magazz. mat. speciali	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-
Total tradesmen = totale specializzati	3	-	8	8	19	1	-	-
<u>Non tradesmen = non specializzati</u>								
Batmen = attendenti	2	1	1	1	5	-	-	-
Batmen-drivers = Attendenti-automobilisti	3	-	-	1	4	1	-	-
Butchery dutyman = macellaio	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Drivers I.C. = automobilisti	3	-	-	6	9	-	2	-
Intelligence section = informatori	6	-	-	-	6	-	-	-
Scoutmen = esploratori	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
L.M.G. numbers and riflemen = mitragl. e fucilieri	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M.M.G. numbers = mitraglieri	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ammunition numbers = porta munizioni	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Medical orderly = infermiere	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Mortarmen for 4-2-inch mortars = mortaisti	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-
Orderlies = staffette	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-
Pioneer = pionieri	-	-	8	-	8	-	-	-
Postman = portalettere	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-

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MAIELLA BATTALION (BATTAGLIONE MAIELLA)

War Establishment - Continued (Organico di guerra - continua)

- 1) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties
(Distribuzione dei graduati e truppa secondo le cariche)

	Headquarter company (Compagnia comando)					Support company (Cp. armi accompagnam.)					Four rifles coy (each) 4 cp. fuc. (ciasc.)			Total, Maiella Bn. (Totale Btg. Maiella)
	H.Q.'s (Comandante e pl. comando)	Sig. Platoon (Plotone colleg.)	Pioneer platoon (Plotone pionieri)	Adm. platoon (Plotone servizi)	Total, H.Q. Coy (Totale, cp. comando)	H.Q.'s (Comando)	4-2-inch mortar pl. (pl. mortai da 42 pol)	Rece platoon (Pl. carrette cingol.)	M.M.G. Platoon (Plotone mitragl.)	Total support coy (Totale cp. a.s.)	H.Q.'s (Comando)	3 platoons (each) (3 pl. fuc. (ciasc.))	Total, rifle coy (totale cp. fuc.)	
<u>Specializzati</u>														
Allegnami e carpentieri	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Meccanici automobilisti	3	-	-	2	5	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	10
Parazioni articoli	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	8
Meccanici	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Opere e cementista	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Per autoveicoli	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Mat. speciali	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Specializzati	3	-	8	8	19	1	-	6	-	7	1	-	1	30
<u>Specializzati</u>														
Automobilisti	2	1	1	1	5	-	-	1	1	2	2	1	5	27
Meccanici	3	-	-	1	4	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	5
Meccanici	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Formatori	3	-	-	6	9	-	2	-	2	4	-	-	-	13
Formatori	6	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Mitragl. e fucilieri	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	6
Mitragl. e fucilieri	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	8	-	36	108	440
Mitragl. e fucilieri	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	14	-	-	-	14
Mitragl. e fucilieri	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	2	7	-	-	-	7
Mitragl. e fucilieri	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Mitragl. e fucilieri	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	14	-	-	-	14
Mitragl. e fucilieri	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	4	1	1	4	20
Mitragl. e fucilieri	-	-	8	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Mitragl. e fucilieri	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Mitragl. e fucilieri	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	3

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Scoutmen = esploratori
 L.M.G. numbers and riflemen = mitragl.e fucilieri
 M.M.G. numbers = mitraglieri
 Ammunition numbers = porta munizioni
 Medical orderly = infermiere
 Mortarmen for 4-2-inch mortars = mortaisti
 Orderlies = staffette
 Pioneer = pionieri
 Postman = portalettere
 Rangetakers = specializzati per il tiro
 Battalion police = polizia di btg.
 Sanitary dutymen = addetti ai servizi igienici
 Signallers = specializzati per le trasmissioni
 Signaller-orderlies = ausiliari per le trasmiss.
 Storemen = magazzinieri
 Stretcher bearers = portaferiti
 Water dutymen = addetto al servizio idrico

Total, non tradesmen = Totale non specializz.

Total, rank and file = Totale graduati e tr.

-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-
-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-
-	-	8	-	8	-	-	-
-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
-	-	-	4	4	-	-	-
-	23	-	-	23	-	-	-
-	7	-	-	7	-	-	-
1	1	-	1	3	1	-	-
2	-	-	-	2	2	-	-
-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
21	32	9	16	79	6	21	1
24	32	17	24	98	7	21	2

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men = mitragl.e fucilieri	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	8	-	36	108	440
glieri	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	14	-	-	-	14
orta munizioni	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	2	7	-	-	-	7
miere	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
mortars = mortaisti	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	14	-	-	-	14
	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	4	1	1	4	20
	-	-	8	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
zati per il tiro	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	3	-	-	-	3
zia di btg.	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
tti ai servizi igienici	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
ata per le trasmissioni	-	23	-	-	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23
usiliari per le transmiss.	-	7	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
	1	1	-	1	3	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	8
taferiti	2	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	2	4	-	4	20
al servizio idrico	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
= Totale non specializz.	21	32	9	16	79	6	21	18	21	66	8	38	122	632
= Totale graduati e tr.	24	32	17	24	98	7	21	24	21	73	9	38	123	662



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BATTAGLIONE "MAIELLA"

Comprende :

- comando di btg.
- 4 compagnie fucilieri
- 1 cp.armi accompagnamento

BATTAGLIONE "MAIELLA"

Comprende :

- comando di btg.
- 4 compagnie fucilieri
- 1 cp.armi accompagnamento

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COMANDO DI BATTAGLIONE

Comprende :

- comandante ed ufficiali del comando
- compagnia comando di battaglione

COMANDANTE ED UFFICIALI DEL COMANDO

Comandante (ten.col. o maggiore)
aiutante maggiore (cap. o sub.)
ufficiale addetto agli automezzi (sub.)
ufficiale informatore (sub.)
ufficiali medici (sub.)
cappellano

Totale comandante ed ufficiali del cdo

Ufficiali	Pistole
1	1
1	1
1	1
1	1
2	2
1	-
7	6

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COMPAGNIA COMANDO DI BATTAGLIONE

Comprende :

- comandante
- plotone comando
- plotone collegamenti
- plotone pionieri
- plotone servizi

Comandante (capitano)

Plotone comando

Comandante (subalterno)

squadra comando (1)

squadra informatori (2)

totale plotone comando

Plotone collegamentiPlotone pionieri

Comandante (subalterno)

squadra specializzati (4)

1^a squadra pionieri (5)2^a " " (5)

Totale plotone pionieri

Plotone servizi

Comandante (subalterno)

ufficiale addetto ai mat.e rif.

squadra servizi (6)

squadra autocarreggio (7)

totale pl.servizi

Totale cp.comando battaglione

Personale			Armi					
Ufficiali	Sottuff.	Truppa	Pistole	Moschetti automatici	Fucili	Fucili mi- tragl.Bren	Mortai Piat	Autovett.
1			1					
1	4	19	1	5	16	2	2	3
	1	6			7			
1	5	25	1	5	23	2	2	3
1	1	32 (3)	1	1	32			
1			1					
	1	9		4	6			
		4			3	1		
		4			3	1		
1	1	17	1	4	12	2		
1			1					
1			1					
	6	17		5	18			
	2	11		3	10			
2	8	28	2	8	28			
6	15	102	6	18	95	4	2	3

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COMPAGNIA COMANDO DI BATTAGLIONE

Personale			Armi					Mezzi di trasporto					Pistole da segnalazione	
Ufficiali	Sottuff.	Truppa	Pistole	Moschetti automatici	Fucili	Fucili mitragliatori Bren	Mortai Piat	Autovett.	Autocarri		Rimorchi	Motocicli		Biciclette
									Leggeri	Pesanti				
1			1											
1	4 1	19 6	1	5	16 7	2	2	3	3				6	
1	5	25	1	5	23	2	2	3	3				6	
1	1	32(3)	1	1	32				3			6	3	32
1	1	9 4 4	1	4	6 3 3	1 1								
1	1	17	1	4	12	2								
1 1	6 2	17 11	1 1	5 3	18 10				1	8	1(8)			
2	8	28	2	8	28				1	8	1			
6	15	102	6	18	95	4	2	3	7	8	1	6	9	32

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- (1) - Comprende: 1 maresciallo di maggioranza, 1 sottufficiale e 3 militari scritturali, 1 sottufficiale e 3 militari di polizia, 1 sottufficiale aiutante di sanità, 1 infermiere, 2 portafariti, 3 attendenti, 1 me-gazziniere, 6 automobilisti (di cui 3 attendenti automobilisti).
- (2) - Comprende: 1 sottufficiale capo squadra, 6 militari informatori
- (3) - di cui: 23 specializzati per le trasmissioni, 7 ausiliari, 1 magazzino- niere, 1 attendente.
- (4) - Comprende: 1 sottufficiale capo squadra, 2 muratori e cementisti; 6 falegnami - carpentieri, 1 attendente.
- (5) - Comprende: 1 graduato capo squadra, 3 soldati pionieri.
- (6) - Comprende: 1 sottufficiale addetto ai materiali e rifornimenti, 1 sottufficiale di contabilità, 1 sottufficiale e 2 militari magazzini- nieri ai materiali speciali, 1 sottufficiale armaiolo, 2 sottufficia- li addetti alle cucine sottufficiali e truppa, 1 cuoco addetto alla mensa ufficiali, 2 cuochieri (di cui 1 graduato di cucina), 2 scrit- turali, 1 portalelettere, 1 macellaio, 4 addetti ai servizi igienici, 1 magazzino- niere, 1 addetto al servizio idrico, 1 calzolaio, 1 attenden- te.
- (7) - Comprende: 1 sottufficiale addetto all'autocarreggio, 1 sottufficiale meccanico per autoveicoli, 1 sellaio-calzolaio (specializzato in ri- parazioni di articoli in pelle), 1 meccanico per autoveicoli, 9 au- mobilisti (di cui 1 attendente automobilista - 2 meccanici-automobi- listi).
- (8) - per trasporto acqua.

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COMPAGNIA FUCILIERI

Comprende :

- comando
- 3 plotone fucilieri

Comando

Plotone fucilieri

Comando

- 1^a squadra fucilieri (5)
- 2^a " " (5)
- 3^a " " (5)

Tot.pl.fucilieri

Tot. 3 pl.fucilieri

Tot.cp.fucilieri

PERSONALE			ARMI					Biciclette
Ufficiali	Sottuff.	Truppa	Pistole	Moschetti automatici	Fucili	Fucili mitr.	Mortai	
2(1)	2(2)	11(3)	2	3	10		1	3
1	1	8(4)	1		9		1	1
		10		3	6	1		
		10		3	6	1		
		10		3	6	1		
1	1	38	1	9	27	3	1	1
3	3	114	3	27	81	9	3	3
5	5	125	5	30	91	9	4	6

- (1) - di cui: 1 capitano comandante, 1 ufficiale subalterno addetto al comando.
- (2) - di cui: 1 sottufficiale di contabilità, 1 sottufficiale addetto ai materiali e rifornimenti.
- (3) - di cui: 1 scritturale, 2 attendenti, 1 staffetta, 1 magazziniere, 4 portafiniti, 2 cuccinieri.
- (4) - costituiscono: 1 nucleo comando composto di 1 graduato, 1 staffetta e 1 attendente; 1 nucleo mortai PIAT composto di 1 graduato capo nucleo e 1 soldato; 1 nucleo fucilieri scelti composto di 1 graduato capo nucleo e 2 soldati.

(5)

Uff.	Sott.	Trup.	Plat.	Mosch. auto.	Fucil.	Fucil. tr.B.	Morta. Plat.	Blocl.
2(1)	2(2)	11(3)	2	3	10		1	3
1	1	8(4)	1		9		1	1
		10		3	6	1		
		10		3	6	1		
		10		3	6	1		
1	1	38	1	9	27	3	1	1
3	3	114	3	27	81	9	3	3
5	5	125	5	30	91	9	4	6

Comando

Plotone fucilieri

Comando

1^a squadra fucilieri (5)
 2^a " " (5)
 3^a " " (5)

Tot.pl.fucilieri

Tot. 3 pl.fucilieri

Tot.cf.fucilieri

- (1) - di cui: 1 capitano comandante, 1 ufficiale subalterno addetto al comando.
 (2) - di cui: 1 sottufficiale di contabilità, 1 sottufficiale addetto ai materiali e rifornimenti.
 (3) - di cui: 1 scritturale, 2 attendenti, 1 staffetta, 1 magazziniere, 4 portafiniti, 2 cuccinieri.
 (4) - costituiscono: 1 nucleo comando composto di 1 graduato, 1 staffetta e 1 attendente; 1 nucleo mortai PIAT composto di 1 graduato capo nucleo e 1 soldato; 1 nucleo fucilieri scelti composto di 1 graduato capo nucleo e 2 soldati.
 (5) - costituiscono: 1 nucleo fucilieri composto di 1 graduato capo nucleo e 6 fucilieri; 1 nucleo fucili mitragliatori composto di 1 graduato capo nucleo e 2 soldati.

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COMPAGNIA ARMA ACCOMPAGNAMENTO

Comprende :

- comando
 - plt.carrette cingolate
 - plt.mitraglieri
 - plt.mortai da 2 pollici
- Comando (1)

Plotone carrette cingolate

- Comandante (subalterno)
- squadra comando (2)
- squadra carrette cingolate (3)
- Totale plt.carrette cingolate

Plotone mitraglieri

- Comandante (subalterno)
- squadra comando (4)
- 1^a squadra mitraglieri (5)
- 2^a " " (5)
- 3^a " " (5)
- 4^a " " (5)

Totale plotone mitraglieri

Plotone mortai da 2 pollici

- Comandante (subalterno)
- squadra comando (6)
- 1^a squadra mortai da 2 poll.(7)
- 2^a " " " " (7)
- 3^a " " " " (7)
- 4^a " " " " (7)

Totale plt.mortai da 2 poll.

Totale cp.armi accompagnamento

PERSONALE			ARMI				
Ufficiali	Sottuff.	Truppa	Pistole	Moschetti automatici	Fucili	Fuc.mitr. Bren	Mitragli- ere Vickers
1	2	9	1	3	8		
1	1	13	1	6	8		
	1	11		3	6	3	
1	2	24	1	9	14	3	
1	1	7	1	4	4		
	1	3			4		1
		4			4		1
	1	3			4		1
		4			4		1
1	3	21	1	4	20		4
1	1	7		4	3	1	
	1	3			4		
		4			4		
	1	3			4		
		4			4		
1	3	21	1	4	19	1	
4	10	75	4	20	61	4	4

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COMPAGNIA ARMA ACCOMPAGNAMENTO

PERSONALE			ARMI							MEZZI DI TRASPORTO			
Ufficiali	Sottuff.	Truppa	Pistole	Moschetti automatici	Fucili	Fuc. mitr. Bren	Mitragli- ere Vickers	Mortai Piat	Mortai da 2 pollici	Autovett.	Autov. da esploraz.	Carrette cingol.	Autoc. pesanti
1	2	9	1	3	8					1			
1	1 1	13 11	1	6 3	8 6	3		2			2	1 3	
1	2	24	1	9	14	3		2			2	4	
1	1 1 1	7 3 4 3 4	1	4	4 4 4 4 4								2
1	3	21	1	4	20		4						2
1	1 1 1	7 3 4 3 4		4	3 4 4 4 4	1			1 1 1 1				2
1	3	21	1	4	19	1			4				2
4	10	75	4	20	61	4	4	2	4	1	2	4	4

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- (1) - Comprende : 1 capitano comandante, 1 sottufficiale di contabilità, 1 sottufficiale e rifornimenti, 1 scritturale, 1 attendente automobilista, 2 portaferriti, 2 cuccinieri.
- (2) - Comprende : 1 sottufficiale capo squadra, 3 meccanici automobilisti, 1 attore munizioni.
- (3) - Comprende : 1 sottufficiale capo squadra, 2 graduati, 3 meccanici automobili cingolata ha per equipaggio 4 uomini (1 sottuff. o graduato o automobilista, 2 soldati).
- (4) - Comprende : 1 sottufficiale capo squadra, 2 automobilisti, 2 specializzati porta munizioni.
- (5) - Comprende : 1 sottufficiale o graduato capo squadra, 1 caporale o soldato treppiedi, 1 porta accessori e parti di ricambio.
- (6) - Comprende : 1 sottufficiale capo squadra, 2 automobilisti, 1 specializzato munizioni.
- (7) - Comprende : 1 sottufficiale o graduato capo squadra, 2 mortai, 1 porta

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uno comandante, 1 sottufficiale di contabilità, 1 sottufficiale addetto ai materiali
nimenti, 1 scritturale, 1 attendente automobilista, 2 staffette, 1 magazziniere, 2
riti, 2 cuochieri.

ufficiale capo squadra, 3 meccanici automobilisti, 1 attendente, 6 esploratori, 3 porta
oni.

ufficiale capo squadra, 2 graduati, 3 meccanici automobilisti, 6 soldati. Ogni carretta
ta ha per equipaggio 4 uomini (1 sottuff. o graduato capo equipaggio, 1 meccanico-auto-
ta, 2 soldati).

ufficiale capo squadra, 2 automobilisti, 2 specializzati per il tiro, 1 attendente, 2
munizioni.

ufficiale o graduato capo squadra, 1 caporale o soldato porta arma tiratore, 1 porta
edi, 1 porta accessori e parti di ricambio.

ufficiale capo squadra, 2 automobilisti, 1 specializzato per il tiro, 2 staffette, 2 porta
oni.

ufficiale o graduato capo squadra, 2 mortaisti, 1 porta accessori e parti di ricambio.

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	PERSONALE			ARMI							MEZZI D			
	Ufficiali	Sottufficiari	Truppa	Pistole	Moschetti automatici	Fucili	Fuc.mtr. Bren	Mitragliatrici Vickers	Mortai PIAT	Mortai da 2 pollici	Autovetture	Autovett. da esplos.	Barrette cingolate	Autocarri leggeri
Comandante e uff. del comando	7			6										
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Totale generale	44	53	789	43	183	615	44	4	20	4	4	2	4	7

(1) Il btg. ha in dotazione 536 fucili, ne ha perciò ancora disponibili 16.

(2) Saranno tenuti in posizione arretrata alle dirette dipendenze del comandante del btg.

(3) di cui: 2 capitani, 5 subalterni.

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ALE		ARMI							MEZZI DI TRASPORTO							Pistole da segnalazioni
Truppa	Pistole	Moschetti automatici	Fucili	Fuc.mtr. Bren	Mitragliat Vickers	Mortai PIAT	Mortai da 2 pollici	Autovetture	Autovett. da esplos.	Garrette cingolate	Autocarri leggeri	Autocarri pesanti	Rimorchi	Motocicli	Biciclette	
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Subject: Proposed W.E. of BRIGATA MAINLIA

Land Forces Sub Com AG.
(M.E.I.A.).

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War Ministry

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1.	Bn 2nd i/c	Nil	Major	
2.	Adjutant	Capt or Subaltern	Capt	
3.	Coy Commander	Capt	Major	
4.	Coy 2nd i/c	Nil	Subaltern	

3. You may feel that such discrepancies in grading are not desirable.

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1.	Bn 2nd i/c	NIL	Major	
2.	Adjutant	Capt or Subaltern	Capt	
3.	Coys Commander	Capt	Major	
4.	Coys 2nd i/c	NIL	Subaltern	

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8 February 1945

AG 091.711/047 GCT-0

SUBJECT: Proposed War Establishment-Banda Patrioti Maiella
(Maiella Bn)

TO *NOA* President, Allied Commission
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)

1. One copy of Main, Headquarters, Eighth Army, letter M 13680/1 SD2, dated 4 February 1945 is forwarded for retention. It is regretted that three copies are not available.

2. It is requested that you comment on the proposal from the Italian Army point of view, and forward your reply as soon as possible for consideration with the proposal, by the WEC.

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24. Medical use of human

7. The project director or his/her

CRS	CRS	CRS	CRS	CRS
57	72	31	1	5

(b) The proposed scale of valuations is:

100
90
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It is considered these reinforcements should be held in a year
action commended directly by the CO.

(c) All personnel on the ME are I & A. These POLICY officers and are allocated to the POLICY unit within the MEs of

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PROPOSAL

Let it appear that is a proposed unit for the Italian unit with 2 JONAS COMES, known as "MILITARY MAINTENANCE". It is proposed the English name for this unit should be "MILITARY MAINTENANCE".

2. PROPOSED UNIT PROPOSAL

(a) The proposed strength on 15 is:

Officers	-	37
ONS	-	722
Wants	-	33
Trainers	-	1
MOB	-	2

(b) The proposed scale of reinforcements is:

Officer	-	7
ONS	-	120

It is considered these reinforcements should be held in a rear echelon commanded directly by the CO.

(c) All personnel on the 15 are Italian. These JONAS COMES and ONS attached to the 15th will remain on the 15th of Polish units.

3. REINFORCEMENT UNIT PROPOSAL

(a) Although this unit came into existence over a year ago, and shortly afterwards received official recognition as a unit of the Italian Army (see at APPX 'B' the Chief of the Italian General Staff's letter of 28 Nov 44), no specific organization has ever been assigned to it, and it has been armed and equipped on an improvised scale. It is now desired to formalize the organization of the unit.

4. GENERAL

(a) It is strongly recommended that authority be given for the 15th to be sent to this unit on the same basis as has already been authorized for the Italian Combat Groups.

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4. (b) It will be noted that the WE has been drafted in a similar way to a Brit WE, and includes under att personnel, IEC, ORD and other services. This has been done as the equivalent ITALIAN services are not known.

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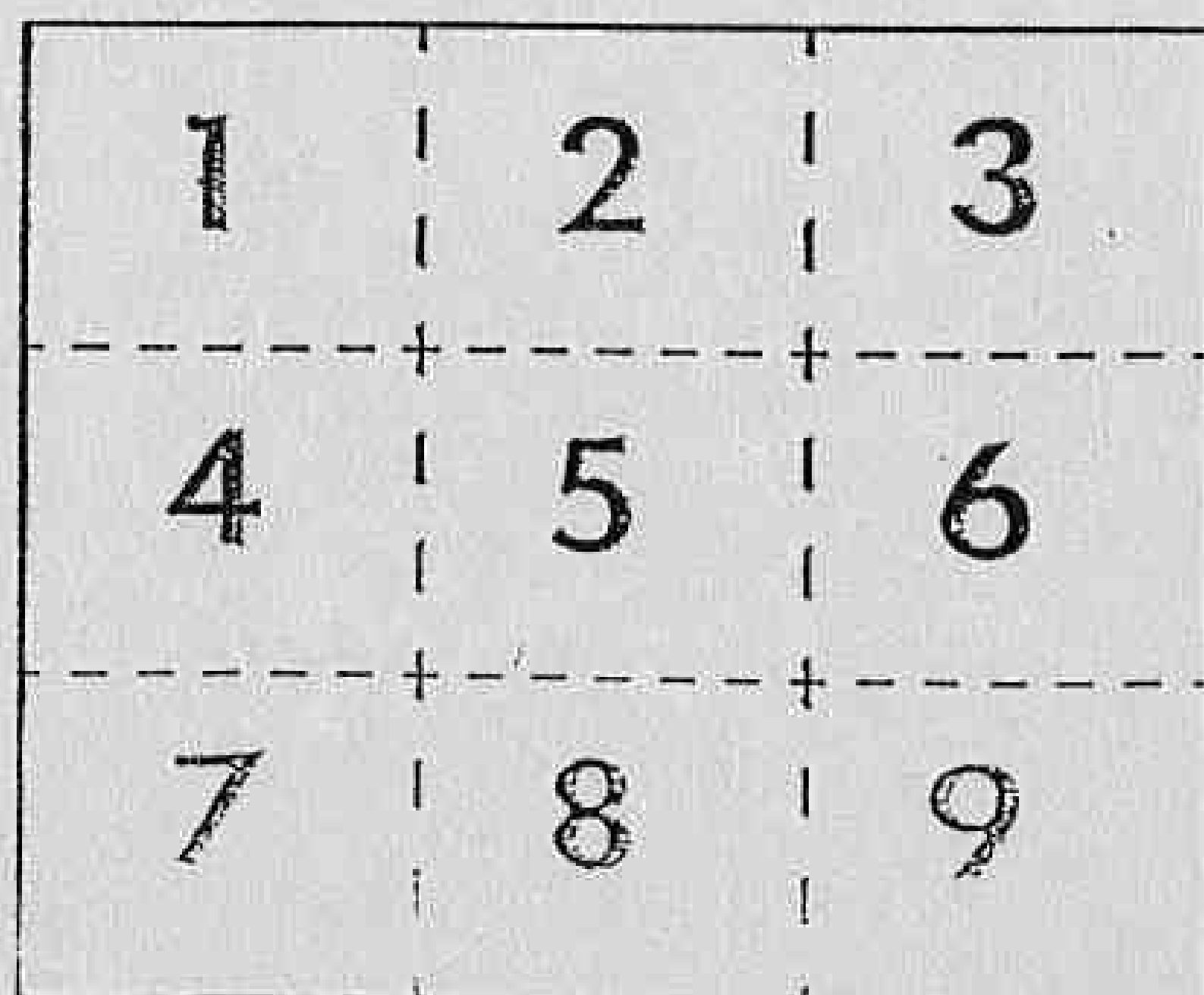
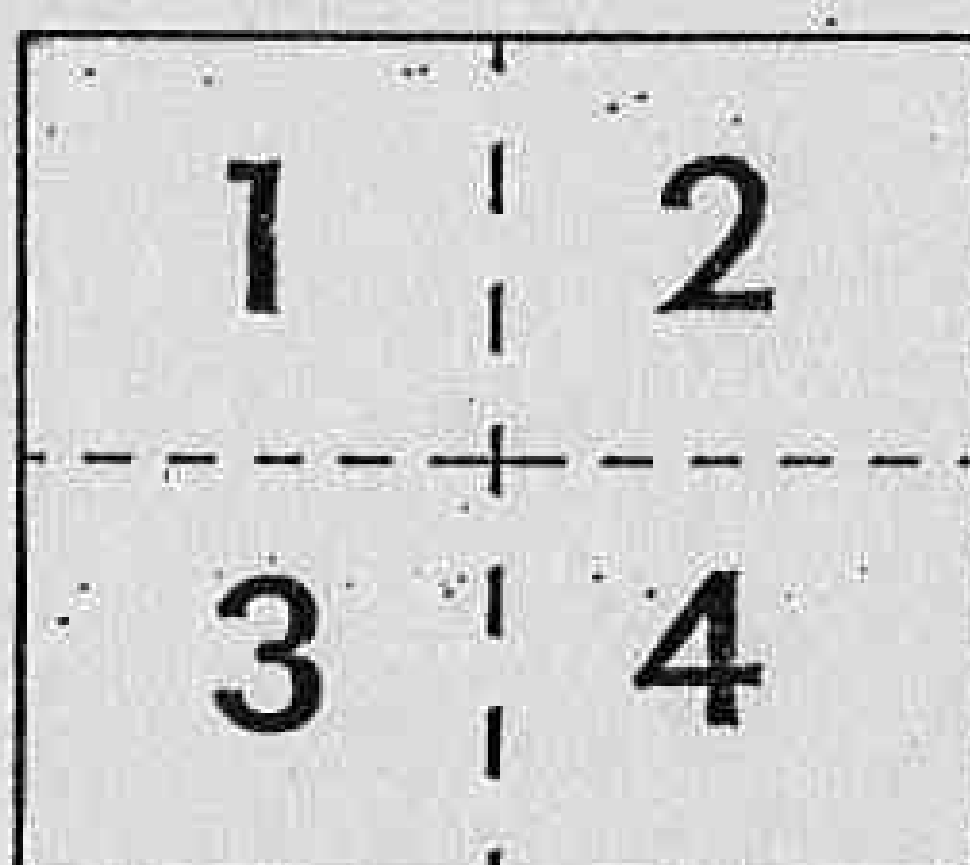
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MAIELLA BATTALION (BRIGATA MAIELLA)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(1) Personnel

DETAIL	Bn. H.Q.	Headquarter company				Support company			
		H.Q.'s	Sig. platoon	Admin. platoon	Total, H.Q. Coy	H.Q.'s	4.2-inch mortar platoon	Rece platoon	MMG. platoon
Officer commanding (lieutenant colonel)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Second-in-command (major)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Majors	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adjutant (captain)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Captains	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Subalterns	3	-	1	1	2	-	1	1	1
Quarter-master	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Total, officers	6	1	1	2	4	1	1	1	1
Regimental serjeant-major	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regimental quarter-master serjeant	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Company serjeant-majors	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Total, warrant officers	1	1	-	1	2	1	-	-	-
Company quarter-master-serjeants	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Intelligence serjeant	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clerk	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provost serjeant	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pioneer serjeant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Medical serjeant	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transport serjeant	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Technical storeman	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Serjeants	-	-	1	-	1	-	3	2	3
Total, staff-serjeants and sjts	4	1	1	2	4	-	3	2	3
Corporals (includes 10 lance-serjeants)	2	-	3	1	4	-	2	5	2
Privates (includes 60 lance-corporals)	37	3	29	23	55	5	19	19	19
Total, rank and file	39	3	32	24	59	5	21	24	21
Total, other ranks	44	5	33	27	65	6	24	26	24
Total, all ranks	50	6	34	29	69	7	25	27	25
Attached -									
Chaplain	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Batman	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

Offrs	37
ORs	722
Vehs	31
Trailers	1
MCs	6

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Medical serjeant.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transport serjeant.....	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Technical storeman.....	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Serjeants.....	-	-	1	-	1	-	3	2	3
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<u>Attached -</u>									
Chaplain.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Batman.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A.M.C. - Medical Officer.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E.M.E. -									
Armourer (serjeant).....	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Fitter, M.V. (serjeant).....	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
A.C.C. - Shoemaker (corporal),...	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
A.C.C. - Cooks for - Officers' mess	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Other ranks' mess - serjeants	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
Privates - (includes 1 Corporal).....	-	-	-	12	12	-	-	-	-
Total attached.....	3	-	-	18	18	-	-	-	-
Total, Maiella Bn.....	53	6	34	47	87	7	25	27	25

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MAIELLA BATTALION (BRIGATA MAIELLA)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT - continued

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties.

	En. H.Q.	Headquarter company				Support company						Four rifle companies (each)			Total, Maiella Bn.
		H.Q.'s	Sig. platoon	Admin. platoon	Total, H.Q. Coy	H.Q.'s	4, 2-inch mortar platoon	Rece. platoon	MMG. platoon	Pioneer platoon	Total, support Coy	H.Q.'s	Three platoons (each)	Total, rifle Coy	
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Artillery.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	-	17	-	36	108	449
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Artillery.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
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Non-tradesmen -

Batmen.....	2	-	1	1	2	-	-	1	1
Batmen-drivers.....	2	1	-	1	2	1	-	-	-
Butchery dutymen.....	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Drivers I.C.	3	-	-	8	8	-	2	-	2
Intelligence section.....	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
L.M.G.numbers and riflemen.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	-
M.M.G.numbers.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
Medical officer's orderly.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mortarmen for 4.2-inch mortars....	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	-
Orderlies.....	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-
Pioneers.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Postmen.....	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Rangefinders.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Regimental police.....	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary dutymen.....	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	-
Signallers.....	-	-	23	-	23	-	-	-	-
Signaller-orderlies.....	-	-	7	-	7	-	-	-	-
Storemen.....	-	1	1	1	3	1	-	-	-
Stretcher bearers	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water dutymen.....	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Total, non-tradesmen.....	37	2	32	18	2	4	21	18	21
Total, rank and file.....	39	3	32	24	59	5	21	24	21

(iii) Transport

Bicycles.....	6	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	-
Motor cycles.....	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-	-
Cars, 5-cwt, 4x4.....	2	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4x2, GS.....	3	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	-
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4x2, WT.....	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-
Lorries, 3-ton, 4x4, GS.....	-	-	-	8	8	-	2	-	2
Carriers Universal.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-
Scout Cars.....	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Trailer, 15-cwt, 2-whld, water.....	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-

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(iii) Transport

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2	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
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MAIELLA BATTALION (BRIGATA MAIELLA)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT - continued

(iv) Weapons

Pistols, .38-inch	36
Rifles, .303-inch	536
TMCs, .45-inch	158
LMGs, .303-inch	44
PLTs	20
Mortars, 4.2-inch	4
LMGs, Vickers, .303-inch	4
Pistols Signal	32

(v) Note on first reinforcements

Captains	2
Subalterns	5
R & F	120
Pistols	7
Rifles	95
TMCs	25

NOTE :

(a) One subaltern to be Bn Intelligence Offr.

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Agpx 'B' to M 13680/1 302
Dated: Feb 25

28 Feb 44

COPY - TRANSLATION

SUPRIME HQ
Operations Sec

Rsf : N.1146/1 Op

SUBJECT: Recognition for all Purposes of the
"BANDA PATRIOTT DELLA MAINTIA"

TO : General Staff Italian Army.
HQ 209 Div.

Copy : Ministry of War

The Band under command of the Lawyer TROLO, which has fought with such courage on the southern front of the MAINTIA, suffering considerable casualties in dead and wounded, is to be recognized as a volunteer formation under the designation of "BANDA PATRIOTT DELLA MAINTIA".

On the strength of the above decision, HQ 209 Div will consider the Band itself as one of its own units, taking on its order of battle all ranks now composing it as shown on the nominal roll to be submitted by TROLO. The Division will in consequence provide for the Band's rationing, pay and supplies of equipment of all necessary items as far as resources permit. These arrangements, including settlement of back pay, will have retrospective effect as from 1 Jan 44.

The pay allotted to the leader of the Band, the Lawyer TROLO, will be equivalent to that of Captain; all other members of the Band will be paid in relation to the duties actually performed in the field as shown in the above mentioned nominal roll. Each member of the Band will be issued with the special (209 Div) identity card.

With regard to the strength of the Band, a certain elasticity is permissible, and it may be increased or decreased at the commander's discretion. In order to save time, HQ 209 Div is authorized to put foregoing into effect forthwith, and will also compile all necessary records of previous casualties of the Band, with a view to granting to them for all purposes, rights of soldiers killed in action.

HQ 209 Div is requested to visit the Band as soon as possible, conveying to the members of personnel best wishes and high praise. I shall be sending the Band

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Ref: R 1146/1 Op

28 Feb 44

SUBJECT: Recognition for all Purposes of the
"BANDA PATRIOTI DELLA MAIELLA"

TO : General Staff Italian Army.
HQ 209 Div.

Copy : Ministry of War

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HQ 209 Div is requested to visit the Band as soon as possible, conveying to the members by personal best wishes and high praise. I shall be glad to be kept informed of progress and any further views concerning the Band itself.

(sd) Giovanni Messe

Marshal of Italy
Chief of the General Staff

C O P Y

FROM: FREEDOM SIGNED SAC

301800

TO : 15 ARMY GP

INFO: 5 ARMY
8 ARMY
MMIA

FX 18050

SECRET

YOUR SD 1191 DATED 26 JAN NOT TO ALL REFERS (.) PARA 1
STUDY AT PRESENT BEING MADE REGARDING FUTURE STATUS
ITALIAN PATRIOTS (.) PARA UNTIL DECISION MADE THE BANDA
MAIELMA AND QUOTE FOX UNQUOTE RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
WILL NOT BE DISBANDED BUT WILL REMAIN AS PRESENTLY
ORGANISED (.) PARA 3 FOR 8 ARMY YOUR M1018 COS OF 21
JAN REFERS

PRECEDENCE PRIORITY

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SD DIST.: SD/19 (Action Copy)
Q(AE)
Float
B/B
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C O P Y

FROM: 15 ARMY GROUP

TO : AFHQ

26 1030

INFO: C.G. 5 ARMY
8 ARMY
MMIA

SD 1191

SECRET

REF YOUR AG 091.711/047 GCT-0 TO 5 ARMY OF 12
JAN (.) F RECCCE PERFORMING USEFUL (?) IN
THE FIELD 2ND (.) REF YOUR LETTER SAME NUMBER
TO 8 ARMY SUBJECT BANDA MAIELLA (.) IN COMPLETE
AGREEMENT WITH 8 ARMY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED
IN THEIR M 1018 E OF 21 JAN (.) 3RD (.) REQUEST
BOTH (?) THESE UNITS BE RETAINED (.) UNITS
HAVE HIGH MORALE AND COHESION AND ON DISBANDMENT
UNLIKELY PRODUCE APPRECIABLE NUMBER OF SATISFACTORY
RFTS

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SD DIST.: SD/2/1 (Action Copy)
SD/2/1/1
SD/50

23 Jan
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OK
One Handed to be
the 7th NOT want
disbandment
850
2 Feb

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Army Form C.2128.

MESSAGE FORM

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN	CIPHER SECRET	No. of Groups GR. SD 2/1	Serial No. 141512
	OUT			Office Date Stamp 156

TO AFHQ into CG 5 Army 8 Army MMIA (ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

FROM 15 A Gp

Originator's Number
SD 1191

Date
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In Reply to Number

SECRET	Ref yz AG 091 point	711/047 G	CT-0 to 5 Army
of 12 Jan	E Recce perform useful	?	in the field 2nd
Ref yz. letter same number to 8 Army	subject BANDA	MAIELLA	
in complete agreement with 8 Army	recommendations contained in letter		
M 1018 E of 21 Jan	3rd Recce	6th (?) these units be retained	as they
have high morale and cohesion and on disbandment	will likely produce appreciable number of		

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

Satisfactory
26/5

Time of Origin
849
1030

Signature.....

Signature.....

* Originator may delete "except" and insert "including"

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The H.Q. FIFTH (US) ARMY
Copies to
G.S.I. 15th CORPS
M.M.I.A. ✓
File.

"F" RESCUE SQUADRON
13 CORPS
12/1/1945

1st ITALIAN PERSONNEL

	Assigned	Sick in quarters	Sick in hospital	Pass	A.W.O.L.	On
Officers	-	-	-	1	-	11
Sgt. Maj	-	-	-	-	-	2
Sgts	-	-	2	-	-	12
Cpls	-	-	1	1	-	14
Ptes	-	(2)	2	28	-	136
Mules	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	(2)	5	30	-	171

2nd BRITISH ADM STAFF

Officers	n. 2
Sgts CPLs	" 1
Ptes	" 1
TOTAL	

Capt. and Adj

"F" Rescue Squadron
H. Q. 13 Corps

P. How does this compare with M.M.I.A. On bad strength
about 12/1/45
off. 11
JAL 16/1

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"P" REESE SQUADRON
13 CORPS
12/1/1945

SD/M/11

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US ARMY
to

PERSONNEL

Sick in quarters	Sick in hospital	Pass	A.W.O.B.	On Duty	TOTAL
-	-	1	-	11	12
-	-	-	-	2	2
-	2	-	-	13	15
-	1	1	-	12	14
(2)	2	28	-	136	166
-	-	-	-	-	-

(2) 5 30 - 174 209

OF STAFF

Officers	n. 2	
Sgt. CPLs	" 1	
Ptes	" 1	TOTAL

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Capt. and Adj

"P" Reese Squadron
H. Q. 13 Corps

Richard
Captain

How does this
compare with
Orbat  Orbat Strength
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

SECRET
By Authority of

12 FEBRUARY 1945
Date 12 January 1945

AG 091.711/017 OCT-0

SUBJECT: 'F' Recce Squadron.

TO : Commanding General, Fifth Army, APO 466.

1. It has been brought to the notice of this headquarters that a certain percentage of the desertions from the Italian Combat Groups and other Italian units in the forward area has been due to the unauthorized and illegal enlistment, by Italian Officers of doubtful record, of Italian soldiers enticed from their legitimate units into the private bands operating in the combat areas.

2. There exists at present an urgent demand for:

- a. Reinforcements for the Italian Groups.
- b. Muleteers.

3. In order to obviate the leakage of Italian manpower apparently taking place as a consequence of the unauthorized enlistment mentioned at paragraph 1 and to assist in satisfying the present demands at 2 a and b above, your comments are requested on the disembarkment of 'F' Recce Squadron. An indication should be given of the numbers of personnel suitable for employment as reinforcements and as muleteers.

For the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theater:

R. H. PRESE,
Captain, AGN,
Asst Adjutant General.

Copies to:
15th Army Group
Land Forces Sub Commission
Allied Commission (AMIA)

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cc to Land Forces Sub Commission

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

SECRET

By Authority of

S: 12 FEB 1945

Im: 1.1

Date 12 January 1945

AG 093.711/047 OCT-0

SUBJECT: Banda Patriota MARITIMA

TO : General Officer, Commander-in-Chief, Eighth Army.

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By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:

JACK CARTER,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

cc 15 Army Group,
Allied Commission (MIA).

SECRET

CONFIDENTIAL Allied Commission (MIA), Eighth Army Sub Commission

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Disbandment "F" Recco Sqn and MAIMILLA Band

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/54
2 Jan 48

TO : AFHQ

Copy to: 15 ARMY GROUP

1. From the attached copies of correspondence received on the activities of Capt GAY, it will be seen that this officer of doubtful record has been illicitly and illegally enlisting Italian soldiers, already serving in Combat Groups and other units, into "F" Recco Sqn.

2. This unauthorized enlistment, which takes the form of enticing men to desert from their units has not only been restricted to one Combat Group. Both the MIULI and LIGURIO Groups have reported demonstrations following the visits of Captain GAY or his collaborators.

3. The conduct of this officer is now being strongly taken up with the War Ministry. It has always been my opinion that private bands, "patriotic" or otherwise, are a menace to the efficiency of the Italian Army as a whole and this view has been fully reported to you in my letter 13/6/45 of 27 Dec 44.

4. In view of the present shortage of reinforcements, I strongly recommend that "F" Recco Squadron and the Banda MAIMILLA be disbanded and made available for filling the Allied programme as under:-

(a) "F" Recco Sqn ----- to ORSANO as Combat Gp Rfts

(b) Banda MAIMILLA ----- to CIVITANO as Muleteers.

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2.B.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/84
2 Jan 48

TO : AFHQ

Copy to: 15 ARMY GROUP

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- (b) Banda MAIMILLA ----- to ORSANG as Muleteers.

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Major General
M. L. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Discipline - Deserters

53 S.L.U.
Ref A7 - 32
25 Dec 44

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MMA)

1. Ref your HQ signals 55501, 502, 503 of 27 Dec 44.
2. The question of desertion from Combat Op FOLCORE is being investigated and a report will be submitted to your HQ in due course.
3. I visited 51 HLU immediately before Xmas and was informed by them that Combat Op GRAMONA had experienced an unduly large number of deserters since moving to their new location. It is obviously essential to prevent this happening as far as is possible with Combat Op FOLCORE.
4. Early this month enquiries were made at this HQ by 78 Section S.I.B., AFHQ re the whereabouts of a Captain Gay of the Italian Army who it was desired to interrogate in connection with a war crime.
5. Enquiries were made immediately and the two attached reports were submitted by the Combat Op.
6. It is considered that every effort should be made to obtain the return of any men found with "F" Recce Regt who are deserters from Combat Op FOLCORE and on their return it will be arranged that they are dealt with severely.
7. Please inform this HQ if any assistance can be given in this matter.

(Sgd) C. H. BROCKE
Lt. Col.
O. S.

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C O P Y

"HEMBO" Parachute Regt
Hq 3rd Bn

TRANSLATION

7 Dec 44.

Ref 1327/A.U. d1 prot

SUBJECT: Captain Gay

TO : Hq Combat Group FOLGORE

FROM : Hq "HEMBO" Parachute Regt

With reference to your telephone request I communicate the following:-

(a) It does not appear that Captain Gay has been seen in this area.

(b) On 16 Nov Lt Aldo Trincas at present working with the "F" Recce Unit introduced himself asking if he could take 500 automatic rifle magazines. With the said officer was Sgt Piero Piatti who was absent without leave from the Bn 18 Oct 44 and had joined the strength of the "F" Recce Unit.

When the lorry set off, some soldiers of the Bn, a few carrying complete kit and others blankets, went off with it. The matter was discovered and the lorry was stopped at Tese, and 2/Lt Trincas with the soldiers returned to the Bn. Questioned, a few admitted that they wished to join the "F" Recce Unit and others denied such a proposition.

Sgt Piatti was arrested by me and put in the local prison, he has since been released and has again joined the "F" Recce Unit in accordance with the Regt order.

(c) On 26 Nov 2/Lt Gansini and 2/Lt Scaramari both of the "F" Recce Unit came to find men to join the unit. Some officers deplored this form of encouragement that the "F" Recce Unit offers to soldiers willing to go. The two officers answered that they had had to make up for the losses and that however from time to time they had authority from the General Staff.

From 16 Nov (date of arrival of 2/Lt Trincas) up till today 20 soldiers have absented themselves (see list attached) and it may be presumed that most of them have gone to the "F" Recce Unit. Amongst these is the Parachutist Camiciottoli who had tried to absent himself on 16 Nov in 2/Lt Trincas' lorry.

Some soldiers had English clothes and arms. Other previous absentees were found at the "F" Recce Unit.

(d) It is not certain that real propaganda was used to instigate the soldiers to join the "F" Recce Unit but on the contrary were skilfully were made known the advantages which the men of the said unit would enjoy: rations of English troops, possibility of leave and frequent passes, plenty of transport, situated in a locality where the men could enjoy themselves to the fullest extent.

Indeed during the period that the 185 Parachute Regt was working with the English Division in Tuscany, the soldiers of the "F" Recce Unit were continually making excursions to Florence on lorries and motorcycles.

(e) Captain Gay deserted from the Regt on 9 Sep 45 taking with him his company (8th of 3rd Bn) with armaments, equipment, money and transport etc.

During the inquest and after the questioning some soldiers of the Regt the following resulted:-

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(1) That with the exception of the Bn CO and Coy COs, the other officers, NCOs and paratroopers believed that they were all being used to attack the Germans again - only on the day 11 Sep, when every vehicle received a pass on which it was stated the 3rd Bn was to come under the direct command of the 26th German Division, did the soldiers understand the treachery of the COs and the Bn was disbanded -

(2) That Captain Gay and Bonano were the only two COs who during a conference held in the afternoon of 9 Sep at 'Soveria Mannella' by Captain Sola temporary CO of the 3rd Bn (the real CO was myself, but at that time I was temporary commander of the Regt) instigated the latter to follow the Germans, threatening him whenever he did not make a decision, they having the full support of their men would have abandoned him.

Captain Gay by order of the LI C.I. has been accused by the Military War Tribunal, Naples, for complicity in the following :-

- (a) Unauthorized movements of military forces.
- (b) Disobedience.
- (c) Abandoning the Corps to fight against the Italians.
- (d) Action detrimental to the operation of the Armed Forces.

(Signed) Angelo BASSINICO

MAJOR GENERAL COMMANDER.

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"NEMEC" Parachute Regt

HQ Sec 3 Bn

List of soldiers absent without leave who have no longer returned from 16 Nov 44 to 7 Dec 44.

Unit	Rank	Surname	Christian Name	Date of Absence
12 Coy	Sold.	D'ANGELO	Felice	6 Dec 44
11 "	Parac.	FORNICA	Ginseppe	6 Dec 44
11 "	"	FORNAN	Lino	7 Dec 44
11 "	"	ISIOTO	Mario	7 Dec 44
12 "	Sold.	FARABELLA	Alessandro	3 Dec 44
9 "	Parac.	FILPA	Francesco	1 Dec 44
9 "	"	FEROLFI	Alfredo	1 Dec 44
HQ	C.MAGG.	COCCIOLO	Luigi	27 Nov 44
HQ	"	D'ANASTASIO	Ammario	27 Nov 44
HQ	Driver	ANTONIGLI	Aldo	27 Nov 44
9 Coy	Sold.	COSMI	Mario	27 Nov 44
12 Coy	Parac.	BARDANTI	Benso	27 Nov 44
12 "	"	DEL RE	Paolo	27 Nov 44
10 "	"	PAGIN	Bruno	26 Nov 44
9 "	"	DE CICCO	Francesco	25 Nov 44
HQ	Sold.	CORSI	Antonio	22 Nov 44
HQ	"	MANNERO	Gennaro	22 Nov 44
HQ	"	WELFONER	Paolo	22 Nov 44
10 Coy	Parac.	GAMICICOTOLI	Dagoberto	22 Nov 44

COPY

HQ COMBAT GROUP POLICIA

TRANSLATION

General Staff Office - 2 Branch, Personal & Secret

9132/Pers

23 Dec 44

Subject: Captain GayTo : 53 BU

The 3rd Bn of the NEMBO Parachutist Regt is constituted of personnel who belonged to 186 Para Regt, which in 1943 operated independently in SICILY and CALABRIA.

At the Armistice, one of those officers who united with the Germans, and brought pressure to bear to get a part of his own battalion to follow him, was Capt Gay who was then commanding 8 Coy.

Due to those activities he was denounced to War Military Tribunal in NAPLES in March 1944 (see Major Massimino's statement, copy of which was sent as appx to 4177/Pers of 11 Dec).

This officer today would command a unit called 1st Bn "F. Nuccio" Paratroopers the numbers of which would be in TUSCANY. He has worked up intense action within the Bn to get its soldiers to join his unit, where they would enjoy a treat at throughout identical to the troops of the United Nations.

The CEs who left the 3rd Bn turn out to have entered the above named unit; it appears certain re the Paratroopers LOVATTI Mario, CORLA Luigi and VALENTINI Primo. These men were denounced as deserters and of stealing the equipment they took with them.

On 16 Nov, professing to be calling for some empty LMG magazines, the 2nd unit reported first to the Bn and then to the NEMBO Regt to an offer of the 1st 382, 32nd Lt TEFNOAN Aldo. By watching over him and the vehicle in his charge, an attempt by several CEs to leave the Bn was thwarted.

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Neither the deserters nor the truck, which was waiting somewhere in CAMPANIA to take them to the 1st Bn could be traced through investigations carried out by the Dependent Commands and C.O.R.R.

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It will be advantageous if the competent authorities get the deserters to return, and that necessary steps be taken to prevent any similar cases of desertion.

CALABRIA.

At the Armistice, one of these officers who united with the Germans, and brought pressure to bear to get a part of his own battalion to follow him, was Capt Gay who was then commanding 8 Coy.

Due to these activities he was denounced to War Military Tribunal in NAPLES in March 1944 (see Major Massimino's statement, copy of which was sent as appx to 4177/Pers of 11 Dec).

This officer today would command a unit called 1st Sqn "F. Recca" Paratroopers the numbers of which would be in TUSCANY. He has worked up intense action within the 8th to get its soldiers to join his unit, where they would enjoy a treatment throughout identical to the troops of the United Nations.

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(Signed) G. F. CARDINI

Bunda Maicella

Major T. Jorgan

phoned from ISAG.

Stanny (referring to Marshal Tessa's
letter of 28 Feb 44 Ref N. 11461/OP)

request to keep them as an op from

ISAG will write in letter 838
on the subject.

B/E. Jorgan.



4 JAN 1945

G-II(SD) from
Mr. G.I.

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to G.I. for the
approval

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Buote Mailla

SD/2/1

15 Army Gp (2)

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~~15 Army Gp~~

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2/11/1960 8th Army

Cpl. H.H. signal & SD 1756 of 3 Dec

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2. It is recommended that the unit be made available for the reinforcement of the Cremona Group with 880th Army under your arrangements.

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of the Maella should ~~it~~ exist as a unit. This is in accordance with ~~current policy~~

within the Group is confirms current policy. ~~if you agree please~~

4. ~~make the necessary arrangements and~~
~~an election~~
~~inform this~~ give this ~~the~~ details of the disposal with a copy to a complete.

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et. If you agree please make the necessary
arrangements notifying details to
this HQ on completion

A/S

Spec Sec

G22.

Copy & File Combat Gp R/L

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Banda partuati Maiella ○

2 War Ministry

50/2/1

Ref you 507388/1/CA of 28

See

1. It is agreed that the personnel
~~and not the~~
of the Maiella partisan unit should
in this case
be employed as ~~volunteers~~ rfts for the

combat g/ps.

2. Details of the arrangements which are being made
for this to take place ~~under~~ ^{are being made} for the Maiella
will be notified to you in due

course. It is pointed out that

926. They will not be used as a complete unit



MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

Suppl. 29/12/44

Protocollo N. *201388/117* Allegati
Risposta al foglio del

Roma,

18 dicembre 1944

Divisione Sezione N.

OGGETTO: Ammissione ai gruppi di combattimento della banda patriotti "Maiella".

*Ammissione
Maiella patriotti band
to combat group*

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

ROMA

C. (SD)

Risposta alla lettera SD/2/1 del 10 dicembre.

29/12

Questo Ministero, ritiene opportuno che i patriotti appartenenti a reparti, come la banda "Maiella", che hanno svolto sempre un'attività realmente operativa, siano - a domanda - impiegati esclusivamente come volontari nei gruppi di combattimento.

This Ministry thinks advisable that patriots belonging to units that the ~~group~~ ^{are the} MAIELLA band partisan unit who ~~are~~ always have carried out really operative activities should only be employed - or rather requested - as volunteers for the combat groups.

Alphonse

834

29/12/44

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S. K. M. S. 834

G.S.D. I am prepared to accept provided:
(a) They are available
(b) They are properly enlisted into the Italian Army on standard rate of pay & normal conditions of service
(c) It is understood they will be paid and will go where required (i.e. to any unit) by the military authorities
2 Jan 44
W. P. R. S. Col. M. S. P. S. Sec.

SECRET

SUBJECT: Banda Patriotti Maiella

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/E/1
10 Dec 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

R^u

The Banda Maiella, strength of approx 30 officers and 800 men will be available from the Forward Areas approx 15 Dec.

It is suggested that these men might be suitable as volunteers for Combat Groups or for militia units.

Will you please give your views on their disposal when movement will be made under Allied arrangements.

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

Copy to: Spec Sec

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FROM MAIN AAI

TO MMIA

INFO AFHQ

SD 1756

SECRET

Your SD 1734 of 6th NCV (.) Estimate BRIGATA MAIELLA
available for withdrawal approx 15th Dec (.) Request you
signal destination required.

ROUTINE

ek

SD/2/1 Action

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SD/50

4 DEC 1944

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RAAC MESSAGE FOR

From : MEIA

06 1550 A

To : SD AAI

SD 1734

CONFIDENTIAL

Understand there is probability that you will surrender
Banda Patriots Maiella strength approx 700 all ranks (.)
This unit would be most useful for incorporation into
Combat Gps (.) Unit would have to be reorganised and
personnel retained (.) Request you confirm availability
and state earliest date of release

PRECEDENCE _____

AUTHENTICATED _____

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ARMY FORM 02136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 19/22

Call

Srl. No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM
(A)

MAIN POLCORPS

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

161215B

Office/Date Stamp

ECD-16 VII/4.

SIGNALS

For Action

MAIN AAI

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

MAIN EIGHTARMY, REAR EIGHTARMY, MILIA LEQULE,
AAI ADV for G(OPs), MILIA (ADV)

Message Instructions

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Originator's No.

SD 3394 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) BANDA PATRIOTI MAIELIA REGARDING

AS MOST EFFICIENT AND USEFULL AMONG IRREGULAR UNITS HERE (.) UNIT UNDER
COMD OF POLISH OFFR IS DOING OPERATIONAL JOB (.) REQUEST DISBANDEMENT
BE POSTPONED

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THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS { EXCEPT } WIRELESS

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-
SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MAIN AAI

DATE/TIME 1215 00 B

TO : POLCORPS

INFO : MAIN EIGHTH ARMY REAR EIGHTH ARMY MMIA LEQUITE AAI ADV for G(Ops)
MMIA (ADV)

Orig No : SD

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CONFIDENTIAL (.) disbandment of BANDA PATRIOTI MAIELLA under consideration (.)
request your views

(1)

(2)

PRIORITY

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Copy to : A Q

1605/50/6
1605/50/12

SITUAZIONE REPARTI ALPINIIN SARDEGNA :

175° rgt.alpini su:

- btg. M.Granero, già approntato - perfetta mente efficiente - pronto per l'imbarco
- btg. M.Mercatur, in corso avanzato di approntamento - buona efficienza
- btg. M.Albergian, } costituiti con elementi di classi anziane o meno
- btg. M.Bicocca, } no att.

I btg. M.Baldo e M.Mongioie sono stati sciolti per completare i quattro btg. sopradetti.

NEL CONTINENTE :

Unico reparto alpino è il btg. "Piemonte" del Corpo Italiano di Liberazione.-

FORZA
al 31/3/44

Uff.	32
sott.e Tr.	1011
Uff.	25
Sott.e Tr.	700
Uff.	50
Sott.e Tr.	1099

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TRANSMISSION
SUBJECT:= Request for Training area
for "LEGNANO" Division

Org ofo form
G(Ops) 7 Army
2/10877
7 Nov 43
21 G/AA
D. 5

[We have been asked by the GHQ to reorganise the Division "LEGNANO" on new basis, reinforcing it with formations from Div "PICENO", "MANTOVA" and other Divisions coming from SARUNIA.

As soon as this new Division is formed it will be necessary to provide a concentration area to complete its organisation and training.

Please arrange with No 2 District allotment of a training area for that purpose.... We are suggesting either ALTALURA = GRAVINA = MATERA zone previously allotted to "PICENO" Div, or a zone between MELFI = VENOSA and RIONERO INVULTEKE (NORTH of POTENZA).

In order to prepare billets for the above mentioned Division, we would be grateful for the information as soon as possible.

Distribution:= GSO 2
DAA&QMG

(signed)

PELLICHA
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COMANDO DELLA 7^a ARMATA
Stato Maggiore - Ufficio Operazioni

~~SEGRETO~~

N. 2/10247 di prot.

P.M. 107 11, 7 novembre 1943.

ALLA MISURAZIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA PRESSO LA 7^a ARMATA

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S U A S E D E
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OGGETTO: Richiesta di una zona per addestramento divisione "Legnano"

Per incarico dello Stato Maggiore 7. Esercito il Comando di Armata deve procedere alla ricostituzione della divisione "Legnano" su nuovi organici, all'uopo riunendo truppe di quest'ultima grande unità, della divisione "Piseno" e della divisione "Mantova" insieme con altre provenienti dalla Sardegna.

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Si chiede pertanto a codesta Missione di voler interessare il Comando del Distretto M. 2 per l'assegnazione di una zona adatta allo scopo di cui sopra; zona che potrebbe essere, o quella di Altamura - Gravina - Matera, già a suo tempo segnalata per la divisione "Piseno" e non ancora concessa, oppure altra situata nel territorio a Nord di Potenza, tra Melfi - Venosa e Pignone in Vulture.

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A l l i g n a
IL COMANDANTE DI DIVISIONE CAPO DI S.M.
- Raffaele Pelligrà -



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