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Inter Office Memo

TO : A Branch

SD/32

FROM : G(SD)

9 April 45

Reference attached copy of AFHQ letter AG 370.092/001 OCT-0 dated 27 March 45.

It is noted that you wish no action to be taken ^{at} present. It is requested that you will take any further action in this matter.

No action will be taken by "G" Branch unless requested by you.

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Lt Col.

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APO 512

AG 370.092/004 GCF-0

27 March 45

SUBJECT : Holding of surplus Rfts - MECENO Italian
Combat Force Rft Trg Centre - GERANO

TO : President
Allied Commission
FUR: Land Forces Sub Commission (MHA)

1. Reference is made to 'P' British Liaison Unit letter G/1/1/6 dated 27 Feb 45, a copy of which was left with this headquarters.
2. In para 8, 'P' BLU asked that consideration be given to the formation of a CRU to hold surplus trained personnel who could not be absorbed into the Combat Groups.
3. No forward holding is necessary at the present time. If, when the battal moves forward, such a holding becomes necessary, it is considered that the Combat Transit Camp can be used for the purpose. This camp has a holding capacity of over 2,000 and is split between the Ls of C.
4. When trained rfts become available from the Training Centre, the anticipated weekly outflow from the Centre to the Combat Groups will be 1,000. You will regulate the intake of rfts to the Centre to correspond approximately with this anticipated outflow of 1,000. Should any surplus trained rfts become available it is considered preferable that they should be held at the Centre rather than in a CRU.
5. It is requested that this procedure be made clear to the Italian authorities concerned.

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BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

R.H. PRIEST
Captain AGD
Asst Adjutant General

Inter Office Memo

TO : A Branch

SD/32

FROM: G(SD)

9 April 45

Reference attached copy of MMIA letter S/G/29/43 of 17 March

1. It is assumed that any action required on para 2,5 and 6 will be taken by you.

2. Copy of this letter will be forwarded to "G" Trg, as soon as that branch/establishment, for their information and necessary action.
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W. Cheyne
Maj. S.
GS
Lt Col.

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SUBJECT: Recapitulation

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC (MILIA)

S/C/29/43

17 Mar 45

TO : O.C. "F" BLU, RTC IOW

Reference your G/1/1/11 of 13 March.

1. It is not agreed to ask for the attachment of four British Officers to teach administration. The attachment of the W.O.IIs should help in this respect. Your A/15/37 of 10 March also refers.
2. A signal has been prepared for AMHQ reference Italian Officers in POW sources. All we are waiting for now is the list from General RONCO.
3. It is agreed that the Artillery Depot and School should be independent of No 3 Regiment and be commanded by Col. DI PALMA. With regard to other questions of W.Es, particularly No 4 Regiment, Col. PIDSLEY would like to have a discussion as soon as possible with Lt/Col MACKAY.
4. With regard to the Training Staff, the DMT has promised to lend a G II who will be carried on the W.E. of a forward training increment.
5. It is agreed that bands of approximately 50 patriots should be sent to forward combat groups at the first opportunity i.e. when the the Group's weekly return shows a deficiency of non-specialist personnel.
6. AMHQ is now investigating the question of a Canteen organisation for the Italian Army. You will be informed as soon as more is known.

3rd W. PIDSLEY, Colonel
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Training Equipment.

'P' BLU. IRTC. IOF.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA) ROME.

Ref: AQ/1/1/248

7 April 45.

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

1. The attached report from G.II B.T.U., is forwarded for your information.
2. In my opinion the additional staff asked for are vitally necessary, and I should be glad if consideration could be given to this proposal, with a view to its implementation at an early date.

[Signature]

Lieut-Col. R.A.

LHM/ah.

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Suggest this goes to my first D.F. No, not
10/4 @. as recommended

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FILE: SD/20/2
DATE: 11/4

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SUBJECT: Training Equipment.

'G' Training Unit to the Italian Army
C. M. F.

Ref: BTU/B1/248
6 April 45.

Lt.Col. MACKAY. 'F' BLU IRTC ICF.

1. Replying to your Memo AQ/1/1/227 dated 4 April 45, the following recommendations are made to amend the present organisation for dealing with training equipment at this Centre.

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- (a) At present the BTU staff dealing with training equipment consists of one GSO III, who is responsible for the issue and records of all training equipment and ammunition. This officer works to the training scale laid down by IRT, and maintains records and the information supplied by IRT in their release advices, and the receipts of equipment into the Central Training Store.
 - (b) Returns are made monthly to IRT Equipment Branch, and a close control is kept over outstanding requirements of equipment.
 - (c) This officer advises the Italian Staff in the distribution of all equipment and ammunition.
 - (d) At present, the only British Representative in the Central Stores is an RAOC Private soldier, storeman. This man receives the whole of training stores and ammunition and passes advice of receipt to GSO III for record purposes. Some difficulty is experienced as this man is not suitable to identify all equipment which arrives.

2. For the future, the following recommendations are made :
- (a) GSO III remains as at present, dealing with the records and advising on the issue of stores, and co-ordinating all equipment matters at this Centre.
 - (b) In order to keep a check on all equipment and ammunition coming into Central Stores, an RAOC Sergeant Storeman, Armourers Branch, be added to the present establishment, and in addition an Italian clerk to keep the necessary records.

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(b) In order to keep a check on all equipment and ammunition coming into Central Stores, an RACC Sergeant Storeman, Armourers Branch, be added to the present establishment, and in addition an Italian clerk to keep the necessary records.

(c) It is felt this RACC Sergeant would overcome the present difficulty of having no one capable of identifying the stores or suitable to advise the Italians on their maintenance.

(sgd) H.W. King.

Major
GS.

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SUBJECT :- Designations - RTC ICF

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'F' BLU IRTC ICF
Ref AQ/6A/234

5 Apr 45

LAND FORCES SUB COM AG (MMIA) ✓

Please inform this HQ of the designations
authorised by AFHQ in English and Italian of all Units
of RTC ICF.

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Am. Calabini
Lt Col RA

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MMIA - 'G'
FILE: <u>SS/32</u>
DATE: <u>4/4</u>

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Maj. Calabini. You will find
all the units in the Italian WE
file. Please list - prepare a
Translation. Gd. White will help
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AG 091.711/033 GCT-0

1 April 1945

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

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

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Letter this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 24 March 1945, is amended as follows:

a. The last sentence of paragraph c is deleted and the following substituted therefor:

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

b. The title of the first unit listed in Appendix "A" should read "PICENO", not "PINCENO".

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

R. H. Frese

R. H. FRESE
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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FROM : AFHQ SGD SACMED CITE PHGOT
TO : NMIA
INFO : 15 ARMY GROUP : RAAC
REF : FX 52647

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MY FX 51132 OF 28 (*) AMEND CM/570/1 TO READ CM/510/1 (10 TRAINING
TEAM RA)

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SUBJECT :- LAD for an Italian Combat Gp

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

File No SD/10/2

20 Mar 45

TO :- AFHQ For G-3 Org (FOR)

1. It has been observed that the NOTE appended to WE CM/540/1 of a light Aid Detachment for an Italian Combat Group contains certain mistakes. May a corrected NOTE as in Appx "A" be substituted.

Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copies to:

15 Army Group (3)
50 FLU 53 BLU
51 BLU 56 BLU
52 BLU 57 BLU

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Appendix "A" to M.M.I.A
letter SD/10/2 of Mar 45

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LADs will be provided for following units
forming part of an Italian Combat Group:-

Two Infantry Regiments	2
Artillery Regiment	2
Engineer Bn (one for Engineer, one for signals)	2
<u>TOTAL</u>	6
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" LADs verranno provvisti per le seguenti unità
che formano parte di un Gruppo Combattente Italiano:-

Due Reggimenti di Fanteria	2
Reggimento d'Artiglieria	2
Battaglione del Genio (uno per il Genio, uno per i collegamenti)	2
<u>TOTALE</u>	6
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SUBJECT: Proposed W.E. for British Liaison and Training Unit for R.T.C., I.C.F.

'F' HLU. IRTC. ICF.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA) ROME.

Ref: A/6B/170

29 March 45.

To: H.Q.

Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA). ✓

Reference my A/6B/9 of 14 March 45.

Please amend Appendix 'A' :-

Other Ranks

ORDNANCE to read :

B.O.W.O. (R.A.O.C.)	-	-	2
Staff Sergeant (R.A.O.C.)	-	-	1
Storemen. (R.A.O.C.)	-	Sgt.	1
		Cpls.	3
		Storemen	3

Clerks (R.A.O.C.) 2

and all totals as necessary.

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Lieut-Col. R.A.

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FEGCT

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TO : AMIA

CONFIDENTIAL

INFO : 15 ARMY GROUP, RAAC

REF : FX 51132

WES CM/570/1, CM/732/1, CM/732/1 ARE FOR REVIEW BY WEC 9
APRIL⁶ FORWARD COMMENTS TO REACH THIS HEADQUARTERS NOT
LATER THAN 2 APRIL

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : NMIA

280945 A

TO : AFHQ FOR G-3 ORG(FOR)

INFO : AFHQ FOR G-3 ORG(ER) INT WAR MINISTRY F BLU

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REF APPENDIX A TO SD/45/1 OF 21 MARCH (.) ATTEND NOTES AS FOLLOWS (.)
FOR 200 PUPILS READ 400 PUPILS

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATED

Sgt.

G. H. Holt

File SD/45/1

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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AG 370.092/001 GCT-O

SUBJECT: Holding of Surplus Rfts - PICENO Italian
Combat Force Rft Trg Centre - CESANOTO: President
Allied Commission
FOR: Land Forces Sub Commission (LMFA)SD/32 4005
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By Authority

RHF

27 March 1945

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1. Reference is made to 'F' British Liaison Unit letter G/1/1/6 dated 27 February 1945, a copy of which was left with this headquarters.

2. In paragraph 3, 'F' BLU asked that consideration be given to the formation of a CRU to hold surplus trained personnel who could not be absorbed into the Combat Groups.

3. No forward holding is necessary at the present time. If, when the battle moves forward, such a holding becomes necessary, it is considered that the Combat Transit Camp can be used for the purpose. This Camp has a holding capacity of over 2,000 and is split between the two Ls of C.

4. When trained rfts become available from the Training Centre, the anticipated weekly outflow from the Centre to the Combat Groups will be 1,000. You will regulate the intake of rfts to the Centre to correspond approximately with this anticipated outflow of 1,000. Should any surplus trained rfts become available it is considered preferable that they should be held at the Centre rather than in a CRU.

5. It is requested that this procedure be made clear to the Italian authorities concerned.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

No action at present.
WSP

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R. H. FRESE
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant GeneralHEADQUARTERS
29 MAR 1945
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SUBJECT: Proposed War Establishment for a
Driving & Maintenance School, R.T.C., I.C.F.

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'F' BLU IRTC ICF
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA) ROME.

Ref: A/6B/14B

27 March 1945.

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

Copy to: H.Q., R.T.C., I.C.F.

Reference my A/6B/10 of 14 March 45, please amend :-

(a) Paragraph 1, last four words, to read :

"To instruct 400 students"

(b) Page 2 of War Establishment - "NOTES" to read :-

"The school is designed to instruct 400 pupils".

N.A

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Q. W. J. Selar
Major

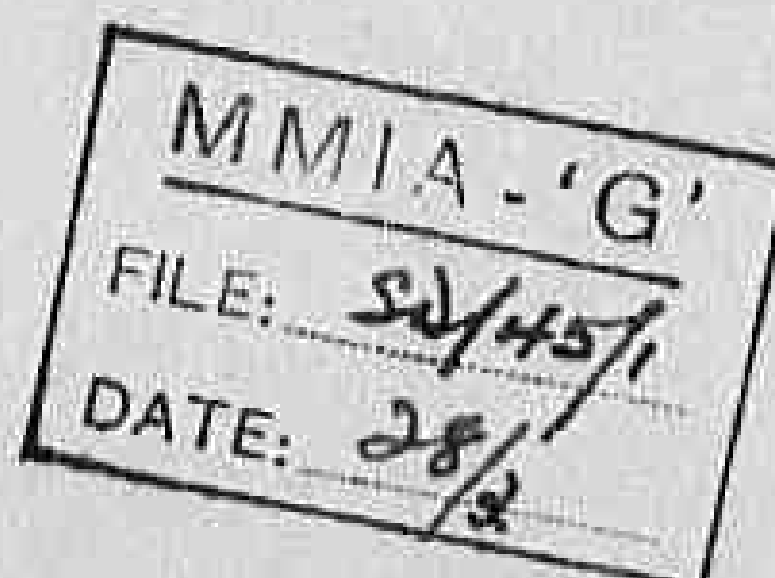
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Subject: - (3) - ITILAW Combat GA

WISCONSIN, 1971.

50 British Liaison Unit.
G/5/17.
26 March 45.

Pair NO 10 cards (4 copies).

Ref this office 6/5/17 dated 24 Nov 15.

1. It is regretted that the proposals for amendment to Training Increment (Inf) to British Liaison Unit (for ICG) N. 542/1 and proposal for new US for WILSON offer inters were omitted.
2. These are forwarded herewith as an amendment to the original letter.

Insert new sub-para 1(c) and (f) on page 4 of a/h letter.

"(a) Proposals for treatment of WFO of Dry Luer (Inf) to a RAB (for 100) are given in detail at Annex 1 to Appx 100.1"

"(1) The proposal for a new WE for ANTIPOD off's interest is given in detail at Annex 2 to Annex "A".

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DATE: 28/3.

Lb. Col.

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Annex 1 to
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Proposals for shift to Trg Iner (Inf) to a BLU (for ICG).

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NO

Propos1.

Remarks.

1. NA/542/1

(1) Personnel.

Delete 5 instrs (Majors)

Leaves 1 G II(Trg)
3 instrs (majors)

Once an ICG is post th
allotment of Trg Iner
G II(Trg) at IC
1 instr (maj) a
1 " " f

This leaves a surplus
already left this Trg

(ii) Tpt.

Add 2 cars 5 out 4 x 4
1 x 15-out GS
Delete 7 /cs

This has been a troves
then 1 DIST and finally
Trg Iner is to be of n
necessary for the days
least a month in this
of movement fwd was a
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Lastly the spectacle o
no ITALIAN offr of equ
nightmare - can scarce
point of view of prest

NOTE:- If this scale of tpt is authorised
3 days (ITALIAN) will need to be
added to the WE of an ITALIAN Iner to a
BLU.

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Annex 1 to Annex "A" to 50 BLW letter
6/5/17 dated 24 March 45.

Proposals for Addt to Trg Iner (Inf) to a BLW (for ICG).

Remarks.

Reasons for Proposal.

(Major)

Leaves 1 G II(Trg)
3 instrs (majors)

Once an ICG is past the initial trg phase the only possible
allotment of Trg Iner on Ops is:-

6 II(Trg) at ICG (and BLW)HQ.

1 instr (maj) at each Inf Regt HQ.

1 " " for liaison duties.

This leaves a surplus of three instr (majs) who have in fact
already left this Trg Iner for other appts.

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scale of tpt is authorised
ITILLIN) will need to be
the WS of an ITILLIN Iner to a

This has been a travesty of a WS since its inception. First DMT,
then 1 DMT and finally 5 Corps learned vehs to the Trg Iner. If
Trg Iner is to be of most value both for trg and ops, it is
necessary for the majs to go fwd at least to bn HQ : for at
least a month in this ICG's present area the only possible means
of movement fwd was a jeep or mule - because of rd conditions.
For all the time this ICG has been in the line, the only possible
means of tpt in most of the fwd areas has been a jeep - because
of the enemy's objection to any other form of tpt.
Lastly the spectacle of BRITISH fd offrs riding a M/c - a thing
no ITILLIN offr of equal rank would dream of doing except in a
nightmare - can scarcely be considered a good thing from the
point of view of prestige.

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Amex 2 to Jg
G/5/17 dated

Proposal for a new WE for MALTESE Ofir Inters.

Ser No.	WE No.	Proposal	Remarks.	Reasons.
1	-	1 Maj 1 Capt 5 Subs.	one Major BLU "G" one Capt BLU "Q". two sub-Inf Regts with instrs (majors) the sub-Inf Regt. one sub-Inf bn, trucks etc.	Already o
2.	-	1 car 5 cwt 4x4. 1 car 2 str 4x2 2 x 15 cwt GS	1 car 5 cwt 4x4. 1 x 8 cwt GS 2 x 15 cwt GS	(a) Intpr at 10 (b) 2 str (c) 15 a than

NOTES: According to the Inters approved, ITALIAN batmen will be required to be added
ITALIAN Incr to the BLU.

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Amx 2 to Amx "A" to 50 BLU letter
G/3/17 dated 24 Mar 45.

new ME for MALTESE Offr Inters.

Remarks.

Reasons.

one Major BLU "G"
one Capt BLU "Q".
two sub Inf Regts with instra (cojs)
one sub Arty Regt.
one sub engr bn, whos etc.

Already exist.

x 5 out 1st4 }
x 8 out GS } Already held on loan
x 15 out GS }

- (a) Intprs are often employed fwd, hence need for at least one jeep.
- (b) 2 str required for quick journeys NOT fwd area.
- (c) 15 out required for offrs employed other than in (a) and (b) and for kit carrying.

If Inters approved, ITALI R batman will be required to be added to the BLU.

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: Initials: [initials] :
: Date: 24 Mar 45 :
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24 March 1945

SUBJECT: Control and Administration PICENO Italian Combat Force Rft Trg Centro

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

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

a. All British and Italian units of the PICENO Italian Combat Force reinforcement Training Centre, as in the Order of Battle at Appendix 'A' attached, will be under operational command of this headquarters. In a case of operational emergency, the Area Headquarters, at present Headquarters Rome Area Allied Command, may call on such Italian troops as 'F' British Liaison Unit Commander can be made available without prejudice to the immediate requirements of Italian Combat Groups.

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

c. All units on the Order of Battle at Appendix 'A' will be under full administrative command of the Area Headquarters Rome Area Allied Command, through 'F' BLU except as in paragraph d below. The British Liaison Unit will deal with the Area Headquarters on matters of accommodation and equipment except where training policy is involved. The Land Forces Sub-Commission AC(MMIA) will channel all demands for training equipment through Area Headquarters.

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Ltr AFHQ, file AG 091.711/033 GCT-O, dtd 24 Mar 45 (cont'd).

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

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

R. H. Frese

R. H. FRESE
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

1 Incl
Appendix 'A'

DISTRIBUTION:

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1 - Hq 15 Army Group	1 - Q(AB)
1 - Hq Fifth Army Brit Incr	1 - Fld Arty Sec
1 - Hq Eighth Army	1 - Engr(B)
1 - Hq 1 Dist	1 - Sig(B)
1 - Hq 2 Dist	1 - HQ(Inf)
1 - Hq 3 Dist	1 - DST
1 - DMT	1 - Mod(B)
1 - G-1(B)	1 - ORD(B)
1 - G-2(B)	1 - EME(B)
1 - G-3(OPS)	1 - PM(B)
1 - G-3 (TRG)	1 - Postal (B)
1 - G-3 (Org-B)	2 - AG Records
1 - G-3 (Org)Foreign	1 - AG M & D
1 - G-4(B)	
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Appendix 'A' to AFHQ letter AG 091.711/033 GCT-C
Dated 24 March 1945

PICENO Italian Combat Force Rft Trg Centro
ORDER OF BATTLE

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

Attached

319 Italian Fd Bakery ✓
83 Italian Fd Hospital ✓
10 British Training Team RA ✓
'G' British Tng Unit ✓

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Subject: Proposed WE for a Driving & Maintenance School,
Reinforcement Training Centre, Italian Combat Force.

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

File No SD/45/1

21 March 45

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I THE PROPOSAL

(a) Driving & Maintenance School, Reinforcement Training
Centre, Italian Combat Force.

(b) New WE

(c) None

II THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL

(a) Increase of :-

Offrs 13
ORG 156

Total 169 (All Italian personnel)

MCS 5
Vehs 8

(b) Not applicable

(c) One

(d) Overall increase

(e) Nil

(f) All

(g) Yes, from DMT

(h) Draft WE attached at Appendix "A"

I THE PROPOSAL

- (a) Driving & Maintenance School, Reinforcement Training Centre, Italian Combat Force.
- (b) New VE
- (c) None

II THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL

(a) Increase of :-	
Offrs	13
ORs	156
Total	169
(All Italian personnel)	
MCs	5
Vehs	8

- (b) Not applicable
- (c) One
- (d) Overall increase
- (e) Nil
- (f) All
- (g) Yes, from DMT
- (h) Draft VE attached at Appendix "A"

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III REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL

The administration and instruction at the Driving and Maintenance School, RIC ICF, is now being undertaken by an Italian GT Coy. It is required to release this GT Coy for operations. It is therefore essential to have a separate administration and training HQ to run the Driving and Maintenance School.

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Major General
M.M. I.A.

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PROPOSED WAR ESTABLISHMENT FOR DRIVING AND MAINTENANCE SCHOOL
REINFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTRE, ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

Amendment No	-
Date	
Officers	13
Other Ranks	156
Total	169
Motor Cycles	5
Vehicles	8
Trailers	-

(1) Personnel

	Officers	Senior N.C.O.s	Junior N.E.O.s	Ptes	Total
<u>SCHOOL HEADQUARTERS</u>					
Commanding Officer (Major)	1				1
Adjutant (Captain)	1				1
Attached Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Warrant Officer		1			1
C.O.M.S.		1			1
Serjeant Clerk		1			1
Pte Clerks				3	3
Storeman			1	1	1
Officers' Servants			1	6	7
Cooks		1		2	3
Cooks				3	4
Drivers i/c				1	1
Motor Cyclist					
General Duty Men :-					
1 Sanitary Junior NCO					
1 Sanitary Man					
1 Barber					
1 Bugler					
4 Kitchen Fatigue					
2 Barrack Room Orderlies					
1 Spare Junior NCO					
1 Spare Private					
			2	10	12
<u>Attached Personnel</u>					
Medical Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Medical Orderly			1		1
TOTAL (School HQ + attached)	4	4	6	26	40

SCHOOL HEADQUARTERS	N.C.O.s	N.E.O.s		
Commanding Officer (Major)	1			1
Adjutant (Captain)	1			1
Attached Officer (Subaltern)	1			1
Warrant Officer				1
C.O.M.S.				1
Serjeant Clerk	1			1
Pte Clerks	1			1
Storeman				1
Officers' Servants				1
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Drivers i/c				1
Motor Cyclist				1
General Duty Men :-				
1 Sanitary Junior NCO				1
1 Sanitary Man				1
1 Barber				1
1 Bugler				1
4 Kitchen Fatigue				1
2 Barrack Room Orderlies				1
1 Spare Junior NCO				1
1 Spare Private				1
Attached Personnel				
Medical Officer (Subaltern)	1			1
Medical Orderly				1
TOTAL (School HQ + attached personnel).	4	6	26	40
Training Office				
Chief Instructor (Captain)	1			1
TOTAL, Training Office	1			1
A PLATOON HEADQUARTERS each of :				
Commander (Subaltern)	1			1
Second in Command (Subaltern)	1			1
Platoon Serjeant				1
Driver i/c				1
TOTAL 1 Platoon HQ	2	1	1	4
TOTAL 4 PLATOON HQs	8	4	4	16

4 PLATOONS, each of :-		Cffrs.	Senior N.C.O.s	Junior N.C.O.s	Ptes.	TOTAL
Lance Sergeant i/c. Drivers (Instructors)			3		25	3 25
TOTAL, 1 Platoon.			3		25	28
TOTAL, 4 Platoons.			12		100	112
TOTAL DRIVING SCHOOL. (Permanent Cadre).		13	20		136	169

NOTES : The School is designated to instruct 200 pupils.

(ii) Transport.

Administration	Utilities	15 cwt.	3-ton.	M/C	TOTAL.
School H.Q.	2	1	1	1	5
4 Platoons.	-	4	-	4	8
TOTAL	2	5	1	5	13

Training. Each Platoon will have 25 - 3 ton Lorries 4 x 2 G.S. for training.
Therefore 4 Platoons will total 100 3-ton Lorries 4 x 2 G.S. for training.

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Mr. J.L.U., R.M.C., I.O.P.
C/O Ladd House Sub Comm.
A.C. (GEN) ROOM.

Ref: C-1/4/54

20 March 1954.

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REPORT ON THE DECISIONS MADE AT A CONFERENCE HELD AT
K.M.I.A. ON MONDAY 19 MARCH 1954 AT 10.00 HOURS.

Present: Col. W. Phipps, D.S.O., M.C. - M.C.S.A.
Lt. Col. Phipps, M.C. - M.C.S.A.
Major J. Doherty, M.C. - M.C.S.A.
Major A.M.C. Colwell, M.C. - M.C.S.A.

Summary.

A number of suggestions and proposals have been submitted to M.C.S.A. during the course of the last ten days and these were reviewed in Appendix 1 to C-1/4/54 on 17 March 54.

These were carefully considered and it was agreed that any alterations should be based on the following requirements:-

- (a) That the medium simplification should be aimed at.
- (b) That overheads (i.e. administration and travelling staff) should be kept to the absolute minimum.
- (c) That communication and training is primarily an Italian responsibility and that Mr P.L.U. should not lose sight of this fact by endeavouring to usurp the functions of the Italian command.
- (d) That P.L.U.'s function is to advise and not to assume responsibility for executive decisions.
- (e) That as far as possible the general war establishment should be adhered to, although a modified staff and auxiliary equipment generally as called for in P.L.U. Memorandum, 20/15/54 of 6 March, which envisaged the formation of a 4th Regiment, should be applied for to meet the increased calling of the M.C.S.A.

It was decided that the general setup at the M.C.S.A. should follow the form indicated in the chart in Appendix 1 to M.C.S.A. This allows for:-

- (a) A Reception Regiment (with no number) at M.C.S.A. (transferred from 0010) with a medium holding capacity of, (including 350-500

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A number of suggestions and proposals have been submitted to the J.C.S. during the course of the last ten days and these were summarized in Appendix 'A' to C.4/1/39 of 17 March 45.

(1) These were carefully considered and it was agreed that any alterations should be based on the following requirements :-

- (a) That the medium strength division should be aimed at.
- (b) That eventually (i.e. administration and training staff) should be kept to the absolute minimum.
- (c) That organization and training is primarily an Italian responsibility and that the J.C.S. should not lose sight of this fact to the inconvenience to carry the functions of the Italian command.
- (d) That as far as possible the agreed War Establishment should be adhered to, although additional staff and training equipment (initially as called for in J.C.S. Memorandum, 22/1/39 of 6 March, which envisaged the formation of a 4th Regiment, should be applied for to meet the increased ceiling of the J.C.S.

(2) It was decided that the general pattern of the R.A.C. should follow the form indicated in the chart at Appendix 'A' hereto. This allows for :-

- (a) A Reconnaissance Regiment (with no armor) at 10,000 (including 3,500 from ONI/O) with a medium holding capacity of, (including 3,500 permanent staff).
- (b) No. 1 Infantry Regiment of 3 Bns, each with 4 Companies, (one R.C. or Specialist Coy and three Infantry Coy.) with a medium strength of, (including permanent staff) 3,500.
- (c) No. 2 Infantry Regiment, identical in every respect with No. 1 Infantry Regiment, with a medium holding capacity of, (including permanent staff) 3,500.

Note 1. No. 2 Regiment is at present organized on a five Coy. basis per Battalion and it has been found that this places too great a strain on the Regiment or unit. It is suggested and, in fact, does not comply with the approved War Establishment for a Group. It is suggested that the number of Coys. and holding this Regiment identical with No. 1 Regiment, the pattern of the two Regiments will be identical and the standard of training and progress in their work would not vary.

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11.2. The principle of a separate and independent Specialist Bn. is not approved. It was decided that specialists should always form an integral part of the Regiment to which they belong, and will be administered in all respects by their own Regiment. They will, however, be concentrated in a Headquarters (or Specialist Company, corresponding to the practice in the British Army) and in accordance with the approved War Establishment of a Forward Group.

TRAINING will, however, be conducted at a Central School (The Specialist's School) which will be established within the CTSANO area and in which Specialists from all six Battalions will be concentrated for daily training. The School will have no administrative function other than the care and maintenance of the specialist training equipment. The Specialist School staff will be found from the additional personnel asked for under the heading "Specialist Bn." in the above mentioned P.M.I. Memorandum VII/55/35. Authority for the required increase of establishment under this heading will be sought by H.M.I.A. and G.2 Infantry Training will submit his requirements for tentage and hutting through D.A.A. & G.K.G., W.P. I.L.U.

- (d) The Artillery Bn. will be a separate entity commanded by Col. di Palma, who will be directly responsible to General Mattioli, Director of Training at the R.T.O.
Its maximum strength will not exceed (including Permanent Staff) - 1,000
A tented camp in the vicinity of BRACCIANO Artillery Barracks is being erected to hold the surplus personnel for whom accommodation is not available in the barracks, and this camp will be administered in all respects by the personnel of the Artillery Bn.

- (e) No.3 Engineer Regiment will comprise two Battalions only and will be commanded by Col. PIAZZI. The first Bn. will consist of Engineers (Sappers) only and will be unencumbered from its present constitution. The maximum strength (excluding permanent staff) will not exceed - 500
The second Bn. will consist of Signallers only and it will be encumbered and administered by personnel of the present Signals School, reinforced by those expected to arrive from NOCHI at the beginning of April. It is not anticipated that any additional staff will be required. Its maximum strength (excluding permanent staff) will not exceed - 500
If, owing to an excess of intake, the numbers of either the Engineers or Signallers Bns. exceed the maximum authorised strength and hence accommodation in the barracks is not available, Col. Piazza will organise a tented camp on the same lines as that being organised by the Artillery Bn. to hold surplus personnel, until it is possible to absorb them into the training schools. While in this camp they will

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(f) The former 'MISTO' Bn. which originally formed part of the Engineer Regiment will be re-designated the 'SERVIZIO' Bn., and will be transferred to a tented and hutted camp in the vicinity of CESANO Station. The Commander of the Bn. will be directly responsible to the Director of Training. Its maximum strength (including permanent staff) will not exceed - 1,000

(g) The problem of the disposal of trained reinforcements prior to their absorption by forward groups has been under consideration for a long time. It is agreed that when the line moves forward, it will probably be necessary to establish the equivalent of a C.R.U. in the forward zone. In the meantime, a Reinforcement Holding Regiment (with no number) will be established at AQUARELLA with a maximum holding capacity of - 2,500

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Its administrative staff and training equipment will be furnished by implementing the application contained in DTI/B5/35 in so far as it relates to the original First or 'Patrioti' Bn. Authority will be sought for this by M.M.I.A.

At a later date the whole Reinforcement Holding Regiment, complete with its staff and equipment, will be transferred to the forward zone as soon as circumstances warrant.

Major LEAHY will be responsible for providing supervision in the establishment of both the camps for the SERVIZIO Bn. and the Reinforcement Holding Regt.

Thus the total strength of the R.T.C. for which accommodation will be provided will amount, (inclusive of permanent staff) to 15,000, which is considerably in excess of the paper ceiling, but it should be borne in mind that:-

- (a) It is improbable that the Reception Camp will be at its full capacity of 2,500, and
 - (b) The Reinforcement Holding Regt., although administered and commanded by the R.T.C., is definitely surplus to Establishment and was not contemplated in the original ceiling of 11,250 (plus administration and training staff).
- By this means the grave problems of accommodation which have hitherto seriously impeded training, appear to be overcome and every effort will be made to put these decisions into effect as soon as possible. Requirements of tentage and hutting and accommodation stores will be prepared by the D.A.A. & Q.M.G. and the necessary indents submitted through the proper channels.

It is understood that the personnel of the Garibaldi Division, the subject of proposal No.3, sub-para. c and d of Appendix 'B' to G.1/1/39, will be diverted elsewhere and that no provision for their accommodation at CESANO need be made.

The foregoing clears up all the points raised in Memorandum G.1/1/39 of 17 March with the exception of Proposal No.4 (f) - (Assessment of holding capacity) which it is understood to be a purely Italian matter and the final authorisation of the new War Establishment for the B.I.U. at CESANO, which is being held in abeyance until after the 23 March, when the new War Establishment of M.M.I.A. is being considered.

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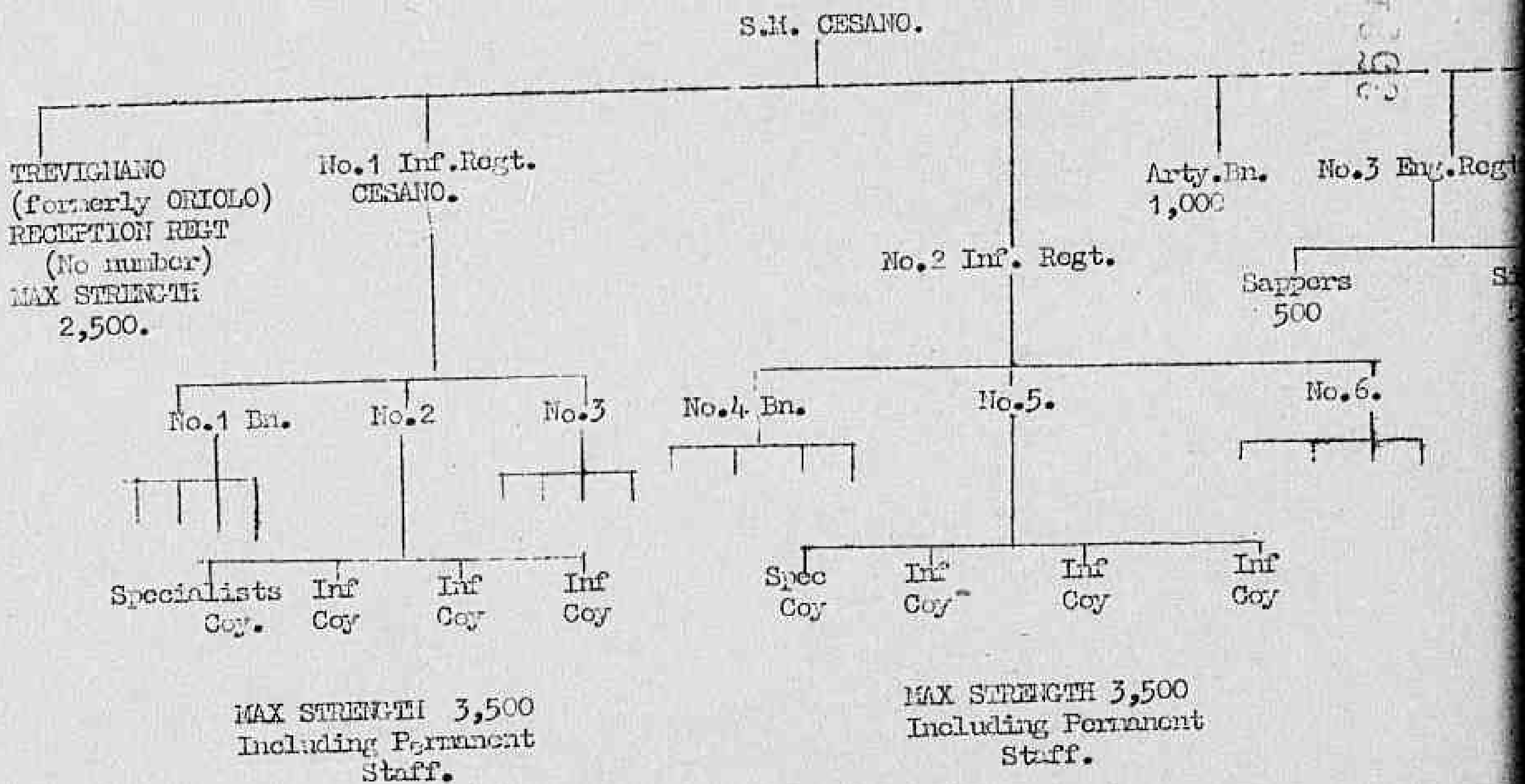
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Note: Each Bn. comprises approx 1,000 men under training and each of the Inf Coy approx 300 men, whilst the specialist coy has a strength of approx. 100 men.

Inf. School.

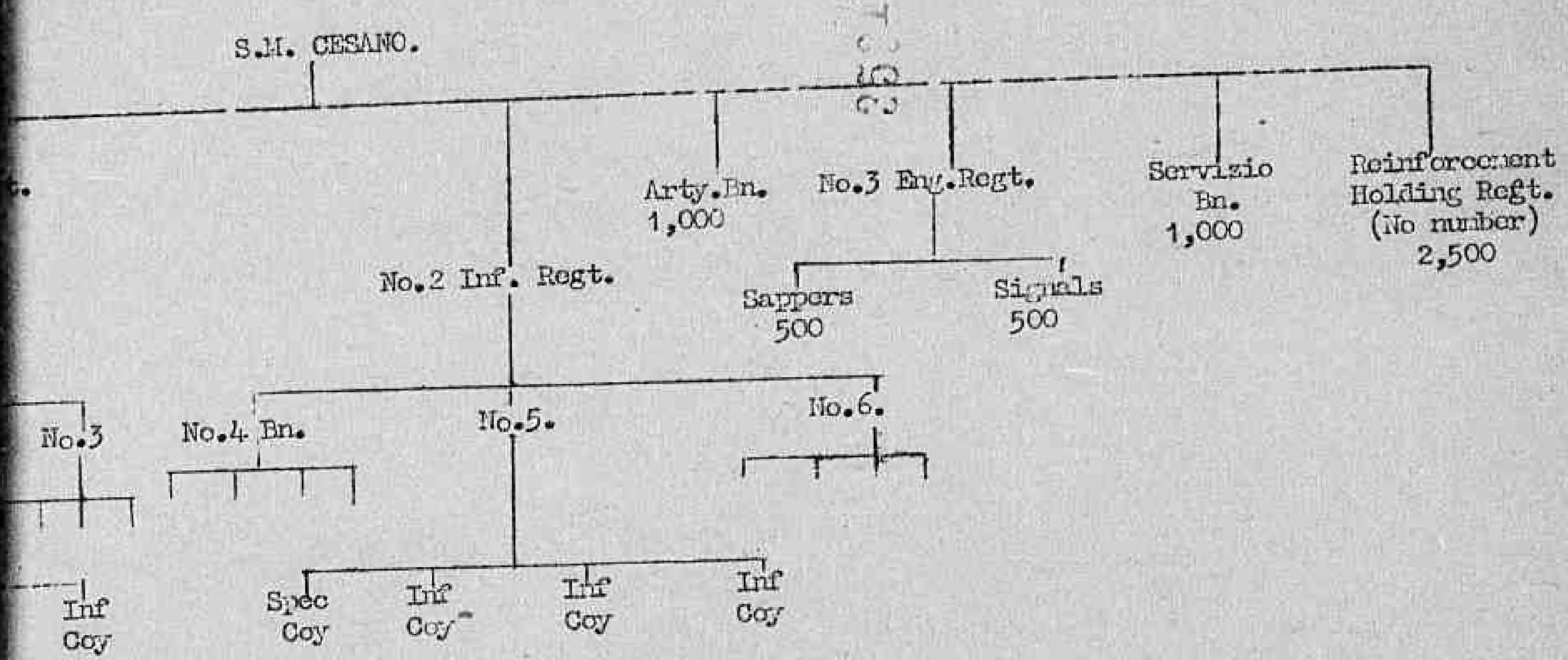
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Specialists School.

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MAX STRENGTH 3,500
Including Permanent Staff.

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SUBJECT: Formation of Units for RVC ICF, CESANG.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(H.M.I.A.)

SD/6
9 March 45

TO : AFHQ.

Copy to: "F" BLU, RVC ICF CESANG.

1. Authority is requested for the formation of the following units for employment at RVC ICF :-

Unit	Offr	OR's	W.E.
(a) HQ & General Transport Coy	4	26	6/534/1
Two Transport Platoons each	1	49	6/533/1
Six HDI's each	-	76	6/532/1
(b) LAD	-	12	6/540/1

2. The reasons for this request are :-

(a) Experience shows that the allotment of transport on the W.E's of the centre, including 1,500 Transport Platoon, is not adequate to meet the multifarious needs of the Centre, both ordinary administration and the building up of the whole establishment. It is thought therefore, that the most economical way of increasing the Centre's transport is to make up the present independent Transport Platoon and Workshop Platoon into a complete 3 Platoon Company.

(b) The LAD is required to maintain the 113 vehicles proposed for the Driver and Maintenance School. The vehicle repair facilities for RVC ICF would then be as follows :-

(i) 152 Mechanical Engineering Platoon at CESANG serving :-

- HQ. RVC ICF and H.Q. Troops
- 1 Regiment
- 2 Regiment
- Infantry School
- Mechanics School

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3. As you know, the Centre has up to now had at its disposal the vehicles of No. 1 and afterwards No. 2 G.T. Company. It is expected, however, that the latter will go forward on 1 April.

4. If this request is approved in principle, it is suggested that one Transport Platoon (to be designated 1501) should be formed immediately, and the Company H.Q., the other Transport Platoon, and the RDI's, at the end of April. The formation of an organic company would have the advantage that if the situation in Italy changes, and training of reinforcements is not a first priority, the whole company could be detached for duty elsewhere. The LAD under 2(b) is required immediately. It is proposed that it should be designated No. 152 LAD.

K. K. N. S.
Major General
E.M.I.A.

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Traslate M. 19/3.

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESEMPIO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
- Sezione Ordinamento -

11/40/Ord. I di prot. *ad. 1*

F.N. 3500, 18 marzo 1945

OGGETTO: Organizzazione scuola antiaerei presso il centro addestramento complementi di Cesano.



ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC. (F.N.I.I.) ROMA

a. per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - GABINETTO

F.N. 3500

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Riferimento convergenza con maggiore DORIS.

1. - E' in corso di costituzione, presso il centro addestramento complementi per forze italiane di combattimento di Cesano, una scuola antiaerei.

Gli organici di detta scuola, definiti d'intesa con il R.I.U. R.I.C. I.C.F. di Cesano, sono riportati nello specchio allegato.

2. - Il personale permanente, occorrente per l'inquadramento, e' tratto:

a) - Ufficiali:

- dagli elementi disponibili presso il centro di addestramento e da quelli assegnati dal Ministero Guerra - Dir. Gen. Pers. Uff.

b) - Sottufficiali e truppa:

- dagli elementi disponibili presso il centro di addestramento. Qualora necessario, qual che autiere particolarmente idoneo quale istruttore sarà tratto dal 2° reparto trasvolanti, previa sostituzione, giusto quanto sta-

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Riferimento conversazione con maggiore DOBBS.

1. - E' in corso di costituzione, presso il centro addestramento complementi per forze italiane di combattimento di Cesano, una scuola antieri.

Gli organici di detta scuola, definiti d'intesa con il R.I.U. R.T.C. I.C.F. di Cesano, sono riportati nello specchio allegato.

2. - Il personale permanente, occorrente per l'inquadramento, è tratto:

a) - Ufficiali:

- dagli elementi disponibili presso il centro di addestramento e da quelli assegnati dal Ministero Guerra - Direz. Gen. Pers. Uff.

b) - Sottufficiali e truppa:

- dagli elementi disponibili presso il centro di addestramento. - Qualora necessario, qual che antiere particolarmente idoneo qual-
struttore sarà tratto dal 2° reparto trasporti, previa sostituzione, giusto quanto stabilito da codesta L.F.S.U.M. (MIA) con foglio SD/6 del 10 corrente.

3. - Gli automezzi occorrenti per il funzionamento della scuola saranno forniti a cura del R.I.U. F.T.C. I.C.F. -



IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Giorgio Luuzzi)

Glinde

8/19/5

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St. E. L. T. D. H. H. T. L. T.

ORGANICO DELLA SCUOLA ANTIERI

Compendio:

- comando scuola
- capitano, capo degli istruttori
- 4 piloti di sorveglianza.

THEORY

1) COMPLETO EGNOLTA

- comandante (maggiore)
- aiutante maggiore (capitano)
- subalterno medico
- ufficiale addetto (subalterno)
- maresciallo di maggioranza
- sottufficiale di contabilità
- scrittori e dattilografi:

• $\frac{1}{2} \log \frac{1}{2}$

aggiunti e soliti

- magaziniera

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- not over 1000

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- militari per servizi vari

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TOTALS COMPANY STUDY

2) CALITANO, CAIO DEGLI ISTITUTI (FI)

(3) PROMOTE EFFICIENCY:

- Comprende:
- comando plotone
 - 1 squadra istruttori
 - 1 squadra allievi

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1) COMANDO SCUOLA

- comandante (maggiore)
- aiutante maggiore (capitano)
- subalterno medico
- ufficiale addetto (subalterno)
- maresciallo di maggioranza
- sottufficiale di contabilità
- scritturelli e dattilografi:
- sottufficiali
- graduati e soldati
- magazziniere
- addetti alla cucina e cuccinieri
- autieri
- motociclisti
- aiutante di sanità
- militari per servizi vari
- attendenti

TOTALE COMANDO SCUOLA

2) CAPITANO, CAPO DEGLI ISTRUTTORI3) PIUONE DI ISTRUZIONE:

- Comprende:
- comando plotone
 - 1 squadra istruttori
 - 2 squadre allievi
- Comando plotone
- comandante (subalterno)
 - vice-comandante (subalterno)
 - sergente magg. automobilista
 - autieri

Totale

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PRES. DI INQUADRAMENTO				allie- vi
Ufficiali	Sett.	Tr.		
Sup.	Inf.			
-	-	1	25	-
-	-	1	25	-
-	-	1	25	25
-	-	1	-	25
-	-	1	-	25
-	-	2	-	50
-	2	4	26	50
7	8	4	32	-
-	18	104	200	-
1	12	20	136	200

- Squadra istruttori:
comandante (sottufficiale, autom.)
autieri istruttori

Totale

- Squadra allievi:
comandante (sottufficiale, autom.)
allievi

Totale

Totale 2 squadre allievi

TOTALE PIOTONE D'ISTRUZIONE

PILOTICO SCUOLE AUTIERI

- Comandante scuola
- Capitano cargo degli istruttori
- 4 plotoni di istruzione

TOTALE

NOTA:

- (1) - di cui 1 graduato
- (2) - di cui 2 graduati
- (3) - per tutti gli ufficiali delle scuole

B) - AUTOCICLISTI

- Squadra allievi:	-	-	1	-	-	25
- Comandante (sottufficiale, autom.)	-	-	-	-	-	-
- allievi	-	-	1	-	-	25
Totale	-	-	2	-	-	50
Totale 2 squadre allievi	-	-	4	36	-	50
TOTALE PILOTONE D'ISTRUZIONE	-	-	-	-	-	-
PILLOTONE SCUOLA ANTIERI	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Comando scuola	1	3	4	52	-	-
- Capitano capo degli istruttori	-	1	-	-	-	-
- 4 plotoni di istruzione	-	8	16	104	200	-
TOTALE	1	12	20	126	300	-

N C T 2:

- (1) - di cui 1 graduato
 (2) - di cui 2 graduati
 (3) - per tutti gli ufficiali della scuola

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P) - AUTOMOTONIZZATI

M/C	P.U.	15 CWT	3 T.
1	2	1	1
1	-	1	25
5	2	5	101

Comando scuola

Compi plotone

Totale scuola antieri (su
 4 plotoni)



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SECRET

SUBJECT: Re-organisation of Units in OCEANO AND DRACONIAN.

12: D.I.U., R.D.C., E.C.F.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MIL) HQ.

Ref: G4/1/58.

17 March 1948.

SECRET
20/3.

TO: H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MIL) - 3 copies.

COM: For information, to:
H.Q., R.D.C., E.C.F. (2 copies).

1. The object of the present memorandum is to indicate a means by which certain unsatisfactory factors which at present impede training and efficiency can be overcome, and to indicate the best means of absorbing and training new elements which it is anticipated may arrive in the near future.
2. The whole proposal is built on the framework contained in this office memorandum ref: MIL/25/55 of 6 March, under heading "Proposed Expansion of the Establishment at OCEANO".
3. To enable these proposals to be put into effect, definite authorisation from a number of points is required and it is therefore suggested that a meeting should be called at the earliest possible date, when these proposals can be discussed and a reply given to the specific questions mentioned at the end of each paragraph. It is submitted that this meeting should be held at the E.C.F. office in Rome, to enable the responsible authority on each point to attend with the minimum of inconvenience.
4. The following gives a list of the main problems:-
 - (a) The reception camp at OCEANO is too close to the Central School at LANCIA, as a result, untrained recruits are inclined to create a disturbance and thus interfere with the concentration of the students. To overcome this, the camp is being moved during the course of the next ten days to a new location on the North shore of Lake Draciano, in the vicinity of TRAVIANO RIVERO, May ref: 5326. The regular facilities for the formation of the camp, water, etc., are available. The camp is being planned to accommodate 2,500 recruits and the long-term policy envisages its disbandment by mid-summer, as it is hoped that the whole of the personnel will then have been absorbed into one or other of the Training Regiments.

can be overcome, and the elements which it is anticipated may arrive in the near future.

2. The whole proposal is built on the assumption contained in this office memorandum ref: DML/35/35 of 6 March, under heading "Proposed Increase of War Establishment at CESANO".
3. To enable these proposals to be put into effect, definite authorisation on a number of points is required and it is therefore suggested that a meeting should be called at the earliest possible date, when these proposals can be discussed and a reply given to the various questions mentioned at the end of each paragraph. It is submitted that this meeting might be held at the M.I.A. Office in Rome, to enable the responsible authority on each point to attend with the minimum of inconvenience.

4. The following gives a list of the main problems :-

(a) The reception camp at ORZUO is too close to the Central Schools at MARZINGA, so turbulent, untrained recruits are inclined to create a disturbance and thus interfere with the concentration of the students. To overcome this, the camp is being moved during the course of the next ten days to a new location on the North shore of Lake Bracciano, in the vicinity of TRAVIMANO ROMANO, map ref: 5336. The requisition for facilities for the formation of the camp, water, etc., are available. The camp is being formed to accommodate 2,500 recruits and the long-term policy envisages its disbandment by mid-summer, as it is hoped that the whole of the personnel will then have been absorbed into one or other of the Training Regiments.

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

No.1 Regiment of 3 Battalions, at CESANO, on Infantry training.

There are no insuperable problems connected with this Regiment for which no solution can be found.

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

No.3 Regiment at BRACCIANO, comprising 1 Battalion of Artillery,

1 Battalion of Engineers (including Signallers) and 1 Misto Bn. It is the problems connected with this Regiment which are the main subject of this Memorandum.

In addition, there are the various schools (D. & H. School, I.A.H.

School, C.C.R.S. School, etc.) located at CESANO, which call for Specialists. No serious problems other than those dealing with constructional delays in repair work are presented by any of these and this problem is being energetically handled.

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5. Proposal No. 1 :-

- (a) That the Artillery Bn. be made a separate, independent Battalion. (By G/3/4/44 of 15 March 1955), and that it should never in connection with No. 3 Regiment. Is this approved?
- (b) That Col. Palla, now commanding No. 3 Regiment, should be given command of the Independent Artillery Bn., and that V/Col. Sanyal, at present commanding, be transferred to a Reserve Group, where he is anxious to go and where it is understood a vacancy exists. May these transfers be approved and put into effect forthwith?
- (c) That authority should be granted by M.H.A. to S.M.R.E. to post the necessary small additional staff to the Independent Artillery Bn., to enable it to function efficiently as an independent unit. Can this be done?

6. Proposal No. 2 :-

- (a) That the present No. 3 Regiment be re-organised on a two-Battalion basis. This involves :
 - (i) The separation of the Artillery Bn. in the manner already suggested.
 - (ii) The removal of the 'Misto' Bn. in the manner discussed in a later paragraph (8).
 - (iii) The division of the present composite Engineer Bn. into two separate Battalions, one of which will be confined entirely to Engineers, i.e. Sappers proper, and the other to Signals personnel, i.e. equivalent to R.C.S., and specialist signallers for other arms.
- (b) The present Battalion H.Q. staff of the composite Engineer Bn. will form the Bn. H.Q. of the 'Sapper' Bn. Is this approved?

- (c) A new Battalion H.Q. staff under a new Lieut-Col. be formed to command and administer a new 'Signals' Battalion. It is thought that the majority of the personnel and equipment required will become available when the school at NOCERA is transferred to BRACELAND. My authority be granted for this re-organisation and permission be granted to S.M.R.E. to post the requisite personnel (if any are required), not provided by the NOCERA staff? 3320

Proposal No. 3 : (Reference by DTL/D5/55 of 6 March).

- (a) Application was made in the above mentioned memorandum for permission to form a 4th Regiment for certain specific purposes. Is this proposal approved in principle? As circumstances now render its formation, at any rate as a nucleus, essential, may this proposal be formally implemented forthwith and authority granted for the provision of the War Establishment equipment and training;

- (a) That the present No. 3 Regiment is involved in the following:
- (i) The separation of the Artillery Bn. in the manner already suggested.
 - (ii) The removal of the 'Misto' Bn. in the manner discussed in a later paragraph (8).
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- Proposal No. 3 : (Reference to ERI/25/35 of 6 March).
- (a) Application was made in the above mentioned memorandum for permission to form a 4th Regiment for certain specific purposes. Is this proposal approved in principle? As circumstances may render its formation, at any rate as a nucleus, essential, may this proposal be formally implemented forthwith and training granted for the provision of the War Establishment equipment and training stores referred to in Appendix 'D' and 'E' of the above mentioned memorandum.
- (b) The above mentioned memorandum visualised No. 4 Regiment to comprise two Battalions, the first of which was to be devoted exclusively to 'Patrioti', and the second to Specialists. It now appears that the intention to train 'Patrioti' as a unit to be sent forward, ultimately as a Recce Unit, to one of the Gruppi is not likely to be required, as the 8th Army have different ideas as to the constitution of the Recce groups. Hence, arrangements have already been made to post the great majority of the patriots as normal reinforcements in the drafts going forward during the weeks ending March 17th and 24th respectively. Such patriots as remain will be a negligible factor. It is presumed that this principle meets with the approval of M.M.I.A.
- (c) It is anticipated that within the next five to six weeks, from 800 to 1,500 soldiers ex the disbanded Gariboldi Division, will be arriving at CERSAGO. It is understood that it is the intention of M.M.I.A. that :-
- (i) These men shall retain their individuality as members of the Gariboldi formation.
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- (iii) That they will be trained as a unit, or, if the numbers exceed 500, as two units; each unit to be regarded as a Battalion.
- (iii) That they will have their own officers.
- (iv) That, after training and equipping, they will be posted to a forward group as complete additional Battalions.
- (v) That a Commission letter authorising the issue of the necessary stores and equipment will be issued in the near future.
- (vi) That in the meantime these men will require clothing and training.
- (d) It is therefore proposed :-
- (i) To form Nos. 1 and 2 Battalions of No. 4 Regiment with the personnel of the Garibaldi Division.
- Is this agreed?
- (ii) That the equipment asked for in Appendix 'F' of B.T.I. letter (originally destined for Patriotic Force Training Bn.) shall be devoted to the two new Garibaldi Battalions.
- Is this approved and my authority be granted for the issue of the necessary War Establishment equipment?
- (iii) It is believed that this equipment will be adequate for the training of the maximum number of 1500 Garibaldi personnel, but it is hoped that permission may be granted for the issue of further equipment, if required, when the exact details of the type of personnel in the Garibaldi Division intake are known.
- (e) The Specialist Bn. as detailed in the above mentioned B.T.I. letter is essential and in view of the great demand for specialists, no time should be lost in forming it.
- Is this agreed in principle and may the War Establishment equipment asked for in Appendix 'F' to B.T.I. letter be authorised forthwith?

8. There remains the question of the Misto Bn., to which reference is made in paragraph 6 above. This Battalion is at present located at BRACCIANO and administered by the H.Q. of No. 5 Regiment. Nevertheless, the majority of the training of the personnel of the Misto Bn. is carried out either at CESANO, in the various schools located there, or in Specialist locations such as Hospitals, Ordnance Depots, etc. There are no facilities for training this class of Specialist in BRACCIANO and it is felt very strongly that the Misto Bn. should be located at CESANO. Further, owing to the nature of the training, only a very small proportion of the Battalion are actually serving with it, the majority being away on attachment for instruction.

Proposal No. 4 :-

- (a) That the Misto Bn. be detached from No. 5 Regiment at BRACCIANO and becomes an integral part of the Specialist Bn. of No. 4 Regiment at CESANO.
- Is this approved?

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- (i) To form Nos. 1 and 2 Battalions of No. 4 Regiment with the personnel of the Garibaldi Division.
Is this agreed?
- (ii) That the equipment asked for in Appendix 'F' of D.T.I. letter (originally destined for Patarloti Recce Training Bn.) shall be devoted to the two new Garibaldi Battalions.
Is this approved and may authority be granted for the issue of the necessary War Establishment equipment?
- (iii) It is believed that this equipment will be adequate for the training of the maximum number of 1500 Garibaldi personnel, but it is hoped that permission may be granted for the issue of further equipment, if required, when the exact details of the type of personnel in the Garibaldi Division intake are known.
- (e) The Specialist Bn. as detailed in the above mentioned D.T.I. letter is essential and in view of the great demand for specialists, no time should be lost in forming it.
Is this agreed in principle and may the War Establishment equipment asked for in Appendix 'E' to D.T.I. letter be authorised forthwith?

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

Proposal No. 4 :-

- (a) That the Misto Bn. be detached from No. 3 Regiment at BRACCIANO and becomes an integral part of the Specialist Bn. of No. 4 Regiment at CESSANO.
Is this approved?
- (b) That the Bn. H.Q. staff and administrative staff of the Misto Bn. be absorbed into the new Specialist Bn. and form the nucleus with the additional staff asked for in Appendix 'E' of D.T.I. letter of the Administrative and Command staff of the Specialist Bn.
May authority for this be granted?

9. The new No. 4 Regiment (i.e. Garibaldi Group and Specialist cum Misto Bn.) will be located in a tented or hutted camp in the area to the East of Lake Bracciano, in the vicinity of Lake Martignano. A suitable site is now being recce'd. At Appendix 'A' hereto is given the total requirements of additional tentage and hutting required to implement this proposal. May authority be granted for the release of the additional tentage and hutting at the earliest possible moment?

10. In my "Recapitulation" of 13 March, paragraph 1, I asked for four Administrative officers for attachment, to supervise administrative training. Incidents are still occurring which under the presence of these officers most essential. Can permission be obtained for the attachment of these officers, and

is this approved and may authority be granted for the issue of the necessary War Establishment equipment?

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

(c) The Specialist Bn. as detailed in the above mentioned B.I.I. letter is essential and in view of the great demand for specialists, no time should be lost in forming it.

Is this agreed in principle and may the War Establishment equipment asked for in Appendix 'II' to B.I.I. letter be authorised forthwith?

6. There remains the question of the 'Misto' Bn., to which reference is made in paragraph 5 above. This Battalion is at present located at BRACCIANO and administered by the H.Q. of No. 3 Regiment. Nevertheless, the majority of the training of the personnel of the Misto Bn. is carried out either at CESSANO, in the various schools located there, or in Specialist locations such as Hospitale, Ordunee Devote, etc. There are no facilities for training this class of Specialist in BRACCIANO and it is felt very strongly that the Misto Bn. should be located at CESSANO. Further, owing to the nature of the training, only a very small proportion of the Battalion are actually serving with it, the majority being away on attachment for instruction.

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

9. The new No. 4 Regiment (i.e. Garibaldi Group and Specialist cum Misto Bn.) will be located in a tented or hutted camp in the area to the East of Lake Bracciano, in the vicinity of Lake Martignano. A suitable site is now being selected. At Appendix 'II' hereto is given the total requirements of additional tentage and hutting required to implement this proposal. May authority be granted for the release of the additional tentage and hutting at the earliest possible moment?

10. In my "Reconciliation" of 13 March, paragraph 1, I asked for four Administrative officers for attachment, to supervise administrative training. Incidents are still occurring which render the presence of these officers most essential. Can permission be obtained for the attachment of these officers, and can they be sent here as soon as possible?

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

Can such an expert be provided?

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

13. Proposals for the new War Establishment for the B.I.U. at CESANO are contained in this office letter ref: A/6D/9 of 14 March. In view of the greatly increased responsibility of the B.I.U., which now handles training as well as administration, it is felt that the additional personnel and vehicles asked for will be very urgently required, and it is hoped that energetic steps may be taken to obtain authority for their provision.

John Jackson

Lieut-Col. R.A.

LFM/ab.

Internal:

DA. & QM.
Staff Capt.
G.II Training.
G.II Infantry Trg.
G.III B.T.U.
G.II Signals.
S.O.R.E.
D.A.D.M.E.
D.A.D.S.T.
D.A.D.O.S.
Provost.
File.
Float.
War Diary (2)

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APPENDIX A.
No: 6.1/1/59
Dtd. 17 Nov. 45.

TENTS AND TENTAGE REQUIRED FOR TENTED REGIMENTAL CAMP
AND FOR No. 4 REGIMENT.

(1) Tented Reception Camp.

Strength - 2,500, all ranks.

Camp H.Q.
3 Bns.

Hq. Huts (a)
130-1b.
Tents (1)

26 375

(2) No. 4 Regiment.

Strength - 2,500, all ranks.

H.Q. No. 4 Regiment.
3 Battalions.

26 375

TOTAL 52 750

Less 500 Tents in hand, of
which 40 are permanently
allotted.

450

TOTAL required.

52 290

Notes:

(a) Huts will be used for :- Messes.

Cookhouses,

Latrine Rooms.

Offices.

(b) Tents are calculated on :-

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1 Tent per Lieut-Col. and above.

1 " " 2 Officers.

1 " " 4 Warrant Officers.

1 " " 6 Sergeants.

1 " " 8 Rank & File.

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APPENDIX 'B'
To: G.O. 1/1/72
Add. 17 Dec. 45.

S U M M A R Y.

Proposal No.1.

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

Proposal No.2.

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

Proposal No.3.

- (a) May the formation of No.4 Regiment be approved forthwith and the necessary War Establishment equipment asked for be authorised?
- (b) May approval be given and the necessary instructions issued, for the posting of 'patrioti' to forward Group as vacancies become available?
- (c) Is the appreciation of the intentions of M.H.I.A. with regard to personnel of the Garibaldi Division correct?
- (d) May Nos. 1 and 2 Bns. of No.4 Regiment be formed from personnel of the Garibaldi Division as they arrive at GESANO?
- (ii) May the War Establishment equipment asked for in Appendix 'B' of D.T.I. letter be authorised and devoted to the training of the Garibaldi personnel in lieu of the 'patrioti' for which it was originally designed?
- (iii) May further equipment be authorised if the numbers of the Garibaldi personnel exceed those originally catered for in 'patrioti'?
- (e) May No.3 Bn. - the Specialist Bn. - of No.4 Regiment be formed forthwith and may the War Establishment equipment asked for in Appendix 'B' be authorised?

Proposal No.4.

- (b) May the present staff of the combined Engineer Bn. be allotted to the new Sapper Bn.?
- (c) May a new Battalion H.Q. staff, recruited from the personnel coming from WOOLLA, and augmented as necessary, be formed to command the new Signals Battalion?

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- (b) May approval be given and the necessary instructions issued, for the posting of 'patrioti' to forward Group as vacancies become available?
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- (d) May Nos. 1 and 2 Bns. of No.4 Regiment be formed from personnel of the Garibaldi Division as they arrive at CESANO?

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

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

Proposal No.4.

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

FINALLY:

May the new War Establishment for the D.L.U. at CESANO, contained in this office letter ref: A/65/9 of 14 March be authorized and implemented at the earliest possible date?

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT: Theatrical Company.

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

A/27.

17 Mar '45.

Ministry of War.

With reference to No. 11618, of 14 March,
the question of transfer of the theatrical company
to Cesano is dealt with by this HQ. letter S/C/29/26
of 15 March.

P. Pincher
Major General
M. M. I. A.

Internal.

G+SD.

A.D.A.W.S.

MMIA-13
REF: SD/45/1
DATE: 18/3.

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TRANSLATION SECRET

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
SEZIONE ORDINAMENTO

52/28

No. 11618.

PM.3800. 14. March '45.

SUBJECT: Transfer of a Theatrical Company.

TO: Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C. (MMIA) ROME.

With reference to the telephone agreement between Lt.Col.Grati of this HQ. and Lt.Col.McCann of MMIA on the 4th instant:

This HQ has ^{at} its disposition a military concert party, giving various shows to the troops: it comprises 1 subaltern, 11 N.C.O.'s and 12 O.R.'s.

In September 1944 the party, with the authority of MMIA, was transferred to Italian Command 212, and attached to the 3rd Group of Battalions.

In order to organise and present entertainment to Combat Groups, Administrative Divisions in advanced localities, and at Reinforcement Centres the unit had been transferred as a whole to the RTC.ICF.Cesano, the most convenient and suitable situation.

In view of the fact that the Allied HQ.-Welfare Service- has expressed the wish that the entertainments should be commenced as soon as possible, it is requested that MMIA will confirm the verbal agreement for the attachment of the party as detailed above, with all its equipment, to RTC.ICF.Cesano.

/S G LIUZZI,
General.

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52/28

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/S G LIUZZI,
General.

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S. Liuzzi
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SUBJECT: Recapitulation.

LATO FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

8/3/29/43

17. March 45

TO : O.O. "F" ELU, RMO ICF.

Reference your 6/1/11 of 13 March.

1. It is not agreed to ask for the attachment of four British Officers to teach administration. The attachment of the W.O.II's should help in this respect. Your 4/15/37 of 10 March also refers.

2. A signal has been prepared for AFHQ reference Italian Officers in POW sources. All we are waiting for now is the list from General ROMEO.

3. It is agreed that the Artillery Depot and School should be independent of No. 3 Regiment and be commanded by Col. DI PALMA. With regard to other questions of W.S.'s, particularly No. 4 Regt, Col PINLEY would like to have a discussion as soon as possible with Lt/Col MACKAY.

4. With regard to the Training Staff, the DAF has promised to lend a GLI who will be carried on the W.Z. of a forward training increment.

5. It is agreed that bands of approximately 50 patriots should be sent to Forward Combat Groups at the first opportunity: i.e. when the Group's weekly return shows a deficiency of non-specialist personnel.

6. AFHQ is now investigating the question of a Canteen organization for the Italian Army. You will be informed as soon as more is known.

TO : G.C. 7th EU, RIC ICF.

Reference your 3/1/11 of 13 March.

1. It is not agreed to ask for the attachment of four British Officers to teach administration. The attachment of the W.O.II's should help in this respect. Your A/15/37 of 10 March also refers.
2. A signal has been prepared for AFHQ reference Italian Officers in POW sources. All we are waiting for now is the list from General ROMEO.
3. It is agreed that the Artillery Depot and School should be independent of No. 3 Regiment and be commanded by Col. DI PAJMA. With regard to other questions of W.O.II's, particularly No. 4 Regt, Col PIDSLEY would like to have a discussion as soon as possible with Lt/Col MACKAY.
4. With regard to the Training Staff, the DMF has promised to lend a CLI who will be carried on the W.E. of a forward training increment.
5. It is agreed that bands of approximately 50 patriots should be sent to forward Combat Groups at the first opportunity: i.e. when the Group's weekly return shows a deficiency of non-specialist personnel.
6. AFHQ is now investigating the question of a Centeen organization for the Italian Army. You will be informed as soon as more is known.

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Major General
M.E.I.A.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT: Proposed War Establishments.

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'F' B.L.U., R.T.C., I.C.F.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA) ROME.

Ref: A/6B/13.

14 March 1945.

To: H.Q. ✓
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA). (10 copies of WE's)

Copy to: H.Q.
Rome Area Allied Command. (2 copies of W.E's)

1. Attached are proposals for new War Establishments for :-

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try staff
- (1) British Liaison and Training Unit.
 - (2) Italian Increment to British Liaison and Training Unit.
 - (3) Driving and Maintenance School, Reinforcement Training Centre, Italian Combat Force.

2. It is requested that the authorisation for these War Establishments be treated as urgent.

L.H. Macb

Lieut-Col. R.A.

AIEG/ah.

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G.(SD) I agree without exception to all Lt Col Macb's recommendations attached & SD/32 19p. at 13 A. 13 B and 13 C.

MMIA - 'G'

FILE: SD/45/1

DATE: 18/3.

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SUBJECT: War Establishment for British Liaison & Training Unit
for R.T.C., I.C.F.

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FILE: 6/726/1

DATE: 27/3 or 15/3

Ref: A/63/9
14 March 45.

1. The Proposal.

- (a) To produce a new War Establishment for a British Liaison and Training Unit, combining both training and Administrative staff as now authorised by:

W.E. CM/735/1 for British Training Element for R.T.C., I.C.F.

W.E. CM/732/4 for British Liaison Unit for R.T.C., I.C.F.
(Administration staff).

- (b) Both CM/732/4 and CM/735/1 can be cancelled on the authorisation of the new proposed War Establishment.

2. The Effect of the Proposal.

- (a) Increase of:

(i) Personnel.

Officers.
O.Rs.

24
9

Gross. Nett. (see para. 2(c)(1))

41
43

(ii) Vehicles.

Motor Cycles...
Cars 4 str. 4x2
Cars 2 str. 4x2
Trucks 15-ton
1 x 2 G.S.
Lorry 5-ton.
4 x 2 G.S.

5
1
10
2
1
1

- (b) N.A.

- (c) (i) The increase is partially covered by the disbandment of:

A. British Liaison Unit for R.T.C., I.C.F. CM/732/4.

B. British Training Element for R.T.C., I.C.F. CM/735/1.

- (ii) All personnel may be category 'B'.

- (d) British Liaison Unit for R.T.C., I.C.F., and British Training Element for R.T.C., I.C.F., are immediately affected, but when these two units are merged into the new proposed unit, this will be the only one in the Theatre.

2. The Effect of the Proposal.

(a) Increase of:		Gross.	Nett. (see para. 2(c)(i))
(i) <u>Personnel.</u>			
Officers.	24	11	
O.Rs.	69	43	
(ii) <u>Vehicles.</u>			
Motor Cycles....	5	1	
Cars 4 str. 4x2	1	1	
Cars 2 str. 4x2	10	5	
Trucks 15-cwt	2	1	
4 x 2 G.S.			
Lorry 3-ton.	1	1	
4 x 2 G.S.			

(b) M.A.

(c) (i) The increase is partially covered by the disbandment of :

- A. British Liaison Unit for R.T.C., I.O.F. CM/732/1.
- B. British Training Increment for R.T.C., I.O.F. CM/733/1.

(ii) All personnel may be category 'B'.

(d) British Liaison Unit for R.T.C., I.O.F., and British Training Increment for R.T.C., I.O.F., are immediately affected, but when these two units are merged into the new proposed unit, this will be the only one in the Theatre.

(e) Copy of proposed War Establishment is attached at Appendix 'A'.

3. Reasons for the Proposal.

It has been decided to combine the functions of the British Liaison Unit and the British Training Increment to R.T.C., I.O.F. in one organisation. At the same time, greater powers and responsibilities in regard to both training and administrative matters have been vested in the command of the British nucleus at CESANO.

The strength of the R.T.C., I.O.F. has been increased from approximately 10,000, all ranks, to 13,500, all ranks, with a consequent increase in work involved.

The experience of two months has shown that the British Liaison Unit training and administration staff have to undertake much more detailed work in all aspects than was at first envisaged and that the increase in personnel and vehicles now proposed is essential to efficient liaison and control.

APPENDIX IX (A) to
A/51/9 dtd. 14 Mar. 45.

PROPOSED WAR ESTABLISHMENT FOR
BRITISH TRAINING AND TRAINING UNIT FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN TRAINING
CENTRE, ITALIAN COAST FORCE.

Amendment No.	...
Date.	...
Officers.	...
O.Rs.	69
Total.	93
Motor Cycles	5
Vehicles.	14
Trailers.	...

Officers.	WO.I.	WO.II.	S/Sgt.	Sgt.	Cpl.	L/Cpl.	Pltes.	TOTAL
1								1
1								1
1								1
1								1
5(a)								5(a)
1								1
1								1
1								1
1								1
1								1
1								1
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1								1
1								1
1								1
1								1
5(b)								5(b)
1								1
24								24

OFFICERS.
- Commanding Officer (Lt.Col)
- G.S.O.III (Training).
- G.S.O.III Schools.
- G.S.O.III Training, Infantry.
- G.S.O.III
- G.S.O.III Training Equipment
- S.O., R.A. (Major).
- S.O., R.A. (Capt).
- S.O.R.P. (Major).
- S.C.R.D. (Capt)
- S.O., R.O.S. (Major)
- D.A.A.A.C.M.S. (Major)
- D.A.D.S.F. (Major).
- D.A.D.O.S. (Major).
- D.A.D.M.E. (Major).
- Staff Capt. A.S. 2.
- Medical Officer (Capt.)
- Camp Commandant (Lieut.)
- Interpreters.
- Provost (Capt.)

(a) One per Regiment.
(b) May be Maltese Officers.

OTHER RANKS.

Administration Branch.

O.S.M.S.
Clerks.

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(a) One per Regiment.
(b) May be Maltese Officers.

OTHER PARTS.

Administration Branch.

C. G. M. S.
Clerks.
Transport & G. D. WOO.
Vehicle Mechanic.
Storeman.
Officers' Mess Caterer
General Duties.
Medical Orderly.
Cook. (A. O. C)
Despatch Riders.

Ordinatio.

B.O.W.O. (R.A.O.C).
Staff Sgt.
Storeman (R.A.O.C).
Clerk. (R.A.O.C.)

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1. Art. Artificial Veh.
 2. Art. Artificial Vld.
 3. Technical Storeman.
 4. Electrician, Veh.
 5. Vehicle Mechanics.
 6. Clerk.

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Officer- cont.	WO.I	WO.II	S/Sgt.	Sgt.	Cpl.	L/Cpl.	Ptes.	TOTAL
D.A.D.S.T. Clerks. (1 for supplies. 1 for transport).					1	1		2
TRAINING BRANCH. INFANTRY. Instructors (Mortar) " (6-in. A/Tk). " (Carrier). Draughtsman. Technical Storeman. Clerk. A.P.T. (Attached).				1 1 1 2			1 1 1 1 1 2 2	
ROYAL ENGINEERS. Q.M.S.I. Instructors. Draughtsman. Storeman. Clerk.			1	4	1		2 1	1 4 1 2 1
ROYAL CORPS SIGNALS. Instructors. Op. W/T " Op. Line Clerk.				1 1			1	1 1 1
PROVOST. Instructor.				1	1			2
ROYAL ARTILLERY. Clerk. (R.A.)					1			1
SWITCHBOARD OPERATORS. Royal Corps Signals					1		3	4
Other Ranks.		3	4	19	14	5	24	73 69
Officers.	24							
TOTAL.	24	3	4	19	14	5	24	97 93

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Draughtsman,
Storeman,
Clerk.

ROYAL CORPS SIGNALS.

Op. W/T
Op. Line
Instructor3.
" "
Clerk.

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• Instructor.

ROYAL ARTILLERY.

Clerk. (P.A.)

SWITCHBOARD OPERATORS.

Royal Corps Signals

Other Families:

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FRANKS FOR.

Commanding Officer.

1 Car. 4 str. 4 x 2

Administration.

Officers on Administration.

Medical Officer.

3 Cars, 2-str. 4 x 2
1 Car, 2-str. 4 x 2.
1 Truck G.S. 4 x 2 15-cwt.
1 Lorry 5-ton. G.S. 4 x 2
2 Motor Cycles, solo.

Training:

45 OFFICERS.

SUMMARY:

1 Car 4 str. 4 x 2.
1 Truck 3-ton G.S. 4 x 2
5 Motor Cycles, solo.

6 Cars 2-str. 4 x 2.
3 Motor Cycles, solo.
1 Truck, 15-cwt. G.S. 4 x 2.

10 Cars 2 str. 4 x 2.
2 Trucks 15-cnt. G.S. 4 x 2

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SUBJECT: War Establishment for Italian Increment to British Liaison and Training Unit, B.L.U., I.S.F.

Ref: A/62/6
14 March 45.

1. The Proposal.

- (a) A new War Establishment.
- (b) It is proposed to convert to this W.E. the following Units :-
 - (i) 152 Italian Increment to B.L.U. (NA/502/4)
 - (ii) Incorporated Italian Personnel authorised by CM/733/4 B.L.U. to R.A.C., I.C.P.

2. The Effect of the Proposal.

(a) Increase of :-

	Spots.	nett. (see para. 2(c)(4))
(i) Personnel.		
Officers.	2	1
O.Rs.	56	22
(ii) Transport.		
Truck 15-cwt. 4x2 SS.	1	1

(b) N.A.

(c) (i) The increase will be partially covered by:

- A. The disbandment of 152 Italian Increment to B.L.U. (NA/502/4)
- B. Incorporation of Italian personnel on authorised S.E. of 'H' B.L.U., R.A.C., I.C.P. (CM/733/4).

(ii) All personnel will be Italian military.

(d) There will be only one Unit affected by this proposal.

(e) Draft new War Establishment is attached at Appendix 'A'.

3. Reasons for the Proposal.

To provide an Italian increment to the new British Liaison & Training Unit proposed under my A/62/6. The unit authorised by War Establishment NA/502/4 is assigned to be attached to a B.L.U., with a Gruppo di Combattimento. Such a B.L.U. is an entirely different War Establishment 279

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S.M.I. to R.T.C., I.O.P.

2. The Effect of the Proposal.

(a) Increase of :-

(i) Personnel.	gross.	nett. (see para. 2(c)(1))
Officers.	2	1
O.Rs.	56	22
(ii) Transport.		
Truck 15-cwt. LK2 62.	1	1

(b) M.A.

(c) (i) The increase will be partially covered by:

A. The disbandment of 152 Italian Increment to B.L.U. (MA/509/4)

B. Incorporation of Italian personnel on authorised W.L. of
"H" D.C.I., R.T.C., I.O.P. (MA/753/4).

(ii) All personnel will be Italian military.

(d) There will be only one Unit affected by this proposal.

(e) Draft new War Establishment is attached at Appendix 'A'.

3. Reasons for the Proposal.

To provide an Italian increment to the new British Liaison & Training Unit proposed under W.A/6E/9. The unit authorised by War Establishment W/509/4 is designed to be attached to a B.L.U., with a Gruppo di Combattimento. Such a B.L.U. in an entirely different War Establishment 509 to the B.L. & Training Unit, and consequently it is essential to form a special Italian increment to meet the exigencies of this Unit.

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Proposed War Establishment for:
ITALIAN INCREMENT TO BRITISH LIAISON
AND TRAINING UNIT.

APPENDIX 'A'
to A/6B/8 dtd. 14 Mar. 45.

Ardt. No.	--
Date.	--
Officers.	2
O. Rs.	56
Total.	58
Motor Cycles	--
Vehicles.	1
Trailers.	--

	Officers.	Senior N.C.Os.	Junior N.C.Os.	Ptes.	Total.
Officer Commanding (Lieut)	1				1
Interpreter.	1	3	2		6
Duty N.C.O.		1	1		2
General Duty Men.			2	6	8 (a)
Drivers I/C.			4	10	14
Vehicle Mechanic.			1		1
Batman.		1	1	11	13
Mess Waiters, Officers Mess.			1	2	3
" " Sgts. Mess.				2	2
Cooks for: Officers Mess.			1	1	2
Sergeants Mess.			1	1	2
Rank & File Mess.				2	2
Equipment Repairer.				1	1
Boot Repairer.				1	1
	2	5	14	37	58

(a) Including two Petrol Point personnel.

TRANSPORT.

Truck, 15-cwt. G.S., 4 x 2. - - 1

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SUMMARY: Proposed War Establishment for a Driving and Maintenance School, Reinforcement Training Centre, Italian Combat Force.

Ref: A/62/10
14 March 1945.

1. The Proposal.

A new War Establishment is proposed to provide a Driving and Maintenance School Headquarters and Instructors Staff, to instruct 200 students.

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2. The Effect of the Proposal.

(a) Increase of :-	Officers ...	13
	Other ranks ...	156
	TOTAL ...	169

(b) (44) All ranks will be Italian Military personnel.

(c) Only Driving and Maintenance School, R.T.C., I.G.T. will be affected by this proposal.

(d) Exact War Establishment is attached.

3. Reasons for the Proposal.

The administration and instruction at the Driving and Maintenance School, R.T.C., I.G.T. is now being undertaken by an Italian A.L. Company. It is proposed to release this A.L. Company for operations. It is therefore essential to have a separate administration and training headquarters to run the Driving and Maintenance School.

A new War Establishment is proposed to provide a Driving and Maintenance School Headquarters and Instructors Staff, to instruct ~~2000~~ 400 students.

2. The Effect of the Proposal.

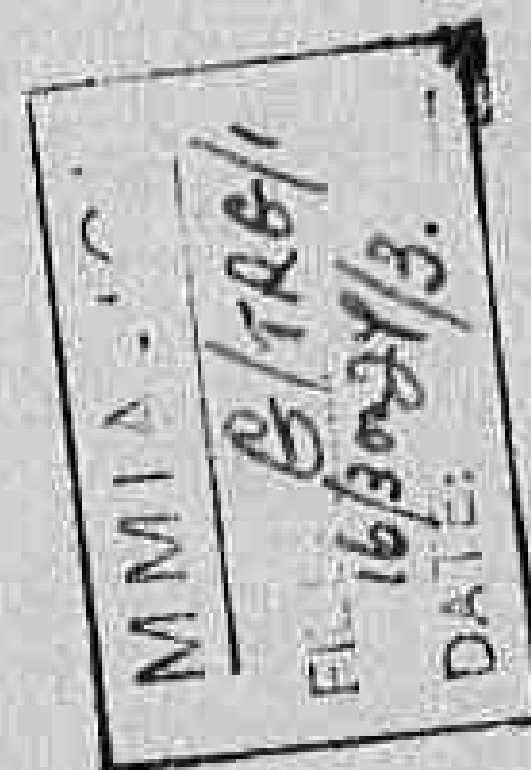
(a) Increase of :-	Officers ...	13
	Other ranks ...	156
	TOTAL ...	169

- (b) (i) All ranks will be Italian Military personnel.
- (c) Only Driving and Maintenance School, R.T.S., I.C.S. will be affected by this proposal.
- (d) Draft War Establishment is attached.

3. Reasons for the Proposal.

The administration and implementation at the Driving and Maintenance School, R.T.S., I.C.S. is now being undertaken by an Italian C.M. Company. It is proposed to release this C.M. Company for operations. It is therefore essential to have a separate administration and training headquarters to run the Driving and Maintenance School.

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PROPOSED WAR ESTABLISHMENT FOR DRIVING AND MAINTENANCE SCHOOL
REINFORCING TRAINING CENTRE, ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

Personnel No.	---
Drivers.	---
Officers.	15
Other ranks	126
TOTAL	141
Motor Cycles	5
Vehicles.	8
Buildings.	---

(1) Personnel.

	Officers.	Senior N.C.Os.	Junior N.C.Os.	Pos.	TOTAL.
SCHOOL HEADQUARTERS.					
Commanding Officer. (Major)	1				1
Adjutant. (Captain).	1				1
Attached Officer. (Subaltern)	1				1
Warrent Officer.		1			1
C.O.N.S.		1			1
Sergeant Clerk.		1			1
Ste. Clerks.		1			1
Storemen.				5	5
Officers' Servants.			1	1	2
Cooks.		1		2	3
Drivers M/C.			1	3	4
Motor Cyclist.			1	1	2
General Duty Men :-					
1 Sanitary Junior NCO					
1 Sanitary Man.					
1 Barber.					
1 Baker.					
4 Kitchen Fatigue.					
2 Barrack Room Orderlies					
1 Store Junior NCO					
1 Store etc.					
Attached Personnel.			2	10	12
Medical Officer.	1				1
(Subaltern)					
Medical Orderly.			1		1
TOTAL (School H.Q. + Attached personnel).	4	4	6	26	40

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	Cdr.	Senior N.C.Os.	Junior N.C.Os.	Ptes.	TOTAL.
4 PLATOONS, each of:- Lance Sergeant 1/c. Drivers (Instructors)		3		25	3 25
TOTAL, 1 Platoon.		3		25	28
TOTAL, 4 Platoons.		12		100	112
TOTAL DRIVING SCHOOL. (Permanent Cadre).	13	20		136	169

NOTES: The School is designed to instruct 400 pupils.

(ii) Transport.

	Utilities.	15-ct.	5-ton.	W/C.	TOTAL.
Administration.					
School H.Q.	2	1	1	1	5
4 Platoons.	-	4	-	4	8
TOTAL.	2	5	1	5	13

Training. Each Platoon will have 25 - 3 ton Lorries 4 x 2 C.S. for training.
Therefore 4 Platoons will total 100 3-ton Lorries 4 x 2 C.S. for training.

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SUBJECT: Vehicle Repair and Maintenance.

To: B.L.U., R.T.C., I.C.F.,
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.,
A.C. (MIA) ROME.

Ref: 97/1/15.

14 March 1945.

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

Copy to: H.Q.
R.T.C., I.C.F. **NT**

Regulation 100/6
18/3
19 March

1. Reference the new, proposed War Establishment for the Driver and Maintenance School, R.T.C., I.C.F., forwarded under my A/6B/15 of 14 March 45.

2. It is recommended that a Light Aid Detachment be attached to this D. & M. School to maintain its 113 vehicles. Of these 113 vehicles 100 3-ton lorries will be training vehicles and consequently Class V. It is therefore considered essential that at least an L.A.D. be authorised to take the place of the Workshop Platoon in the G.T. Company which should be at present acting as Headquarters, D. & M. School.

3. This will mean that vehicle repair facilities will be as follows :-

(a) 152 Mechanical Engineering Platoon at CEFEMO, serving :-

- H.Q., R.T.C., I.C.F. and H.Q. Troops.
- 1 Regiment.
- 2 Regiment.
- Infantry School.
- Mechanics School.
- B.L.U.

(b) 152 L.A.D. at BRACCIANO, serving :-

- H.Q. Composite Regiment.
- Artillery Depot and School.
- 5 Engineer Battalion, including Field Engineering School, and Signal Centre.
- 6 Mixed Battalion.
- Instructors School.

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2. It is recommended that a Light Aid Detachment be attached to this D. & M. School to maintain its 113 vehicles. Of these 113 vehicles 100 3-ton lorries will be training vehicles and consequently Class V. It is therefore considered essential that at least an L.A.D. be authorised to take the place of the Workshop Platoon in the C.F. Company which should be at present acting as Headquarters, D. & M. School.

3. This will mean that vehicle repair facilities will be as follows :-

- (a) 152 Mechanical Engineering Platoon at CESSANO, serving :-
 - H.Q., R.T.C., I.C.F. and H.Q. Troops.
 - 1 Regiment.
 - 2 Regiment.
 - Infantry School.
 - Mechanics School.
 - B.I.U.
- (b) 152 L.A.D. at BRACCIANO, serving :-
 - H.Q. Composite Regiment.
 - Artillery Depot and School.
 - 5 Engineer Battalion, including Field Engineering School, and Signal Centre.
 - 6 Mixed Battalion.
 - Instructors School.
- (c) One L.A.D. at CESSANO, serving :-
 - D. & M. School.

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Lt. Col. R.A.
Lieut-Col. R.A.

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DATE: <i>17/3.</i>

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SUBJECT : Command and Administration, PICEHO Combat Force
Italian Rgt Tpg Centre, OSSANO.

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

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

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

2. Para 1 - agreed.

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

(a) General Administration.

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

(b) Local Administration.

(i) For matters dealt with by A/GI (Br) Branch the RTC will be directly under the Italian 3MRE with supervision by MMIA in accordance with AFHQ directive "Command and Administration Italian Army", reference AG C91.711/169 GGT-O of 16 November 1944.

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

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

(a) General Administration.

The RTC will be under APHQ (through MMIA) for all matters of General administration.

(b) Local Administration.

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

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

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

4. Your paras 3 and 4 - agreed.

c/o

Copy to:- MA to GOC
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Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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G-3 (ORG)A

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

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

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

1. OPERATIONAL COMMAND

- (a) The BLU, Training Increment, and the whole of the Italian Rft Trg Centre Italian Staff will be under op comd RAAC.
- (b) Operational command covers the right of RAAC to use all troops at CESANO for anti-paratroop or other defence measures.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND

- (a) The BLU and Training Increment will be under full administrative command RAAC.
- (b) The Italian Staffs will be under local adm comd RAAC for accommodation, equipment, and formation of units.
- (c) The Italian Staffs will be under HQ 227 Italian. Adm Div for Italian Adm, including maint, discipline, legal, and personnel matters. MMIA will be responsible for the action of the Italian Adm authorities.

3. TRAINING AND RFT POLICY

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

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

2. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND

- (a) The HLU and Training Increment will be under full administrative command RAAC.
- (b) The Italian Staffs will be under local adm cmd RAAC for accommodation, equipment, and formation of units.
- (c) The Italian Staffs will be under HQ 227 Italian. Adm Div for Italian Adm, including maint, discipline, legal, and personnel matters. MMIA will be responsible for the action of the Italian Adm authorities.

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3. TRAINING AND RPT POLICY

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

4. CIVIL SECURITY

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

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-3 (ORG-A)

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

5 March, 1945.

MEMO TO : EGS G-3 (Org-F)

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

1. OPERATIONAL COMMAND

- (a) ~~Both~~ The BLU, Training Increment, and the whole of the Italian Rft Trg Centre Italian Staff will be under op comd RAAC.
- (b) Operational command covers the right of RAAC to use all troops at CESANO for anti-paratroop or other defence measures.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMAND

- (a) The BLU and Training Increment will be under full administrative command RAAC.
- (b) The Italian Staffs will be under local adm comd RAAC for accommodation, equipment, and formation of units.
- (c) The Italian Staffs will be under HQ 227 Italian Adm Div for Italian adm, including maint, discipline, legal, and personnel matters. *who are looking after the action of the Italian adm authorities.* *14G*

3. TRAINING AND RFT POLICY

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

4. CIVIL SECURITY

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

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SUBJECT:-

Proposed Increase of War Establishment
at CESANO.

H.Q., Land Forces Sub Comm
AC (MMA).
Comd., RTC., ICF.
"P" HLU., RTC., ICF.
"G" BTU., RTC., ICF.
Chief of Staff Training, RTC., ICF.

"P" HLU., RTC., ICF.,
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.,
AC(MMA), ROME.

Ref: BTL/B5/36

6 March 1955

1. Further to my memorandum on "Future planning at Cesano" dated 24 Feby 1945 reference G/1/1/5.
2. The attached proposal has been worked out by Major W.L. Price, G.2, Infantry. I think it provides an admirable solution to the problem.
3. May it receive your consideration please with a view to the necessary orders being issued to enable it to be implemented.

Field.
LHM/asj.

[Signature]
Lieut Col., R.A.

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Proposed Increase of War Establishment at CELENG.

British Training Element RPO ICP
c/o Indian Forces Sub Comm
AC (AMIA) ROME.
Ref. HMT/55/55.
March. 45.

Commander RPO ICP.
'P' ECU for Lt-Col L.H. HACKETT.
'Q' ECU
Chief of Staff Training RPO ICP.

1. Opening Remarks.

It is proposed to raise the holding of CELENG from 7,800 to 11,200. This will entail an increase of establishment. It has also been found by experience that the present establishment is not altogether satisfactory and the changes are in any case required. The proposal enumerated in subsequent paragraphs gives a solution which it is considered asks for the minimum increase of instructors and training material for the proposed increase of holdings, at the same time ironing out difficulties of the present organisation.

2. Situation at present.

(a) While the first regiment shows signs of functioning efficiently, it is apparent that not only will No 2 Regiment be incapable of expansion, but that it is at present incapable of coping with the numbers at present allotted to it.

This is not surprising, as from the training point of view the establishment is inadequate as the comparison below shows:-

Comparative Table between No 1 and No 2 Regiments.

Regiment.	Reg Staff	Holding OR's	Ratio Trg Staff to men
No 1 Reception	12 Officers 162 NCO's	1290	7.1 to nearest figures.
No 2 Infantry Regt.	30 Officers 459 NCO's	4110	22.1

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From the above it is apparent that No 1 Regiment can increase its present holding to about 2,000 without increase of staff, but that No 2 Regiment would in any case require a big increase of staff to bring the ratio to 1:10, which is the accepted figures.

(b)

The accommodation in No 1 Regiment with double beds provided and when all available accommodation is put into habitable state of repair will allow 3,000 men.

On the other hand the building at present occupied by No 2 Regiment will not hold more than 3,500 men.

(c)

Both for accommodation and training No 2 Regiment is not suitable as at present formed.

It is understated and it is impossible for the training as envisaged for it to take place, for not only is it supposed to train ordinary infantry but also infantry specialists. These are at present mixed up with the infantry under training.

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The building where the men are billeted has insufficient out-buildings for offices etc, and is like an ant hill.

3. Proposals.

It is proposed that to meet the increase of 3,400, the following take place :-

(a) Only Infantry soldiers come to CESANO. The task at present done by No 1 Regiment be done at ORIOLO camp. Artillery etc, going straight to BRACCIANO from this camp.

(b) That No 1 Reception Regiment becomes No 1 Elementary Training Regiment, That it be expanded to hold 3,000 men, but an increase of staff only for 1,000 men be asked for here. This will involve the formation of an additional Company per Battalion. Each Battalion will then have four Companies.

That No 2 Regiment be reduced to 3,500 men, but that an increase of staff be allowed to make it an efficient concern.

That no Infantry Specialist Training be done in this Regiment. The staff and equipment being allotted to a new Regiment to be formed.

This Regiment will then be solely for giving advanced training to the ordinary Infantry soldier.

This Regiment to be known as the No 2 Advanced Infantry Training Regiment. Each of the three Battalions of this Regiment will have five Companies.

(d) A new Regiment to be formed as No 4 Regiment for training Infantry Specialists. Holding 1,750.

This would be divided into 2 Battalions. 1 Battalion for teaching Infantry Specialist subjects. 2 Battalion for training Patrioti as Reconnaissance personnel. See Appendix "A".

The organisation of the Specialist Battalion will be flexible to meet the demand for particular classes of specialists and the supply of suitable personnel.

The Reconnaissance will comprise two groups each of 500 maximum. This will be regarded as a Corps d'élite and a very high standard of physical fitness and training will be called for. Out of the best personnel in the two groups it is hoped to form a complete Reconnaissance Unit of approximately 500 strong to be posted as a Unit with its own officers to one of the forward Gruppi. The remainder, suitably reinforced as additional personnel will be brought up to the same standard with a view to producing a second Unit if this should be required. The requirements of the various additional Units are set out in Appendices "A" to "F" and summarised in Appendix "G". It will be noted that the increases asked for are in proportion to those originally authorised for a ceiling of 7,800.

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Ceiling	Authorised	Ratio Instructors to Pupils
7,800	2,100	1:5.7
New Ceiling	Authority required	Ratio Instructors to Pupils
11,250	2,987	1:4.0

The advantages of the above Regiment will be :-

- (i) That it centralises Specialist Training, making supervision easier.
- (ii) That it relieves the top heaviness of No 2 Regiment.
- (iii) That it enables the semi-trained Patrioti bands that arrive to be dealt with separately and given more advanced training than would be possible with untrained call-ups, enabling the independence and spirit of the Patriots to be developed on Comando lines, at the same time ensuring that the somewhat indisciplined outlook of the Patriot does not affect the men.

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- (e) The Infantry School to have as its object, firstly, the production of instructors to meet the new proposals. Secondly, to maintain the standard of instruction by refresher courses once this has been achieved.

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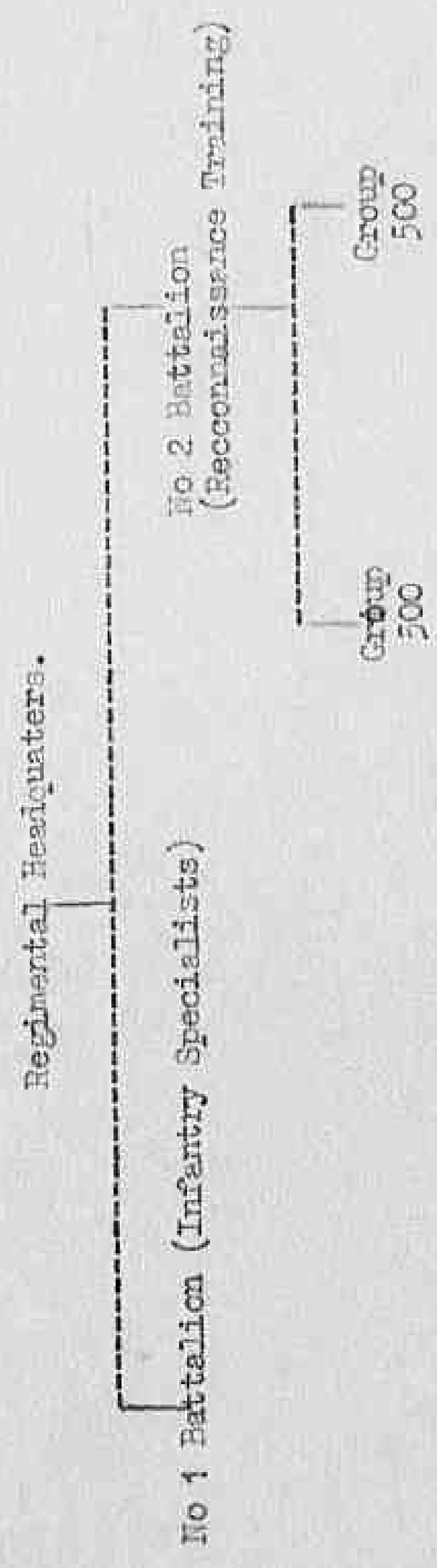
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Major.
GSO II (Infantry)

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Appendix "A" to BHI Letter
Dated Feb 45.

Proposed organisation of No 4 Infantry Specialist Regiment.



No 1 Battalion holding Specialists as under:

Carrier Drivers.....	72
Mortars.....	120
6 Pr	108
Pioneers.....	240
Signals.....	120
Stretcher Bearers.....	75
Hygiene.....	25
Intelligence }	
Observers }	25
Total	785

Total 1,000

Total Regimental Holding 1,785.

Appendix "B" to BTI Letter BTI/B5/35
Dated March 45.

Proposed Staff Increases No 1 Regiment to meet new ceiling of 3,000 men.

Regimental Headquarters	Officers	Senior NCO's	Junior NCO's	Privates	Total.
Officers Nil.	-	-	-	-	-
Quartermaster Sgt and Pay Clerk	-	1	1	-	2
SERVICE					
Medical Orderlies	-	1	1	4	6
OR's	-	-	-	12	12
Messes	-	-	-	-	-
Bn Incl Armourers	-	1	-	2	3
Transport Drivers	-	-	-	2	2

3 Battalion Increases.

Training Coy Commanders Capt and Admin	3	-	-	-	3
Training Officers Lts	9	-	-	-	9
Instructors	-	33	60	-	93
Office Corporals	-	-	3	-	3
Section Typists	-	-	-	6	6
Medical Orderlies	-	-	-	3	3
Drivers Driver i/c	-	-	-	6	6
Carpenters	-	-	-	3	3
Totals	12	35	65	38	151

Transport Increases

Regimental HQ
1 x 3 Ton

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Transport Drivers

3 Battalion Increases.

Training Coy Commanders Capt and Admin	3	-	-	-	2	2
Training Officers Lts	9	-	-	-	-	9
Instructors	-	33	60	-	-	93
Office Corporals	-	-	3	-	-	3
Section Typists	-	-	-	-	6	6
Medical Orderlies	-	-	-	-	3	3
Drivers Driver i/c	-	-	-	-	6	6
Carpenters	-	-	-	-	3	3
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Transport Increases

Regimental HQ
1 x 3 Ton

3 Battalion a total of:

3 x 15 cwt
3 x 3 Ton

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Appendix "C" to BTI Letter
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Changes of Organisation - No 2 Regiment.

Increase to Establishment.

Regimental Headquarters.	Officers	Senior NCO's	Junior NCO's	Privates	Total
Moehanges.	-	-	-	-	-
3 Battalions.					
Majors Training.	3	-	-	-	3
Company Training Officers	12	-	-	-	12
Instructional NCO's	-	72	143	-	215
Total	15	72	143	-	230

Decrease owing to Transfer to No 4 Regiment.

Carrier Personnel	3	3	-	-	6
Mortar	3	3	-	-	6
Signals	3	6	-	-	9
Anti Tank	3	3	-	-	6
Pioneers	3	3	-	-	6
Total	15	18	-	-	33

Changes of Organisation - No 2 Regiment.

Increase to Establishment.

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No changes.	-	-	-	-	-
3 Battalions.	3	-	-	-	3
Majors Training.	12	-	-	-	12
Company Training Officers	-	72	145	-	215
Instructional NCO's	15	72	145	-	230
Total					

Decrease owing to Transfer to No 4 Regiment.

Carrier Personnel	3	3	-	-	6
Mortar	3	3	-	-	6
Signals	3	6	-	-	9
Anti Tank	3	3	-	-	6
Pioneers	3	3	-	-	6
Total	15	18	-	-	33

Appendix "D" to BRT Letter
Dated Feb 45.

Proposed Establishment No 4 Regiment.

Regimental Headquarters.

Department	Detail	Officers Senior NCO's	Junior NCO's	Privates Total	
Regimental HQ.	Officer Commanding. Col	1		1	
	2 i/c Lt Colonel Training	1		1	
	Adjutant	1		1	
	Captain Q.M.	1		1	
	Welfare and Messing Officer	1		1	
	Medical Officer	1		1	
	Administrative Officer	1		1	
	Chaplain	1		1	
	Orderly Officer Interpreter	1		1	
	OC HQ Company	1		1	
	Total	10		10	
Offices Section	Chief Clerk WO	1		1	
	Postal Clerk	1		1	
	Clerks	2	2	4	8
	Telephonist Orderlies			4	4
Administration	Quartermaster Sgt and Staff	2	2		4
	Medical Orderly		1	1	2
	Officers Mess (Bn and Regt)	1			1
	Cook Corporals		1		1
	Cooks			2	2

Offices Section	Administrative Officer	1				1
	Chaplain	1				1
	Orderly Officer Interpreter	1				1
	CC HQ Company	1				1
	Total	10				10
	Chief Clerk WO		1			1
	Postal Clerk		1			1
	Clerks		2	2	4	8
	Telephonist Orderlies				4	4
	Quartermaster Sgt and Staff		2	2		4
Administration	Medical Orderly			1	1	2
	Officers Mess (Bn and Regt)		1			1
	Cook Corporals			1		1
	Cooks				3	2
	Orderlies				6	6
	Batmen				8	8
	Storemen		1	1	2	4
	Cooks OR's Mess			1	2	3
	Orderlies OR's Mess				3	3
	Barbers				2	2
	Tailors				1	1
	Boot Repairers				3	3
	G.D Men				4	4
		10	8	8	42	68

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Detail	Regimental HQ	Officers	Senior HCO's	Junior HCO's	Privates	Total
Carried fwl		10	8	8	42	68
LT Section	NCO i/c		1			1
	NCO Driver Mechanic			1		1
	Drivers i/c				7	7
	DR's				2	2
	Total	10	9	9	51	79

Transport.

Car 4 seater 4 x 2
 Car 2 seater 4 x 2
 Trucks 15 cwt
 Truck 15 cwt Water
 Lorries 3 Ton
 M/C's

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SUBJECT :- Increase of Establishment.

Amendment Dated perlix "E" BFI Letter
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British Training Increment RTC ICF
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm
AC (MATA) RCHL.

March 45.

Commander RTC ICF.
'Q' RTU for Col S.O.W.W.RMA
'P' RTU for Lt-Col L.H. MURRAY
Chief of Staff Training RTC ICF.

Trucks 15 cwt fitted for wireless +	2
Cars 2 Seater 4 x 2	2
Trucks 15 cwt	2
Lorries 3 Ton	2
Motor Cycles	2

NOTE :- ⁺ No increase to Total Establishment from No 2 Regiment.

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W.L. Price 3488
Major.

Appendix "E" to BNI Letter
Dated Feb 45.

Proposed WE for Infantry Specialist Battalion.

Section.	Deetail.	Officers	Senior Junior Privates	Total
Battalion Headquarters.	Officer Commanding Lt-Col	1		1
	Adjutant Captain	1		1
	Equipment Officer Captain	1		1
	Medical Officers Lts (Training)	2		2
	Intelligence Officer	1		1
	Mortar Officers, 1 Capt 2 Lts	3		3 +
	Anti Tank 1 Capt 2 Lts	3		3 +
	Signals 1 Capt 2 Lts	3		3 +
	Pioneers 1 Capt 2 Lts	3		3 +
	Chief Clerk WO	1		1
Office Section.	Clerks		2 4	6
	Orderlies		2	2
	Quartermaster Sgt	1		1
Service	Armourer Gun Fitters	1	1	2
	Armourers	1	2	3
	Cooks OR's	1	2 15	18
	Carpenters		1	1
	MT Corporal		1	1
	Driver Mechs		2	2
	Drivers i/c		10	10
	Motor Cyclists		2 487	2
	GD Men		6	6

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	Anti Tank	Capt 1	Capt 2	Lts	3 +
Office Section.	Signals	1	Capt 2	Lts	3 +
	Pioneers	1	Capt 2	Lts	3 +
	Chief Clerk WO	1			1
	Clerks		2	4	6
	Orderlies			2	2
Service	Quartermaster Sgt	1			1
	Armourer Gun Fitters	1		1	2
	Armourers	1		2	3
	Cooks OR's	1		2	18
	Carpenters			1	1
	MT Corporal			1	1
	Driver Mechs			2	2
	Drivers i/c			10	10
	Motor Cyclists			2	2
	GD Men			6	6
Training	Carrier Instructors and Drivers	3 +	8	12	23
	Anti Tank Instructors and Drivers	3 +	8	6	17
	Mortar Instructors and Drivers	3 +	9	6	18
	Pioneers	6 +	12		18
	Signals	6	8		14
	Signal Technical Storeman			1	1
	Signal Instrument Mechanic			1	1
Totals		18	26	52	69
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Section	Detail	Officers	Senior NCO's	Junior NCO's	Privates	Total.
Training	Brought forward	18	26	52	69	165
	Hygiene NCO's		1	3		4
	Medical Instructors		3	6		9
	Intelligence		2	3		5
	Totals.	18	32	64	69	183

NOTE :- + No increase to Total Establishment from No 2 Regiment.

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Appendix "F" to BII Letter
Dated Feb 45.

Proposed Establishment of Reconnaissance Training Battalion,

Section.	Detail.	Officers	Senior Junior NCO's	Privates	Total
Battalion Headquarters	Officer Commanding Lt-Col	1			1
	Major Commanding Groups	2			2
	Adjutant	1			1
	Administrative Officer	1			1
Office Staff Services	Troop Leaders - Lts	25			25
	Clerks	1	2	2	5
	Quartermaster Sgt and Staff	2	2	4	8
	Medical			1	1
	MT Corporal		1		1
	Driver Mech		2		2
	Drivers			10	10
	Armourers		1	2	3
	Mess OR's Cooks		2	14	16
	GD and Orderlies			12	12
Training	Motor Cyclists			2	2
	Instructional Staff		25	60	85
	Totals	50	31	69	177

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Transport.

Car 2 Seater 4 x 2 2
Trucks 15wt G3 4
Lorries 3 Ton 4
Motor Cycles 2

Appendix to BTI Letter
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Increase of Training Stores Required.

Designation.	No 1 Regiment.	No 4 Regiment	Total.
1. Rifles No 4	500	300	800
2. Bren LMG's	15	70	85
3. TMC's and Magazines		10	10
4. FLATS	12	12	24
5. Pistols Signal	15	15	30
6. Compasses Prismatic	15	30	45
7. Mortars 2 in		15	15
8. Binoculars No 2		45	45
9. Telescopes Scout Regiment		5	5
10. Kits Tools Armourers	1	1	2
11. Chests Tools Carpenters	1	2	3
12. Painters Tools		1	1
13. Cordage Manila 2 1/2 Fms		400	400
14. Stereoscopes No 1B		6	6
15. Protractors		12	12
16. Case Map G3		15	15
17. Boards Map Commanders		10	10
18. Instruments Training		2	2
19. Stretchers		10	10
20. First Aid Stores.			
21. Splints		2	2
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4. PLANS	10	10	10
5. Pistols Signal	12	12	24
6. Compasses Prismatic	15	15	30
7. Mortars 2 in	15	30	45
8. Binoculars No 2		15	15
9. Telescopes Scout Regiment		45	45
10. Kits Tools Armourers		5	5
11. Chests Tools Carpenters	1	1	2
12. Painters Tools	1	2	3
13. Cordage Manila 2 1/2 lbs		1	1
14. Sterioscopes No 1B		400	400
15. Protractors		6	6
16. Case Map G2		12	12
17. Boards Map Commanders		15	15
18. Instruments Training		10	10
19. Stretchers		2	2
20. First Aid Stores.		10	10
21. Splints			
		2	2
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All Specialist Infantry stores of No 2 Regiment to be transferred to
No 4 Regiment.

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Increases.

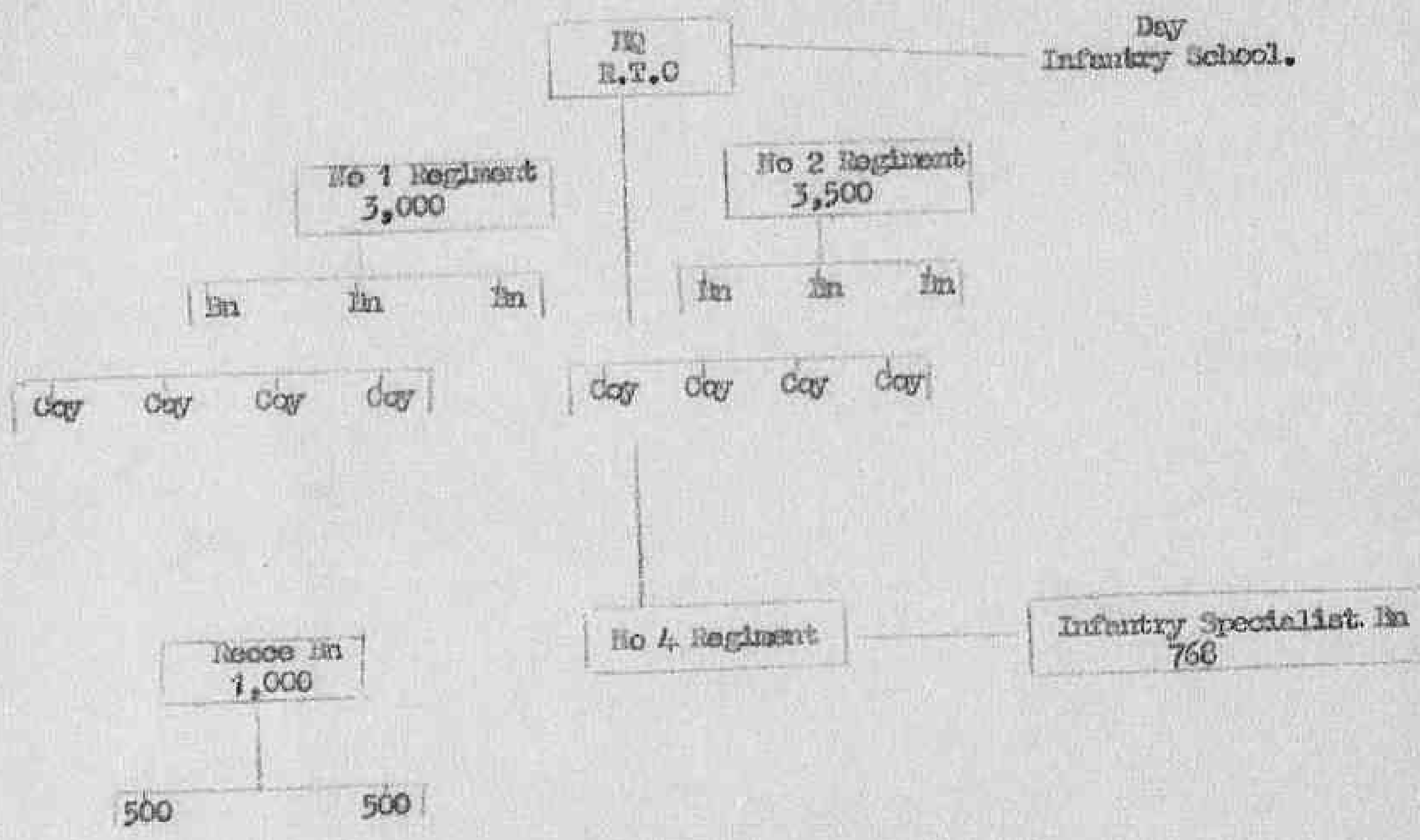
	Officers	Senior NCO's	Junior NCO's	Privates	Total.
No 1 Regiment	12	35	65	38	151
No 2 Regiment	-	54	143	-	197
No 4 Regiment HQ	10	9	9	51	79
Infantry Coys	18	32	64	69	183
Reconnaissance Battalion	30	31	69	47	177
Totals	70	162	350	205	787

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HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
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Tpt Pln for Ital Combat Gp.

SUBJECT:- Formation of

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Further to this HQ letter 48A79-99 dated 26 Feb 45.

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COMBAT GROUP**

(Italian Army Personnel)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT**(i) PERSONNEL**

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Detail	Headquarters	1-5 sections (each)	Total, transport platoon for an Italian combat group
Subalterns	1		1
Total, officers	1		1
Serjeants (a)	2		2
Corporals		1	1
Privates	7		7
Drivers	5	6	11
Total, rank and file	12	6	18
Total, other ranks	14	7	21
Total, transport platoon for an Italian combat group	15	7	22

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Transport Platoon for an Italian Combat Group

WAR ESTABLISHMENT—continued

(ii) DISTRIBUTION OF RANK AND FILE BY DUTIES

Detail	Headquarters	2-5 sections (each)	Total, transport platoon for an Italian combat group
Corporal i/c sections			
Privates for duty as—			
Clerk	1		1
I.M.G. detachment (b)	1		1
Cooks	3		3
Mechanic	1		1
Drivers for duty as—			
Battmen-driver	1		1
Motor-cyclists	2		2
Driver-mechanics	2		2
Drivers, I.C., vehicles	3	5	8
Total, rank and file ...	12	7	19

(iii) TRANSPORT

Motor-cycles, solo	3		3
Car, 2-seater, 4 × 4	1		1
Truck, 15-cwt., 4 × 2, G.S. (for I.M.G. detachment)	1		1
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 × 2, G.S. (tank)		6	6
Lorry, 3-ton, 4 × 2, G.S. (for cooks and baggage)	1		1
Trailer, 1-ton, 2-wheeled, water, 120 gallons	1		1

(a) One for administration, one to be i/c platoon.

(b) Includes one man trained in water duties.

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HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 794 US ARMY.

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6 Mar 45.

SUBJECT:- Formation of LAD for Ital Combat Co.

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B.V. WOOD,
Staff Captain,
for Lt Col,
AA & QMG.

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LIGHT AND DETACHMENT FOR AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
(Gruppo Lieve soccorso per un Gruppo Combattente Italiano)
(Italian Army personnel)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT
(ORGANICO DI GUERRA)

(1) Personnel (Personale)

Armament artificer (staff-serjeant)	1
(artificer armi)(sergente maggiore)	1
Vehicle mechanic(serjeant)	
(meccanico veicoli)(sergente)	
Total, staff-serjeants and serjeants	2
(Totale,sergente maggiore e sergente)	
Driver mechanics(mechanici autisti)	3
Electrician (elettricista)	1
Fitters (meccanici)	3
Welder (saldatore)	1
Storemen (including 1 corporal)	2
(magazzinieri(incluso 1 caporale))	
Total, rank and file	10
(Totale, graduati e truppa)	
Total, light aid detachment for un	12
Italian combat group	
(Totale, Gruppo lieve soccorso per un	
Gruppo combattente Italiano)	

(ii) <u>Transport</u> (Trasporto)	2
Motor cycles, solo (motociclette monoposto)	1
Trucks, 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	
(autocarri 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.)	1
Lorries, 3 ton 6 x 4 stores (binned)	
(autocarri 3 tonn 6 x 4 viven	
Tractor 6 x 4, breakdown	1
(autocarri 6 x 4 sussistua)	

NOTE (avviso)

1. L.A.Ds. will be provided for following units forming part

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Total, staff-serjeants and serjeants
(Totale, sergente maggiore e sergente)

2

Driver mechanics (meccanici autisti)
Electrician (eletttricista)
Fitters (meccanici)
Welder (saldatore)
Storemen (including 1 corporal)
(magazzinieri (incluso 1 caporale))

3
1
3
1
2

Total, rank and file

10

(Totale, graduati e truppa)

Total, light aid detachment for an

12

Italian combat group

(Totale, Gruppo lieve soccorso per un

Gruppo combattente Italiano)

(ii) Transport (Trasporto)

Motor cycles, solo (motociclette monoposto)

2

Trucks, 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.

1

(autocarri 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.)

Lorries, 3 ton 6 x 4 stores (binned)

1

(autocarri 3 ton 6 x 4 stores)

Tractor 6 x 4, breakdown

1

(autocarri 6 x 4 sussistenza)

NOTE (Avviso)

1. L.A.Ds. will be provided for following units forming part

of an Italian Combat Group :-

Each infantry regiment

1

Artillery regiment

1

Engineer battalion (1 for

3

Engineers, 1 for Signals)

5

Total

(L.A.Ds. verranno provvisti dalle seguenti unità che
formano parte di un gruppo combattente Italiano :-

Ciascun reggimento di fanteria

1

Regimento d'Artiglieria

1

Battaglio del genio (1 per il

3

genio, 1 per il collegamento)

5

Totale

This establishment will NOT be implemented without A.D.M.C. authority.
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APO No 794 US ARMY.

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AN ITALIAN INCORPORATION TO BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
(for Gruppo di Combattimenti) NORTH AFRICA

(Italian Army personnel)

FOR ESTABLISHMENT

Personnel

DETAIL	Officers	arrant officers class I	arrant officers class II	Staff-serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	lance-corporals	Privates	Total
Officer commanding (lieutenant) (a)	1								1
Duty N.C.O.									1
Interpreters									1
General dutymen									1
Drivers, I.C.									1
Batmen									1
Cooks for -									1
Officers' mess									1
Serjeants' mess									1
Rank and file mess									1
Total, an Italian increment to British liaison unit (for Gruppo di Combattimenti) North Africa.	1					3	1	17	22

(a) must be able to speak English.

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ITALIAN INCREMENT TO BRITISH LIAISON UNIT (FOR GRUPPO
DI COMBATTIMENTI) (NA/509/1)

Amendment No. 1.

Amdt No.	1
Date	19 Oct 44
Officers	1
O.Rs.	28
Total	29
M.Cs.	-
Vehicles	-
Trailers	-

UNDER

Personnel

add

Drivers, I.C. (privates)

- 7 (two w.e.f. 9 Nov 44)

Amend totals accordingly.

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HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 794 US ARMY.

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6 Mar 45.

SUBJECT:- Formation of Mech Engns Pln for Ital Combat Gp.

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**MECHANICAL ENGINEERS PLATOON FOR
AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP**

(Italian Army Personnel)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT**(i) PERSONNEL**

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Detail	Headquarters	Workshop	Total, mechanical engineers platoon for an Italian combat group
Captain	1	...	1
Total, officers	1	...	1
Mechanist sergeant-major	1	2	3
Mechanist staff-sergeants	1	2	3
Total, warrant officers and staff-sergeants	2	4	6
Administrative corporal	1	2	3
Blacksmiths	2	...	2
Clerks for M.T. stores (corporals)	2	...	2
Cooks	...	2	2
Carpenters	...	1	1
Coach painter	...	...	1
Drivers, I.C., for duty as—	1	...	1
Batman-driver	1	4	5
Drivers of vehicle	1	...	1
Motor-cyclist	...	...	...

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Mechanical Engineers Platoon for an Italian Combat Group

WAR ESTABLISHMENT—continued

(i) Personnel—continued

Detail	Headquarters	Workshop	Total, mechanical engineers platoon for an Italian combat group
Electricians ...	...	3	3
Sheet metal workers ...	...	2	2
Storeman (M.T. stores) ...	...	2	2
Trimmer ...	...	1	1
Vehicle mechanics ...	...	11	11
Total, rank and file ...	5	28	33
Total, other ranks ...	5	30	35
Total, mechanical engineers platoon for an Italian combat group ...	10	30	40

(ii) TRANSPORT

Motor-cycles, solo ...	2	...	2
Car, 2-seater, 4 x 2 ...	1	...	1
Trucks, 15-cwt., 4 x 2, G.S. (for maintenance duties) ...	...	2	2
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 2 ...	1	4	5
G.S. ...	...	2	2
Breakdown Workshop ...	1	...	1
Trailer, 1-ton, 2-wheeled, water, 180 gallons ...	...	...	...

NOTE

This unit will be used with the transport and supply company for an Italian combat group.

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HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 794 US ARMY.

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PROVOST SECTION (C.O.C.R.R.) FOR AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
(Sezione Polizia (C.O.C.R.R.) per un Gruppo Combattente Italiano.)

(Consisting of headquarters, 2 foot squads, and 1 motor-cycle squad.)
(Consistente di comando, 2 squadre a piede e 1 squadra motocicliste)

(Italian Army personnel)

PROVOST SECTION (ORGANICO DI GUERRA)

(i) Personnel (Personale)

DETAIL (Descrizione)	Headquarters (Comando)	2 foot squads (squad)	(2 squads a piedi (ciascuno))	1 motor-cycle squad (1 squadra motociclisti)	Total (Totale)
Officer commanding (subaltern) (Comandante (subalterno))	1				1
Subaltern (subalterno)	1				1
Total, officers (totale, ufficiali)	2				2
Squad leaders (serjeants) (comandanti di squadra (sergenti))		1			3
Clerk for pay duties (serjeant) (Scrivitore servizi paga (sergente))	1				1
Corporals (Caporali)	(a) 6	2		(b) 1	5
Privates (Truppa)		11		(b) 13	41
Total, other ranks (Totale, compresi sott'ufficiali)	7	14		15	50
Total, provost section (C.O.C.R.R.) for an Italian combat group (Totale, sezione di polizia (C.O.C.R.R.) per un gruppo combattente Italiano)	9	14		15	52
(ii) Transport (Trasporto)					
Motor-cycles, solo (motociclisti, monoposto)	1			13	3172
Car, 2-seater, 4 x 2 (auto, 2 posti, 4 x 2)	1				1
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4 x 2, G.S. (Autocarri, 15-cwt, 4 x 2, G.S.)		1			3

Officer commanding (subaltern) (Comandante (subalterno))	1					1
Subaltern (subalterno)	1					1
	2					2
Total, officers (totale, ufficiali)						
		1	1			3
Squad leaders (serjeants) (comandanti di squadra (sergenti))	1					1
Clerk for pay duties (serjeant) (Scrivitturale servizi paga (sergente))						5
Corporals (Caporali)	(a) 6	2	(b) 1			41
Privates (Truppa)		11	(b) 13			
Total, other ranks (totale, compresi sott'ufficiali)	7	14	15			50
Total, provost section (C.C.R.R.) for an Italian combat group (Totale, sezione di polizia (C.C.R.R.) per un gruppo combattente Italiano)	9	14	15			52
(ii) Transport (Trasporto)						
Motor-cycles, solo (motociclisti, monoposto)	1		13			3474
Car, 2-seater, 4 x 2 (auto, 2 posti, 4 x 2)	1	1	1			1
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4 x 2, G.S. (Autocarri, 15-cwt, 4 x 2, G.S.)	1					3
Lorry, 3-ton, 4 x 2, G.S. (Autocarro, 3-ton, 4 x 2, G.S.)						1
Total, vehicles (totale, veicoli)	2	1	1			5

(c) Includes 2 motor-cyclists.
(Inclusi 2 motociclisti;

(b) motor-cyclists (motociclisti).

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**A PROVOST SECTION (CCRR)
FOR AN ITALIAN COMBAT
GROUP**

(NA/524/1)

Amendment No. 1

Amdt No Date	1 16 Nov 44
Officers ORs	1 51
Total	52
MCs	14
Vehicles	5
Trailers	—

UNDER (i) Personnel

Under Headquarters

Delete Subaltern 1

Add Warrant officer 1

After Privates insert (includes 5 drivers, IC)

Amend totals accordingly

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