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CALL-UPS & RFTS

Ref your note att.

1. (a) The call-up situation is set out in simple form at Appendix "A". This shows that the big improvement took place in Jan, after the various methods enumerated in MIA TS/G/4 of 1 Jan had taken effect. The present situation of the combat groups is set out at Appx "B".
2. Owing to the fact that in the early days call-ups only yielded 50% of their target figure, we arranged twice the number of call-ups in order to reach the figures desired by AFHQ. As will be seen from Appx "A", the call-up figures for Feb have reached about 100%, and AFHQ has given us permission to regulate the call-ups according to:-

- (a) requirements for rfts and for formation of units, and
- (b) capacity of Base Depots.

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- (b) approved our call-up arrangements for so doing.

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Oct	652
Nov	298
Dec	506
Jan	450
Feb	2300
	<u>4206</u>

6. We are enrolling up to approx 500 patriots per month direct into the forward Combat Groups as required. We plan to take in 500 patriot volunteers during March, into CESANO. We are planning to absorb approx 2,500 patriots into Patriot Recce Bns vide file SD/26 of 1 March 45.

7. There are 5 screening agencies (15 all ranks) operating in the field under Patriot Branch AC. 5 additional screening agencies are being formed from within the existing screening agency ceiling for duty in screening the 5 patriot bands about to be incorporated into the Army as Recce Bns vide para 6.

13 March 1945

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Lt. Col.
G. S.

GAL/ta

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Gabinetto

No 205059/II di prot.

P.M. 3800, 27 Febbraio 1945
OGGETTO: disposizioni circa l'arruolamento e l'impiego dei volontari.

AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA
AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI
AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI
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ALLA DELEGAZIONE "M" DELLO S.M.R.E.
AL COMANDO " C.E.R.S.A."
AL COMANDO " C.E.R.S.E.T.I."
ALL'UFFICIO FARMACI DELLA PRES.ZA DEL CONS.MIN.
AL FRONTE CLANDESTINO DI RESISTENZA
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R° ESERCITO -Uff.Ord.e Mob.
AL COMANDO DEL VI NUCLEO REGIONALE

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P.M. 185

e, per conoscenza:

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AL MINISTERO GUERRA -Direz.Gen.Leva Sott.Truppa P.M. 3800
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Resta quindi sancita la assoluta parità di diritti e di doveri -nei riguardi dell'impiego - di volontari e coscritti.
- 3)-I distretti militari, il "CERSA" e "CERSVI" (con i relativi distaccamenti) sono incaricati dell'arruolamento dei "volontari per l'Esercito".

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- a)-capacità giuridica dell'interessato a contrarre arruolamento;
- b)-facoltà dell'interessato a presentare domanda in quanto non sottoposto ad obblighi di servizio;
- c)-idoneità fisica e morale.

Coloro che risultassero idonei saranno immediatamente arruolati e posti in "licenza straordinaria senza asservi in attesa di impiego."

Nei confronti di coloro che risultano appartenenti a distretti dell'Italia occupata con famiglia residente o domiciliata nel territorio occupato o non accessibile, la licenza straordinaria dovrà essere con assegnati.

A cura dei distretti, del "CERSA" e "CERSETI", sarà tenuto costantemente aggiornato un elenco nominativo dei "volontari per l'Esercito" arruolati con tutte le indicazioni atte a consentire il pronto richiamo dalla licenza per l'immissione nei reparti.

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Dette domande - istruite per quanto concerne l'idoneità dell'interessato - saranno segnalate ai comandi di territorio e di regione competenti. Questi riepilogheranno e trasmetteranno settimanalmente (ogni sabato) tali segnalazioni allo S.M.R.E. - Ufficio Ordinamento e Mobilitazione - che deciderà in merito.

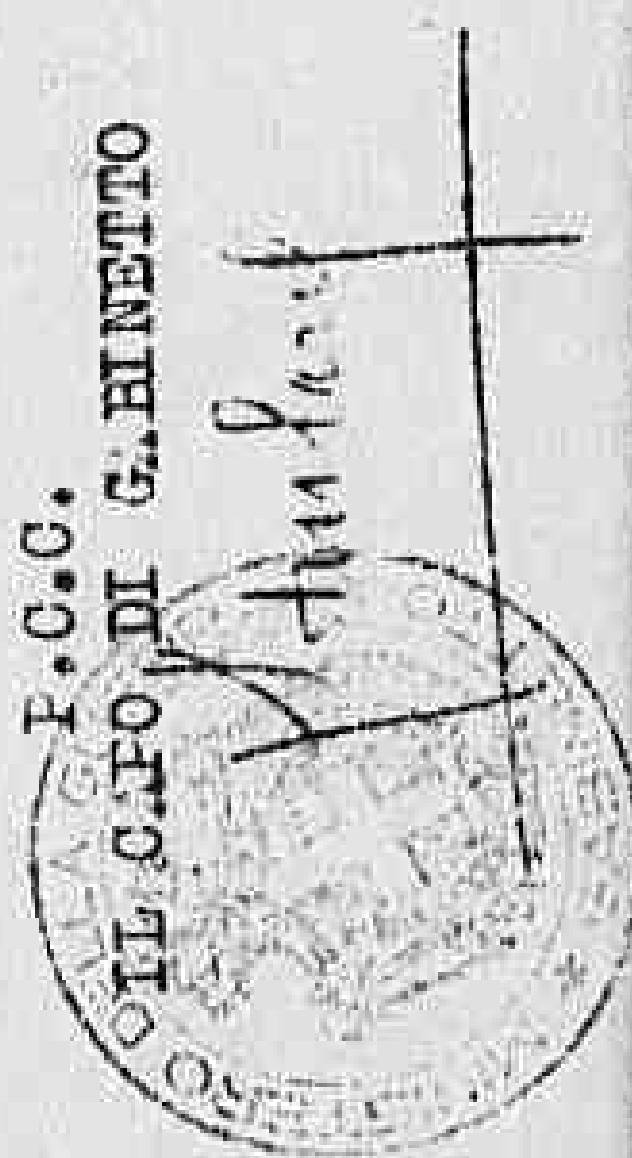
- 6) - A cura della Direzione Generale Leva, Sottufficiali e Truppa in accordo con gli organi interessati, saranno quante prima emanate le norme matricolari ed amministrative per l'applicazione delle presenti disposizioni.

- 7) - Per l'ulteriore sviluppo delle pratiche riguardanti l'oggetto della presente circolare gli Enti in indirizzo dovranno trattare direttamente con S.M.R.E. - Ufficio Ordinamento e Mobilitazione. -

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IL MINISTRO

F.to A. Casati

P.C.C.
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

TO: Territorial HQs
Regional HQs
Delegation "T" SURE
"CERSA" HQ
"CERSETI" HQ
Patriot Office, Rome
Clandestine Front of Resistance
SURE

18 Feb 1945

for information to: MMLA

SUBJECT: Instructions in respect of enlistment and employment of volunteers

1. The present temporary instructions which come into force immediately, amend the present rule concerning "volunteers".
2. The new legal denomination laid down for "volunteers" is that of "Volunteer for the Army" and is defined as follows :-

"whoever applies (not being, however, liable to military service and having the necessary physical and moral qualities) to be enlisted in the army for employment according to military requirements and in accordance with orders issued by the branches concerned"

Therefore, absolute equality of rights and duties in respect of the employment of volunteers and conscripts is thus sanctioned.

3. The Mil Districts, the CERSA and CERSETI (as well as with their respective detachments) are responsible for the enlistment of "volunteers for the army".

Applications will be made out ascertaining the following :-

- (a) Legal right of applicant to enlist
- (b) Right of applicant to apply owing to his non-obligation to enter in the army.
- (c) Physical fitness and moral qualities.

Those suitable will be immediately enlisted and placed on "Special leave without pay pending employment".

Districts CERSA and CERSETI will always keep an up to date nominal roll of "Volunteers for the army" enlisted, together with all particulars which will enable their quick recall from leave for onward posting to units.

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Territorial and Regional HQs will consolidate the various returns and forward same to SMRE each Saturday.

Decisions in respect of the employment of "Volunteers for the army" who have been enlisted under this procedure, are to be taken by SMRE in accordance with contingencies which are from time to time authorized by MGIA and from information as at para 3 above.

In assigning "Volunteers for the army" to combat units, priority should be given to "Patriots".

5. Soldiers in the services, or those being called up, who wish to be transferred to Combat units, can apply to the units to which they are on strength.

These applications, which will be completed as regards the qualities of the applicants, will be forwarded to the Territorial or Regional HQs concerned. These HQs will forward same each Saturday to SMRE which will decide on these applications.

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6. Personnel Branches of General Directorates will, in agreement with other Branches concerned, issue shortly instructions regarding registration and admin procedure for the application of this directive.

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/s/ The Minister

7) For further dealing with applications on the subject of the present decision, units addressed above should deal directly with IMEC.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

IN

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P.M. 3800, li 18 febb. 1945

OGGETTO : disposizioni circa l'arruolamento e l'impiego dei volontari.

AL COMANDI DI TERRITORIO LORO SEDI
AI COMANDI MILITARI DI REGIONE LORO SEDI
ALLA DELEGAZIONE "T" S.M.R.E. P.M. 179
AL COMANDO "CERSA" P.M. 185
AL COMANDO "CERSETI" P.M. 3800

ALL'UFFICIO PATRIOTI della Presidenza del Con-
siglio dei Ministri

AL FRONTE CLANDESTINO DI RESISTENZA ROMA
ALLO S.M.R.E. - Ufficio Ord. e Mob. ROMA
P.M. 3800

e, per conoscenza:

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dei volontari e coeserviti.

ALL'UFFICIO PATRIOTI della Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

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IL MINISTRO

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RESTRICTEDSUBJECT: Personnel Statistics - Italian Army (BR-ITI)Italian Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(H.M.I.A.)SD/42
18 Feb 45O.2.E.
(M.V.)copy to: AFHQ for CI (Br) AI.Ref your Q2E/70661/Stats of 12 Feb.

1. Under authority AFHQ AG.091.711/169 OCT.0 dated 16 November 44 the reinforcement of BR-ITI Units has been dealt with by AFHQ.

2. This will be supervised by MIA W.S.F. 10 Mar 45 under authority AFHQ CR/1644/G-1 (Br.) dated 5 Feb 45, after which data returns showing the situation regarding BR-ITI service units will be made by this H.Q. and copies will be forwarded to you as requested.

3. Please see copy MIA letter SD/42 dated 14 Feb 45 att which shows detailed procedure for rpt of BR-ITI service units.

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Major General,
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Major General,
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PERSONNEL SITUATION OF ITALIAN COMBAT TROOPS AS AT
(Combat Groups and Auxiliary Units only are included)

ARM	TYPE		POSTED STRENGTH		SURPLUS OR DEFICIENCY		AVAILABLE RPTS IN ITALY		CASUALTIES SINCE LAST RETURN					
									KILLED		WOUNDED		MISSING	
	ffrs	CRs	ffrs	CRs	ffrs	CRs	ffrs	CRs	ffrs	CRs	ffrs	CRs	ffrs	CRs
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)
Artillery														
Field Engineers														
Signals														
Infantry														
Supply & Transport														
Medical														
Mechanical Engineers														
Others														
TOTAL														

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12 Feb 45.

Land Forces Sub-Commission AC (MMLA).

SUBJECT:- Personnel statistics.

AFHQ require a proforma, as shown in the appendix to this letter, to be completed each month in respect of BR-ITI troops, showing (a) combat and (b) service troops separately.

Returns should be at the first day of each month commencing 1 Feb 45.

Will you please acknowledge advising the date this return can be expected to arrive at this headquarters each month.

CMF.

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[Signature]
Brigadier
DA
GHQ 2nd Echelon.

Copy to:- AFHQ G1(B)A1 (Your CR/1917/G1(B)
dated 6 Feb 45 refers).

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PERSONNEL SITUATION OF *Other Combat* TROOPS ~~IN~~ AS AT

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dated 12 Feb 45~~

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

File No: SD/41

Feb 45

TO : H.E. Count CASATI
MINISTER FOR WAR

1. This is to draw your attention to the fact that personnel enlisting into the Italian Army do so on the same terms as enlistment into any other army, that is to say, personnel are liable to be sent to any type of formation and be used according to the exigencies of the service.
2. I bring the point up at this stage because there is a growing popularity for joining the Combat Gps. As your Excellency well knows, the ceiling for the Combat Gps is approximately one fifth of the ceiling for the whole Army and can NOT be increased. While in no way failing to appreciate the excellent spirit which animates the desire for combat, I feel the time will soon come when volunteer recalls or call-ups for combat may have to be diverted to other units. The employment of these other units, although not as spectacular as the combat gps, is just as important in the Allied war effort.
3. Priority for incorporation into the Gruppi is at present the patriot volunteer together with a small proportion of 1924/25 class call-up.
4. I shall be pleased if your Excellency will bring the above to the notice of Territorial HQ's and Districts as the appropriate branches of the War Ministry.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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1st Ind.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C. (MMIA) 30 January 1945

TO : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512, U.S. ARMY

1. Attached as Appx "A" are corrected figures as required by para 5 of basic letter.

2. The allocation of clothing and equipment will be as determined by MTOUSA. However, MMIA will assist by furnishing available Italian clothing and equipment.

Clayton P. KERR Colonel
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Incl #1 - Appx "A"

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Appx "A" to 1st Ind. AFHQ letter
AG 091.711/001 OCT-0 dated 26
January 1945

STATE OF ITALIAN ARMY MANPOWER
AT 22 JAN 45, FOR JAN, FEB, AND MARCH

Category	Ceiling	Actual Strength	Monthly Wastage	Current Def	Def end Jan	Def end Feb	Def end Mar
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
<u>Service Troops</u>							
5th ARMY incl Mule Coys	14,000	13,381	1,650	619	1,444	1,650	1,650
PBS	54,500	48,129	1,375	6,371	7,059	1,375	1,375
RFTS	4,500						
AIR CORPS	5,500	5,516	138		53	191	191
CORSICA	5,000	4,891	NONE TO BE SUPPLIED				
TOTAL	83,500	71,917	3,163	6,990	8,556	3,213	3,213

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Appx "A" (cont'd)NOTE:

Deficiencies will be reduced as follows:

(1) Bn from SARDINIA ETA 2 Feb	500
Bn from CALABRIA ETA Feb	425
LAZIO Call-up to 28 Jan	1162
SICILY Call-up to 28 Jan	1945
(Shipped 5 ARMY on 27 Jan)	
SICILY Call-up enroute to ASTRONI	276
	4307
 SICILY Call-up expected Feb	1000
SARDINIA Call-up expected Feb	1500
APULIA Call-up expected Feb	3000
	9807

(2) Def 3216 - 1251 furnished in Feb Net Def of 1965.
Proposed Call-up: SARDINIA 1500, CALABRIA 3000 4500.

(3) Def 3216 - 2535 furnished in March Net 661 to be
furnished in April Call-up.

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AG 091.711/051 GCT-0

26 January 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Army Manpower US-ITI

TO : President, Allied Commission, APO 394.
 FOR: Land Forces Sub Commission (MFA).

1. Attached as appendix "A" is a table showing an estimate of US-ITI Manpower strength during January, February and March, of 1945.

2. The following figures concern the status of ITI service troops under US command.

	<u>Gross Deficiency</u>	<u>Reinforcements</u>	<u>Net Deficiency</u>
End January	11,826	7,430	4,396
End February	16,176	11,930	4,246
End March	20,526	16,430	4,096

3. It is requested that MFA examine and submit a report as soon as possible as to whether the allocation of clothing and equipment requirements can be fulfilled in light of future commitments.

4. It appears that the three months now under review will be the most unfavorable of the year and that later the wastage will be materially reduced.

5. You are requested to forward comments on figures shown above, on or before 5 February 1945.

By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:

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R. H. Frese
 R. H. FRESE,
 Captain, AGD,
 Asst Adjutant General.

1 Incl
 US-ITI Manpower Strength Report
 of January, February, and
 March, 1945.

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15 January 1945

AG 091.711/055 GCT-0

SUBJECT: Italian Ordnance Personnel

TO : President, Allied Commission, APO 394
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (LMIA)

1. A request has been received for further Italian army personnel for training in Ordnance duties (BR-ITI) as follows:

Officers	-	3
Clerks	-	53
Storemen	-	94

make a note of

2. The following take priority for the provision of reinforcements:

① Combat Troops	deficient 4000
② Pack Transport Companies	" 1000 + wastage
③ Railway Engineers	" 1200
④ Drivers MT	— 2500 AC + service des.

3. Provided there is no clash with these priority requirements, will you please arrange for suitable personnel to be selected and dispatched to the Royal Army Ordnance Corps Training Establishment.

By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:



Brilliant document MHE
2. ref



R. H. Freese
R. H. FRESE,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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G.I. Para 3. There is bound to be a clash until we fill the
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This does not call for a reply. Let us review the
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AG 091.711/051 GCT-C

14 January 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Army Manpower - BR-ITI.

TO : President, Allied Commission, APO 394.
 FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA).

1. Reference is made to, this headquarters, cable F-83717, dated 12 January 1945. Attached at Appendix "A" is a table showing an estimate of the Italian BR-ITI Manpower State during January, February and March of 1945.

2. Excluding the combat reinforcements carried within the Service Ceiling, and giving up entirely the formation of new units, the following figures summarize the position:

a. SERVICE TROOPS (Cumulative totals)

	<u>Gross Deficiency</u>	<u>Reinforcements</u>	<u>Net Deficiency on WE</u>
End JAN	20,386	11,695	8,691
End FEB	26,936	15,695	11,241
End MAR	33,486	23,695	9,791

b. COMBAT TROOPS (Cumulative totals)

	<u>Gross Deficiency</u>	<u>Reinforcements</u>	<u>Net Deficiency on WE</u>
End JAN	14,926	6,403	8,523
End FEB	19,426	12,403	7,023
End MAR	23,926	20,403	3,523

3. Provision of drivers for the Allied Commission has NOT been considered in these figures, nor has the proposed demobilization of 60,000 troops when Northern Italy is liberated. The 3,000 PICENO troops now serving under the control of the Allied Commission have been included in the reinforcements for Combat Groups.

4. In spite of the fact that the reinforcement figures are slightly higher than the allocation of clothing and equipment which Q(AE) are able to make available (6000 per month), it will be noted that the Service Troops are likely to continue to decrease in number.

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5. Reinforcements for Combat Groups are also shown at a higher figure than there are immediate prospects of clothing and equipping but it will be noted that the present large deficiency in Combat Troops could be greatly reduced, and possibly eliminated, by further sacrifice of Service Troops.

6. It is likely that the three months under review will be the worst of the year, and that later the wastage will decrease with the coming of fine weather.

7. The future policy regarding BR-ITI troops is under review, but you are requested to forward comments on the figures shown, as soon as possible.

By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:

Jack Carter
JACK CARTER,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

1 Incl
Appendix "A"

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STATEMENT OF ITALIAN ARMY CAPPOWER AT 12 JAN 55, for JAN,

Sub-Category	Ceiling	Auth. Strength	Actual Strength	EXISTING UNITS					NEW UNITS	
				Monthly Last- age	Current Defici- ency	Defici- ency end Jan	Defici- ency end Feb	Defici- ency end Mar	25% in Feb	+25% Mar
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)
SERVICE Tps										
5th Army (Brit. Inc.)			(13,470)	1,353						
1 Army			(10,770)	1,139						
1 District			(13,148)	1,300						
3 District			(17,340)	1,000						
Existing Pack Coys			()	700						
New Pack Coys			()	1,200						
New Trg. Centre	93,000	64,136	()	100	9,136	15,736	22,266	26,636		
Reinforcements	4,650	4,650			4,650	4,650	4,650	4,650		
TOTAL-Service Tps	97,650	68,786	54,750	6,550	13,836	20,386	29,926	33,436	3,500	7,000
									26,936	33,436
									30,436	40,436

* Add for balance
of Combat Rfts,
Not within Combat
ceiling

COMBAT Tps					2,431	2,431	2,431	2,431	2,431	2,431
COMBAT GR UPS	45,000	45,040	13,600	4,000	4,040	6,000	10,000	14,000		
AUXILIARY UNITS	3,000	5,111	3,534	500	1,907	2,407	2,907	3,407		
COMBAT Rfts	9,000	8,519*			6,519	6,519	6,519	6,519		
TOTAL-Combat Tps	57,000	57,000	44,534	4,500	12,466	14,926	19,426	23,926		

SOURCE	Numbers	Total
(1)	(a)	(a)
...DIPMA	2,000	
...LUCANIA	6,000	20,400

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INCLOSURE - GRAHAM SPOKE (.) REPORT REQUIRED ON PROJECT FOR
SUPPLY MILITARY DRIVERS FOR ALCOM AS UNDER (.) TEMPORARY
ITALIAN ARMY SCHOOL TO BE SET UP BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES TO
TRAIN 1500 DRIVERS PER MONTH FOR 3 AND 6 MONTHS (.) 250
VEHICLES TO BE PROVIDED FROM SHIPMENTS FOR ALCOM (.) ADM
STAFF 200 (.) DRIVING INSTRUCTORS 250 (.) TRAINERS TO BE
CALLED UP AT RATE 1500 PER MONTH FROM OVERAGE GROUPS
(MEN OF AGE 31 AND OLDER) STARTING EARLIEST (.) ACCOMMODATION
BY ARRANGEMENT ITALIAN AUTHORITIES (.) REPLY GIVING ESTIMATE
OF DATE COMMENCEMENT TRAINING AND SUGGESTED LOCATION OF SCHOOL
(.) ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTION IS THAT DRIVING INSTRUCTORS MIGHT
BE CIVILIAN

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REPLACEMENTS FOR US-ITI UNITS IS SUBJECT (*) LETTER HQ BTUSA
DATED 20 DEC SAME SUBJECT DEFERS (*) REQUIREMENTS FOR PFC ONLY
ARE : REQUIRED TO BRING STRENGTH UP TO CEILING AUTHORIZATION, 6137
; REQUIRED FOR ATTRITIONAL LOSSES 1363 ; TOTAL 7499 (*) THESE
FIGURES MAKE NO PROVISION FOR 4000 REPLACEMENTS TO BE AVAILABLE IN
STAGING AREA FOR US-ITI UNITS

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-3 DIVISION

FILE NO : ASD/928

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SUBJECT : Provision of Italian Drivers for Allied Commission
in N.W. ITALY.

MEMO TO : All concerned.

29 December, 1944.

1. A meeting will be held at 10-30 hours on Tuesday 2nd January in the
CAO Conference Room to discuss the above subject.

It is requested that all addressees be represented.

2. GENERAL.

A total of approximately 1,700 vehicles are being made available for
Allied Commission to distribute civil relief in N.W. ITALY. It has been proposed
that these vehicles be driven by Italian military instead of civilian personnel,
and properly organised into G.T. Coys and Q.M. Truck Coys.

3. PROVISION OF PERSONNEL

There is a very great shortage of Italian military manpower, and
personnel becoming available from all sources are inadequate to meet existing
commitments. If it is agreed that Italian military personnel are required to
drive these vehicles, priorities must be fixed for the allocation of personnel
to meet all commitments.

4. The following figures are given for information and as a guide for
addressees.

A. Estimated intake per month from all sources
including call-up - 10,000

These 10,000 have been allocated as follows:-

BR-ITI Service Troops	-	3,000
BR-ITI Combat Troops	-	3,000
US-ITI Service Troops	-	3,000
ITI-ITI	-	1,000

B. Against the availability shown in A above there appears to be the
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New Pack Tpt Coys	-	4,000
To bring existing units up to .75/70	-	6,000
To replace wastage	-	6,000
To replace wastage for combat groups at 15%	-	6,500
New commitment for drivers for AC for Jan.	-	?

5. From para 4 it is seen that the availability is inadequate to meet commitments, and it is for consideration, whether existing units can be disbanded to provide the required numbers of drivers. It is pointed out however, that the replies received to our ASD/922.8 dated 4 December indicated that in no instances could any branches or services release units for disbandment to provide reinforcements/replacements for other units. It is presumed therefore, that all Italian service units are fully employed.

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6. It is understood that the British personnel for cadres can, with difficulty, be provided from disbanded A.A., but this will be at the expense of other arms

7. CEILINGS.

All sections of the ITI-ITI category, are up to strength, and it is therefore impossible, without requesting the Combined Chiefs of Staff to increase the approved ceiling, to hold these drivers within the ITI-ITI ceiling. If the G.T. Coys and C.A.A. Truck coys are to have allied cadres it is considered that the units should be held within the national categories (i.e. BR-ITI and US - ITI) and attached to the Allied Commission for duty.

8. TRAINING OF DRIVERS

It is understood that US will make arrangements for training the drivers for the C.A.A. Truck Coys.

The training of the drivers for G.T. Coys can be achieved in two ways.

- A. By the allocation of one existing Italian G.T. Coy to be used as a training school, estimated to provide 800 drivers every six weeks.
- B. The establishment of a special school. This will require the provision of instructors (approx 200), accommodation and vehicles. There will also be a delay in providing drivers while the school was being established.

9. AGENDA

- A. Is it accepted that the provision of drivers for Allied Commission for relief in N.7. Italy is an Italian military commitment?
- B. How and when are the vehicles being made available?
- C. How many G.T. Coys and C.A.A. Truck Coys are to be formed, and how many drivers are required to complete the commitment?
- D. Having regard to shortage of Italian military manpower, how are drivers to be made available? Can any existing units be disbanded to provide drivers? What is the priority for provision of these personnel as opposed to other requirements?
- E. Can necessary cadres be provided. Both BR and US?
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D. Anderson
18/11/51

DANIEL NCEE,
Major General, G.S.C.,
Assistant Chief of Staff G-3.

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SECRETSUBJECT: Italian Army StrengthLAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. TS/C/4
/ Jan 45TO : AFHQ (C-3 Org) - 5 copiesGENERAL

1. Ref your FX 74294 dated 23 Dec, I feel that you should know the difficulties confronting MIA as regards maintenance of Italian Army strength and the action taken.

CEILING AND STRENGTH

2. Appendix "a" attached shows the ceilings and strengths by categories as at 31 Dec 44. From this it can be seen that some 48,000 personnel were required to complete to ceiling, apart from replacement of wastage, while the "gross" reinforcements total only 2,000 for R-ITIS.

PAST HISTORY

3. In Aug 44 the Army was 32,000 over strength and MIA was instructed to reduce to 305,000.
4. In Oct 44 the strength fell by 17,000 and this was reported to you with reasons in MIA letter C/11/5 of 29 Oct 44.
5. On 31 Oct 44 BCS (SD) AFHQ personally visited this HQ and stated that owing to lack of clothing all call-ups should be temporarily suspended. However, after discussion, he agreed to nominal call-ups and this was confirmed in MIA letter SD/49 of 31 Oct.

6. Since then, Call-ups have taken place as follows:-

AREA	TARGET	RESULT
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ABRUZZI	6,000	2,000

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7. A Call-up is proceeding in SICILY now - see para 12 (e) below.

8. A further Call-up is projected:-

(a) For CALABRIA, ANCONA and March - vide MIA signal SD 1042 dated 17 Dec. - ... made or shipping.

(b) For UMBRIA and MARCHE. This depends on accommodations for the personnel called up. The Italian owned barracks are now in occupation of the Allies. My AQ/2453 dated 31 Dec refers.

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9. The two main reasons for the present situation are:-

- (a) Meagre results of Call-ups.
(b) Heavy and abnormal wastage.

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The reasons for 9 (a) are:-

- (a) Lack of enthusiasm to enlist, owing to war weariness, sense of defeat and despair, economic conditions, conditions of service including shortage of clothing, blankets etc. This is the fundamental reason.
- (b) Feeling against enlistment due to the remains of pro-Fascism, to reluctance to enter an Army which had failed so disastrously and reluctance to furthering the Allied Cause at a time when the Armistice terms are not known and ITALY is being treated as a conquered nation - vide in this connection report by Captain OLIVER 51 Field Security Section dated 28 Dec on the SICILY Call-up.
- (c) Over-lenient exemption laws.
- (d) Lack of territorial organization.
- (e) Difficulties and inefficiency of the Italian Military Authorities in organizing Call-ups.
- (f) Weakness and loss of prestige of CC MR in enforcing Call-up.
- (g) Shortage of transport in collection or round-up of personnel in Call-up.
- (h) Difficulty of estimating the numbers of each class owing to the great movement in population.

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The reasons for 9 (b) are:-

- (a) Widespread desertion or A.W.C.L. for reasons as in 10 (a) coupled with the high prices realized by deserters in the Black Market for their blankets, boots etc.
- (b) Difficulty of prevention of desertion, owing to poor discipline and lack of control, ease of "get-away" under existing conditions and lack of adequate punishment.
- (c) Many changes of plan, doubtless inevitable, such as:-
 - (1) Clothing for Combat Groups - during Sept/Oct. the responsibility for provision was changed 4 times, resulting in men having only their worn out summer clothing till 1 Nov.
 - (11) Role of PIGNO Combat Group - changed from Combat to I.S. to loan to CC MR and now required to provide reinforcement.

- (c) Over-lenient exemption laws.
- (d) Lack of territorial organization.
- (e) Difficulties and inefficiency of the Italian Military authorities in organizing Call-ups.
- (f) Weakness and loss of prestige of CC MR in enforcing Call-up.
- (g) Shortage of transport in collection or round-up of personnel in Call-up.
- (h) Difficulty of estimating the numbers of each class owing to the great movement in population.

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The reasons for 9 (b) are:-

- (a) Widespread desertion or A.W.O.L. for reasons as in 10 (a) coupled with the high prices realized by deserters in the Black Market for their blankets, boots etc.
- (b) Difficulty of prevention of desertion, owing to poor discipline and lack of control, ease of "get-away" under existing conditions and lack of adequate punishment.
- (c) Many changes of plan, doubtless inevitable, such as:-

(1) Clothing for Combat Groups - during Sept/Oct. the responsibility for provision was changed 4 times, resulting in men having only their worn out summer clothing till Nov.

(11) Role of PIGMENT Combat Group - changed from Combat to I.S. to loan to CC MR and now required to provide reinforcements.

This re-arranging had wide repercussions on the morale of this sentimental and despondent people.

ACTION TAKEN

12. The following action has, however, been taken:-

(a) Attempt has been made to raise enthusiasm and morale by statements in the Press of the good work done by the Italian Army; parade of Combat Groups through Rome; improvement in pay and conditions of service; a drive for better welfare arrangements; an Italian Army Newspaper (about to be started); insistence, as far as possible, that Italian Officers (the weak link) look after their men etc.

(b) Stricter exemption laws. In this connection, I would mention the large number of exemptions in 3 District approved in your FX 65505 of 8 Dec. PBS give practically no exemptions.

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(c) Introduction of a complete territorial reorganization - vide MIA letter 15/12 dated 25 Dec.

(d) Better organization of Call-ups. MIA LC's have been present during the addition and deletion Call-ups and their comments and recommendations have been sent to Ministry of War.

(e) The work of the CC ER has been ordered to take energetic steps to see that CC ER is their job properly. In SICILY, the intention, some 60 men who did not obey the Call-up have been arrested and punished. The result has been that this Call-up is proceeding more satisfactorily than in the past.

Moreover, with the organization of mobile CC ER Bns (see your 014.11/253 OCT-0 of 23 Dec) CC ER will have more control and their prestige will be raised thereby. This can be extended to all ITALY and SARDINIA in due course.

(f) Owing to the repair organization set up by MIA in SARDINIA (to be extended later to the mainland) more M.T. are becoming available.

(g) Organization of proper reinforcement depots at BRISBANE, ADELPHI, TONKIN and CHINA, a place of the large number of dispersed small depots.

(h) Request to you for the return of 3,000 personnel of FIORENTINO about Group sent to CC ER, who are now over their ceiling. HQ A.G. letter 5606/005 of 31 Dec refers.

(i) Introduction by Ministry of War of a more severe scale of punishments and quickening up of the procedure for awarding same. This includes the setting up of Divisional Tribunals with wide powers of punishment.

(j) I have discussed with the Italian military authorities the possibility of demanding the repatriation of P of W for service with the Italian army. The G.I.S. has applied to P of W Sub-Commission A.G. for the repatriation of 2,000 officers and 24,000 G.I.s. These would be specially selected, the officers largely of the Army Command variety and the men specialists - which we so badly need. I am entirely in favour of this scheme, which will be forwarded to you shortly. I have reason to believe that there would be a willing response from the P of W, though I appreciate the shipping and other difficulties.

It is to be noted that the best section of the Italian people is either P of W or the extra virile population in the North. We are thus trying to compete with, in the whole, the least suitable Italian manpower.

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CONCLUSION

15. (l) From all the above it will be realized that the present State of Affairs is the result of a conglomeration of inevitable causes, inherent in the existing situation and many of which are beyond MIA control.

(m) Energetic action will continue to be taken and it is hoped that the Italian manpower situation will gradually right itself when the Xmas/New Year period (which has resulted in much A.W.O.L.) is over and as the action taken begins to take effect.

d. Brumby
Major General
M. A. I. R.

Copy to: C.A.O.

ITALIAN ARMY - STRENGTHS AND CEILINGS

as known at 22 Dec 1944

US - ITIS			BR - ITIS			ITI - IT IS		
CLASS	CEILING	STRENGTH	CLASS	CEILING	STRENGTH	CLASS	CEILING	STRENGTH
Service Units	79,000	71,001	Service Units	93,000	56,528	Italian Adm	27,000	24,67
Rfts	4,500		Combat Tys (Incl FICEMO Group)	57,000	55,527	AA & CD)		
			Rfts	10,500	12,503	AC Internal)		
						Security &)	38,300	36,43
						Italian Int)		
						Sec(SEC))		
						Rfts	3,700	5,92
						Corabinieri	55,000	54,32
						Army personnel on loan to CC.BR		1,22
<u>TOTALS</u>	83,500	71,001		160,500	124,558		124,000	122,72

NOTES: US-ITIS has no "free" reinforcements except those carried in the U.S. Service Ceiling..

BR-ITIS. Of the 12503 shown, 5,000 are already in process of assignment to BR-ITI Service Units sent forward as reinforcements for Combat Groups or towards the volunteer programme. are thus only 2,000

ITI-ITIS. Of the 5953 shown, 4500 were in SARDINIA awaiting shipment to the mainland and sub the remaining 1400 were personnel in transit or contained in small units ordered to There are thus no "free" reinforcements.

ITALIAN ARMY - STRENGTHS AND CEILING

as known at 22 Dec 1944

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Appendix "A" to "ITA

Letter TG/C/L of 1 Jan 45.

BR - ITIS			ITI - IT IS			TOTAL ITALIAN ARMY	
CLASS	CEILING	STRENGTH	CLASS	CEILING	STRENGTH	CEILING	STRENGTH
Service Units	93,000	56,516	Italian Adm	27,000	24,679		
Combat Trs	57,000	55,597	AA & CD				
Incl FICEMO			AC Internal				
Group)			Security &	38,300	36,419		
			Italian Int				
fts	10,500	12,503	Sec(SER)				
			Rfts	3,700	5,953		
			Carabinieri	55,000	54,377		
			Army personnel				
			on loan to		1,259		
			CC, RR				
	160,500	124,558		124,000	122,727	368,000	319,086

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5,000 are already in process of assignment to BR-ITI Service Units. A further 5500 have since been assigned for Combat Groups or towards the ruleteer programme. The "free" reinforcements available

4500 were in SARDINIA awaiting shipment to the mainland and subsequent assignment to Categories; while 5000 were personnel in transit or contained in small units ordered to be disbanded or not at that time assigned. "free" reinforcements.

SUBJECT: Disposal of Italian Prisoners.

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LAND FORCES STAFF-COM. A.C.
(M.F.I.A.)SD/50
Jan 45

TO : AFEC

para 4

Ref your AG 001.711/169 OCT-0 of 25 Dec. *please see this ref 75/5/4*
 1. *Jan. and 9/11/5 of 29 Oct* *in November the numbers*
 Ref your para 4, the monthly programme is so planned that the per-
 centages allocated to categories should be US-ITI 30% BR-ITI Combat 30%,
 BR-ITI Service 30% ITI-ITI 10%. This was the case for *available full short of the*
 November. In certain *forecasts in which the monthly*
 cases the numbers of personnel provided for call-ups are not in accord with
 forecasts.

2. Ref your para 6.a. Attention is called to, for example, the trans-
 fer of 407 and 408 Inf Regts from page 6 Cat. 3 (October) to page 15 Cat 6B
 (November) pending their final transfer to USAF/ATO which you ordered later. *plan had been made and*
Br It service units received
fewer of
in consequence
 The decrease may be analysed by a careful comparison of the two orders of battle. *your*
letter

3. Ref your para 6.b. Attention is called to page 1 summary for both
 months where Category 3 SARDINIA shows a similar decrease. This also appears
 under the detail for SARDINIA in the body of the order of battle. *refers*

4. ~~The statement regarding Category 6 is not understood; it includes all~~
 personnel within the ceiling which cannot be specifically assigned to units or
 categories.

4. Ref your Para 7. The figures quoted may be analysed by a careful
 comparison of the two orders of battle. *are a number of*
 It will be noted that in November *3891*
 considerably greater detail is shown. It is pointed out that the total
 accounted for, 325,000, showed an overall decrease of approx 6,000 during the
 month.

See also
 MHA 9/11/5 of 29 Oct

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

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By Authority of

SACM

Initials *RH*

Date 15 December 1944

AG 091.711/169 GCT-O

SUBJECT: Disposal of Italian Manpower.

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

1. Reference is made to MMIA SD/50, dated 19 December 1944.

2. In paragraph 4 of letter this headquarters, file AG 091.711/169 GCT-O, dated 30 October 1944, subject: "Transfer from AAI to AFHQ of Responsibility for Control of Italian Army Manpower and Organization", it was stated that the distribution of Italian Army Manpower would be as follows:

	Specialist Personnel	Non-Specialist Personnel
United States	1/3	1/3
British	1/3	)
Combat Groups	1/3	) 2/3

3. In paragraph 10 of letter, this headquarters, file ASD/922.2, dated 14 December 1944, MINUTES of the meeting on Reinforcement and Training of the Italian Army, the above allotment was modified to allow 1000 recruits in every 10,000 to go to ITI-ITI units.

4. The percentages allocated to categories in November 1944 are approximately as follows:

US-ITI (Service) - 37%	BR-ITI (Combat) - 35%
BR-ITI (Service) - 18%	ITI-ITI - 10%

5. It is requested that you make the necessary adjustments in current replacement program so that the proportions are corrected.

6. The following related subject is brought to your attention. In MMIA G/11 dated 27 October 1944 and 27 November 1944, the following figures appear in the summaries:

Category 3.

- a. The October figure for BR-ITIs is 63,495
The November figure for BR-ITIs is 57,476
This shows a DECREASE of 6,019
- b. The October figure for US-ITIs is 56,712
The November figure for US-ITIs is 62,829
This shows an INCREASE of 6,117

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What a "danger"

There is in the summary the answer in two adjoining lines!! US-ITI
Summary decrease was the month is 6,000!!

see 15 Cat 3 107/1008
see 12 Cat 3 107/1008
see 16 Cat 3 107/1008
see 18 Cat 3 107/1008

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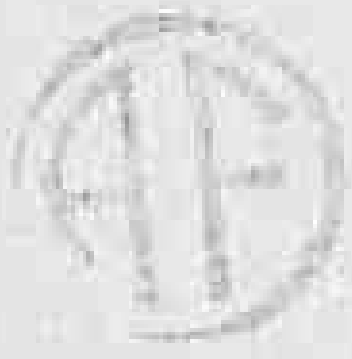
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dtd 25 December 1944, (Cont'd)

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The Category 6 'Unassigned Personnel' cannot, of course, be added to any Allied category until such personnel are in fact assigned to units. It is requested that you adjust future orders of battle to conform.

7. From the figures given in paragraph 5 above, it is apparent that the discrepancy between US and British Service units has grown by 12,000 in one (1) month. Will you please investigate and report as soon as possible the reasons for this distribution.

By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:



R. H. Frese
R. H. FRESE,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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Ltr Hq AFHQ, file AG 091.711/169 GCT-O,
dtd 25 December 1944, (Cont'd)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-3 (ORG-A) SECTION.

FILE NO : ASD/922.2

SUBJECT : Reinforcement and Trg. of the Italian Army.

TC : All Concerned.

Further to this HQ even reference dated 14 Dec. '44.

The following notes have been passed to this Section for publication:

PARA 8

G-1(A) and G-1(B) are asked to arrange for an IMIA representative to be present at this meeting.

PARA 10 - Issue of Blankets

Policy governing the issue of blankets is laid down in paras 1 and 3 of annex "E" to this HQ letter AG 400/105 D-O dated 22 Sep. '44

PARA 12 - Tentage

Last sentence: for action (Maint) read action (AE)

PARA 15 - Transit Camps

To action sections, add (Maint)

PARA 16

Land Forces Sub Commission state that the words "or were unserviceable" should be deleted as they were NOT used.

APPENDIX "B"

Amend category for AREZZO Transit Camp to read BR - III

L. Charles Evans
for DANIEL NOCE, Lt Col
Major General, G.S.C.,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

JNG/vp

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APPENDIX "B"

Amend category for AREZZO Transit Camp to read BR - ITI

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Charles Francis
for DANIEL MOORE, Lt Col
 Major General, G.S.C.,
 Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

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G-1 (A)	2
G-1 (B)	2
G-3 (Org-E)	1
G-4 (A)	1
G-4 (B)	1
G-4 (M & Tn)	1
Q(Maint)	2
Q(AE)	2
QM	2
G-5	1
G2E	1
Engrs.	2
D, Works.	1
D, Tn (B)	2
Sigs.	2
S & T.	2
Surgeon (A)	1
Surgeon (B)	1
Ord (A)	1
Ord (B)	1
RELE	1
D. Lab.	1
AG Records	1
AG (M & D)	1
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FROM SIGNED SAC CITE PHCCT

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TO PHIA

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Your SD 1947 of 16 (.) 15 Army Group informed every fit man
of classes 1914-1924 should be used (.) By FX71184 of 19 refers (.)
At present rate of rejection your call-up programme will require
considerable increase in order to allow selection fit men within
age Category (.) By ASD/922.2 of 14 Dec para 7 refers.

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TS/5/1
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HEADQUARTERS
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

AG 322.96/774 A-0

20 December 1944

SUBJECT: Replacements for US - ITI Units.

TO : Commanding Generals:

15th Army Group, APO 777

Fifth Army, APO 464

Army Air Forces, MTO, APO 650

Peninsular Base Section, APO 762

Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394

FOR: Land Forces, Sub-Commission, (MIA).

(2)(20-21)

1. MIA is making all arrangements necessary to effect drafts of Italian personnel as replacements and fillers for Italian Army units allocated to the United States Army (US - ITI units) and will forward personnel called up to using unit or the United States - ITI Replacement Depot, whichever shall be necessary.

2. Peninsular Base Section will operate and maintain the United States - ITI Replacement Depot. It will be responsible for receiving, clothing, maintaining and forwarding replacements to the using units, if transportation difficulties do not preclude such action. When transportation difficulties exist, the using units will process replacements at their own installations.

3. No training will be undertaken at the Replacement Depot. The responsibility for "on the job" training and fitting replacement personnel into units devolves upon the using agency.

4. a. The using agencies, Peninsular Base Section, Fifth Army and Army Air Force Service Command, MTO, will submit to MIA on/or before the 5th of each month, information copy to Commanding General, MTOUSA, a requisition for replacement personnel required for the next succeeding month. The requisition may be in letter form and shall state numbers desired for:

- (1) Replacing attritional losses in existing units.
- (2) Filling newly organized units.

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b. As a basis for the requisition, the aggregate troop basis strength of US - ITI units authorized the using agency and the aggregate assigned strength of the units will be stated. NO MOS or grades and ratings will be specified.

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Ltr Hq MTOUSA, AG 322.96/774 A-O,
dt: 20 December 1964 (Cont'd.)

5. In the event the replacement stockage is insufficient to fill the requisitions, the available replacements will be distributed by MMIA among the using agencies pro-rata according to their respective requirements as disclosed by their latest monthly requisition.

By command of Lieutenant General McNARNEY:

R. H. Freese
R. H. FRESE,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

DISTRIBUTION:

- 2 - Ea addressee
- 1 - Rome Area MTOUSA
- 1 - Eighth Army
- 1 - Repl Comd MTOUSA
- 1 - No 2 District
- 1 - No 3 District
- 1 - G-4 (A)
- 1 - CAO
- 1 - G-3
- 2 - AG Records
- 1 - AG M&D

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Subject: Your AIC/029.0 of 14 December 1944

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (3312)
Rome
12/8
19 December 1944

To: AFHQ for 2-3 (G-2) Section

1. With reference to Para 8 of above document, suggest that a representative of AFHQ be present at the discussion to be held, as this problem involves an adjustment of the manpower available for the Italian Army especially between SN-III and SN-III categories.

2. With reference to the last sentence of Para 10. The scale of two blankets per man as established by the combined Chiefs of Staff is neither a maximum nor a minimum, but is the authorized scale. Under present regulations additional blankets can be loaned to Italian formations, when justified by operational necessity, for the accomplishment of an approved mission. The loan of such additional blankets does not involve a charge against the Italian Government. It is suggested that this may cause some confusion in various supply agencies.

3. With reference to Para 15. The statement was made that about half of the vehicles were motor-cycles and about half were load carriers. No statement was made that half of the vehicles were unserviceable. No vehicles are being brought from Sardinia which are unserviceable. On the contrary, AFHQ is insuring that each vehicle brought from Sardinia has an estimated useful life of at least 5,000 miles. It is suggested that this paragraph be corrected as AFHQ cannot be accused of bringing unserviceable vehicles from Sardinia in the limited transport available.

CLAYTON P. KERN, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC

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cc: AFHQ G-1(2)
AFHQ G-2(2)
AFHQ G-3(1)
AFHQ G-4
AFHQ S & T

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Subject: Reinforcement and Training of
the Italian Army.

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Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.

(M.M.I.A.)

TS/G/4

17 Dec 44.

To : AFHQ (Attn G-3 Org - A Sect)

1. Ref Appx "A" to AFHQ letter ASD 922.2 dated 14 Dec 44, your attention is called to the fourth line from the bottom of the page which lists Transit Camp at AREZZO as US - ITI. This is in error as the correct approved organization should read BR - ITI.

REP
Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Reinforcement of the Italian Army.

3 Distinct
List 3
7/10/5

6 Dec 44.

To All Concerned

1. It is notified by AFHQ (AM/922.3 of 4 Dec) that reinforcements are urgently required for many Italian Army units in the Allied Order of Battle. The priority for such reinforcements has been laid down as follows:

- Units required in direct support of operations
- Units employed in Dock Clearance and Railway Construction
- Units employed on road construction and maintenance
- Other service units
- Guard Units.

2. The reinforcements required are to be found in part from men enlisted from the civil population. To provide the remainder, it will be necessary to apply the following means:-

- Disbandment of non essential units
- Disbandment of units NOT authorized by AFHQ
- Reinforcement of essential units by the reduction of other similar units to cadres only
- Release of men for combat use in replacement by men of lower category
- Release of tradesmen and specialists (i.e. non specialist units in replacement by non tradesmen and non specialists.

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3. Action addressed will cover all Italian units and personnel on their Order of Battle or under their departmental control as the case may be, and report correct possible, the number which can be made available by each of the methods outlined above. Returns to be made in accordance with the format at page 14 of AFHQ.

4. Ref methods (a), (b), and (c), it is appreciated that the majority, if not all authorized Italian units have been formed to carry out a specific task. In view, however, of the present dearth of manpower, it is essential for every service to limit its holding of Italian Army units to the irreducible minimum.

5. Ref method (d), it is known that many units have a small proportion of men who are considered that the

- (b) Units employed in Dock Clearance and Railway Construction
- (c) Units employed on road construction and maintenance
- (d) Other service units
- (e) Guard Bns.

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- (c) Reinforcement of essential units by the reduction of other similar units to cadres only
- (d) Release of men for combat ops on replacement by men of lower category
- (e) Release of tradesmen and specialists from non specialist units on replacement by non tradesmen and non specialists.

3. Action addressees will review all Italian units and personnel on their Order of Battle or under their departmental control as the case may be, and report so soon as possible, the numbers which can be made available by each of the methods outlined at para 2 above. Returns to be made in accordance with the Form at Annex 'A' attached.

4. Ref methods (a), (b) and (c), it is appreciated that the majority, if not all authorized IR-IMI units have been formed to carry out a specific task. In view, however, of the present dearth of manpower, it is essential for every service to limit its holding of Italian Army units to the irreducible minimum.

5. Ref method (d), it is known that many units have a small proportion of volunteers for service with combat GPs. It is considered that the number of these can be readily ascertained by Italian Commanding officers and British cadre etc cadres, and that replacements for them can be obtained from lower category men.

6. Ref method (e), it is known that this is already overdue. A great number of valuable specialists are being wasted in jobs unsuited to them. Since most IMI service units have been formed by the absorption of blocks of unexperienced personnel, or by the direct conversion of whole inf, arty or other units into service units, much good material is inevitably being misused, and in some cases time and energy are wasted in trying to train unqualified personnel to carry out specialist jobs. Fresh screening should therefore be carried out at once, with a view to releasing high grade men in accordance with the retention limits at AC.

7. Will all addressees please treat this return as most urgent.

JFW/DD.

(J.P. WATSON) Major,
for Lt Col,

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Annex 'A' to 3 District 750/G of 16 Do

(a) and (b) Disbandment of non essential or unauthorised units.

Designation of Unit

Whether or not
authorised by AFHQ

Present Strength
Officers

(c) Reduction of units to cadre.

Designation of Unit

Numbers to be released by reduction to cadre strength
Officers

Other Ranks

(d) and (e)

Designation of unit

Numbers available for reposting
To combat units on replacement by
lower category personnel

Officers

Other Ranks

As specialist
by non-specialist

Type of
Specialist

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Appt 'A' to 3 District 750/G of 16 Dec 44

Partial or unauthorised units.

Whether or not
authorised by AFHQ

Present Strength
Officers

Other Ranks

Numbers to be released by reduction to cadre strength
Officers

Other Ranks

Numbers available for reposting
To combat units on replacement by
lower category personnel

Officers

Other Ranks

As specialists on replacement
by non-specialists

Type of
Specialist

Numbers
Officers

ORs

DISTRIBUTION:

For Action:

227 ITALIAN Div
230 ITALIAN Div

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Ord
EME
Pro
Lab

With copy of AFHQ
letter ASD/922.8
of 4 Dec 44.

For Information:

52 Area (2)
54 Area (2)
56 Area
ROME Area (G3 Brit)
94 Sub Area
204 Sub Area
COMANDO MILITARE FUGLIA and
LUCANIA
COMANDO MILITARE CAMPANIA
MMA NAPLES
MMA BARI
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MMA LO
227 Div LO

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FILE No : ASD/922.2

SUBJECT : Reinforcement and Training of
the Italian Army.

TO : All Concerned.

Further to this HQ letter of even reference dated 6 Dec, 1944.

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Brigadier G.B.S. Hindley
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Colonel D.M. Libby
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Maj. E.D. Beach
Maj. W.E. Chaudler
Maj. H.H. Findlater
Maj. C. Stait Gardner
Maj. K. Goodman

7-3 (Org-P) Chairman.

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P.B.S.
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2. AGENDA.

As in this H. letter ASD/922.2 dated 6 December 1944.

3. INTRODUCTION.

The Chairman stated that, as the problems under discussion represented in effect the re-birth of the Italian Army, he proposed to take this opportunity of making known to Branches of AFH, the extent of the work involved, all of which could not be carried out by G-3 (Org) and must therefore, be handed over in part to other branches. If it appeared that the agenda trespassed into the province of other branches, it was submitted that this might be accepted in the interests of coordination, a function of G-3 (Org).

The old Italian Army machine has been largely destroyed. If it were to be made to work to the standard of Allied requirements, Allied methods might be introduced, but the Italians must be encouraged to do as much as possible themselves. Shortage of equipment, clothing, and accommodation would be the limiting factors in expansion of the army by enlistment.

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5. TERRITORIAL, DISTRICT and DEPOT Hqs.

It was decided that Territorial, District and Depot Hqs would remain in existence, at least until the Italians had completed all the documentation, records, and purely Italian administrative matters connected with the old army. It was accepted that this work would decrease. The number of Hqs would be reviewed at a later date in the light of post-war policy for the Italian Army.

ACTION G-3 (ORG-1)

Territorial Hqs would be responsible for District Hqs, Depot Hqs, and also for the purely Italian administration carried out by the Administrative Div., Hqs. They would look after Italian Army Real Estate, Hospitals, Courts Martial (in conjunction with District Hqs), and would represent the War Ministry throughout the area for which they were responsible. There are at present six Territorial Hqs.

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In normal cases, Depots were controlled by Districts, but for the present there were some instances where District HQs acted also as Depots. The only assistance which could be given by District HQs to troops in Allied Service would be in documentation of men enlisted into the army, and in matters of discipline.

Depot HQs would be responsible for personal records of all soldiers, for the record of arms and equipment issued to ITI-ITIs, for Regimental records, and for administrative problems connected with repatriates.

The total strength of Territorial District, and Depot HQs would not exceed 2,015 and would count against the ITI-ITI ceiling.

The Land Forces Sub Commission stated that the number of HQs at present agreed (See Appendix 'B') would in no way afford the Italian Government the means for reconstituting the Italian Armed Forces on the pre-war scale.

It was agreed that NE/HQs would be produced for Territorial District and Depot HQs by the Land Forces Sub Commission.

ACTION: ITIA GA

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ACTION MHA
PES (South)

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ACTION MHA.

The Land Forces Sub Commission were asked to explain why they considered that it would be impossible for the Ministry of War to call up 35,000 per month. The answer was given that it would be possible, in case of need, if age groups outside the present 1911-24 classes were included in the call-up. The Land Forces Sub Commission were asked to arrange that, as the lower figure of 10,000 had been agreed, sufficient men would be examined by the centres, to ensure acceptance of 10,000 men of highest standard.

ACTION : MHA.

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8. EXEMPTIONS FROM ENLISTMENT.

Strong representations were made by employing HQs against the compulsory call-up of unskilled men. It was stated that such call-up would result in serious shortage of civil labour. C-1(A) and G-1(E) were asked to arrange a separate meeting to discuss this urgent problem. Districts and Peninsular Base Section would be invited to attend.

ACTION G-1(A)
G-1(E)

9. DEARTH OF MANPOWER.

Concern was expressed at the high rate of wastage in Italian Army units, from Camps, and during rail journeys. Excessive losses in pack tpt coys (1,000 per month) and on train journeys (up to 150 in a train of 800) involved a severe drain on manpower and on equipment. It was requested that immediate steps should be taken to find, and remove, the causes of this serious depletion of resources.

ACTION AMI
AMIA
3 District
G-3
G-4 (M & Tn)

10. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.

Generally, the supply of clothing and equipment was at present limited. It was thought that, if the intake of recruits came at a steady flow, both US-ITIs and HR-ITIs could be clothed and equipped, but that it would be at least six months before supplies could be made available at the rate of 35,000 sets per month. There would be very few vehicles available.

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HR-ITI (Combat)		3,000
ITI-ITI		1,000

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ACTION: AAI
 MEIA
 3 District
 G-3
 G-4 (M & Tn)

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ACTION: G-4(A)
 G-4(B)
 Q.M.
 Q(AE)

3 District stated that if the projected withdrawal of one blanket per man were made from Italian troops in their area, large losses of both men and blankets might be expected. It was stated that, owing to the shortage of blankets, a priority would probably have to be established between one area and another. Every effort would have to be made to find enough blankets to give the required scale of 3 per man. It was pointed out that the CCS minimum scale of 2 blankets per man was inadequate in winter but that no upper limit had been set by the CCS.

ACTION: MEIA
 G-4(a)
 G-4(b)
 Q(AE)

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It was decided that documentation and selection of reinforcements for both Combat and Service Troops would be the subject of a separate meeting to be called by G-1(A) and (B).

ACTION G-1(A)
G-1(B)
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12. ACCOMMODATION.

It was established that the Italian Authorities were responsible for all accommodation of Italian Army Troops. Italian Military Barracks were reserved for the sole use of the Italian Army. Works stores and hutting could NOT be made available on a large scale at present although small releases might be possible to meet specific needs, if all labour were provided from Italian sources. In two months, there would be a greater supply of works stores available.

ACTION G-1(A)
G-1(B)
Q(Maint)

Camps at APPAGOLA and TRANI were stated by the Land Forces Sub Commission to be adequate for the present rate of reinforcement. The camp at ASTRONI is being increased in size by PBS to deal with 3,000 troops.

There was a considerable requirement for tentage, but it was decided that discussion of this must be held over until a subsequent conference to be called by IAF on the subject of reinforcement training depots, after which a more accurate assessment would be possible.

ACTION G-1(A)
G-1(B)
Q(Maint)(A&E)

13. CALPS AND TRAINING DEPOTS.

It was stated that the following Depots would be able to deal with the proposed intake of recruits :-

US - ITIS	ASTRONI
US - ITI	
(Pack Coys)	COLE SALVETTI
BR - ITI (Service)	APPAGOLA
	TRANI
BR - ITI (Combat)	CESANO (REACCIANO Area)
BR - ITI	
(Pack Coys)	OPVILTO (POSSOCHRONO later)
ITI - ITI	Various small depots.

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Q(What)

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ACTION G-4(A)
G-4(B)
Q(What) (Ac)

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	TRAMI
HR - ITI (Combat)	GESANO (BRACCIANO area)
HR - ITI	
(Pack Coys)	ORVIETO (FOSSOMBRONE later)
ITI - ITI	Various small depots.

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VE/TOS would be prepared as soon as possible by the Land Forces Sub Commission in conjunction with DMT.

ACTION MELA
DMT

14. TRAINING

It was decided that DMT should call a further conference to discuss the following aspects of training:-

- (a) Number of schools required for Combat Tps and Service Tps.
- (b) Siting of schools.
- (c) Capacity of Reinforcement and Training Depots.
- (d) Provision of Training Staffs.
- (e) Training of ITI-ITIS.
- (f) Requirements for Translators and Interpreters
- (g) Requirements for Accommodation.
- (h) VE/TOS.

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ACTION DMT

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FES stated that US-ITIs were trained by attachment to working units, and that no separate schools would be instituted for US-ITIs.

It was agreed that British Branches and Services would be responsible in conjunction with IRT for establishment of BR-ITI schools.

ACTION : DMT

FD Arty Sec.

ENGRS.

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ST, MED, ORD

MB, PRO.

The Land Forces Sub Commission would be responsible for provision of Italian personnel for schools and Training Establishments, and will be generally responsible for administrative supervision. It was suggested that a CSO 2 (Training) should be added to the ST of the Land Forces Sub Commission, who would put up a proposal to this effect, in conjunction with IRT.

15. TRANSIT CAMPS.

It was stated that transit camps would have to be cut to a minimum owing to the difficulty of providing rations. The number, size and siting of transit camps would be discussed further at the G-1 Conference to follow.

ACTION : MHA

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16. MOVEMENT BY ROAD AND RAIL.

Col. Kerr of the Land Forces Sub Commission stated that of the 500 vehicles scheduled to come over from SALAMLA, half were either motor-cycles or were unserviceable, and that too much dependance should not be placed on them.

Time did not permit a full discussion on problems of movement of Italian troops, but it was stated that there would be little difficulty in providing rail transport for the intake now visualised at 10,000 per month. Demands for movement should be submitted to AFHQ by Wednesday of each week, one week in advance, and by Saturday of each week for moves within or into AAI.

17. CONCLUSIONS.

(a) The Territorial District and Depot HQs will be required to serve the immediate war effort as far as possible.

ACTION MHA

G-1(B)

G-1(A)

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G-1(B)

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Q (minor)

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17. CONCLUSIONS.

(a) The Territorial District and Depot HQs will be required to serve the immediate war effort as far as possible.

(b) The maximum call-up possible for the next six months will be about 10,000 per month.

(c) If 60,000 men are released from Service in Northern Italy within six months, it will be impossible to replace them. Appendix 'D' to AFHQ letter ASD/922.2 dated 6 December 44 (AGENDA) refers.

(d) The machinery of reinforcement for both Combat and Service units will have to be planned by joint action between MIA, G-1(a), G1(P), and O2E.

(e) Training will be the responsibility of DIT for both Combat and Service Tps. (BR-III)

DENIS BARNES,

Major. PS SECRET

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Appendix 'A' to AFHQ Letter
ASD 922.2, dated 14 Dec 44

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ITALIAN ARMY WITHIN THE MANPOWER
CEILING AUTHORIZED BY THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EMPLOYMENT</u>	<u>AUTHORIZED CEILING</u>
<u>US - ITI</u>	Fifth Army	14,000
	P.B.S.	55,000
	Corsica	5,000
	Air Corps	5,500
	Replacements (5%)	4,000
<u>BR - ITI</u>	Service Troops	90,000
	Reinforcements (5%)	4,800
	Combat Troops	57,000
	Reinforcements (15%)	8,700 *
<u>ITI - ITI</u>	Administration	27,000
	Internal Security Divs	16,000
	Guard Battalion	17,600
	Allied Commission	3,000
	Searchlight Units	600
	Security Police (SI*)	1,500
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BR-ITI	Hq 227 Italian adn Div (3 District)
BR-ITI	Hq 228 Italian adn Div (EIGHT ARMY)
BR-ITI	Hq 230 Italian adn Div (3 District)
BR-ITI	Hq 231 Italian adn Div (BRITISH INC FIFTH ARMY)

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Administration	27,000
Internal Security Divs	16,000
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Allied Commission	3,000
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IR-ITI	Base Rpt & Trg Depot AFFRICOLA
IR-ITI	Base Rpt & Trg Depot TRONTO
US-ITI	Adv Rpt & Trg Depot COLLE SALVETTI
IR-ITI	Adv Rpt & Trg Depot ORVILLO (future)
IR-ITI	Combat Forces Rpt & Trg Depot - GESANO (BRACCIANO)
IR-ITI	Pack Rpt Coy Formation Camp FOSSOLIBRONE (future)
IR-ITI	Lft and Trg Depots. *
IR-ITI	Transit Camp ARIAZO *
IR-ITI	Transit Camp IMI *
IR-ITI	58 (Combat Force) Transit Camp
IR-ITI	Training Schools *

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G-3 SECTION

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SUBJECT: Reinforcement of the Italian Army.

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AGENDA for Meeting to be held in
3-4 (H & Tn) Conference Room Fifth Floor,
AFHQ, on Monday 11. December 44 at 1030 hrs.

1. SUBJECT

To establish the policy which will create an organization in Italy capable of dealing with the provision, and training of recruits for the Italian Army serving the Allied cause.

2. SCOPE

The following subjects will be included in the discussion:-

1. Territorial Headquarters.
2. District Headquarters.
3. Depot Headquarters.
4. Administrative Div Headquarters.
5. Base Rpt. (Replacement) and Trg. Depots.
6. Combat Force Rpt and Trg Depot.
7. Transit Camps.
8. Recruitment (Enlistment) Camps.
9. Documentation.
10. Equipment and Clothing.
11. Schools and Trg. Establishments.
12. Movements by Road and Rail.

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Addressees are requested to send a representative who will be authorised to agree policy on behalf of his Section. Please notify number of persons attending.

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DETAILED AGENDA - REINFORCEMENT OF THE ITALIAN ARMY.

Subject & Notes.Problem.1. Territorial Headquarters:

(a) Functions:-

- (i) Represent the War Ministry and SHARE through area of responsibility.
- (ii) Admin and discipline of all Italian Tps in area of responsibility.
- (iii) Custody and accounting of all Italian Military stores.
- (iv) Org of Italian Services in area of responsibility.
- (v) Control of Italian District and Depot Headquarters, Hospitals etc.
- (vi) Supervision of Call-up and Demobilisation.
- (vii) Liaison with Allied Headquarters and Civil Authorities.

(b) Proposal is to form total of 11 such Headquarters for whole of Italy.

(c) Strength of each would be about 100 persons

(IML TS/G/12 of 4 Oct 44)

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2. How many Territorial Hqs are in existence and when will the remainder be able to function?

3. Should the following Hqs be turned into Territorial Hqs?

Hq 212 Div	(PES)
Hq 227 Div	(3 District)
Hq 230 Div	(3 District)
Hq 9 Corps	(3 District)

and are there any other such Hqs available?

4. Should these Hqs be ITI-ITI?

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2. District Hqs.

(a) Districts constitute the Documentation and Adm Centres through which citizen enters or leaves the Army.

Functions:-

- (i) Machinery of conscription.
- (ii) Demobilisation & Recall of Reserves.
- (iii) Assistance to families of killed, wounded & prisoners.
- (iv) Allowances to dependants.
- (v) Records of junior reserve officers.
- (vi) Settlements of claims and complaints by NCOs and ORs.

(b) Proposal is to form a total of 87 District Hqs.

(c) Strength of each would be 5 persons.

1. Should these District Hqs be used as the channel for the document of soldiers after they have joined the Army, and if so, is 5 persons a sufficient number to undertake this work?

2. Is Welfare of the soldier to be undertaken by this Hq?

3. Can a sufficient number of these Hqs be provided in time to serve the projected Drafts (Calls-up)?

4. Should these Hqs be ITI-ITIs?

5. Who will prepare proposed WE/TO?

6. Can such Hqs function in any way for Combat Groups?

(Note (iii) refers)

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3. Depot Hqs.

- (a) These are the homes and Regimental Record Centres of Italian Regiments.

Functions:-

- (i) Soldiers record in Army.
- (ii) Clothing and Arming the soldier when first called up.
- (iii) Forming personnel into units, including units for Allies.
- (iv) Records of all arms and equipment issued to units.
- (v) Holding stocks of clothing unit and personal equipment.
- (vi) Regimental Adm & Records.

- (b) Proposal is to form 90 such Depot Hqs.

- (c) Strength of each would be 5 persons.

(MIA T6/C/12 of 4 Oct. 44)

1. To what extent do these Depots carry out functions of clothing and equipping new drafts now?

2. Can Depots be made to function as designed, quickly, for the projected drafts?

3. If the Depots exist, should they be made to carry out all their stated functions and if so, is 5 an adequate

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4. Administrative Hqs.

(a) The following Hqs are in existence or planned:-

Hq 209 Div (1 District)
 Hq 210 Div (5th Army)
 Hq 212 Div (PBS)
 Hq 227 Div (3 District)
 Hq 233 Div (3th Army)
 Hq 240 Div (3 District)
 Hq 231 Div (Brit Inc 5th Army)

Functions:-

- (i) Answerable to Territorial Hqs for purely Italian Adm of Tps in Allied Armies. Districts or Base Sections.
- (ii) appear to duplicate functions of District and Depots Hqs combined.

(c) Strength of each is about 150 persons.

1. If these are all to be retained, is there any justification for formation of Italian Territorial District, and Depot Hqs. ?

2. Would 210, 228, and 231 Div Hqs be essential if District Hqs were functional in Army Area?

3. Could Adm Hqs carry out documentation Combat Tps ?

4. Could Adm Hqs supervise Rft & Trg Depots and Schools and control Italian staffs at Transit Camps ?

5. Will the establishment of Adm Hqs over the framework of Territorial, District & I Hqs lead to confusion ?

6. Who is responsible for provision of accommodation for these Hqs ?

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5. Base Rft and Trg Depots

(a) Functions:-

(i) To turn out 35,000 Italian tps per month for four months, and 7,800 per month thereafter.

(ii) To clothe and equip recruits.

(iii) To offer basic military training.

(iv) To select personnel for combat tps and for individual trades in Service Tps.

(v) Records of all personnel passing through Depot.

(b) If AAI depot for 6000 established ANCONA area. AFHQ will require to form five equal depots for period of four months, and thereafter only TWO depots would possibly be retained altogether.

(AAI 1605/50/36/G (SD1), 23 Nov.)

1. When would clothing and equipment become available at rate of 35,000 sets per month as required by figures given in AAI letter (1605/50/36/G(SD1) of 23 Nov. 1944).

2. Can accommodation be found for FIVE depots of 6,000 (in addition to Trg Schools) in AFHQ area?

3. What Works Stores and hutting can be made available now?

4. What standard of accommodation is to be provided?

5. Can vehicles be provided from Italian or Allied Sources for SIX Depots for four months?

6. Are the following sites for Reinforcement (Replacement) Depots agreed?

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AAI - (BR-ITI) Depot	- ANCONA
PBS - Two (US-ITI) Depots	- (ASTRONI)
	(COLLE SALVETTI)
AFHQ - Two (BR-ITI) Depots	- (AFR. GOL.)
	(MINERVINO)
AFHQ - One (ITI- ITI) Depot	- TRANI

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5. Base Rft & Trg. Depots cont'd.

6. Is tentage available on the se
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month for four months ?

7. When four months are over, will
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7. When four months are over, will Base Rft & Trg Depots be retained at the following places only :-
- PBS - (US-ITIs) - ASTRONI
AFH - (BR-ITIs) - AFRAGOLA or
MUNERVINO
AFH - (ITL-ITIs) - TRANI ?
8. Is each Depot to have an Allied Staff? If so how big ? Can six staffs be provided (two US army)?
9. Who is responsible for formation and Organisation of Depots?
10. Who will produce ME/TOs ?
11. Do they count against ceiling of category each serves ?

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5. Base Rft & Trg. Depots - Cont'd.

12. Is authority given to proceed forthwith with formation of any of these Base Rft & Trg Depots ?

13. Will staffs include full OSE (ITALIAN) capable of dealing with documentation without reference higher H. ?

14. Will clothing Depots be sited centrally or with each Base Rfts & Trg Depot ?
Can the Italian Regimental Depot run these ?

15. Will all recruits enter one of these Depots before going to the Combat Force Rft Trg Depot ?
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6. Combat Force Rft & Trg. Depot.

(a) Functions:-

- (i) To carry out documentation of Combat personnel.
- (ii) To train combat personnel in Inf, Arty, Engr, and Sigs Arms.
- (iii) To record strengths by trades and specialists of all Combat personnel.
- (iv) To accommodate up to 6,000 trainees.
- (v) To act as Base Adm Hq. for six Combat Groups.
(Italian Adm only)

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1. Is Accommodation adequate at TERNO?
2. Can accommodation be found between FLORENCE and TERNI as requested by M (S.G.29/10/A of 18 Nov)
3. Must Combat Groups have separate specialist schools for REME, ORD, etc tradesmen and specialists, or can set be set up to deal with both Combat Service requirements?
4. Has WE been agreed DMT and MLI?
5. Can all personnel be passed thru Rft and Trg Depot to be equipped and trained before entry to Combat Depot unwieldy Adm Staff?
6. Who is responsible for formation Force Rft Trg Depot?
7. Can a British Staff be supplied?
8. Will the Trg Staffs of BLUs be Trg Staff at Rft Trg Depot?
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4. Has WE been agreed DMT and MFL ?
5. Can all personnel be passed through Base Rft and Trg Depot to be equipped and basically trained before entry to Combat Depot to save unwieldy Adm Staff?
6. Who is responsible for formation of the Combat Force Rft Trg Depot ?
7. Can a British Staff be supplied ?
8. Will the Trg Staffs of RIUs be absorbed into Trg Staff at Rft Trg Depot ?
9. Is authority given for immediate formation of Depot while WEC decision still pending ?
10. Is transport immediately available ?

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8 Problem.
337. Transit Camps.

These Camps would be set up to deal with Troops despatched from Base Depots for absorption into units,

1. Is one camp sufficient for all six groups?
2. How many camps are required for -
(a) US - ITIs)
(b) BR - ITIs) Service and
(c) ITI - ITIs) adm Tps.
3. Have sites been selected for any such camps? Where?
4. Is sufficient equipment available for the camps?
5. What is to be the capacity of each camp?
6. Is training to be continued at Transit Camps?
7. Will staffs be entirely Italian?
8. Will camps be run under control of Italian District HQs?
9. Will Works Services or materials be available for building of camps? Is tentage available from any source?
10. What Italian Barracks can be used for the camps?
11. Have WE/TOs been prepared?
12. Can any camps be formed now in addition to the Transit Camp? Where is 58 Transit Camp?
13. Who is responsible for setting up these camps? What authority given for work to proceed?

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8. Recruitment Camps.

(a) Functions:-

(i) To move from town to town wherever a 'call-up' is to be organised, to accommodate drafts awaiting transportation.

(ii) To make preliminary records in conjunction with District Hqs (Italian) for onward transmission to depots.

(b) Camps should be capable of accommodating two train-loads (1600) of persons.

1. Will the drafting of civilians with mob camps and staffs lead to unsatisfactory conditions at call-up centres and consequent disc

2. How many such staffs are required

3. Can tentage be provided or can accommodation in buildings be guaranteed?

4. Can Italian vehs be permanently attached to these camps to enable local movement of goods to be carried out at call-up centres?

5. Are such camp staffs accepted as

6. Has a CE/TO been prepared?

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6. Has a SE/TO been prepared?
7. Is authority given for setting up a number of such camps?
8. Who is responsible for formation of Camps?
9. What are the immediate requirements?

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9. Documentation (a) Combat Tps.

- (i) Units will report strengths by trades and arms to MMIA, copy to Combat Force RTD.
- (ii) Units will submit returns to superior Allied Hqn or O2E.
- (iii) MMIA will apply to Hq. AAI for priority of bulk allotment of rfts to units.
- (iv) MMIA will supervise provision of rfts within arms.
- (v) Allies will move rfts from RTD to units.

(AAI letter 3098/15/1/A (O) of 27 Oct 44 refers)

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9. Documentation (b) Service Tps.

- (i) Units will report strength by trades of arms to nearest Italian Dist H.
- (ii) Italian Dist H. will forward consolidated returns to MMIA direct and to an OCE Section to be set up at Ministry of War (or at JME) ?
- (iii) MMIA will refer bulk demands to AFH, who will decide priority between AMI and L of C and between US-ITI, BR-ITI, and IPI - ITI, and between types of units.

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1. Can Italian District H. be designed to deal with the forwarding of returns ?
2. Will calculations be on a monthly basis ? This in effect would be List 8 each month.
3. Can List 8 or equivalent be handled by MMIA working on bulk and figures determined from this by AFH ?
4. Should Allied Machine or OCE (British) be asked to handle records of Italian Service (US - ITIs and BR - ITIs) ?

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Problems

1. Can Italian District HQs be designed to deal with the consolidation & forwarding of returns ?
2. Will calculations be made on a monthly basis ? This in effect would involve republication of List 8 each month.
3. Can List 8 or equivalent be operated by ITMA working on bulk allotment figures determined from time to time by AFHQ ?
4. Should Allied Machine Record Units and/or O2E (British) be asked to undertake records of Italian Service Units (US - ITIs and BR - ITIs) ?

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10. Equipment and Clothing

(a) AII recommend intake of 35,000 civilians each month for four months and thereafter 7,800 per month (approx.)

(b) Split of these figures suggested:-

BR-ITI - 10,000	2,000
BR-ITI - 6,000	2,000
(Combat	
BR-ITI - 11,000	2,000
(Service)	
ITI-ITI - 8,000	1,500

(c) Acceptance of these figures is entirely dependant on whether clothing and equipment can be made available.

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2. What stocks are available for US-ITIs ?
3. What stocks are available for BR-ITIs ?
4. Can Regimental Depots be organised quickly to handle stocks ?
5. Can warehousing be made available in vicinity of Base Camps ?
6. Can Italian Tpt handle moving of stocks.
7. Are vehs likely to be made available for units formed on the scale of the AMI recommendation ?
8. Is any clothing and equipment to be done at Combat Force RTD ?

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11. Schools and Training Establishments

1. Basic Military Training would be carried out at Base Rft Depots.
2. Advanced Military Training (Arty and other arms) would be carried out at the Combat Force Rft and Trg Depot.
3. Specialist Tradesmen would require training at schools to be organised by US, British, and Italians for each category.
4. Specialist schools required are:-

Tactical & Battle School
Engrs.
Sigs.
Driving & Maint of Vehs.
Crd.
AMEE.

1. Should all basic training be complete recruits are moved to Combat Force RTD ?
2. Is it possible to afford separate spec schools for Combat Tps when specialists are urgently required for Service Tps, and Br or US staffs are likely to be scarce.
3. Can the specialist schools be grouped one area, say at BRACCLINO or CRVITTO ?
4. Would the existing Italian Schools be used for US or BR-ITIs or would these be turned over to training of ITI-ITIs ?
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How far will MMIA be responsible ?
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12. Movements by Rail and Road.

Factors:-

- (i) Maximum use to be made of Italian Tpt including vchs now coming from SARDINIA.
- (ii) There may be a temporary availability of Gen Tpt (Truck, Jeeps, but this may diminish in early Spring.
- (iii) Train parties require supervision to prevent desertions en route.
- (iv) Adequate travel rations should be provided and staging points for hot meals established.
- (v) Rail space on maintenance lines must be bid for 10 days in advance.

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- 2. Can the railways deal w of 35,000 rfts per month fo visualised by A.I.?
- 3. To what extent can All made available?
- 4. Can Staging Areas be in existence?
- 5. Can Italian Tpt. Delis Depots now.?
- 6. On completion of ship SARDINIA can an affirmative para. 5 above.?
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be formed from vehs in Italy and from
those arriving from SARDINIA ?

2. Can the railways deal with the movement
of 35,000 rfts per month for 4 months as
visualised by A.I ?

3. To what extent can Allied Tpt Pls be
made available ?

4. Can Staging Areas be formed if not already
in existence ?

5. Can Italian Tpt. Deliver drafts to Base
Depots now.?

6. On completion of shipment of vehs from
SARDINIA can an affirmative answer be given
to para. 5 above.?

7. Can G-4 (W & Tn) organise rail tpt. on
the uncertain estimates at present available
as to the number of men likely to enlist from
each area.?

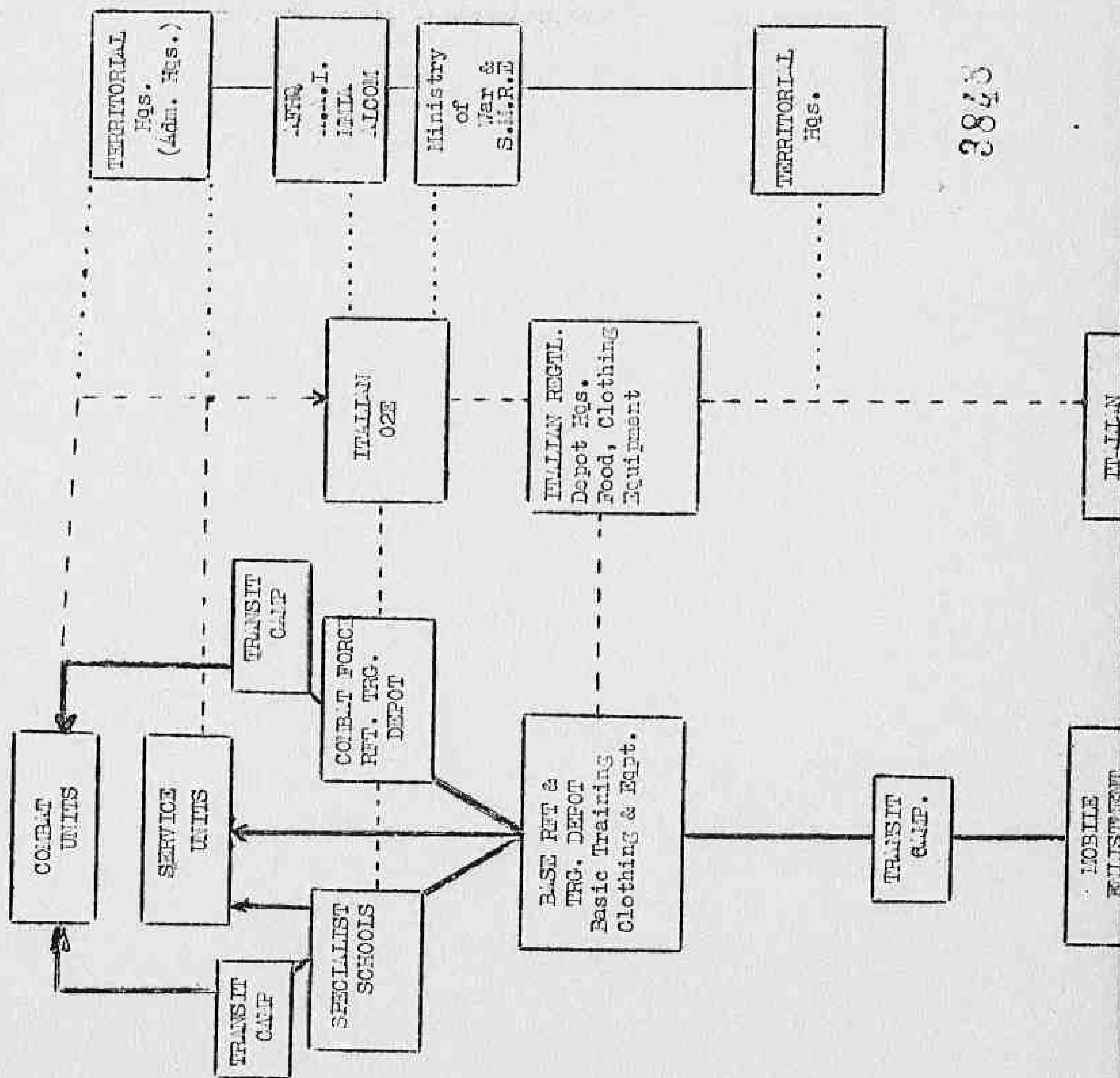
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Progress of Induction

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This diagram shows broadly the functions of the various units to be considered in this discussion.

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TRAINING SCHOOLS and RFT DEPOTS

Provisional layout showing
suggested number of Depots
and Camps required for monthly
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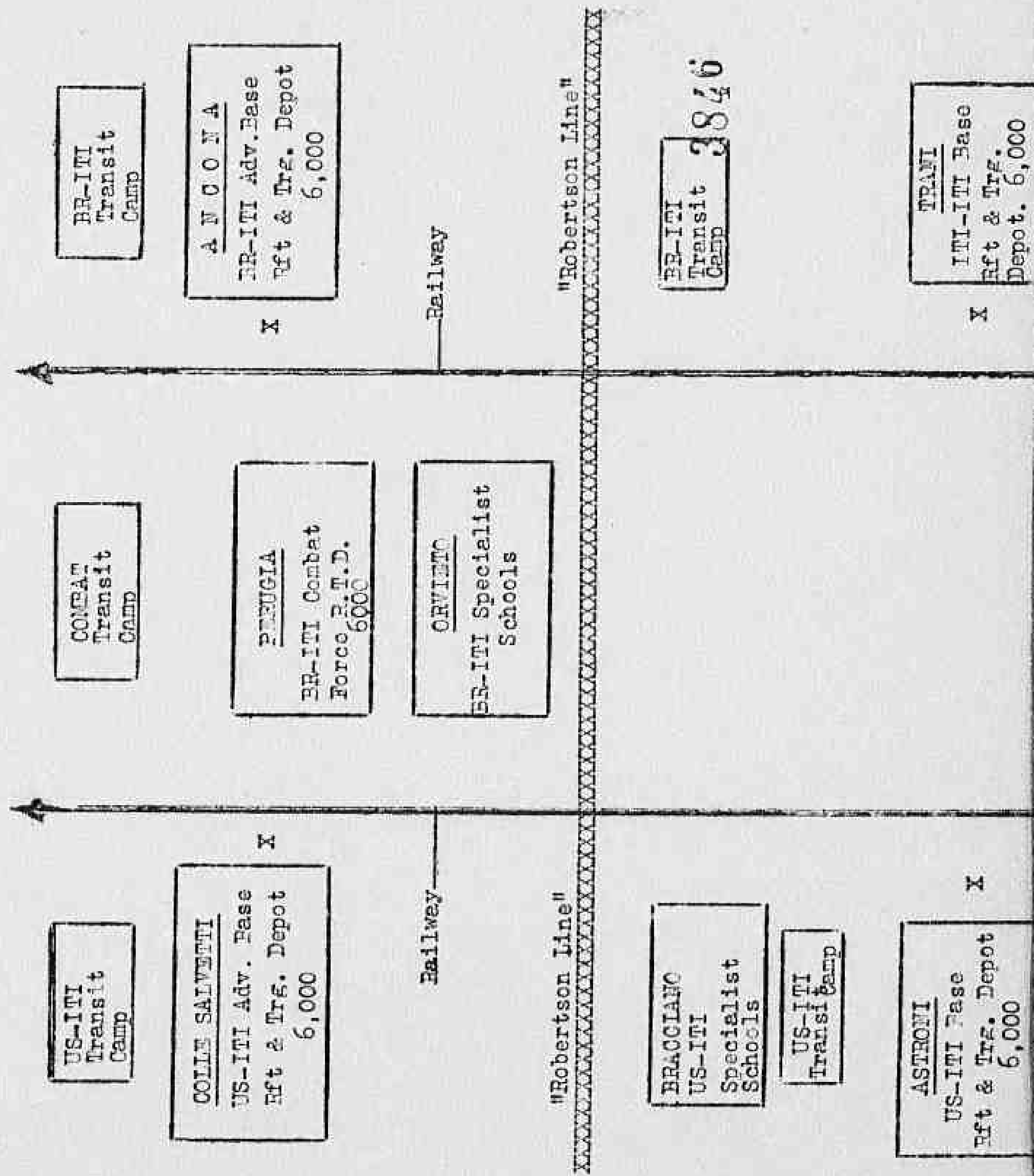
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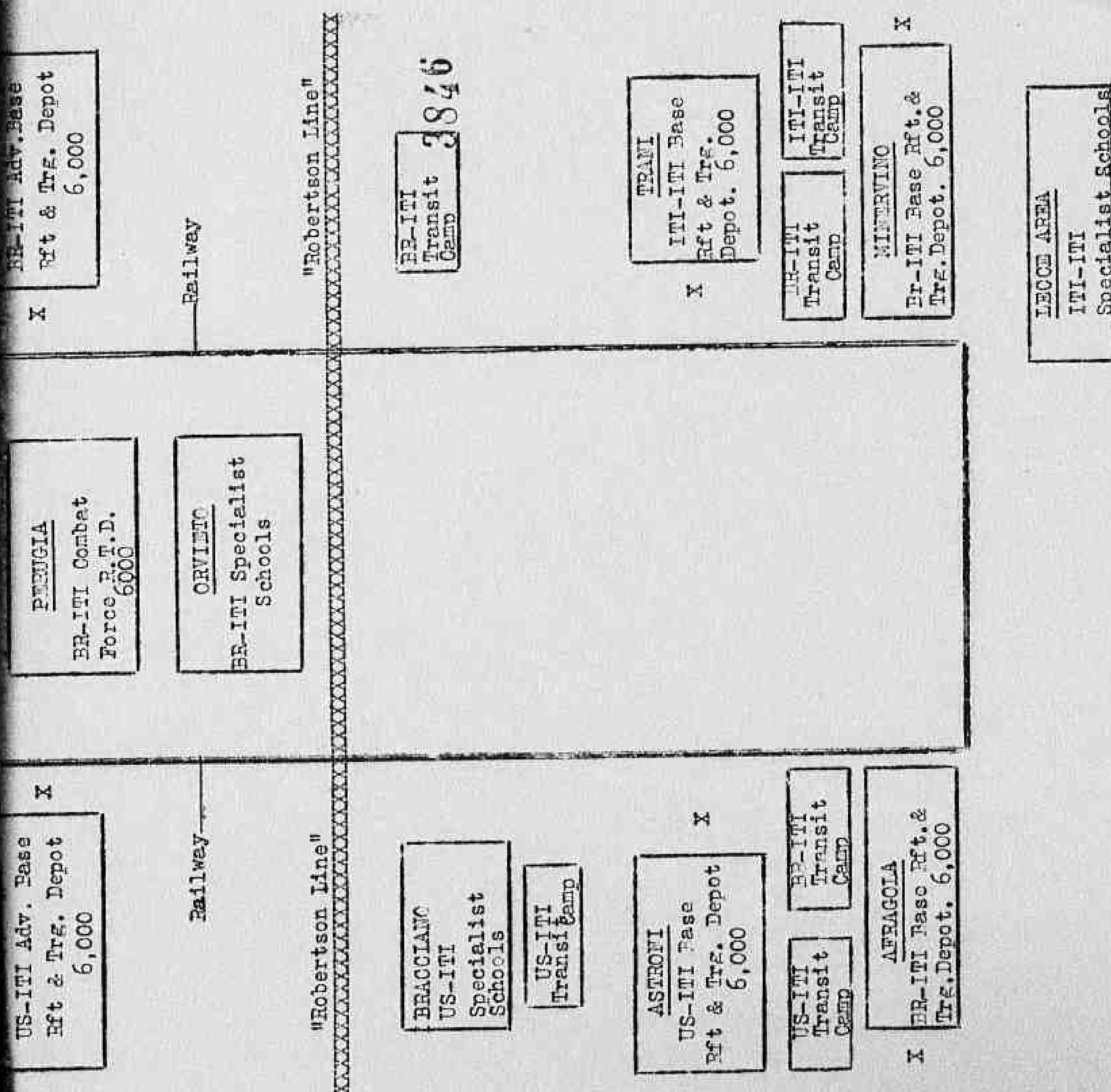
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WEST ITALY
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CENTRE ITALY

EAST ITALY
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X = Clothing, Equipping
and Basic Military Training

NOTE: Sites shown are for purposes of discussion only

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STATEMENT OF ITALIAN ARMY MANPOWER AT NOVEMBER 1944.

CATEGORY	Authorised Ceiling	November Strength	Deficiency
US-ITI			
Fifth Army	14,000	9,906	4,094
P.B.S.	55,000	48,672	6,328
Corsica	5,000	5,000	-
Air Corps	5,500	5,500	-
Reinforcements	4,000	-	4,000
BR-ITI			
Service Troops	93,000	57,476	35,524
Combat	57,000	54,255	2,745
Reinforcements	10,500	-	10,500
ITI-ITI			
Administration	27,000	27,000	-
I.S. and Guard Bns	33,600	33,000	+ 3,600
Allied Commission	3,000	2,156	844
Searchlight Units	600	600	-
Intelligence (S.I.M)	1,500	1,500	-
Reinforcements	3,300	-	3,300
TOTAL:	313,000	245,065	67,935

ITALIAN ARMY REQUIREMENTS OF MANPOWER

Authorised Ceiling	313,000
Present Strength (Excl. CC.RR.)	245,000
(As at 1 November)	
DEFICIENCY:	68,000
ADD: Normal wastage at 2½% per month for	
Nov. Dec, Jan, Feb.	31,200
Personnel entitles to demobilisation)	
when PO Valley is occupied.	60,000

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ITVI-ITI	Administration	27,000	-
	I.S. and Guard Bns	33,600	+ 3,600
	Allied Commission	3,000	844
	Searchlight Units	600	-
	Intelligence (S.I.M)	1,500	-
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ITALIAN ARMY REQUIREMENTS OF MANPOWER

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 (as at 1 November) 245,000

DEFICIENCY: 68,000

ADD: Normal wastage at 2½% per month for) 31,200
 Nov. Dec, Jan, Feb.)

Personnel entitles to demobilisation) 60,000
 when PO Valley is occupied.)

Provision of personnel required to complete) 159,200
 ceiling by end of February 1945.)

Average provision required for months Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb. 35,000 (Approx)

Thereafter, assuming no further excessive demobilisation occurs, replacement required to meet wastage at 2½% per month on ceiling will be 7,800

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letter includes following subjects (.) Employment of ITI-ITI US-ITI and BR-ITI
adm HQ in feeding, clothing and documentation of recruits (.) Formation and
locations of Rft Trg Depots transit and enlistment camps (.) Policy for
formation and location of training schools (.) Availability of clothing and
equipment including reports on stocks currently held (.) Movements by road
and rail (.) You are requested to send representative or representative *3844*
authorized to agree policy on number and siting of camps in AAI Area and
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PROVISION OF MANPOWER AND
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(a) to examine the numbers of personnel required to complete the Italian Army to ceiling and to replace wastage.

(b) to make recommendations on the organization for the production of replacement personnel for BR-III units.

PROVISION OF PERSONNEL REQUIRED

2. Attached at Appendix 'A' is a statement which shows that there will be an average monthly requirement of 35,000 until end Feb and 7,800 per month thereafter.

SOURCES OF PERSONNEL

3. Until recently, the principal source of manpower to meet demands on the mainland has been the personnel in SARDINIA. Practically all those available have been shipped. In future, personnel can only be obtained by recall to the colours and recruiting.

ORGANISATION FOR THE PROVISION OF PERSONNEL

4. The recommendations of AAI were embodied in para 18 of Appx A to 1605/50/36/G(SD1) of 25 Oct and were approved by AG OOT 37/1605/50/36/23

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4. The recommendations of AII were embodied in para 18 of Appx A to 1605/50/46/C(SOI) of 25 Oct and were approved in AG 091-71/169 OCT-0 dated 16 Nov 44. The organisation for provision of replacement personnel is set out in diagrammatic form at Appx B attached. In view of the considerable numbers of personnel required to complete the Army to ceiling and to replace wastage, the organisation approved should be implemented as a matter of urgency.
5. The establishments required for the US-III's are a matter for CG MTOUSA and are not considered further in this paper. The recommendations of AII on the organisations required for the maintenance of ER-III's are as follows.

BASE REINFORCEMENT DEPOTS

6. The functions of these depots should be -
 - (a) reception, processing and kitting of personnel from call-up, hospital etc.
 - (b) basic military training of recruits.
 - (c) certain types of specialist training.
 - (d) despatch of reinforcements to units.
 - (e) selection of personnel for Combat Ops.
7. At the present time, three depots are required:-
 - (a) one near ANCONA to serve units in Op Zone.
 - (b) one near NAPLES where facilities already exist at MAFAGOLA.
 - (c) one near BARI where facilities exist at MINERVINO.
8. AAI is endeavouring to find covered accommodation for a depot of 6,000 near ANCONA. The size of the other depots is a matter for AFHQ to decide.

TRAINING

9. Since the majority of the intake will consist of personnel who have never served before, it is essential that the depots contain training facilities to cover a month's basic military training. In addition the depots should include wings for semi-specialist training e.g. of drivers. Training of specialists of whom small numbers are required can best be carried out at central establishments, certain of which exist already, e.g. engineers, signals, ordnance.

SUPERVISORY STAFFS

10. To ensure that the depots are operated efficiently, it is essential that adequate British supervisory staffs are provided, capable of superintending training as well as the processing and despatch of reinforcements. Whether or not these staffs should form part of BMA is a matter for AFHQ to decide. Supervision of training should be the responsibility of the General Staff of AAI for depots in the Op Zone and of AFHQ in the L of C area.

TRANSIT CAMPS

11. Between the depots and the units it is desirable to interpose one or more transit camps. For BMA to be able to handle reinforcements from each Army or District. These

(a) one near ANCONA to be decided.

(b) one near N/LES where facilities already exist at APRIGOLA.

(c) one near BARI where facilities exist at MINERVINO.

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TRANSIT CAMPS

11. Between the depots and the units it is desirable to interpose one or more transit camps for BR-ITIs to be set up as necessary for each Army or District. These camps will receive personnel sent forward to railroad and arrange for their distribution to the receiving units. Camps are required in the Op Zone for Fifth and Eighth Army and I District and should have a capacity for 1,500 men.

THE COMBAT FORCE

12. BR-ITI Base Reinforcement Depots will be responsible for providing personnel for the Combat Force. These will be selected immediately after arrival and despatched to the Rft Training Depot, Italian Combat Force, the organisation for which has already been approved.

CONCLUSION

13. The maintenance of the existing Italian Army units and formation of

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new units to complete the programme will depend on an efficient and comprehensive reinforcement organisation. In view of the fact that the only source of personnel in future will be call-up, this organisation should be set up as a matter of urgency.

14. At present, as a result of the lack of efficient organisation, personnel are arriving in units unclothed and without equipment, which in view of the shortage of clothing and equipment causes serious embarrassment.

It is essential that an organisation should be set up which will ensure that reinforcements arrive not only properly selected and trained but also fully clothed and equipped.

15. It is requested that:-

- (a) the recommendations above should be approved as soon as possible,
- (b) a detailed examination should be made by AFHQ of the organisation required for training reinforcements,
- (c) MHA should submit for approval WEs of British and Italian staffs required for the Base Reinforcement Depot and the Italian staff required for the Transit Camp. Proposals affecting Depot and Camps in Op Zone should be referred to AI for examination,
- (d) the sites for the Reinforcement Depots should be selected and the necessary constructional work commenced now,
- (e) a detailed procedure for demanding reinforcements and meeting demands should be worked out by AFHQ. This should include provision of machinery by which MHA can obtain strength returns from units and depots. Priorities for distribution of reinforcements should be decided by AFHQ or AI as appropriate. MHA have already been requested to initiate the procedure for reinforcement of the Combat Gps.

W. S. Smith
for General
Commander in Chief.

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SECRET

Appendix 'A' to
1605/50/36/C(SD1)
dated 2 Nov 44

ITALIAN ARMY REQUIREMENTS OF MANPOWER

Ceiling recommended at Appendix 'A' to my
1605/50/36/C(SD1) of 22 Aug less AA & CD and CG RR. 312,000

Strength on 23 Oct excl CG RR 263,900

Deficiency 48,100

Add Normal wastage at $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ per month for Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb 31,200

Personnel entitled to demobilisation when PO VALLEY
is occupied 60,000

Provision of personnel required to complete Army to ceiling by
end Feb 139,300

Average provision required per month Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb 35,000
(approx)

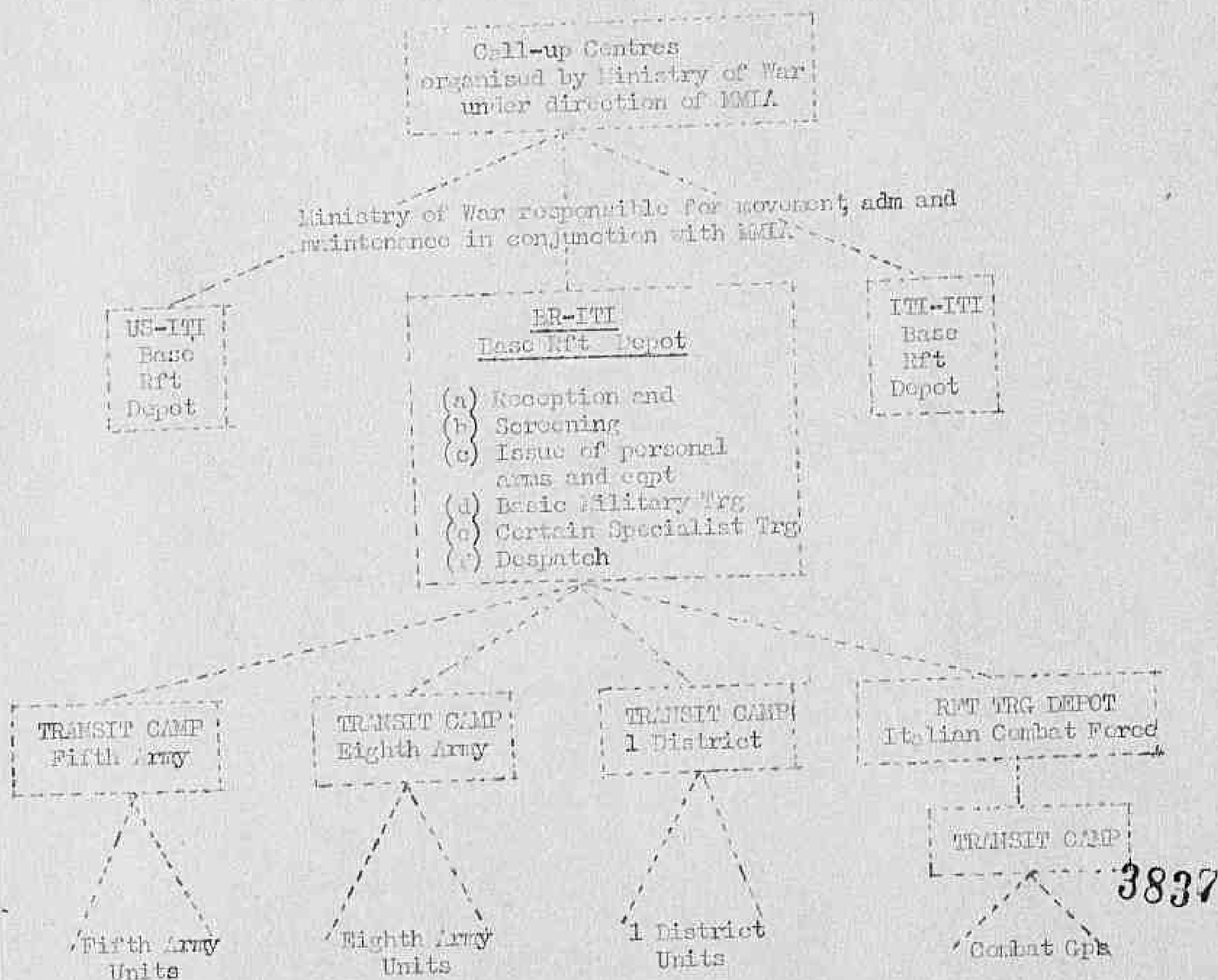
Thereafter, assuming no further excessive demobilisation occurs,
replacement required to meet wastage at $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ per month on ceiling
will be 7,800

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Appendix 'E' to
1605/50/36/G(SD1)
dated 73 Nov 44

DIAGRAM SHOWING RECOMMENDED METHOD OF PROVISION OF PERSONNEL



SUBJECT: Rfts for ITI-ITI Category

SECRET

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.

(M.M.I.A.)

TS/G/4

10 Nov 44

TO : Ministry of War

In reply to your 303413/GA of 30 Oct.

1. The proposals you enumerate have been carefully considered by this H.Q. and the following comments are made :-

- (a) It is not proposed that trg bns should be org in Sicily or Sardinia.
- (b) It is not necessary to incl an Arty or Eng element although a small Signal sec may remain.
- (c) W.E should show separately, (a) numbers of permanent staff, (b) trainees.

2. Will you therefore please re-submit your proposals in light of the above and fwd revised W.E. for trg units as under :-

- (a) one unit on East Coast.
- (b) one on West Coast
- (c) one North of Rome.

Will you please state what accommodation you propose to use, bearing in mind that such econ should be :-

- (a) away from any large town
- (b) near rly coans.
- (c) preferably in an area where rfts can be employed on useful work not engaged on trg.

3. In view of the urgent need for rfts for BR-ITI and UE-ITI categories, the only sources which can be considered for ITI-ITI categories are the 1925 class and that part of the 1924 class which has not yet been called to the colours.

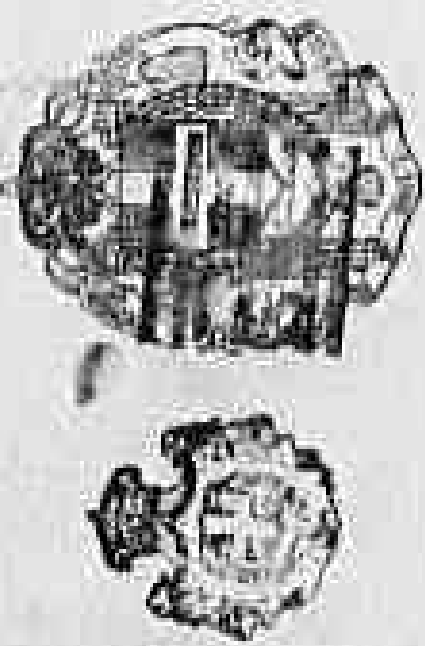
Men returning from the BALKANS and men recalled to the colours will NOT be used for 1 and 5 categories for the time being.

4. It is requested that you submit detailed proposals for the recruiting of rfts for three rft bns, i.e. districts and dates of call up.

B/F. 18/11/44

Not

Major General
M.M.I.A.



Trasf. il 9/5

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Gabinetto

Ord. N. 30344/3/C.A. Allegati due
313. IV. 2
Riposto al file

Roma, P.M. 151, 4^a ottobre 1944
Dir. Sec. 1^a

Oggetto:

Complementi per 1^a e 5^a categorie.

Complementi per 1^a e 5^a categorie

ALL. M.M.I.A.

ROMA

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In relazione al preavviso dato circa la raccolta di 2.500
no. da tenere a disposizione quali complementi per la 1^a e 5^a
categoria, trasmetto, in allegato, uno studio contenente dati
e proposte per quanto riguarda ordinamento, raccolta del persona-
le ed inquadramento, sistemazione, addestramento e impiego.

IL SOTTOSCRITTO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA
(Generale G.E. OXILLA)

- G. Oxilla

Regarding the advance notice given for the collection
of 2500 men to be added available as reinforcements for
the 1st & 5th categories, I am enclosing a plan contain-
ing data and proposals on organization, gathering

In relazione al preventivo dato circa la raccolta di 3.500 no. da tenere a disposizione quali complementi per la 1^a e 5^a categoria, trasmetto, in allegato, uno studio contenente dati e proposte per quanto riguarda ordinamento, raccolta del personale ed inquadramento, sistemazione, addestramento o impiego.

IL SOTTOSCRITTARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA
(Generale G.B. ORSINI)

G. Orsini

Regarding the advance notice given for the collection ²⁸³⁰
of 3500 men to be held available as reinforcements for
the 1st & 5th categories, I am enclosing a plan containing
living data and proposals on organization, gathering
of the personnel, incorporation into units, arrangements,
employment and training.

DB

- Formazioni ed organici: v. allegato 2.
Formazioni + W/E + See Encl. 2.
- (Status of personnel + in comparison)

20) RACCOLTA DEL PERSONALE ED INADDEBITAMENTO

- a) UFFICIALI: Forniti delle disponibilità dalla Direzione Generale
Personale Ufficiali. *Off. Personnel, Gen. Direction*
- b) SOTTUFFICIALI: Forniti delle disponibilità dei comandi militari
di regione nonché del gettito delle fonti di cui alla lettera
seguita: *Quantities by post of Region HQ, as well as from sources, as per "G".*
- c) PRELATA: Fornita da una delle seguenti fonti: *from following sources.*

- rappresentazione alle armi dei militari delle classi 1914 - 1924
nelle regioni: *Abruzzo - Umbria - Marche - Toscana*
- *quantities by post of Class 1914-24 in above regions*
- chiamata alle armi del contingente non addebitato della classe
1925; *quantities by post of Class 1925*
- reduci della Dalcania, prigionieri, ecc. aventi ancora *383*
di servizio. *quantities from Palermo, prisoners, etc.*

SISTEMAZIONE: Ciascun utg. sarà sistemato nel territorio del
comando militare di regione da cui dipende ed in zona non troppo
lontana dagli enti ai quali saranno destinati i complementi.
Sono già stati interessati i comandi militari di regione della
Puglia e Lucania, Campania, Sicilia, Sardegna e Calabria perché
studino detta sistemazione in locali adatti. *Undertaken upon HQ orders*
Si fa riserva di ulteriore comunicazione. *Notified to study arrangements.*
Further communication as to be reported.

40) ADDEBITAMENTO: limitato a quello individuale. *Solely individuals.*

50) IMPiego DEL PERSONALE: in lavori vari secondo le necessità di ciascuna regione, da definirsi dal comandante militare e ita- liano in posto (sistemazione e miglioramenti stradali, recupero Luplounant of personnel various jobs, according to needs of each region, to be defined by local Italian commandant (road improvements and maintenance, livestock rearing, debris-clearing, various works)

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materiali, sgonbro memoria, sistemazioni varie ecc.).

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ALLEGATO 2 AL FOGLIO N. 101113/D.A.
318.IV.2

DETTAGLIO DEI COMPONENTI PER ENTI AMMINISTRATIVI
 E TRUPPE SICUREZZA INTERNA

Comprende:

- comando di battaglione
- 4 compagnie complementi. (di cui 2 di fanteria- 1 di artiglieria e genio- 1 servizi) (4)

COMANDO DI BATTAGLIONE

Comprende:

- il comandante e gli ufficiali del comando
- una squadra comando

Comandante e uff. del comando

Comandante (ten. col. o magg.)
 Aiutante magg. (subalterno)
 Uff. subalterno ai rifornimenti
 Uff. subalterno di amministrazione
 o con funzioni amministrative
 Ufficiale medico (subalterno)

PERSONALE			bici-
Uff. e sottuff.	Truppa		classe
1	-	-	-
1	-	-	-
1	-	-	-
1	-	-	-
1	-	-	-
5	-	-	-
Totale			- 3822

Squadra comando

COMANDO DI BATTAGLIONE

Comprende:

- il comandante e gli ufficiali del comando
- una squadra comando

Comandante e uff. del comando

Comandante (ten. col. o magg.)
 Aiutante magg. (subalterno)
 Uff. subalterno ai rifornimenti
 Uff. subalterno di ammin. straz.
 o con funzioni amministr. ve.
 Ufficiale medico (subalterno)

Totale

Squadra comando

Maresciallo o serg. magg. di magg.
 Giorità

Scritturali - dattilografi:

- serg. magg. o sergenti
- cap. magg. o caporali
- soldati

Staffette ciclisti
 Attendenti

Cuochino inservienti per mensa ufficiali

Totale squadre comando

Totale Com. Battagl.

PERSONALE				bici- clette
Uff. com.	Sottuff.	Truppa		
1	-	-	-	
1	-	-	-	
1	-	-	-	
1	-	-	-	
1	-	-	-	
5	-	-	-	
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-	1	-	-	
-	1	1	1	
-	1	1	1	
-	1	2	2	
-	1	3	3	
-	1	2	2	
-	2	9	2	
5	2	9	2	

- (1) - Il battaglione complemento della Sicilia ha tre cp. fanteria,
1 cp. artiglieria e genio, 1 cp. fanteria,
Il battaglione compl. della Sardegna ha 2 cp. fanteria, 1 comp.
mista art. genio servizi.



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ALLEGATO 2 AL FOGLIO N. 203413/C.A.
218. IV.2

COMPAGNIA COMPLEMENTI

Comprende:

- 1 comando di compagnia
- 4 plotoni complementi (1)

COMANDO DI COMPAGNIA

Comandante (cap.o tenente)
Sottuff.di contabilità
Cap.magg.o caporale di contabilità
Ordinanza ufficio
Staffetta-ciclista
Cucinieri

totale comando di compagnia

PILOTONE COMPLEMENTI (an 2 sq.)

Comandante (uff. subalterno)
Comandanti di sq. (sottufficiali)
Vice c. ti di sq. (cap. magg. o cap.)
Caporali
Soldati
Attendente staffetta

Totale pl. complementi
Totale 4 plotoni

Totale comp. complementi

RIEPILOGO BTG. COMPLEMENTI

Comando di battaglione

PERSONALE		Bici-ciclette
UFF.	Sottuff.	
1	-	-
-	1	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	1
-	-	-
1	1	1
5		
1	-	-
-	2	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
1	2	-
4	8	-
5	9	1
5	2	2

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totali comando di
compagnia

PILOTONE COMPLEMENTI (su 2
sq.)

Comandante (uff. subalterno)
Comandanti di sq. (sottufficiali)
Vice c. ti di sq. (cap. magg. o cap.)
Caporali
Soldati
Attendente staffetta

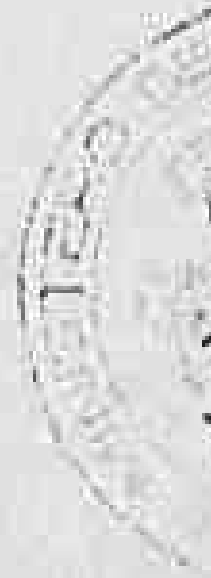
Totale pl. complementi
Totale 4 plotoni

Totale comp. com-
plementi

RIPILOGO ETC. COMPLEMENTI

Comando di battaglione
4 compagnie complementi

TOTALE BTG. COMPLEMENTI



(1) - la compagnia artiglieria e genio ha 3 plotoni art. 1 genio;
In compagnia servizi è 3 plot. sanità - 1 sussist. - 1 autieri;
La cp. mista del btg. compl. della Sardegna ha 2 plotoni art. e genio - 1
servizi.

The anti-air & engineer Coy. has 3 artillery, 1 engineer platoon.
The service Coy. has 3 medical, 1 subsist., 1 truck platoon - The transport Coy. of the Sardinian
reinforcement Bn. has 2 arty, 1 engineer platoon.

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EX

TOP SECRET

Military Mission Italian Army
R O M ETC/3/4
22 Oct 44

Appreciation on Method of Maintaining in manpower the Italian Army

OBJECT.

1. The object of this appreciation is:-

- (a) to find out to what extent the Italian Army will need replacements and
- (b) to recommend the method of obtaining these replacements.

FACTORS.2. Strength.

Category	Authorized ceiling	Present.
(a) BRM - IRI	97,000	50,500
(b) OCENAT	62,700	55,500
(c) LI - IRI	63,500	72,000
(d) ITI - IRI	69,000	65,400
(e) To be divided into (a), (b), (c), and (d).	nil	22,600
(f) Bal	nil	23,500
	313,000	313,000

3. (a) Even the above it will be seen that 22,500 personnel are required ^{once} to complete the ceiling.

(b) Added to the above is the figure of 60,000 personnel which is or is estimate in the number due for demobilization under present regulations as soon as Northern Italy is liberated. These men only remain in the Army until their homes become available.

2. Strength.

Category	Authorized ceiling	Present.
(a) BMI - III	97,000	62,500
(b) COMBAT	62,700	53,500
(c) LI - III	33,500	75,000
(d) III - III	69,000	65,100
(e) To be divided into (a), (b), (c), and (d).	nil	20,600
(f) Bal	nil	28,500
	<u>343,000</u>	<u>313,000</u>

3. (a) From the above it will be seen that 28,500 personnel are required 38,300 to complete the ceiling.

(b) Added to the above is the figure of 60,000 personnel which is of W estimate as the number due for demobilization under present regulations as soon as Northern Italy is liberated. These men only remain in the Army until their homes become available.

4. Wastage.

Wastage is estimated as under:-

(a) Combat (in line)	- battle casualties - losses other than in Combat - additional exemptions - desertions	1.75% per month 1.5% 1.5% 1.5% <u>4.25%</u>
(b) Combat (not in line)	- losses other than in Combat - additional exemptions - desertions	1.5% per month 1.5% 1.5% <u>2.6%</u>
(c) Non - Combat	- general wastage - additional exemptions - desertions	1.75% per month 1.5% 1.5% <u>1.65%</u>

more 2/...

5. Application of Wastage to authorized strength.

(a)	Combat (in line) at two Gruppi, 18,000 at 4.35%	-	783	per month
(b)	Combat (not in line) at four Gruppi plus rfts for six Gruppi, 44,700 at 2.6%	-	1,162	" "
(c)	Non-Combat (being 313,000 ceiling less 62,700 in (a) and (b) above), 250,300 at 1.85%	-	$\frac{4,630}{6,575}$	" "

6. Past Procedure.

A call-up has been in progress (1914 to 1924 classes) in ROM and LAZIO Region for 3 months which has resulted in 8,500 men being re-enlisted into Army against M of W estimate of present availability of approx 36,000. This shows that personnel are NOT meeting their military obligations. It is considered, however, that with an efficient layout of Italian Territorial RSs, District RSs and Depots and with a tightening of regulations vide para 9(a), it is fair to estimate an enrollment of 33% of Italian M of Ws estimate for the future, as opposed to the 27% found from ROM and LAZIO call-up vide above.

7. Present Requirements.

- (a) 28,500 personnel vide para 3(a). Required at once to complete to authorized ceiling.
 - (b) 6,575 personnel vide para 5. This is first month's wastage.
 - (c) 60,000 personnel vide para 3(b). Required as soon as North ITALY liberated.
- Thereafter 6,575 personnel per month w.e.f. Dec 44 incl.

8. COURSES OPEN.

- (a) To increase speed and area of call-ups.
- (b) It is estimated that 15,000 to 20,000 personnel are liable for military service in SARDINIA at the present time, but this call-up has not been included in the PLAN para owing to shipping difficulties and possible ACC economic objections.
- (c) To order a call-up over entire country at once. Besides being a strain on org and tot, this would increase ceiling figure over entitlement.
- (d) To tighten up regulations and cause a higher percentage of available men to be enrolled into the Army.

9. PLAN.

Adapt paras 8(a) and 8(d) as follows:-

up vide above.

7. Present Requirements.

- (a) 23,500 personnel vide para 3(a). Required at once to complete to authorised ceiling.
 - (b) 6,575 personnel vide para 5. This is first month's wastage.
 - (c) 60,000 personnel vide para 3(b). Required as soon as North ITALY liberated.
- Thereafter 6,575 personnel per month w.e.f. Dec 44 incl.

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- (d) To tighten up regulations and cause a higher percentage of available men to be enrolled into the Army.

9. PLAN.

Adopt paras 8(a) and 8(d) as follows:-

- (a) Call-up 1914 to 1924 classes in SICILY. M or W estimate that 60,000 personnel are liable for military service from these classes. It is thought that the following will actually be enrolled (see percentage vide para 6).....20,000. Recommend that owing to adm and tpt difficulties this be spread over a period of two months, Dec/Jan.

Tpt will be required to ferry personnel from call-up centres within SICILY and from SICILY to Mainland rft depots.

- (b) Accept selected patriots and other volunteers into the Army. It is estimated that this will produce 300 personnel per month.

- (c) It is recommended that call-ups in Regions (1914 to 1924 Classes) be made as follows:-

Nov 44	-	ABRUZZI and MOLISE	6,000
Nov 44	-	MARCHE	6,000
Dec 44	-	UMBRIA	4,000
Jan 45	-	TOSCANA	11,000

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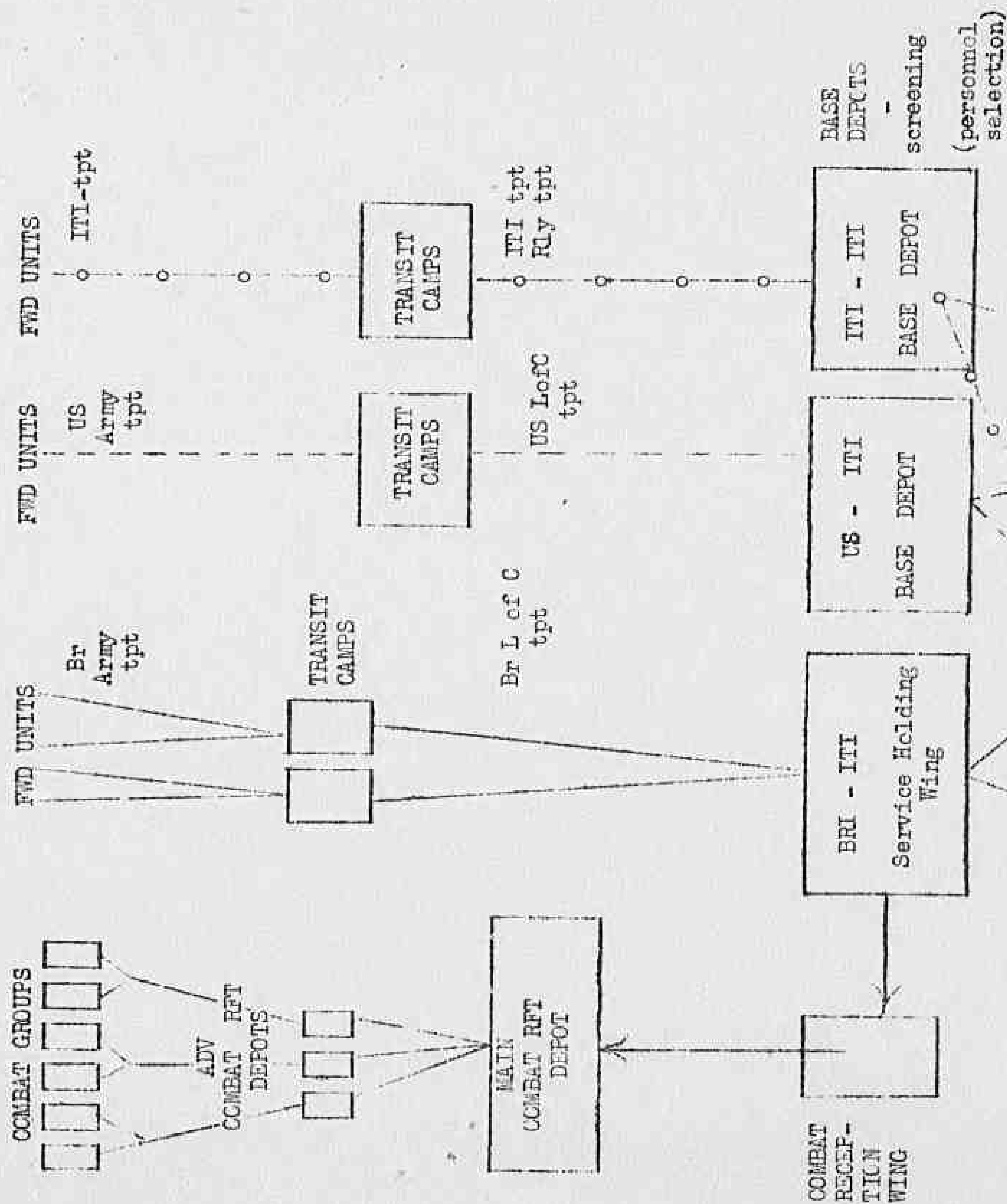
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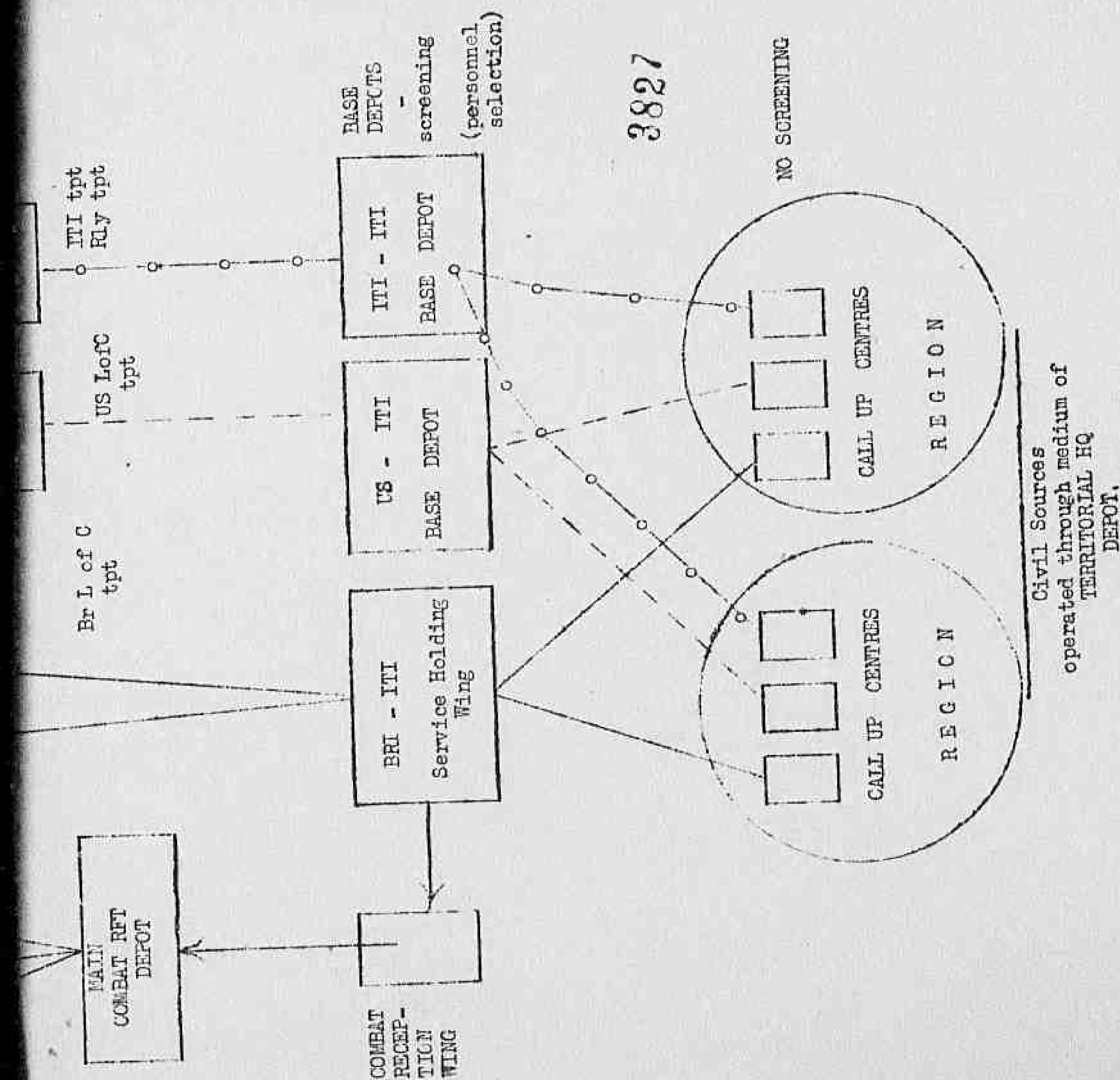
It will be seen that by tpt commitments on East Coast during Nov. If this cannot be met, it is for consideration whether the rule of NOT calling up personnel in the Army area should not be waived in order that a percentage of personnel could be obtained from TOSCANA on the West Coast.

- (d) Assist M of W, as far as Allied terms of reference permit, to make more efficient the machinery for call-up and for enforcing the conscriptive laws of the country.

c/4
22 Oct. 44

Organizational Layout of Proposed Italian Reinf't System.





NOTES ON ITALIAN REINFORCEMENT SUPPLY SYSTEM

1. Issue edict re compulsory call-up 1914 - 1924 classes throughout Italy.
2. Actual call-up in areas will be made according to needs and ceiling. Plan to be laid down as far in advance as possible.
3. MMIA will arrange that each area call-up centre will be allotted to either
ERI-ITI
or US-ITI
or ITI-ITI
There will be no screening (personnel selection) at call-up centres owing to accommodation, rations and lack of staff.
4. All personnel are sent to ERI-ITI, US-ITI or ITI-ITI, Base Reinforcement Depots where there will be
 - (a) Adequate accommodation
 - (b) Adequate Staff
 - (c) Facilities for distribution of rations (and/or clothing if deemed advisable).
5. At ERI-ITI Base Reinforcement Depot personnel will be interviewed and divided into
 - (a) Combat reinforcements, who are sent at once to Combat Reinforcement Depot via Combat Reception Wing.
 - or (b) Service holding wing where personnel are posted to fwd units via transit camps.
6. US-ITI and ITI-ITI personnel will be posted from Base Depots to fwd units via transit camps. 3826
7. Patriots will be accepted into any fwd transit camp and MMIA will be notified. MMIA will then either order return of personnel to Base Depot or arrange for documentation to be completed at transit camp.

TRANSLATION

FROM SARE

Ref 8101/MOB

TO M of W

Date 7 Oct 1944

SUBJECT Data regarding completion and maintenance of authorized strength of the Italian Army up to and including the first half of 1945.

In accordance with verbal request I enclose data regarding:

1. Reinforcement requirement to bring the Italian Army up to authorized strength.
2. Reinforcements requirements to cover estimated losses up to and including the month of June 1945.
3. Sources from which personnel referred to in paras 1 and 2 are to be drawn.

Sgd The Chief of Staff

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This and attachments is a translation of photo 6.

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Data regarding completion and maintenance of the authorized strength of the Italian Army up to and including the first half of 1945.

1. Estimate of reinforcements required:

(a) Normal requirements

(1) To complete authorized strength:

Authorized strength..... 314,700 men.

Strength fed as at 20 10 44.. 275,000 " (a) 39,700 men

(2) To keep up authorized strength.

The following monthly percentage of losses is estimated:

For Combat Groups (62,000 men) 1,125
 3.75% of action troops (30,000 men)
 1.50% for the remaining Combat troops (32,000 men) 450

TOTAL 1,575 men

For the remaining troops (314,700 minus 62,000 equal to 252,700):

1% for 2/3 i.e. 189,525 men (surmised not stationed in danger zones 1,895

1.75% for 1/3 i.e. 63,175 men (surmised stationed in danger zone 1,106

TOTAL 3,001 men

During the 6 months estimated losses are:

For Combat Groups 1,575 x 6 equal to 9,450
 For remaining troops 3,001 x 6 " 18,006

Total for the half year

27,456

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Total for the half year 27,456

Total up to June 30, 1945
 totals 1 and 2
 in round figures

67,156
 67,500

(a) Note: Strength fed is referred to instead of effective strength in order to allow for a margin as it is convenient to do in calculating estimates.

It will therefore be necessary to make up an average monthly loss of $\frac{67,500 \text{ men}}{8 \text{ months}}$ equal to approximately 8,500 men.

(B) Extraordinary requirements.

In 1945, the liberation of the National Territory is to be expected. As a result of this about 82,000 men (Classes up to an including 1913 entitled to release and Classes up to 1920 of low medical category entitled to indefinite leave) having their residences in that part of Italy not yet liberated, will be leaving units of the Army. Said personnel, it is obvious, cannot be kept under arms for a long time, because, should this be the case the y can all be expected to desert.

128,000

How and where the required personnel should be recruited:

(A) Normal requirement

(1) Recall to arms of military of classes 1914 - 1924 belonging to recently liberated districts (UMBRIA, ABRUZZO, MARCHE, TOSCANA):

About 80,000 men. (see enclosure 2)

(2) Recall to arms of Sardinian military at present on extraordinary or agricultural leave: about 33,000 men

(3) Recall to arms of disbanded Sicilian military (disbanded after the 8th Sept) or POW on parole: about 60,000 men.

The military could be called up on a monthly basis in echelon (1 or 2 regions each time) in order to meet the above estimated monthly requirement of recruits. Said recruits would be posted in accordance with requests made by the different units in proportion to needs existing at the time which it is impossible to estimate at present.

(B) Extraordinary requirements

(1) Call up of recruits of the 1924 class in Calabria and Campania. Estimated yield 5,000 and 4,000 men respectively equalling 9,000 men.

(2) Call up of recruits of the 1925 class in all territories so far liberated. Estimated yield about 80,000 men.

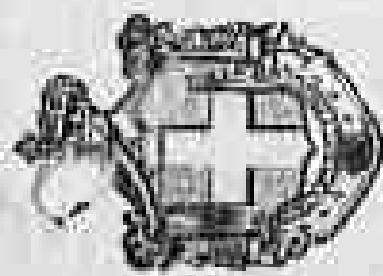
Should it be necessary to carry out the call up of recruits referred to in the preceding paras 1 and 2 it will be necessary to consider as from now the problem of clothing and of making efficient, in suitable locations, training centres.

TRANSLATION

Encl. 2 to 8101/MOB dated 20 10 44

RECALL OF MILITARY OF THE CLASSES 1914 - 1924 IN THE REGIONS OF UMBRIA, ABRUZZI, MARCHE AND TOSCANA

NUMBER	REGION	DISTRICT	
		ESTIMATED YIELD	
1	Umbria	11,000	Orvieto - Perugia - Spoleto
2	Abruzzi	17,000	Aquila - Chieti - Sulmona - Teramo
3	Marche	18,000	Ancona - Ancoli - Macerata - Pesaro
4	Toscana	34,000	Grosseto - Florence - Lucca - Pistoia - Pisa - Siena - Arezzo
	TOTAL	80,000	



MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

Prot. N. 203055/20 Allegati 2

Risposta al f.o. del

Roma, 20 ottobre 1944

Dir. Ser. No.

OGGETTO: Dati relativi al completamento e mantenimento delle forze autorizzate dell'Esercito Italiano fino a tutto il 1° semestre 1945.-

ALLA M. M. I. A.-

R. C. M. A.

A seguito richiesta verbale, trasmesso i dati re-

lativi a:

1°) = fabbisogno complementi per completare la forza autoriz-

zata per l'Esercito Italiano.-

2°) = fabbisogno complementi per ripianare le perdite previste

a tutto il mese di giugno 1945.-

3°) = Forzi da cui trarre il personale occorrente per coprire

il fabbisogno di cui ai suddetti n° 1 e 2;

redatti dallo S.M.R.S. ed approvati da questo Ministero.-

IL SOTTOSCRITTO DI STATO

- Gen. C. H. G. L. L. A. -

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Allegato 1 al f°8101/Mob.del 20/10/44

DATI RELATIVI AL COMPLETAMENTO E MANTENIMENTO DELLA FORZA AUTORIZZATA
PER L'ESERCITO ITALIANO FINO A TUTTO IL 1° SEMESTRE 1945

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I - CALCOLO DEL FABBISOGNO COMPLEMENTI OCCORRENTI

A) Fabbisogno ordinario

- 1) Per completamento forza autorizzata:
- forza autorizzata..... uo. 314.700
 - forza vettovagliata alla data di oggi (20/10/44)..... uo. 275.000(a) = uo. 39.700

2) Per mantenimento forza autorizzata:

- si prevedono le seguenti percentuali di perdite mensili:
- = per gruppi combatt. (62.000 uo.):
- 3,75% per truppe soggette ad offese di guerra (uo. 30.000) = 1.125
- 1,50% per rimanenti truppe gr. comb. (uo. 32.000) = 450

Totale.....uo. 1.575

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Totale..... uo. 3.001

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Nel semestre le perdite previste sono:

- per gr.comb.: uo. 1.575 X 6 = uo. 9.450
- per rimanenti truppe:..... uo. 3.001 X 6 = uo.18.006

Totale nel semestre.....uo. 27.456

Totale a tutto giugno 1945 [(1) e (2)] uo. 67.156

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Occorrerà provvedere, perciò, a ripianare una perdita media mensile di circa 67.500 uo. = circa 8.500 uo. 8 mesi

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- Nel 1945 si deve prevedere la liberazione del territorio nazionale, per effetto della quale circa 82.000 uo. (classi 1913 e più anziane aventi diritto al congedo e classi 1920 e più anziane, condizionatamente idonee, aventi diritto all'invio in licenza illimitata) aventi residenza nei distretti dell'Italia non ancora liberata dovranno lasciare i reparti dell'Esercito.

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2) Ripresentazione alle armi dei militari sardi in licenza straordinaria.

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dinaria agricola: circa 33.000 no.-

- 3) Ripresentazione alle armi dei militari siciliani sbandati dopo l'8 settembre o prigionieri sulla parola: circa 60.000 uo.-

I militari verrebbero richiamati mensilmente a scaglioni (una o due regioni per volta) in modo da soddisfare la richiesta mensile dei complementi sopra calcolata. Detti complementi verrebbero ripartiti a seconda delle richieste fatte dalle varie unità in relazione alle necessità contingenti che non è possibile prevedere fin d'ora nei particolari.

B) Fabbisogno straordinario

- 1) Chiamata alle armi delle reclute della classe 1924 in Calabria e Campania. Gettito previsto rispettivamente 5.000 e 4.000 uo. = 9.000 uo.-

- 2) Chiamata alle armi delle reclute della classe 1925 nel territorio finora liberato. Gettito previsto circa 80.000 uo.-

Qualora si dovesse ricorrere alla chiamata delle reclute di cui ai precedenti numeri 1) e 2), si dovrà sin da ora pensare al vestiario ed alla rimessa in efficienza, in località adatte, di appositi centri di istruzione.



Allegato 2 al foglio n° 8101/Mob.

RIPRESENTAZIONE MILITARI DELLE CLASSI '14 - '24 NELLE REGIONI UMBRIA - ABRUZZI - E TOSCANA

n° d'ordine	Regione	Gettito previsto	Distretti
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3	Marche	18.000	Ancona - Ascoli - Macerata - Pesaro
4	Toscana	34.000	Grosseto - Firenze - Lucca - Pistoia - Pisa -
	<u>Totale</u>	80.000	



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COPY TRANSLATION

From: Ministry of War
To: Maj. Gen. L. Browning

Ref 301403/CA
Date - 18. 9. 44

Subject: Strength of the It. Army in ratio to situation of the country.

1. In recent times certain facts have taken place, the extreme gravity of which should be brought to the notice of responsible authorities. These facts are not so serious in themselves as they are due to the effect they may have in the future on the peacefulness of Italian life and on the possibilities of development of the labour programme, authorized by the Allies.

I will quote the following :-

The increase in absenteeism from the Army.

The difficulty in recruiting either conscripts or patriots.

The difficulty in recovering It. M.D. property within the limits authorized by the Allies.

The difficulty in supervising, administering or controlling strength in the reserve or unemployed.

The fact that it is materially impossible for the Mil. or civilian authorities to use coercive methods in order to uphold their own responsibilities where all persuasive methods have been used and have failed. This impotence is made evident by the case with which men desert their units and culminates in the regrettable incident of the 17th Inst at the High Court of Justice, incident which might lead to the dangerous belief that the constituted authority is insufficiently endowed with power.

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Hence that I should appeal to you, as Director of MMIA, and explain to you what, in my opinion, are the roots of the evil in order to find the remedy, in the name of that solidarity which exists between our Nations, solidarity which is continuously and tangibly proved and which the highest Authority have recently solemnly affirmed.

The report I give hereunder must be considered merely as a research work to find the most advisable way of overcoming the present difficulties and I shall be only too grateful for any practical suggestions made which may lead to a solution in the common interest.

3. Observation of symptoms and the experience acquired during 5 months as Minister of War, point out to me, as chief causes of the evil, insufficient organization and lack of available personnel for organization.

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4. I believe that, should it be possible to create, immediately following the operating and advancing Allied troops, an Italian territorial organization capable of taking care of, not only the Military in which they are directly concerned, but also the population, these people overcome by the anxiety of waiting, and suddenly finding a Government conscious of their sufferings, they would look toward the Italian and Allied Authorities with greater faith and would be less inclined to feel the temptation to by-pass the Law which is often consequence of the hard times through our Country is now living.

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The total extra personnel required will be about 20,000 men, including recovery personnel.

(b) The Internal Security strength at present allowed is 3 Divs of 5000 men each already employed in the Islands. For the whole of liberated Italy or the part about to be liberated we have not a single man available. This, at present, warehouses and barracks must remain without guards, police strength cannot be increased, military have no restraining force against absenteeism, and Regional Commanders cannot be held responsible for anything.

I think the problem must be faced that it is necessary to allot one internal security Div. to each region which would mean another 4 Divs for liberated Italy and at

least a further 4 Divs for Northern Italy, when combat groups cannot be used.

(a) The CC.RR strength is today about 42,000 men. The inadequacy of this strength is proved by the fact that the Italian Government is unable to pursue deserters and those failing to report on being called up in order to take action which would serve as a healthy example, it is unable to suppress delinquency in SICILY and the greater cities, including ROME. The Government is also unable to cope with Allied requests for CC.RR to be held in reserve for Northern Italy.

In normal times the CC.RR strength reached about 65,000 men, a figure which certainly does not seem to be excessive for all Italy in times which are far from normal.

Nevertheless I do not consider it wise to reduce the figure below 60,000 men.

6. From all the above it can be seen that the strength to be left at the disposal of the Italian Government, in addition to the 6 Combat Groups would have to be immediately increased by 50,000 men.

What has rendered the problem of strength difficult to solve up to now has been the rationing system which is complex and which sacrifices a basic problem to a matter of accountancy form.

It would be much simpler and more practical if Allied Administration delivered to Italy the agreed number of rations (at present 364,000) and left the It. M of W to distribute them in accordance with basic principles stipulated by the Allies.

7. The persistent worsening process which is taking place under our very eyes and the wish, undoubtedly shared by you, to stop this process has lead me to point out to you so frankly the true situation in Italy.

I have been encouraged in my decision to be quite frank by the gravity of the situation and by your frequent invitations to express my points of view in order that we might discuss them.

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A. CASATI

