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Army Sub-Commission (ACC)
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Maj. Richardson of P.B.S. on a visit to your headquarters a few weeks ago, had with him Tables of Organization from which the necessary information was extracted for your use.

Enclosed you fill find T/Os as follows:

T/O Number	Unit	Date of T/O
8-760	Vet. Station Hospital	20 July 42.
9-17	Ordnance Ammunition Coy	1 April 42.
10-177	QM Sterilization Coy	1 April 42.
9-57	Ordnance Depot Coy	1 April 42.
9-57 C-1	(Change No. 1)	1 Aug 42.
10-47	QM Heavy Maintenance Coy	1 April 42.
10-187	QM Salvage Collecting Coy	23 June 43.

These are the only additional ones available at this time.

If you lack information on the formation of any specific unit please advise us and we will attempt to get the answers to specific questions.

In the case of the Engr. General Service Regiments, P.B.S. has indicated the formation should be made up of the following Italian units.

One Commando Raggruppamento Genio
Two Commando Battaglione
Two Compagnie Artieri
One Compagnie Minateri
Two Compagnie Meccanaci Elettricisti
One Compagnia Idriei

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APPRECIATION OF ITALIAN ARMY SIGNALS.

1. COMBAT GROUPS.

(a) Five Combat Groups are formed - FRIULI, CREMONA, LEGNANO, FOLGORE and MANTOVA. Each Group has a Signal Company which is part of the Genio Bn. The W.E. of each Signal Coy is 7 Officers 327 O.Rs.

Each Combat Group has with it a B.L.U. on the strength of which is an S.O.R.Signals (Capt). Signal Officers at present filling these vacancies are as follows:-

FRIULI	50 B.L.U.	Capt. J.H. GREEN
CREMONA	51 B.L.U.	Capt. A.N. ALEXEEF
LEGNANO	52 B.L.U.	Capt. R.J.M. GOOLD-ADAMS
FOLGORE	53 B.L.U.	Capt. J. GEAR
MANTOVA	56 B.L.U.	Capt. I.D.B. PILKINGTON

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(b) Personnel.

The personnel position within the Groups is in the main satisfactory. The two main deficiencies are Operators and Instrument Mechanics. The shortage of Operators is principally in the Artillery and Infantry. Efforts are being made to find semi-trained personnel to augment the normal training output of the Italian Signal School.

(c) Technical Maintenance.

Each Signal Coy within the Groups has W.E. for 15 Instrument Mechanics. Second Line repairs are done by the Technical Maintenance Sections attached to the Groups. Originally three of these Sections were formed - one for each two Groups. This, however, proved impracticable owing to the scattered locations of the Groups. It was therefore decided to split the three Sections into six, thus providing one for each Group.

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The position regarding Instrument Mechanics within the Italian Army is bad. There is a definite shortage and all the Groups have deficiencies. The position whilst bad is not acute. To make up these deficiencies there are at present approximately 15/20 under training at NOCERA, they will be available approx. beginning of June. In addition, all Service Units and other sources are being combed for men who either are of, or could be trained in this trade. The duration of the present course is four months. It is realised that this is far too short to produce an Instrument Mechanic, they will, however, at the end of that period have a good "grounding" in the basic work.

In addition to the Instrument Mechanics within the Signal Coy and the Tech. Maint. Section, there are R.E.M.E. Workshops, each of which has a small Telecom. Sec. carrying one Instrument Mechanic. At present R.E.M.E. have no Instrument Mechanics, I have therefore agreed to train five for them at the Signals School.

In general, whilst the position is not completely satisfactory, I do not forsee any serious breakdown in the Technical Maintenance of the equipment. A certain amount of assistance will of course be given by the Corps or Army workshops under whose command the Groups will be.

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(d) Equipment.

The present position of the Groups is that four are at present within the Army area, Mantova only remaining. Each Group before proceeding to the Forward Area was practically 100% equipped; there were no major items deficient. Mantova Group has now received approx. 98% of its controlled G1098, and in that respect is ready to move.

A G1098 was drawn up for these Groups, but as this type of formation was a completely new venture, changes and amendments were to be expected. Experience has proved the scale to be insufficient in certain respects, principally, switchboards and telephones. Certain amendments are at present being considered by A.F.H.Q.

(e) Training.

To deal with the training, a Signals School was set up at NOCERA INFERIORE last October. As most of the personnel of the Groups were trained, the main object of the School was to train them in the use of British equipment. An average of 120 personnel, officers and O.Rs of each Group passed through the School. The total of 120 vacancies was divided proportionately between Signals, Artillery and Infantry. On their return to the Groups, training was carried out under the direction of the B.L.U. Signal Officer.

Last December the question of training of reinforcements for both Groups and Service Units was reviewed, and it was decided to set up a Signal Training Centre. A suggested establishment and syllabus was produced and submitted to CSO A.F.H.Q. for consideration. The suggestion was approved and the W.E. passed. The School at NOCERA will form the nucleus of this Training Centre, which will form part of the R.T.C. I.C.F. The School is still at NOCERA pending completion of work on barracks at BRACCIANO. The move from NOCERA to BRACCIANO is planned for the first week in April. On arrival at the new location the establishment of NOCERA will be implemented. The new Training Centre will be capable of training approx 500 students at one time. This will include Artillery and Infantry Regimental Signallers.

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(f) General.

Much experience has been gained as the formations of each Group has progressed. Each Group Signal Officer found different conditions prevailing, and usually had his own ideas as to correction of errors. These ideas were co-ordinated at bi-monthly conferences held with B.L.O. Signal Officers, thus all ideas were circulated and discussed and uniformity finally obtained on the main issues.

Such things as procedure, appointments code, Signal Office organisation etc, did not exist within the Italian Army. These have now been compiled and issued to all the Groups. In addition, a directive roughly corresponding to our F.S.P.B. has been produced in two parts - one for all officers and one for Signal officers.

All essential pamphlets and instruction handbooks on British equipment have been translated into Italian and issued.

2. SERVICE UNITS (BR-ITI).

Service Units mainly comprise Italian Line Sections. Under instructions from CSO A.F.H.Q. twenty of these sections are to be formed with three Italian Line Coys to act as administrative H.Qs.

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2. SERVICE UNITS (BR-ITI).(Contd)

The state of formation is as follows:-

171	Italian Line Coy Hq	Formed
172	" " " "	"
173	" " " "	"
501 - 515	Italian Line Sections	Forming under CSO 3 District.
516	" " "	Not yet formed
517 - 518	" " "	Formed from 210
519 - 520	" " "	Mista Genio.

To train linemen for these sections a Line School was formed at FRANCAVILLA FONTANA. This School takes 120 men for each course which lasts one month. On completion of the course the men are sent to CSO 3 District for Section forming under 173 Italian Line Coy Hq at NOCERA.

On completion of the formation of these sections, the Line School will close at FRANCAVILLA and will be absorbed into the Signal Training Centre at BRACCIANO, where it will carry out training of reinforcements of linemen for both Combat Groups and Service Units.

In addition to these Line Sections there are two Signal Service Units and one Wireless Security Section.

3. GENERAL.

Personnel.

In the main the Italian soldier is a fair workman. He is more keen in the Combat Groups than in the Service Units. This is easily understood as the work is more interesting and varied. As a technician he is good and he learns quickly. Discipline, according to our standards, does not come easily to him.

The Signals Training Centre conforms to British standards, in so far that men are made to parade for classes, and general barrack cleanliness is insisted upon.

4. ITALIAN GENIO (ITI-ITI).

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4. ITALIAN GENIO (ITI-ITI).

The Italian Signal organisation within this category has been reorganised. Previously there existed a type of composite company called Telegrafisti Coy which contained a little of every trade. These are being broken up and a number of specific sections, i.e. Operating Secs, Line Secs and T.S.B.O. Secs are being formed in lieu. The numbers of each type of section being formed is in conformity with the new Territorial H.Qs covering the whole of Italy. This reorganisation is due to be completed by the end of March. Each section will have a scale of equipment and transport where necessary. These sections will operate under a small Admin Coy HQ, one for each of the principal cities at which a Territorial HQ will be situated.

5. ITALIAN ARMY SIGNAL EQUIPMENT.

No accurate records are in existence of stocks of Signal equipment held. Such records as do exist are inaccurate and out of date. I have discussed this question with the Italian Genio with the result that an Italian Colonel has been detailed to liaise and to organise all depots in which material exists. This is progressing and records are being compiled and retained by me. All releases of Signal material to both Allied and Italian Forces are controlled by M.M.I.A.

Much of the material held is in need of repair. Workshops are being set up at ROME, BARI and NAPLES to effect these repairs.

24 Mar 45

Major.
S.O.R.Sigs, MMIA

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1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 21 March 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex BALKANS and FRANCE:-

(a) Received in ST ANDREWS CAMP 34987
Dispatched from Camp 30011
Remaining in Camp 4976

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumulated total):-

To Hospital	2473
To P.W. Camp	22
Demobilised	2794
Leave then GRUPPI	1360
To GRUPPI	764
Leave then TRANI (BR-ITI)	3897
Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)	5098
To TRANI (BR-ITI)	5824
To AREZZO (BR-ITI	224
To PASSO CORESE (BR-ITI)	7
To ASTRONI (US-ITI)	161
Leave then Pack Transport Coy	4
To Pack Transport Coy	2826
Deserted from Camp	818
Various (CC RR, RGF, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	3719

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2. Of the 34987 shown as received in camp, 2250 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

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for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Subject:- Use of Allied Telephone Network by Italian Combat Groups.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
X500/2
16 Mar 45

S.C.R.Sigs, 52 B.L.U.
Ministry of War.

1. Owing to the move of LEGNANO Group from its present location, telephone calls will no longer be possible from Ministry of War.

2. To provide telephone communication for the advance party and subsequently for the Group itself, two calls per day will be permitted from Legnano Group (new location) to SMRE Operations Office, ROME 41398. These calls will not exceed 15 minutes duration and will be originated at 0900 hrs and 2100 hrs at the exchange serving the H.Q. commanding the Group. The calls will be routed via FLORENCE Long Distance and ROME Long Distance. Conversations will be in Italian. NO calls will be permitted from ROME to the Group.

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for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Repatriation from BALKANS and FRANCE

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/41/3
3 March 45

TO : AFHQ for G-3 (Org)
AFHQ for G-5
EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, A.C. (2)
DISPLACED PERSONS & REPATRIATION SUB-COM., A.C.

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 28 Feb 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex BALKANS and FRANCE:-

(a) Received in ST ANDREWS CAMP	26598
Dispatched from Camp	24242
Remaining in Camp	2356

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumulated total):-

To Hospital	1867
To P.W. Camp	21
Demobilised	2162
Leave then GRUPPI	1084
To GRUPPI	783
Leave then TRANI (BR-ITI)	3856
Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)	3011
To TRANI (BR-ITI)	4651
To ASTRONI (US-ITI)	108
Leave then Pack Transport Coy	4
To Pack Transport Coy	2878
Deserted from Camp	783
Various (CC RR, RGF, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	3086

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SUBJECT:- Italian Combat Group - Staff Table

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Staff Table

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3 Mar 45.

To All Concerned.

Copies of Staff Table showing entitlement of an Italian Combat Group to 'A' and 'B' Vehicles, artillery and other important stores, are forwarded as indicated below for information and retention.

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R.L. MICHELSON, Lt.Col.
for Major General, G-4 (B).

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Hq 15 Army Group	22 - 24
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G-3 (Trng)	42
G-3 (Org)	43
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Italian Combat Group

Staff Table
showing Entitlement to
'A' and 'B' Vehicles, Artillery and other important Stores.

Edition 1 - Feb 45

Table 1 - Composition of an Italian Combat Group

Table 2 - Entitlement to 'A' Vehicles

Table 3 - Entitlement to 'B' Vehicles

Table 4 - Entitlement to Artillery and other Stores (less Signal Stores)

Table 5 - Entitlement to Signal Stores

Notes:-

(a) Entitlement figures are based on War Establishments and Special Equipment Lists as shown, including 543 amendments approved to date.

(b) The serial numbers allotted to each item are census code numbers. These should be quoted in any reference to the items included in this Staff Table.

(c) Summarised totals of Vehicles are given at the end of each of Tables 2 and 3.

(d) The figures shewn in column (d) of Tables 2, 3, 4, and 5 are the sum of the products of unit entitlement multiplied by the number of units [illegible]

Table 3 - Entitlement to 'B' Vehicles

Table 4 - Entitlement to Artillery and other Stores (less Signal Stores)

Table 5 - Entitlement to Signal Stores

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Table 1

Composition - Italian Combat Group

Unit Serial Number	Unit Designation	War Est Reference	Special Equipment List Reference	Number of units in Group
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1	British Liaison Unit	CM/508/1	152/1	1
2	Italian Increment to British Liaison Unit	CM/509/1	NIL	1
3	HQ Combat Group	CM/523/1	119/1	1
4	Artillery Regiment	CM/525/1	134/1	1
5	HQ Engineer Battalion	CM/528/1	120/1	1
6	Field Company	CM/529/2	122/2	2
7	Signal Company	CM/530/1	121/1	1
8	Infantry Regiment			2
	HQ HQ Company Mortar Company 6 pr Gun Company	CM/526/1	135/1	
	Three Infantry Battalions	CM/527/1	136/1	
9	Transport and Supply Company			1
	HQ	CM/531/1	123/1	
	Three RDIs	CM/532/1	124/1	

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6	Field Company	CM/529/2	122/2	2
7	Signal Company	CM/530/1	121/1	1
8	Infantry Regiment			2
	HQ HQ Company Mortar Company 6 pr Gun Company	CM/526/1	135/1	
	Three Infantry Battalions	CM/527/1	136/1	
9	Transport and Supply Company			1
	HQ	CM/531/1	123/1	
	Three RDIs	CM/532/1	124/1	
	Three Transport Platoons	CM/533/1	125/1	
	Two Composite Platoons	CM/534/1	126/1	
	One Mechanical Engineers Platoon	CM/539/1	127/1	
10	Medical Section	CM/535/1	131/1	1
11.	Field Hospital	CM/536/1	132/1	2
12	Ordnance Field Park	CM/537/1	128/1	1
13	Mechanical Engineers Workshop	CM/538/1	129/1	1
14	Light Aid Detachments	CM/540/1	130/1	6
15	Provost Section	CM/524/1	133/1	2

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Table 2

Entitlement of an Italian Combat Group, composed as in Table 1, to 'A' Vehicles.

Item Serial Number	Designation of Item and Special Equipment List Reference of Units	Entitlement per Unit	Total Group Entitlement
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
5001 00	Carriers Universal		99
	134/1	3	
	136/1	16	
5070 00	Carriers 3" Mortar		48
	135/1	9	
	136/1	5	
5140 00	Carriers Tracked Towing		82
	135/1	26	
	136/1	5	
6034 00 6034 10	Cars Light Recce		17
	119/1	1	
	134/1	12	
	122/2	2	
6128 00	Trucks 15 cwt 4x4 Armoured Personnel		122
	122/2	5	
	121/1	12	

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	136/1	16	
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	122/2	5	
	121/1	12	

Summary

Total Carriers	229
Total Other 'A' Vehicles	39
Grand Total 'A' Vehicles	268

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Table 3 Sheet 4

ENTITLEMENT OF AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP, COMPOSED AS IN TABLE 1, TO "B" VEHICLES

Item Serial Number (a)	Designation of Item and Special Equipment List Reference of Units (b)	Entitlement per Unit. (c)	Total Group Entitlement (d)
6004 00 6004 10	Motor Cycles Solo		354
	152/1	2	
	119/1	10	
	134/1	52	
	120/1	2	
	122/2	12	
	121/1	35	
	135/1	19	
	136/1	18	
	123/1	5	
	125/1	3	
	126/1	6	
	127/1	2	
	131/1	5	
	128/1	5	
	129/1	5	
	130/1	2	
	133/1	14	
6012 00	Cars Light Utility 4x2		76
	152/1	3	
	119/1	5	
	134/1	29	
	135/1	4	
	136/1	2	
	123/1	2	
	125/1	1	
	126/1	2	
	127/1	1	
	131/1	5	
	132/1	1	
	133/1	1	
6014 00	Cars 4 seater 4x2		23
	119/1	3	
	134/1	7	
	135/1	2	
	136/1	1	

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	123/1	5		
	125/1	3		
	126/1	6		
	127/1	2		
	131/1	5		
	128/1	5		
	129/1	5		
	130/1	2		
	133/1	14		
6012 00	Cars Light Utility 4x2		76	
	152/1	3		
	119/1	5		
	134/1	29		
	135/1	4		
	136/1	2		
	123/1	2	5290	
	125/1	1		
	126/1	2		
	127/1	1		
	131/1	5		
	132/1	1		
	133/1	1		
6014 00	Cars 4 seater 4x2		23	
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	134/1	7		
	135/1	2		
	136/1	1		
	123/1	1		
	131/1	1		
	128/1	1		
6018 00	Cars 4 seater 4x4		2	
	152/1	1		
	120/1	1		
6038 00	Cars 5 cwt 4x4		14	
	152/1	3		
	120/1	1		
	122/2	2		
	128/1	3		
	129/1	3		

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
6050 00	Ambulances 2 stretcher 4x4		18
	131/1	18	
6120 00	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 GS		289
	152/1	3	
	119/1	4	
	134/1	37	
	122/2	5	
	121/1	7	
	135/1	25	
	136/1	24	
	123/1	2	
	125/1	1	
	127/1	2	
	128/1	4	
	129/1	11	
	130/1	1	
	133/1	3	
6140 00	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Compressor		6
	122/2	3	
6148 00	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Machy Type KL		1
	129/1	1	
6150 00	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Machinery 9 KV Generator		1
	129/1	1	
6152 00	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Office		7
	119/1	3	
	134/1	1	
	121/1	1	
	135/1	1	
6156 00	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Personnel		1
	134/1	1	
6172 00	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Water 200 gallon		23
	119/1	1	
	134/1	8	
	122/2	1	
	135/1	1	
	136/1	1	
	131/1	2	

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	129/1	11	
	130/1	1	
	133/1	3	
6140 00	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Compressor		6
	122/2	3	
6148 00	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Macky Type KL		1
	129/1	1	
6150 00	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Machinery 9 KW Generator		1
	129/1	1	
6152 00	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Office		7
	119/1	3	
	134/1	1	
	121/1	1	
	135/1	1	
6156 00	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Personnel		1
	134/1	1	
6172 00	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Water 200 gallon		23
	119/1	1	
	134/1	8	
	122/2	1	
	135/1	1	
	136/1	1	
	131/1	2	
	128/1	1	
	129/1	1	
6176 00	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Wireless		22
	152/1	2	
	121/1	20	
6179 00	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Fitted for Wireless		26
	134/1	26	
6240 00	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 GS		301
	152/1	5	
	119/1	3	
	134/1	48	
	135/1	12	
	136/1	11	
	123/1	3	
	125/1	31	
	126/1	2	
	127/1	5	
	131/1	15	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
6240 00	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 GS (Contd)		
	132/1	4	
	128/1	12	
	129/1	13	
	133/1	1	
6241 00	Lorries 3 ton 4x4 GS		39
	120/1	2	
	122/2	10	
	121/1	17	
6257 00	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 Battery Storage		1
	128/1	1	
6269 00	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 Breakdown Light		2
	127/1	2	
6282/20	Lorries 3 ton 6x4 Breakdown Light		5
	129/1	5	
6284 00	Lorries 3 ton 4x4 Cipher Office		1
	121/1	1	
6296 00	Lorries 3 ton 6x4 Crane Turntable		1
	128/1	1	
6308 00	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 Disinfestor		1
	131/1	1	
6340 00	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 Machinery Battery Charging		1
	128/1	1	
6341 10	Lorries 3 ton 6x4 Machinery Type A		1
	129/1	1	
6344 10	Lorries 3 ton 6x4 Machinery Type D1		1
	129/1	1	
6346 10	Lorries 3 ton 6x4 Machinery Type F		1
	129/1	1	
6348 10	Lorries 3 ton 6x4 Machinery Type I		1
	129/1	1	
6355 10	Lorries 3 ton 6x4 Machinery Type Z		1
	129/1	1	

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6308 00	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 Disinfestor 131/1	1	1
6340 00	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 Machinery Battery Charging 128/1	1	1
6341 10	Lorries 3 ton 6x4 Machinery Type A 129/1	1	1
6344 10	Lorries 3 ton 6x4 Machinery Type D1 129/1	1	1
6346 10	Lorries 3 ton 6x4 Machinery Type F 129/1	1	1
6348 10	Lorries 3 ton 6x4 Machinery Type I 129/1	1	1
6355 10	Lorries 3 ton 6x4 Machinery Type Z 129/1	1	1
6366 00	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 Office 128/1	4	4
6418 00	Lorries 3 ton 6x4 Stores Binned 129/1 130/1	6 1	12
6420 00	Lorries 3 ton 4x4 TEV 121/1	1	1
6440 00	Lorries 3 ton 4x4 Winch 122/2	3	6
6450 00	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 Workshop RASC 127/1	2	2
6480 00	Lorries 6 ton 4x2 GS 128/1	10	10

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
6606 00	Tractors 4x4 LAA		12
	134/1	12	
6613 00	Tractors 4x4 Anti Tank 17 pdr		9
	134/1	9	
6616 00	Tractors 6x4 Breakdown Heavy		8
	129/1	2	
	130/1	1	
6620/00	Tractors 4x4 Field Artillery		48
	134/1	48	
6638 00	Trailers 10 cwt 2 wh GS		1
	129/1	1	
6716 00	Trailers 15 cwt 2 wh Machinery Gas Welding		1
	129/1	1	
6724 00	Trailer 15 cwt 2 wh Water 180 gallon		14
	152/1	1	
	134/1	1	
	121/1	1	
	136/1	1	
	123/1	1	
	125/1	1	
	127/1	1	
6728 00	Trailers 1 ton 2 wh GS		12
	122/2	4	
	135/1	2	
6944 00	Trailers 7½ ton 6 wh Light Recovery		3
	129/1	3	

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6508 00	Trailers 10 cwt 2 wh GS			1
	129/1		1	
6716 00	Trailers 15 cwt 2 wh Machinery Gas Welding			1
	129/1		1	
6724 00	Trailer 15 cwt 2 wh Water 180 gallon			14
	152/1		1	
	134/1		1	
	121/1		1	
	136/1		1	
	123/1		1	
	125/1		1	
	127/1		1	
6728 00	Trailers 1 ton 2 wh GS			12
	122/2		4	
	135/1		2	
6944 00	Trailers 7½ ton 6 wh Light Recovery			3
	129/1		3	

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SUMMARY

Total Motor Cycles.....354
Total Trailers..... 31
Total Other "B" Vehicle.....978

Grand Total "B" Vehicles.....1363

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Table 4

Entitlement of an Italian Combat Group, composed as in Table 1, to Artillery and other Stores (less Signal Stores)

Item Serial Number	Designation of Item and Special Equipment List reference of units	Entitlement per Unit	Total Group Entitlement
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1001 00	Pistols Revolver		445
	152/1	19	
	119/1	28	
	134/1	92	
	120/1	6	
	122/2	5	
	121/1	7	
	135/1	23	
	136/1	31	
	123/1	4	
	125/1	1	
	126/1	3	
	127/1	1	
	131/1	13	
	132/1	5	
	128/1	4	
	129/1	6	
	133/1	2	
1020 00	Rifles .303		5407
	152/1	18	
	119/1	79	
	134/1	628	
	120/1	7	5284
	122/2	180	
	121/1	137	
	135/1	256	
	136/1	552	
	123/1	20	
	125/1	8	
	126/1	29	
	127/1	30	
	131/1	6	
	128/1	16	

	134/1	92	
	120/1	6	
	122/2	5	
	121/1	7	
	135/1	23	
	136/1	31	
	123/1	4	
	125/1	1	
	126/1	3	
	127/1	1	
	131/1	13	
	132/1	5	
	128/1	4	
	129/1	6	
	133/1	2	
1020 00	Rifles .303		5407
	152/1	18	
	119/1	79	
	134/1	628	
	120/1	7	
	122/2	180	
	121/1	137	
	135/1	256	
	136/1	552	
	123/1	20	
	125/1	8	
	126/1	29	
	127/1	30	
	131/1	6	
	128/1	46	
	129/1	116	
	130/1	9	
1025 00	Rifles Telescopic		24
	136/1	4	
1040 30	Carbines TSMG		2560
	152/1	17	
	119/1	34	
	134/1	769	
	120/1	7	
	122/2	35	
	121/1	182	
	135/1	102	
	136/1	142	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1040 30	Carbines TSMG (contd)		
	123/1	14	
	124/1	13	
	125/1	35	
	126/1	7	
	127/1	7	
	131/1	49	
	132/1	6	
	128/1	19	
	129/1	48	
	130/1	3	
	133/1	50	
1060 00	Pistols Signal		66
	134/1	14	
	135/1	8	
	136/1	6	
1100 00	Guns Machine Bren .303 in.		500
	134/1	36	
	122/2	12	
	121/1	8	
	135/1	8	
	136/1	64	
	123/1	2	
	125/1	6	
	127/1	2	
	128/1	4	
	129/1	4	
	133/1	1	
1200 00	OML 2 in. Mortar		140
	121/1	2	
	136/1	23	
1210 00	OML 3 in. Mortar		40
	135/1	8	
	136/1	4	
1280 00	Projectors Infantry Anti-Tank		178

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1100 00	Guns Machine Bren .303 in.		500
	134/1	36	
	122/2	12	
	121/1	8	
	135/1	8	
	136/1	64	
	123/1	2	
	125/1	6	
	127/1	2	
	128/1	4	
	129/1	4	
	133/1	1	
1200 00	CML 2 in. Mortar		140
	121/1	2	
	136/1	23	
1210 00	CML 3 in. Mortar		540
	135/1	8	
	136/1	4	
1280 00	Projectors Infantry Anti-Tank		178
	134/1	36	
	122/2	5	
	121/1	5	
	135/1	3	
	136/1	20	
	127/1	1	
1300 00	Watches GS		399
	152/1	6	
	119/1	2	
	134/1	78	
	120/1	2	
	121/1	79	
	135/1	11	
	136/1	27	
	125/1	1	
	131/1	1	
	133/1	22	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1321 00	Compasses Prismatic		335
	152/1	16	
	119/1	5	
	134/1	72	
	120/1	2	
	122/2	4	
	121/1	15	
	135/1	15	
	136/1	27	
	123/1	2	
	125/1	1	
	126/1	2	
	127/1	1	
	129/1	3	
	133/1	1	
1350 00	Binoculars Prismatic No.2		318
	152/1	16	
	119/1	7	
	134/1	88	
	120/1	2	
	135/1	14	
	136/1	27	
	123/1	2	
	125/1	1	
	126/1	2	
	127/1	1	
	129/1	3	
	133/1	1	
1351 00	Binoculars Prismatic No.5		19
	134/1	19	
1360 00	Telescopes Signalling		68
	134/1	8	
	136/1	10	
3190 00	Stereoscopes Universal		1
	120/1	1	

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1350 00	Binoculars Prismatic No.2		518
	152/1	16	
	119/1	7	
	134/1	88	
	120/1	2	
	135/1	14	
	136/1	27	
	123/1	2	
	125/1	1	
	126/1	2	
	127/1	1	
	129/1	3	
	133/1	1	
1351 00	Binoculars Prismatic No.5		19
	134/1	19	
1360 00	Telescopes Signalling		68
	134/1	8	
	136/1	10	
3190 00	Stereoscopes Universal		1
	120/1	1	
3192 00	Stereoscopes Universal Bars Parallax		1
	120/1	1	
3200 00	Tapes Measuring Steel 100-ft		3
	120/1	1	
	122/2	1	
3230 00	Camouflet Equipment		6 Sets
	122/2	3 Sets	
3250 00	Concrete Breakers Pneumatic No.1 or 2		4
	122/2	2	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
3290 00	Hammer Drills		8
	122/2	4	
3301 00	Picks Light		8
	122/2	4	
3410 00	Saws Pneumatic		4
	122/2	2	
3440 00	Wood Borers		4
	122/2	2	
3455 00	Lighting Sets 1 KW		1
	131/1	1	
3490 00	Detectors Mine		41
	134/1	1	
	122/2	8	
	136/1	4	
4001 00	OQF 40 mm Equipments		12
	134/1	12	
4247 00	Predictors AA No.3		12
	134/1	12	
4270 00	Watches Stop 1/10 Sec		4
	134/1	3	
	129/1	1	
4280 00	Generating Set 2.75 KVA		12
	134/1	12	
4340 00	OQF 6 pr		36

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	131/1	1	
3490 00	Detectors Mine		41
	134/1	1	
	122/2	8	
	136/1	4	
4001 00	QQF 40 mm Equipments		12
	134/1	12	
4247 00	Predictors AA No.3		12
	134/1	12	
4270 00	Watches Stop 1/10 Sec		4
	134/1	3	
	129/1	1	
4280 00	Generating Set 2.75 KVA		12
	134/1	12	
4340 00	QQF 6 pr		36
	135/1	12	
	136/1	2	
4350 00	QQF 17 pr		8
	134/1	8	
4370 00	QQF 25 pr		32
	134/1	32	
4472 00	Trailers Artillery No.27		64
	134/1	64	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
4500 00	Watches Stop 1/5 Sec		5
	134/1	5	
4510 00	Telescopes Sighting 22c, 29 or 41		44
	134/1	44	
4550 00	Sights Dial		40
	134/1	40	
4560 00	Clinometers Sight		40
	134/1	40	
4565 00	Clinometers Field		9
	134/1	8	
	129/1	1	
4570 00	Parallelloscopes		32
	134/1	8	
4580 00	Rangefinders No.2		6
	134/1	6	
4582 00	Rangefinders No.13		2
	134/1	2	
4590 00	Directors Artillery No.7		20
	134/1	20	
4600 00	Stands Instrument No.13		8
	134/1	8	
4603 00	Stands Instrument No.18		1

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4565 00	Clinometers Field		9
	134/1	8	
	129/1	1	
4570 00	Parallelloscopes		32
	134/1	8	
4580 00	Rangefinders No.2		6
	134/1	6	
4582 00	Rangefinders No.13		2
	134/1	2	
4590 00	Directors Artillery No.7		20
	134/1	20	
4600 00	Stands Instrument No.13		8
	134/1	8	
4603 00	Stands Instrument No.18		1
	134/1	1	
4605 00	Stands Instrument No.27		53
	134/1	53	
4607 00	Stands Instrument No.39		20
	134/1	20	
4655 00	Boards Artillery No.3		18
	134/1	18	
4680 00	Periscopes 14A		4
	134/1	4	
4820 00	Telescopes Stereoscopic		1
	134/1	1	
4865 00	Clinometers Large		1
	129/1	1	

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Table 5

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Entitlement of an Italian Combat Group composed as in Table 1 to Signal Stores

Item Serial Number	Designation of Item and Special Equipment List Reference of Units	Entitlement per unit	Total Group Entitlement
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
7060 00	Cable Layers Mechanical No.1		1
	121/1	1	
7070 00	Frame D & F 10 wire		9
	132/1	1	
	121/1	8	
7140	Fullerphones		42
	152/1	2	
	121/1	10	
	136/1	5	
7150	Telephone Sets 'D' Mk.V		184
	152/1	8	
	134/1	72	
	121/1	56	
	136/1	6	
7160	Telephone Sets 'F' Mk.I, IA or 2		31
	121/1	30	
	129/1	1	
7180	Telephone Sets Loud Speaking No.2		8
	134/1	8	
7200	Switchboards U/C 10 line		51
	152/1	1	
	134/1	6	
	121/1	8	
	136/1	6	
7220	Switchboards F & F 40 line		1
	121/1	1	
7286 00	Test Frames 40 pair		1
	121/1	1	

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7100	Telephone Sets 'F' Mk.I, IA or 2		31
	121/1	30	
	129/1	1	
7130	Telephone Sets Loud Speaking No.2		8
	134/1	8	
7200	Switchboards U/C 10 line		51
	152/1	1	
	134/1	16	
	121/1	28	
	136/1	6	
7220	Switchboards F & F 40 line		1
	121/1	1	
7286 00	Test Frames 40 pair		1
	121/1	1	
7325	Wireless Sets No.18 or No.48		104
	134/1	12	
	155/1	7	
	136/1	13	
7375	Wireless Sets No.22 B		4
	134/1	4	
7375 01	Wireless Sets No.22 Truck		53
	134/1	41	
	121/1	12	
7375 06	Wireless Sets No.22 Carrier		1
	134/1	1	

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
7325 99	Wireless Sets No.18 Carrier 134/1	3	3
7350	Wireless Sets No.19 Truck Ground 121/1	14	14
7810 00	Reception Sets R.107 152/1 121/1	1 4	5
7815 00	Reception Sets R.109 134/1	4	4
7905	Wavemeters 'B' No.1 152/1 134/1 121/1	1 6 5	12
7921	Charging Sets 300 watt 134/1 121/1	45 12	57
7923	Charging Sets 1260 watt 152/1 134/1 121/1	1 5 2	8
7924 or 7925	Charging Sets 4 kw 121/1	4	4
7981 00	Cable Electric D8 Single - miles 121/1	96	96
7981 00(A)	Cable Electric W 110 Single - miles 134/1 121/1 136/1	68 56 17	226

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7905	Transmitters 'D' No.1		12
	152/1	1	
	134/1	6	
	121/1	5	
7921	Charging Sets 300 watt		57
	134/1	45	
	121/1	12	
7923	Charging Sets 1260 watt		8
	152/1	1	
	134/1	5	
	121/1	2	
7924 or 7925	Charging Sets 4 kw		4
	121/1	4	
7981 00	Cable Electric D8 Single - miles		96
	121/1	96	
7981 00(A)	Cable Electric W 110 Single - miles		226
	134/1	68	
	121/1	56	
	136/1	17	
7981 01	Cable Electric D8 double - yards		6000
	134/1	6000	
7981 01(A)	Cable Electric W 110B double - yards		79200
	134/1	18480	
	121/1	60720	

(A) = American equivalent of corresponding British type

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
X500/2
2 Mar 45

Signal Officer 53 BLD.
Ministry of War.

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1. Further to this H.Q. X500/2 of 17 Feb 45.

2. Owing to the move of Folgore Group, telephone communication will no longer be available between Ministry of War and the Group.

Folgore Group are permitted, however, to make two calls per day to Rome 41398. These calls will not exceed 15 minutes duration and will be originated by the BLO Signal Office at 0530 hrs and 2030 hrs daily. Calls will be routed via Florence L.D. and Rome L.D. exchanges.

3. The above will be effective from 2 Mar 45.

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W. CAVELEY, Major.
for Major General.
M. M. I. A.

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ARMY GROUP SD 1287 UNDATED (NOT TO 8 ARMY) AND 8 ARMY Q 8303 OF 23 (.) ANTICIPATE 1ST ITALIAN GENERAL TRANSPORT COMPANY WILL ARRIVE 8 ARMY AREA BY 10 MARCH (.) BAKERY SECTION M A C WILL MOVE APPROXIMATELY SAME TIME (.) 2ND G.T. COMPANY WILL REMAIN CESANO TO TRAIN DRIVERS TO MEET DEFICIENCY WHICH IS HOLDING UP FORMATION M A C AND 3RD G.T. COMPANY (.) CONFIRM DESTINATION 1ST G.T. COY AND BAKERY SECTION M A C

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

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MSG Center No : N83/01
Classification : Secret
Precedence : Routine
From : AFHQ signed SACMED
To : 15 Army Group
rptd Main & Army
Rear & Army
MMIA.-

Date | Time Rec'd : 011200
Date | Time Sent :
Reference NR : FX 35504
Cite : FHGCT

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SECRET ① Army Group SD 1287
Undated (Not to 8 Army) and 8 Army
Q 8303 of 23 ① Anticipate 1st Italian
General Transport Company will arrive
8 Army area by 10 March ① Bakery
Section MAC will move approximately
same time ① 2nd G.T. Company will
remain CESANO to train drivers to
meet deficiency which is holding up formation
MAC and 3rd G.T. Company ① Confirm
destination 1st G.T. Coy and Bakery
Section MAC

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From : HQ 15 ARMY GROUP 26 1800 A

To AFHQ

Info : MMIA

Ref : SD 1287 CONFIDENTIAL

For G-3 Ops (*) Subject auxilliary units for Italian Combat Groups (*) Request infmn availablity following units which are required earliest in support of Combat Groups now under command (A) 1 Italian Tpt and Sups Coy (B) 1 Italian Mac less A Sec (C) 2 Italian Tpt and Sups Coy

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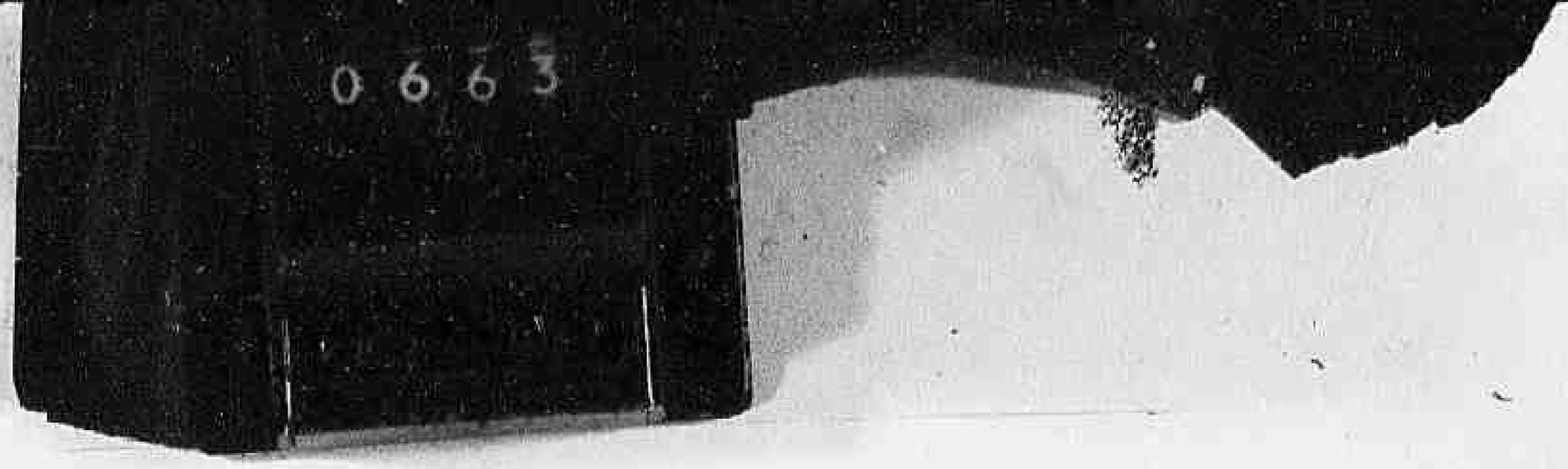

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FROM HQ 15 ARMY GP 261600A
TO ACTION AFHQ
INFO MMIA
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CONFIDENTIAL . FOR G-3 ORC . SUBJECT AUXILIARY UNITS FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPS . REQUEST INFM AVAILABILITY FOLLOWING UNITS WHICH ARE REQUIRED EARLIEST IN SUPPORT OF COMBAT GROUPS NOW UNDER COMD (A) 1 ITALIAN TPT AND SUPS COY (B) 1 ITALIAN MAC LESS A SEC (C) 2 ITALIAN TPT AND SUPS COY
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SUBJECT :- Mantova Gruppo

Allied Force Headquarters

Tele No. Freedom 518

AFHQ/6042/Q(AF)

21 Feb 45

Ord (Br)

WP

The completion date for equipment of the 5th (Mantova) Gruppo has been fixed at 31 Mar 45.

Will you please arrange that between now and 15 Mar 45 Depots meet demands from the M.A.U. on a priority next below Armies.

From 15 Mar 45 to 31 Mar 45 remaining unsatisfied indents from the Gruppo are to receive first priority.

(Sgd) J.J. SLOAN, Lt. Col.,
for Brigadier,
Q(AF).

DCC/TEI

Copy to : MMIA
G-3

Have copies been circulated GSO. HQ. If not do so WP

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SUBJECT: Repatriation from BALKANS and FRANCE

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/41/3
17 Feb 45

TO : AFHQ for G-3 (Org)
AFHQ for G-5
Chief of Staff, A.C.
Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Com., A.C.

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 13 Feb 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex BALKANS and FRANCE:-

(a) Received in ST ANDREWS CAMP	23572
Dispatched from Camp	23449
Remaining in Camp	123

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumulated total):-

To Hospital	1685
To PW Camp	21
Demobilised	9170
Leave then GRUPPI	1074
To GRUPPI	760
Leave then TRANI (BR-ITI)	3819
Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)	2764
To TRANI (BR-ITI)	4600
To ASTRONI (US-ITI)	75
Leave then Pack Transport Coy	3
To Pack Transport Coy	2825
Deserted from Camp	785
Various (CC RR, RGF, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	2911

2. Of the 23572 shown as received in camp, 1535 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

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(c) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumulated total):-

To Hospital	1685
To PW Camp	21
Demobilised	2100
Leave then GRUPPI	2071
To GRUPPI	760
Leave then IRANI (BR-ITI)	3819
Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)	2759
To IRANI (BR-ITI)	4600
To ASTRONI (US-ITI)	75
Leave then Pack Transport Coy	5
To Pack Transport Coy	2825
Deserted from Camp	763
Various (CC RR, RGF, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	2911

2. Of the 23572 shown as received in camp, 1535 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

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for E Robertson
Major General i/c
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: PRS
PENSOUTH
MMIA LO PENSOUTH
MMIA LO 52 AREA
MMIA LO 54 AREA

Internal: 2 i/c — Med
A/Q — Dvr
Spec Sec — SS/M3/5
ST — SP/145

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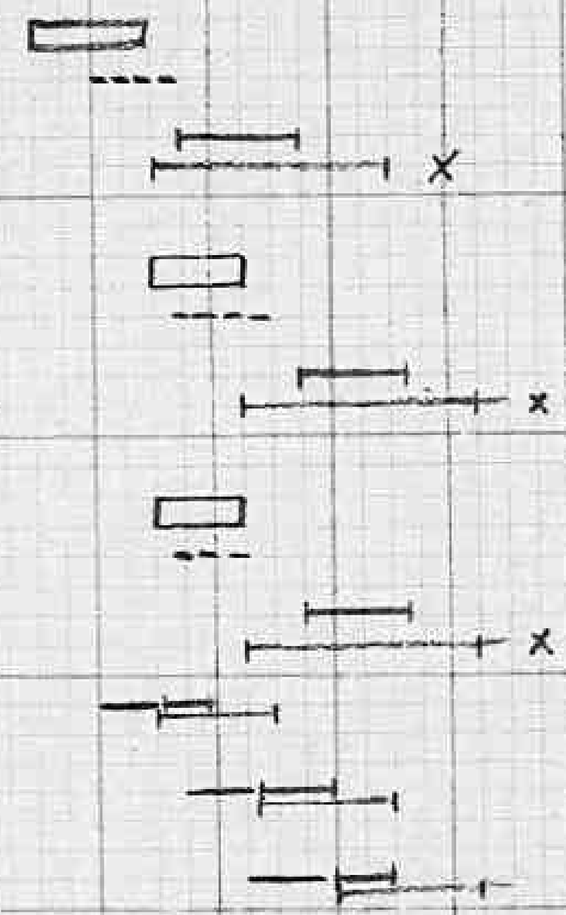
	AUG.	SEP.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB
							ITALY
1. FRIULI	Retraining Basic Training Qualifying TRAININGS.						
2. CREMONA							NA
3. LEGNANO							MEF
4. FOLGORE							MEF
5. MANTOVA							UK
6. PICENO							UK
TAIL	1/3	1/3	1/3				



4. FOLGORE — MEF

5. MANTOVA — UK

6. PICENO — UK

TAIL 1/3
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1st mention 17 Jul. – appros 21 Jul

1. Time Table
2. Planning, WE, G.1098, Translation, Schools
3. Reorganisation, Moves, Manpower, Maint.
4. Training
5. Equipping — A.C.C. Vehicles
6. Political
7. Visits (orders for).

15 Feb

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CONFIDENTIAL

Subject:- Telephone Communications to Italian Combat Group H.Qs.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
X500/2
17 Feb 45

MINISTRY OF WAR.

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1. Further to this H.Q. letter X500/2 of 10 Feb.

HQ 15 Army Group have placed further restrictions upon the use of these lines owing to pressure of traffic.

2. The following conditions will now apply:-

(a) Two calls per day will be permitted from each Group to [redacted] (Rome 41398). These calls will be originated by the formation commanding the Group at the following times:-

CHIETI Group to Operations Office (Rome 41398)
0800 hrs. 2000 hrs
FRIULI Group " " " 0815 hrs. 2015 hrs

(b) All calls will be limited to 15 minutes.

(c) All calls from [redacted] to Groups are prohibited.

(d) Arrangements will automatically be made for the remaining Groups as they move forward.

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W. CALVELEY, Major,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Subject:- Use of Allied Telephone Network by Italian Ministry.

Land Forces Sub-Com.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
X500/2
/5 Feb 45

MINISTRY OF WAR.
50 B.L.U.
51 "
52 "
53 "
56 "

Copy to: CSO L of C ITALY (Main)
" 1 District
" 2 District
" 3 District
Signal Officer
Rome Area Allied Command.

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1. Further to this H.Q. letter X500/2 of 30 Jan (not to all). A.F.H.Q. has given authority for Allied telephone circuits to be used between H.Q. of the Combat Groups and the following numbers at S.M.R.E., and vice versa:-

CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF	ROME	41571
DEPUTY CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF ..	"	42794
OPERATIONS OFFICE	"	41398
SERVICES OFFICE	"	42485
ORGANISATION OFFICE	"	40893
PERSONNEL OFFICE	"	41965

2. Owing to the restricted line facilities available, communication will be kept to a minimum. Calls will be restricted to the following times daily:- 0800 - 0900 hrs; 1700 - 1800 hrs. Calls will not be originated at other than these times unless the matter is of vital operational urgency.

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3. Calls originating from S.M.R.E. must be demanded in ENGLISH, connection should be requested to the B.L.U. of the Group who will then put the call through to the required branch. Calls from Groups to S.M.R.E. should be demanded through the B.L.U.

W. CALVELEY, Major,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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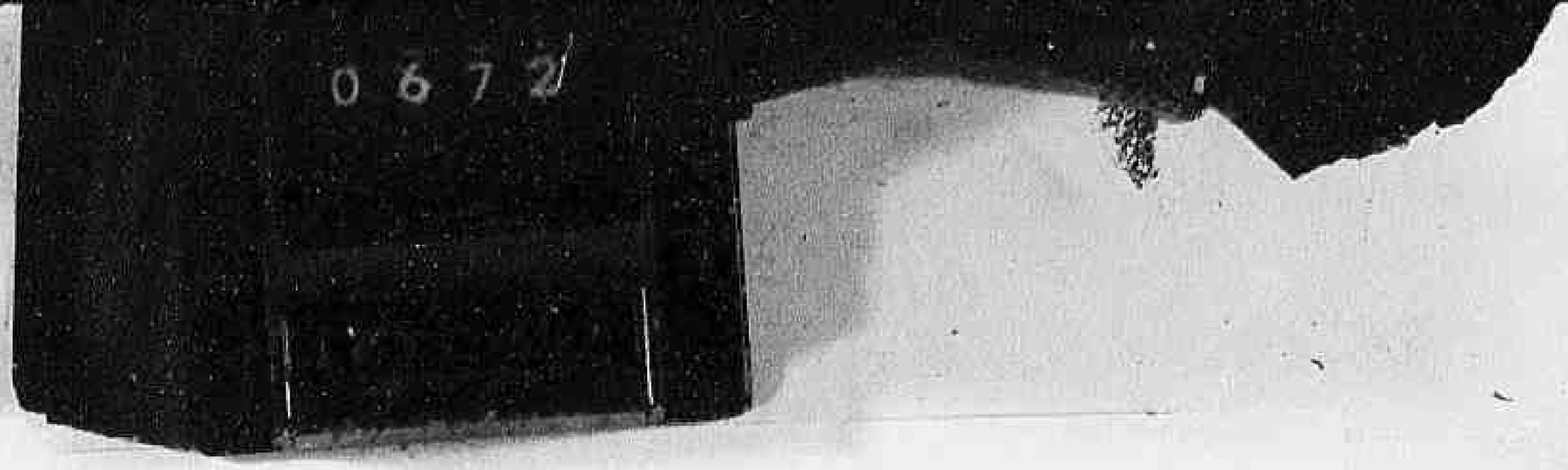

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED

111200

TO : MMIA

SECRET

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LEGNANO REPEAT LEGNANO COMBAT GROUP PASS TO UNDER THE COMMAND

5 ARMY 131200A IN PRESENT LOCATION

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

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FROM: FREEDOM SIGNED SACMED CITE FHQCT

TO : 56 BLU (BENEVENTO)
DISTREE

INFO: MMIA

SECRET

FX 22753

PARA (1) AUTHORITY GRANTED FOR MOVE OF CERTAIN REGIMENTS OF MANTOVA GRUPPO TO NEW LOCALITIES IN SAN GIORGIO AREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH PLAN SUBMITTED BY 56 BLU (.) PARA (2) (.) MOVES TO TAKE PLACE UNDER UNIT ARRANGEMENTS AND BY MARCH ROUTE (.) PARA (3) (.) FOR MMIA YOUR SD 2233 OF 3 FEBRUARY REFERS

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CONFIDENTIAL SECRET 2/5

RAAC MESSAGE FORM

CALL	CIRCUIT No.	PRIORITY	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS
	NR 8429	IMPORTANT	QVR 3

SPACES WITHIN RED LINES FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN 071930

FROM (A) FREEDOM SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGCT

TO (FOR ACTION) 56 BLU (BENEVENTO) DISTHREE

MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS | GR

TO (FOR INFORMATION) MMIA

(SECURITY CLASSIFICATION) SECRET.

(REF. No.) FX22753

PARA (1) AUTHORITY GRANTED FOR MOVE OF CERTAIN REGIMENTS OF MANTOVA GRUPPO TO NEW LOCALITIES IN SAN GIORGIO AREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH PLAN SUBMITTED BY 56 BLU.

PARA (2). MOVES TO TAKE PLACE UNDER UNIT ARRANGEMENTS AND BY MARCH ROUTE.

PARA (3) . FOR MMIA YOUR SD2233 OF 3 FEBRUARY REFERS

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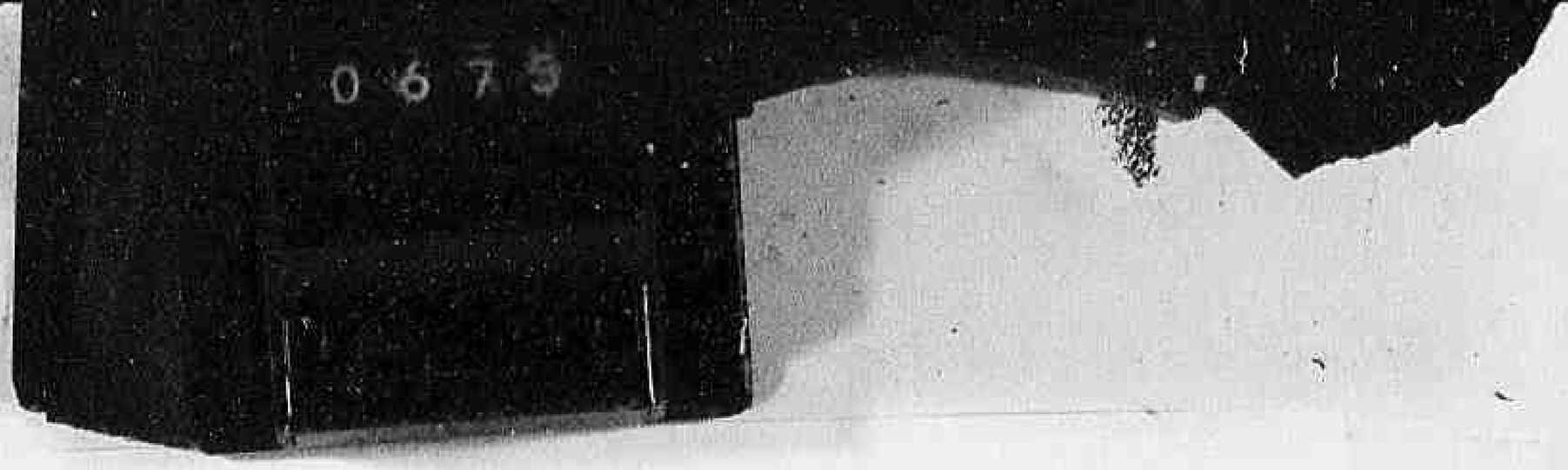

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SUBJECT: Repatriation from BALKANS and FRANCE

LAND FORCES SUB-COM.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No.SD/41/3
6 Feb 45.

TO : AFHQ for G-3 (Org)
AFHQ for G-5
Chief of Staff, AC
Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Com;AC.

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 3 Feb 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex BALKANS and FRANCE:-

(a) Received in ST ANDREWS CAMP 23396
Dispatched from Camp 23266
Remaining in Camp 130

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumalated total):-

To Hospital	1684
To PW Camp	21
Demobilised	2093
Leave then GRUPPI	1066
To GRUPPI	775
Leave then TRANI (BR-ITI)	3761
Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)	2752
To TRANI (BR-ITI)	4535
To ASTRONI (US-ITI)	74
Leave then Pack Transp Coy	3

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1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 3 Feb 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex BALKANS and FRANCE:-

(a) Received in ST ANDREWS CAMP	23396
Dispatched from Camp	23266
Remaining in Camp	130

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows (accumalated total):-

To Hospital	1684
To PW Camp	21
Demobilised	2093
Leave then GRUPPI	1066
To GRUPPI	775
Leave then TRANI (BR-ITI)	3761
Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)	2752
To TRANI (BR-ITI)	4535
To ASTRONI (US-ITI)	74
Leave then Pack Transp Coy	3
To Pack Transp Coy	2826
Deserted from Camp	781
Various(CC.RR.,RGF,Air Force Navy,Medical)	2895

2. Of the 23396 shown as received in camp, 1371 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

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for Major General, Major
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: PBS. PENSOUTH. MMIA LO PENSOUTH. MMIA LO 52 AREA.
MMIA LO 54 AREA.
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SIGNAL

FROM: MMIA 011900

TO : AFHQ for G-1 BR G-3 ORG MOV

INFO: HQ 15 ARMY GROUP
CG FIFTH ARMY
FIFTH ARMY FOR BR INCR
EIGHTH ARMY
DISTONE
DISTHREE
PENSOUTH
PENBASE
FIFTH ARMY FOR MMLA LO
FIFTH ARMY BR INCR FOR MMLA LO
REAR EIGHTH ARMY FOR MMLA LO
DISTONE FOR MMLA LO
DISTHREE FOR MMLA LO
PENSOUTH FOR MMLA LO
52 AREA FOR MMLA LO
54 AREA FOR MMLA LO
ICF RFT TNG CENTRE CESANO
SIGS OFFICE BARLETTA FOR O'DONNELL
ITALIAN RFT DEP ORVIETO
ALCM SICILY FOR MMLA LO

SD 2225 SECRET

FIRST (.) REQUEST YOU ARRANGE FOLLOWING MOVES IN WEEK 12 FEB TO 18 FEB (.)

READING COLUMNS A NUMBERS B DESCRIPTION C ENTRAINING STATION D DESTINATION E RECEIVING FORM (.)

1 A 200 B COMBAT RFTS C FROM CESANO D TO PESARO E FOR FRIULI GP (.)

2 A 200 B COMBAT RFTS C FROM CESANO D TO PESARO E FOR CREMONA GP (.)

3 A 500 B PATRIOTS C FROM AREZZO D TO CESANO E FOR ICF RTC (.) THIS MOVE REQUIRED 14 FEB (.) ONE DIST PLEASE CONFIRM RD TPT ARRANGEMENTS FROM FLORENCE

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4 A 500 B PATRIOTS C FROM AREZZO D TO CESANO E FOR ICF RTC (.) THIS MOVE REQUIRED 16 FEB (.) ONE DIST PLEASE CONFIRM RD TPT ARRANGEMENTS FROM FLORENCE

5 A 400 B LOW CATEGORY PERSONNEL C FROM VIBO VALENTIA D TO TRANI E FOR RFT CAMP (.)

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SIGNAL

FROM: MMIA 011900

TO : AFHQ for G-1 HR G-2 ORG MOV

INFO: HQ 15 ARMY GROUP
CG FIFTH ARMY
FIFTH ARMY FOR BR INCR
EIGHTH ARMY
DISTONE
DISTHREE
PENSOUTH
PENBASE
FIFTH ARMY FOR MMIA LO
FIFTH ARMY BR INCR FOR MMIA LO
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6 A 400 B COMBAT VOLUNTEERS C FROM TRANI D TO CESANO E FOR ICF RTC (.)

7 A 140 B MULETEERS C FROM TRANI D TO AREZZO E FOR FIFTH ARMY BR INCR (.)

8 A 300 B LAS C FROM TRANI D TO PESARO E FOR EIGHTH ARMY (.)

9 A 700 B CALL UP PERSONNEL C FROM REGGIO D TO TRANI E FOR RFT CAMP (.)

10 A 1000 B CALL UP PERSONNEL C FROM REGGIO D TO ASTRONI E FOR US ITI (.)

11 A 200 B CALL UP PERSONNEL C FROM REGGIO D TO AVERSOLA E FOR RFT CAMP (.)

12 A 800 B COMBAT VOLUNTEERS C FROM REGGIO D TO CESANO E FOR ICF RTC (.)

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13 A 82 B DISBANDED AA PERSONNEL C FROM BARI D TO CESANO E FOR ICF RTC (.)

14 A 31 B DISBANDED AA PERSONNEL C FROM BARI D TO ROME E FOR ITI ITI (.)

15 A 1500 B APULIA CALL UP C FROM BARI AND FOGGIA D TO CESANO E FOR ICF RTC (.)

16 A 1500 B APULIA CALL UP C FROM LECCE AND TARANTO D TO ORVIETO E FOR BR ITI RFT DEP (.)

17 A 500 B APULIA CALL UP C FROM BARIETTA D TO FROSINONE E FOR ITI ITI RFT DEP (.)

18 A 500 B APULIA CALL UP C FROM CAMPOBASSO D TO ASTRONI E FOR US ITI (.)

19 A 2000 B MULETEERS C FROM ORVIETO D TO FOSSOMERONE E FOR MULE TRG CENTRE (.)

REQUIRED 9 FEB IN ORDER ACCOMODATE SERIAL 16 (.)

SECOND (.) REQUEST YOU CHECK MOV 56 LINE CONSTN PERSONNEL FROM TRANI TO LINE SCHOOL FRANCA VILLA (.) ALL INFORMED

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATED PAPINEAU, Major

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SUBJECT: War Establishments - Reinforcements
Training Centre Italian Combat Force

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/29/43
Jan 45

TO : AFHQ for G3 Org (10 copies)

Copy to: DMT (3)
British Training Unit
MMLA LO FC ICF

Enclosed are the War Establishments for the Reinforcement Training Centre, Italian Combat Force, as worked out with SMRE, and agreed between DMT, AFHQ and MMLA.

2. The Proposals

New W.E.s as summarised at Appendix "A".

3. The Effect of the Proposals

(a) Additional against the BR-ITI ceiling of:
Offrs 315 As detailed in Appendix "A"
OR's 2063 As detailed in Appendix "A"

An increase in M.T. of:
M/C's 126 As detailed in Appendix "B"
Vehicles 275 As detailed in Appendix "B"

(b) Not applicable
(c) (i) Personnel are to be drawn from the disbanded PICENO Group
(ii) All personnel will be Italian troops.
(d) Reinforcement Training Centre, Italian Combat Force
(e) Proposed War Establishments enclosed.

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OR's 2089 As detailed in Appendix "A"

An increase in M.T. of:
M/C's 126 As detailed in Appendix "B"
Vehicles 275 As detailed in Appendix "B"

(b) Not applicable
(c) (i) Personnel are to be drawn from the disbanded PICENO Group
(ii) All personnel will be Italian troops.
(d) Reinforcement Training Centre, Italian Combat Force
(e) Proposed War Establishments enclosed.

4. Reasons for the Proposals

The establishment of a Reinforcements Training Centre which will have the following functions :

(a) The holding and training of reinforcements for 5 Combat Groups (total strength 45,000)
(b) The provision of courses for Combat Group personnel.
(c) The training of certain BR-ITI Services specialists - e.g. Signals personnel.

for Major General
M.M.L.O.

Internal:
G(SD) 2
A/Q
S/T
Med
SOR Sigs
SOME
Spares 5

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE

ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

SUMMARY OF WAR ESTABLISHMENTS

SERIAL	UNIT	WAR ESTABLISHMENT	TRAINING STAFF OFFRS	TRAINING STAFF ORs	PERMANENT STAFF INCL TRG STAFF OFFRS	PERMANENT STAFF INCL TRG STAFF ORs
	H.Q. Units					
1.	H.Q. RTC ICF	As proposed	-	-	22	138
2.	Ration and POL Depot & Clothing Store	"	-	-	4	51
3.	A Field Hygiene Section	"			1	27
4.	A Transport Platoon	NA/533/1			1	49
5.	2 LAD's	NA/540/1			-	24
6.	HQ CC.RR. Coy	As proposed	1	6	2	21
7.	3 Sections CC.RR.	NA/524/1			1	51
	T O T A L - H.Q. Units I C F		1	6	31	361
8.	H.Q. Reception Regiment	As proposed	-	-	14	113
9.	3 Reception Battalions	"	12	162	33	~~237~~ 243
	T O T A L - Reception Regiment		12	162	47	~~350~~ 356
10.	H.Q. Infantry Regiment	As proposed	-	-	12	85
11.	3 Infantry Battalions	"	30	159	54	387
	T O T A L - Infantry Rfts Regt		30	159	66	472
12.	H.Q. Composite Regiment	As proposed	-	-	8	42
13.	Artillery Depot and School	"	12	44	26	175
14.	Mixed Reinforcements Battalion	"	1	3	8	36
15.	H.Q. Engineer Battalion	"	-	-	5	28
16.	Field Engineering School	"	7	41	10	94
17.	Signals Dep & School(figures originally	"	25	61	32	159
18.	Mech Engineers Trg Coy proposed)	"	-	-	3	21
	T O T A L - Composite Reinforcements Regt		45	149	92	555
19.	HQ Schools(incl Interpreters Section)	As proposed	3	-	22	55
20.	Infantry School	"	8	30	12	57
21.	Instructors School	"	32	33	38	137
22.	Driving & Maintenance School	To be proposed	-	-	-	-
23.	Mechanics School	As proposed	5	53	7	96
	T O T A L - SCHOOLS		48	116	79	345
	GRAND TOTAL (Excl Ser 22 & 23		136	592	315	~~2104~~ 2083
	ATTACHED					
	1 Field Hospital	NA/574/1			7	58
	1 Field Bakery	NA/597/1			1	31
	1 G T Coy(pending organisation of	NA/531/1,NA/539/1			9	333
	D & M School)	NA/532/1,NA/533/1				

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ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

SUPPLY OF WAR ESTABLISHMENTS

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APPENDIX "A" to
MMA S/G/29/43
of 26 JAN 1944

WAR ESTABLISHMENT	TRAINING STAFF OFFERS	TRAINING STAFF ORs	PERMANENT STAFF INCL TRG STAFF OFFERS	PERMANENT STAFF INCL TRG STAFF ORs	REINFORCEMENTS OFFERS	REINFORCEMENTS ORs
As proposed	-	-	22	138	-	-
"	-	-	4	51	-	-
"			1	27		
NA/533/1			1	49		
NA/540/1			-	24		
As proposed	1	6	2	21	-	-
NA/524/1			1	51	2	102
	1	6	31	361	2	102
As proposed	-	-	14	113	-	-
"	12	162	33	~~358~~ 237	70	1290
	12	162	47	~~471~~ 350	70	1290
As proposed	-	-	12	85	-	-
"	30	159	54	387	90	4110
	30	159	66	472	90	4110
As proposed	-	-	8	42	-	-
"	12	44	26	175	15	625
"	1	3	8	36	10	270
"	-	-	5	28	-	-
"	7	41	10	94	10	270
"	25	61	32	159	5	155
"	-	-	3	21	5	75
Gt	45	149	92	555	45	1395
As proposed	3	-	22	55	-	-
"	8	30	12	57	-	-
"	32	33	38	137	-	-
To be proposed	-	-	-	-	-	-
As proposed	5	53	7	96	-	-
	48	117	79	345	-	-
	136	592	315	~~2404~~ 2083	207	6897
NA/574/1			7	58		
NA/597/1			1	31		
NA/531/1, NA/539/1 NA/532/1, NA/535/1			2	334		

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APPX 'B' to MEIA letter
S/G/29/43 of 28 Jan 45

REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE

ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

SUMMARY OF TRANSPORT

Serial	UNIT	Bicycles	Motor Cycles	Cars 4 str 4 x 2 or 4 x 4	Cars 2 str 4 x 2 or Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4	Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 G S	Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 F F W	Trucks 15 cwt water	Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 G S or 4 x 4	Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 spec disinfestors	Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 winch	Lorries 3 ton breakdown	Lorries 3 ton 6 x 4 Stores binned	Tractors Bofors	Tractors 6 x 4 breakdown	Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 Air Compressor	Carriers Universal	Trailers Water
1	HQ RTC ICF	1	8	2	7	7			3									
2	Ration & POL Depot & Clothing Store					1			1									
3	A Field Hygiene Section	2	6			1			1	1								
4	A Transport Platoon		3		1	1			31									1
5	2 LAD's		4			2							2		2			
6	HQ CC.RR. Company	2	2		1	1			1									
7	3 Section CC.RR.		58		3	9			3									
8	HQ Reception Regiment		2		2	3		1	5									
9	3 Reception Battalions	6			6	6			6									
10	HQ Infantry Regiment		2		2	3		1	4									
11	3 Infantry Battalions	30	6		6	12	6		12									
12	HQ Composite Regiment		1	1	1	1			2									
13	Artillery Depot and School		2	1	3	4		1	10			1		10				
14	Mixed Reinforcements Battalion		2		2	1			2								57	
15	HQ Engineer Battalion		1		1	1			2								22	
16	Field Engineering		2		1	2			1		1					1	43	

1	HQ RTC ICF	-	8	2	7	7			3											
2	Ration & POL Depot & Clothing Store					1			1											
3	A Field Hygiene Section	2	6			1			1	1									1	
4	A Transport Platoon		3		1	1			31											
5	2 LAD's		4			2							2		2					
6	HQ CC.RR. Company	2	2		1	1			1											
7	3 Section CC.RR.		58		3	9			3											
8	HQ Reception Regiment		2		2	3		1	5											
9	3 Reception Battalions	6			6	6			6											
10	HQ Infantry Regiment		2		2	3		1	4											
11	3 Infantry Battalions	30	6		6	12	6		12											
12	HQ Composite Regiment		1	1	1	1			2											
13	Artillery Depot and School		2	1	3	4		1	10			1		10						
14	Mixed Reinforcements Battalion		2		2	1			2											
15	HQ Engineer Battalion		1		1	1			2											
16	Field Engineering School		2		1	2			1		1						1			
17	Signals Training Centre		16	1		10	5		7											
18	Mechanical Engineers Training Company		1		1	1			1											
19	HQ Schools (Incl Interpreters Section)	2	2	1	2	2			4											
20	Infantry School		2	1														8		
21	Instructors School		5	1	7	6			4											
22	Driving & Maintenance School																			
23	Mechanics School	2	1		1	2			4											
	TOTAL	44	126	8	47	76	11	3	104	1	1	1	2	10	2	1	8	1		

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Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
(i) Personnel (Contd)					
SERVICES SECTION.					
WO i/c	1				1
Medical Orderlies (for HQ MI Room)		2	4		6
Officers Mess - Mess Sjt	1				1
Cooks		2	2		4
Orderlies			6		6
O.Rs. Messes - Cooks	1	1	6		8
Barber			1		1
Tailor			1		1
Shoemaker			1		1
Batmen			14		14
Storemen			2		2
MP Men			4		4
SIGNALS SECTION.					
Teleprinter operators	2	2	4		8
Switchboard operators	1	1	2		4
Interpreters	1				1
Signals clerks (for Message Centre)	1	1	2		4
Linesmen			2		2
Electricians			1		1
Driver mechanics			2		2
Motor cyclists			6		6
Post Office - Duty men	2	3	5		10
M.T. Section - WO i/c	1				1
Driver mechanics		2			2
Drivers i/c			17		17

Batman				14	14
Storemen				2	2
Cooks				4	4
SIGNALS SECTION.					
Teleprinter operators		2	2	4	8
Switchboard operators		1	1	2	4
Interpreters		1			1
Signals clerks (for Message Centre)		1	1	2	4
Linesmen				2	2
Electricians				1	1
Driver mechanics				2	2
Motor cyclists				6	6
Post Office - Duty men		2	3	5	10
M.T. Section - WO0 i/c		1			1
Driver mechanics			2		2
Drivers i/c				17	17
TOTAL - ORs.		24	25	89	159
TOTAL - HQ Reinforcements Training Centre	22	24	25	89	160. ~~159~~

(ii) Transport.

(a) For Signals Section.

Motor cycles, solo	8
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	1
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	1

(b) For IT Section.

Cars 4 str 4 x 2	2
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	6
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	6
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	3

NOTE: This HQ has also under command, on separate WEs:
Ration, POL and Clothing Depot
Hygiene Section
G.T. Platoon.
2 L.A.D.s.
Company Carabinieri Reali

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ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

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RATION AND POL DEPOT AND CLOTHING STORE.
(Under command HQ R.T.C.)

Officers	4
Other Ranks	51
TOTAL	55
M.C.Vs.	-
Vehicles	2
Trailers	-

War Establishment.

(i) Personnel.

Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Ration and POL Stores.					
Officer Commanding (Captain)	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
TOTAL - Officers	2				2
Administrative Staff		2	2	5	4
Issue Clerks		1	1	4	6
Storemen issuers		1	1	1	2
Batman				2	2
Orderlies				2	2
Butchers				2	2
Bakers				1	1
Driver mechanic				1	1
Driver i/c				1	1
GD Men				8	8
TOTAL - O.Rs.		4	4	26	34
Clothing Store.					
Officer Commanding	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
TOTAL - Officers	2				2

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TOTAL - Officers	2				2
Administrative Staff		2	2	5	4
Issue Clerks		1	1	4	6
Storemen issuers		1	1	1	2
Batman				2	2
Orderlies				2	2
Butchers				1	1
Bakers				1	1
Driver mechanic				1	1
Driver i/c				1	1
GD Man				8	8
TOTAL - O.Rs.		4	4	26	34
Clothing Store.					
Officer Commanding	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
TOTAL - Officers	2				2
Administrative Staff.		2	2	3	4
Storeman			2	2	5
Orderlies				2	2
Tailors				3	3
Shoemakers				3	3
TOTAL - O.Rs.		2	4	11	17
TOTAL - Ration and POL Depot and Clothing Store.	4	6	8	37	55

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(ii) Transport.

Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	1

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A FIELD HYGIENE SECTION (1 off)

War Establishment.

REPETITION.

Officers.	1
O.R's.	27
TOTAL	28
M.C's.	6
Vehicles.	3
Trailers.	1

(i) Personnel.

Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Captain Or Lieut)	1				1
Sanitary Assistants		3			3
Clerk				1	1
Batman				1	1
Sanitary Inspectors			6		6
Sanitary Dutyman				5	5
Works Squad					
NCO i/c		1			1
Bricklayer				1	1
Carpenters				2	2
Painter decorators				1	1
Sheet metal workers				1	1
Drivers i/c			1		1
Cook				1	1
TOTAL A FIELD HYGIENE SECTION	1	4	7	16	28

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Officer Commanding (Captain Or Lieut)	1				1
Sanitary Assistants		3			3
Clerk				1	1
Batman				1	1
Sanitary Inspectors			6		6
Sanitary Dutymen				5	5
Works Squad					
NCO i/c		1			1
Bricklayer				1	1
Carpenters				2	2
Painter decorators				1	1
Sheet metal workers				1	1
Drivers i/c			1	3	4
Cook				1	1
TOTAL A FIELD HYGIENE SECTION	1	4	7	15	28

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(ii) Transport.

Bicycles	2
Motor cycles.	6
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 (special disinfestor)	1

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ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

A HEADQUARTERS, A COMPANY CARABINIERI REALI
(Cg.RR)

War Establishment.

(i) Personnel.

DISTRIBUTED.

Officers.	2
C.R.s	21
TOTAL	23
M.Cs.	2
Vehicles	3
Trailers.	1

Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Captain)	1				1
Instructors Section					
Subaltern	1				1
Warrant Officer		1			1
Sergeant Majors		1			1
Sjt			2		2
Cpls			2		2
HQ Section.					
Warrant Officers.		1			1
Quartermaster Sjt		1			1
Motor cyclists and orderlies				3	3
Cooks and GD men				7	7
Drivers i/c				3	3
TOTAL - A company HQ CC.RR	2	6	2	13	23

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Officer Commanding (Captain)	1				1
Instructors Section					
Subaltern	1				1
Warrant Officer		1			1
Sergeant Majors		2			2
Sjt		1			1
Cpls			2		2
HQ Section.					
Warrant Officers.		1			1
Quartermaster Sjt		1			1
Motor cyclists and orderlies				3	3
Cooks and GD men				3	3
Drivers i/c				3	3
TOTAL - A company HQ CO.RR	2	6	2	13	23

(ii) Transport.

Motor cycles solo	2
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	1
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	1
Bicycles	2

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REINFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTRE.

ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

A Regimental Headquarters for a Reception Regiment.

War Establishment.

(i) Personnel.

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Officers	14
O.Rs.	113
TOTAL	127
M.Cs.	2
Vehicles.	11
Trailers.	-

Detail.	Officers.	Senior N.C.Os.	Junior N.C.Os.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Colonel)	1				1
Second in Command (Lieutenant Colonel	1				1
Adjutant (Major)	1				1
Documentation Officer (Major)	1				1
Quartermaster (Captain)	1				1
Messing Officer (Captain)	1				1
Administrative Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Medical Officer (Subaltern)	2				2
Orderly Officer and Interpreter (Captain or Subaltern)	1				1
Welfare Officer	1				1
Chaplain	1				1
O.C. HQ Coy.	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
	14				14
Office Section.					
Chief Clerk W.O.		1			1
Post Clerk		1			1
Clerks		6	6	5	17
Orderlies.				4	4
Services Section.					

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Officer Commanding (Colonel)	1				1
Second in Command (Lieutenant Colonel	1				1
Adjutant (Major)	1				1
Documentation Officer (Major)	1				1
Quartermaster (Captain)	1				1
Messing Officer (Captain)	1				1
Administrative Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Medical Officer (Subaltern)	2				2
Orderly Officer and Interpreter (Captain or Subaltern)	1				1
Welfare Officer	1				1
Chaplain	1				1
O.C. HQ Coy.	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
	14				14
Office Section.					
Chief Clerk W.O.		1			1
Post Clerk		1			1
Clerks		6	6	5	17
Orderlies.				4	4
Services Section.					
Quartermaster Sjt and Pay Clerks.		2	2		4
Storemen		2		5	7
Medical Orderlies.			1	2	3
Officers Mess Personnel.					
Cooks			1	3	4
Mess Serjeant		1			1
Mess Corporal			1		1
Orderlies.				6	6
NCOs and ORs Mess Personnel.		1	4	24	29
Barbers				4	4
Tailors				3	3
Shoemakers				2	2
Batmen				8	8

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Short 2.

	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Pte/Sappers.	TOTAL.
Unit. Less Personnel.		1	4	4	4
TOTAL - OTHER RANKS.		15	16	82	113

G.D. Men

M.T. Section.

NCO i/c (M.C.)
Drivers i/c
Motor cyclists
Labour attached.

(ii) Transport.

C-rs 8 cwt 4 x 2
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS
Trucks 15 cwt water
Motor Cycles solo

(iii) Arms.

Personal Arms Only.

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1 16 1
1 8 2 *
1 11 3

2 3 5 1 2

5 13 3

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE.
ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

A Battalion Headquarters (Infantry and Composite) for a Reception Regiment.

Officers.	11
O.Rs.	79
TOTAL	90
M.Cs.	-
Vehicles.	6
Trailers.	-

War Establishment.

(i) Permanent Staff for Battalion H.Q. and three companies (200 reinforcements each).

Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Lieutenant Colonel or Major)	1				1
Adjutant (Captain or Lieutenant)	1				1
Orderly (Administrative)Officer (Captain or Subaltern)	1				1
Officers Commanding Companies (Captains)	3				3
Subaltern commanding H.Q. Platoon	1				1
Training Officer (Major)	1				1
Company Training Officers (Capts or Lieuts)	3				3
TOTAL OFFICERS	11				11
Office Section.					
Warrant Officer Clerk		1			1
Corporal Clerk			1		1
Typist				1	1
Orderlies				2	2
Services Section.					
Quartermaster Sergeant		1			1
Company Drill NCOs.		13	36		54
Medical NCO			1		1
Batmen				6	6
GD Men				6	6
Drivers i/c				6	6

Officer commanding (Lieutenant Colonel or Major)	1				1
Adjutant (Captain or Lieutenant)	1				1
Orderly (Administrative)Officer (Captain or Subaltern)	1				1
Officers Commanding Companies (Captains)	3				3
Subaltern commanding H.Q. Platoon	1				1
Training Officer (Major)	1				1
Company Training Officers (Capts or Lieuts)	3				3
TOTAL OFFICERS	11				11
Office Section.					
Warrant Officer Clerk		1			1
Corporal Clerk			1		1
Typist				1	1
Orderlies				2	2
Services Section.					
Quartermaster Sergeant		1			1
Company Drill NCOs.		18	36		54
Medical NCO			1		1
Batmen				6	6
GD Men				6	6
Drivers i/c				6	6
TOTAL - OTHER RANKS		20	38	21	79
TOTAL - A BATTALION HQ RECEPTION REGT	11	20	38	21	90

(ii) **Transport.**

Cars 2 str 4 x 2	2
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2	2
Bicycles	2
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	2

Personnel for NCOs and Men's Messes are included in W.E. for Regtl H.Q.

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE,
MIDDLE EAST FORCE.

A HEADQUARTERS FOR AN INFANTRY REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT.

War Establishment

(i) Personnel.

TRIESTE.

Officers	12
O.Rs.	85
TOTAL	97
M.Cs.	2
Vehicles	10
Trailers.	-

Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Colonel)	1				1
Second in command (responsible for training) Colonel	1				1
Adjutant (Major or Captain)	1				1
Staff Officer "A" (Major)	1				1
Captain quartermaster	1				1
Housing Officer	1				1
Orderly officer Interpreter	1				1
Welfare Officer	1				1
Medical Officer (Captain)	1				1
Administrative Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Chaplain	1				1
Officer Commanding HQ Coy (Captain)	1				1
TOTAL OFFICERS	12				12
Office Section.					
Chief Clerk (W.O.)		1			1
Postal NCO		1			1
Clerks		4	4	6	14
Telephonists & Orderlies				4	4
Services Section.					
Quartermaster serjeant and Staff		2	2		4
Medical Orderly			1		1

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Officer Commanding (Colonel)	1				1
Second in command (responsible for training) Colonel	1				1
Adjutant (Major or Captain)	1				1
Staff Officer "A" (Major)	1				1
Captain Quartermaster	1				1
Messing Officer	1				1
Orderly officer Interpreter	1				1
Welfare Officer	1				1
Medical Officer (Captain)	1				1
Administrative Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Chaplain	1				1
Officer Commanding HQ Coy (Captain)	1				1
TOTAL OFFICERS	12				12
Office Section.					
Chief Clerk (W.O.)		1			1
Postal NCO		1			1
Clerks		4	4	6	14
Telephonists & Orderlies		4	4	4	12
Services Section.					
Quartermaster sergeant and Staff		2	2		4
Medical Orderly			1		1
Officers Mess Personnel (a)		1			1
Mess Sergeant			2	4	6
Corporal cooks				5	5
Cooks				7	7
Orderlies				3	3
Batmen		1	1	3	5
Storemen			1	2	3
Cook: for CNs Mess				2	2
Barbers				1	1
Tailor				1	1
Shoemaker				1	1
QD Non				6	6
M.T. Section.					
NCO i/c		1			1
NCO driver mechanics			1		1
Drivers				9	9
Motor cyclists				2	2
TOTAL OTHER RANKS		11	12	62	85
TOTAL - HQ INFANTRY REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING REGIMENT	12	11	12	62	97

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(ii) Transport.

Cars 8 cwt 4 x 2	2
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	4-3
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	1
Trucks 15 cwt (water)	
Motor cycles solo	2

(iii) Arms.

Personal arms only.

(c) This W.E. is intended to provide mess personnel for all officers of the Infantry Regiment, both permanent staff and reinforcements, and of the Infantry School.

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LIMITED

REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE.

ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

A BATTALION HEADQUARTERS FOR AN INFANTRY REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING REGIMENT.

Officers.	18
O.R.s.	129
TOTAL	147
MCs.	2
Vehicles.	12
Trailers.	-

War Establishment.

(i) Personnel.

Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Lieutenant-Colonel or Major	1				1
Adjutant (Captain or Lieutenant)	1				1
Orderly Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Training Staff.					
(a) Battalion Instructors (Captains or Lieutenants)					
Carriers	1				1
Mortars	1				1
Signals	1				1
Anti-tank	1				1
Pioneers.	1				1
(b) Company Training Officers (Lieutenants)	5				5
Officers Commanding Companies (Captains)	5				5
TOTAL - OFFICERS.	18				18
Office Section.					
Record Clerks		1	1		2
Clerk				1	1
Orderlies				2	2

Officer Commanding (Lieutenant-Colonel or Major	1				1
Adjutant (Captain or Lieutenant)	1				1
Orderly Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Training Staff.					
(a) Battalion Instructors (Captains or Lieutenants)					
Carriers	1				1
Mortars	1				1
Signals	1				1
Anti-tank	1				1
Pioneers.	1				1
(b) Company Training Officers (Lieutenants)	5				5
Officers Commanding Companies (Captains)	5				5
TOTAL - OF ICERS.	18				18
Office Section.					
Record Clerks		1	1		2
Clerk				1	1
Orderlies				2	2
Services Section.					
Quartermaster Sergeant		1			1
Medical N.C.O.			1		1
M.T., N.C.O.		1			1
Driver mechanics			2		2
Drivers				10	10
Motor cyclists				2	2
Batmen				8	8
Messing Staff - O.Rs. Mess		1	2	15	18
Carpenter				1	1
Armourers			1	1	2
Battalion Instructors (Sergeants)					
Carriers		1			1
Mortars		1			1
Anti-Tank		1			1
Pioneers		1			1
Signals		2			2
Platoon Weapons		2			2

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Detail	Officers	Senior NCOs	Junior NCOs	Privates	Total
Company Training N.C.Os.					
Sergeants		15			15
Corporals			30		30
Five Company Headquarters					
C.S.M.		5			5
Clerks			5	5	10
Storeman				5	5
Orderlies				5	5
TOTAL OTHER RANKS		32	42	55	129
TOTAL-BATTALION HQ. DEF RFTS REGT	18	32	42	55	147

(ii) Transport.

Cars 5 cwt 4 x 2	.....	2
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	.....	4
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 fitted for wireless	.....	2
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 G.S.	.....	4
Motor Cycles solo	.....	2
Bicycles	.....	10

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE.

ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

A HEADQUARTERS, A COMPOSITE REINFORCEMENTS REGIMENT.

War Establishment

(i) Personnel.

Officers	8
O.Rs.	42
TOTAL	50
M.Cs.	1
Vehicles	5
Trailers	-

Detail	Officers	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Colonel)	1				1
Adjutant (Major)	1				1
Major (Training)	1				1
Quartermaster (Captain)	1				1
Medical Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Administrative Officer	1				1
Chaplain	1				1
O.C. Headquarters Company (Captain)	1				1
TOTAL - OFFICERS	8				8
Office Section					
Chief Clerk (W.O.)		1			1
Clerks		4	3	3	10
Orderlies				3	3
Service Section					
Quartermaster Serjeant		1			1
Corporals			2		2
Medical Orderly			1		1
Officers Mess - Cook			1		1
Orderlies				2	2

Officer Commanding (Colonel)	1				1
Adjutant (Major)	1				1
Major (Training)	1				1
Quartermaster (Captain)	1				1
Medical Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Administrative Officer	1				1
Chaplain	1				1
O.C. Headquarters Company (Captain)	1				1
TOTAL - OFFICERS	8				8
Office Section					
Chief Clerk (W.O.)		1			1
Clerks		4	3	3	10
Orderlies				3	3
Service Section					
Quartermaster Serjeant		1			1
Corporals			2		2
Medical Orderly			1		1
Officers Mess - Cook			1		1
Orderlies				2	2
ORs. Mess - Cooks			1	2	3
Storemen				2	2
Batmen				5	5
Barber				1	1
GD Men				3	3
M.T. NCO		1			1
Driver Mechanic			1		1
Drivers i/c				4	4
Motor cyclist				1	1
TOTAL - ORS.		7	9	26	42
TOTAL - HQ COMPOSITE INFORCEMENTS REGIMENT	8	7	9	26	50

(ii) Transport

Motor cycles solo	1
Cars 4 str 4 x 2	1
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	1
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	2

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE.
ITALIAN COMBAT FORCES.

AN ARTILLERY REINFORCEMENTS DEPOT AND SCHOOL

War Establishment.

Officers	26
O.Rs.	175
TOTAL	201
M.Cs.	7
Vehicles	37
Trailers	-

(1) Personnel for Depot HQ

Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Colonel or Lieutenant Colonel)	1				1
Second in command (Lieutenant Colonel)	1				1
Adjutant (Captain)	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
Artillery equipment officer (Captain)	1				1
Clothing officer (Captain)	1				1
Rations Officer	1				1
Medical officer	1				1
Chaplain	1				1
Officer Commanding administrative wing	1				1
M.T. Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Company Commander (Capts)	3				3
TOTAL - OFFICERS.	14				14
OFFICE SECTION.					
Chief Clerk		1			1
Clerks			2	4	6
Postal Clerks		1	1		2
Telephonists			1	2	3
Pay Clerks			2		2

Officer Commanding (Colonel or Lieutenant Colonel)	1			1
Second in command (Lieutenant Colonel)	1			1
Adjutant (Captain)	1			1
Subaltern	1			1
Artillery equipment officer (Captain)	1			1
Clothing officer (Captain)	1			1
Rations Officer	1			1
Medical officer	1			1
Chaplain	1			1
Officer Commanding administrative wing	1			1
M.T. Officer (Subaltern)	1			1
Company Commander (Capt.)	3			3
TOTAL - OFFICERS.	14			14
OFFICE SECTION.				
Chief Clerk		1		1
Clerks		2	4	6
Postal Clerks		1	2	3
Telephonists			2	2
Pay Clerks		1		1
SERVICES SECTION.				
NCOs for discipline (incl 1 warrant officer)		4		4
NCOs i/c artillery equipment		1		1
clothing		1		1
rations		1		1
Medical orderlies			1	1
Gun fitters			2	2
Storemen			3	3
Clerks			3	3
Batmen			12	12
ORs Mess Personnel.				
NCO i/c		1		1
Corporal Cooks			2	2
Private Cooks			10	10
Officers Mess Personnel.				
Mess Sergeant		1		1
" Corporal Cooks			1	1
" Cooks			3	3
" Orderlies			6	6

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Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Services Section (Contd)					
Butcher				1	1
Shoemaker				1	1
Carpenters				2	2
Barber				1	1
G.D. Men (including sanitary orderlies				10	10
M.T. Section.					
M.T. NCO		1			1
Vehicle Mechanics		1			1
Driver mechanics			1		1
Drivers i/c			2	4	6
Motor Cyclists				36	36
				2	2
TOTAL - ALL RANKS	14	13	15	103	145

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE.

ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

A HEADQUARTERS MIXED
REINFORCEMENT BATTALION.

War Establishment

(i) Personnel

RESTRICTED

Officers	8
O.Rs.	36
TOTAL	44
M.Cs.	2
Vehicles	5
Trailers	-

Detail	Officers	Senior NCOs	Junior NCOs	Privates	TOTAL
Officer Commanding (Lt.Col or Major)	1				1
Adjutant (Captain)	1				1
Quartermaster (Subaltern)	1				1
O.C. HQ Platoon	1				1
Company Commanders (Captain)	3				3
Instructors - officers (a)	1				1
TOTAL - OFFICERS	8				8
Instructors - N.C.Os. (a)		3			3
Office Section					
Chief Clerk and Clerks		1	2	1	4
Services Section					
Quartermaster Serjeant		1			1
Medical Orderly			1		1
Batman				5	5
Driver Mechanic			1		1
Drivers				4	4
Motor cyclists				2	2
Officers Mess - Cooks			1	1	2
O.Rs. Mess - Cooks & Orderlies			1	3	4
Shoemaker				1	1
Storeman				2	2
GD Men				6	6

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Officer Commanding (Lt.Col or Major)	1				1
Adjutant (Captain)	1				1
Quartermaster (Subaltern)	1				1
O.C. HQ Platoon	1				1
Company Commanders (Captain)	3				3
Instructors - officers (a)	1				1
TOTAL - OFFICERS	8				8
Instructors - N.C.Os. (a)		3			3
Office Section					
Chief Clerk and Clerks		1	2	1	4
Services Section					
Quartermaster Sergeant		1			1
Medical Orderly			1		1
Batman				5	5
Driver Mechanic			1		1
Drivers				4	4
Motor cyclists				2	2
Officers Mess - Cooks			1	1	2
O.Rs. Mess - Cooks & Orderlies			1	3	4
Shoemaker				1	1
Storeman				2	2
GD Men				6	6
TOTAL O.Rs	8	5	6	25	36
TOTAL - H.Q. Mixed Reinforcements Battalion	8	5	6	25	44

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(a) Training Staff comprises:

1 Officer 1 Sjt 1 Corporal for each of Medical, S.I. Ord and Admin Coys.

(ii) Transport.

Motor cycles solo	2
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	2
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	2

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REINFORCEMENTS (CAIRO) CENTAR.
ITALIAN COMBAT ZONE.

RESTRICTED

Officers	5
O.Rs.	278
TOTAL	283
M.Cs.	1
Vehicles.	4
Trailers.	-

A HEADQUARTERS, ENGINEER REINFORCEMENTS BATTALION.

War Establishment.

(i) Personnel.

Detail.

	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Rank & File.	TOTAL
Officer Commanding (Lieut Col)	1				1
Adjutant (Captain)	1				1
Quartermaster (Subaltern)	1				1
Medical Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
H.Q. Platoon Commander (Subaltern)	1				1
TOTAL - OFFICERS.	5				5
Office Section.					
Chief Clerk (W.O.)		1			1
Clerks			2	2	4
Orderlies				2	2
Services Section.					
Quartermaster Sergeant		1			1
Quartermaster Corporal			1		1
Medical Orderly			1		1
Batman				1	1
Cooks			1	2	3
Storemen				2	2
C.D. Man				1	1
M.T. NCO			1		1
Driver mechanic				3	3
Drivers.				11	11
Motor cyclist				1	1

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Officer Commanding (Lieut Col)	1				1
Adjutant (Captain)	1				1
Quartermaster (Subaltern)	1				1
Medical Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
H.Q. Platoon Commander (Subaltern)	1				1
TOTAL - OFFICERS.	5				5
Office Section.					
Chief Clerk (W.O.)		1			1
Clerks			1		1
Orderlies				2	2
Services Section.					
Quartermaster Sergeant		1			1
Quartermaster Corporal			1		1
Medical Orderly		1			1
Batman			1		1
Cooks				2	2
Storeman				1	1
G.D. Man				1	1
M.T. NCO			1		1
Driver mechanic				3	3
Drivers.				11	11
Motor cyclist				1	1
TOTAL - OTHER RANKS		3	5	20	28
TOTAL - HQ ENGINEER REINFORCEMENTS BATTALION	5	3	5	20	33

(ii) Transport.

Motor cycles solo	1
Cars 2-str 4 x 2	1
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	2

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE.
ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

A FIELD ENGINEERING SCHOOL
(designed to hold and train 350
Field Engineer Reinforcements)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

Officers	10
O.Rs.	94
TOTAL	104
M.Cs.	2
Vehicles	6
Trailers.	-

1. Personnel.

Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Major)	1	-	-	-	1
HQ Reinforcement Company.					
Captain	1	-	-	-	1
Subaltern	1	-	-	-	1
Training Staff (a)					
Captains or Subalterns	7	-	-	-	7
Total: Officers	10	-	-	-	10
C.Q.M.S.		1			
Instructors (QMSI's or Sjts)		7			
Sjts (b)		6			
Total: WOs and Sjts	-	14	-	-	14

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Officer Commanding (Major)	1	-	-	-	1
NQ Reinforcement Company.					
Captain	1	-	-	-	1
Subaltern	1	-	-	-	1
Training Staff (a)					
Captains or Subalterns	7	-	-	-	7
Total: Officers	10	-	-	-	10
C.Q.M.S.		1			
Instructors (CSI's or Sjts)		7			
Sjts (b)		6			
Total: WOs and Sjts	-	14	-	-	14
Office Section.					
Draughtsmen	-	-	1	-	1
Clerks	-	-	1	2	3
Telephone Orderlies	-	-	-	2	2
Services Section.					
Medical Orderly	-	-	1	-	1
Cooks - officer's mess	-	-	1	2	3
men's mess	-	-	2	6	8
Orderlies -officer's mess	-	-	-	3	3
General dutymen	-	-	-	7	7
Batmen	-	-	-	6	6
M.T. Section.					
Driver Mechanics	-	-	2	-	2
Drivers	-	-	-	5	5
Motor cyclists	-	-	-	2	2
Total carried forwd:	-	-	8	35	43

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Detail.

	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates. Civilians.	RVFLs
Total brought forward	1	1	8	35	43
Training Section.					
Assistant Instructors,	-	-	28	9	37
ORs for maintenance of stores.	-	-	-	-	9
Total rank and file	-	-	36	44	89

a) Distribution by trades.

	Officers Stores Sec.	Servicing Sec	MT Sec	Eng Sec.	
Clerks	2	13	1	1	17
Cooks	1	1	1	1	4
Draughtsman	1	1	1	1	4
Dvr Mechs	1	2	2	1	6
Drivers	1	1	2	1	5
Motorcyclists	1	1	2	1	5
Carpenter	1	1	1	1	4
Blacksmith	1	1	1	1	4
Engine fitter	1	1	1	1	4
Storemen	1	2	1	1	5
Shoemaker	1	1	1	1	4
Barber	1	1	1	1	4
Normal rates	1	1	1	1	4

Classification by trades.

	Officers Secn Secs	Serv ices Sec	MT Sec	Trg Sec.	
Clerks	3	11	1	1	16
Cooks	1	-	1	1	3
Draughtsman	1	-	1	-	2
Dvr Mech	1	-	2	1	4
Drivers	1	-	2	5	8
Motorcyclists	1	-	1	1	3
Carpenter	1	-	1	1	3
Blacksmith	1	-	1	1	3
Engine fitter	1	-	1	1	3
Storeman	1	2	1	-	4
Shoemaker	1	1	-	-	2
Barber	1	1	-	-	2
Normal rates	2	13	-	-	15
	6	28	9	9	52
Instructors	-	-	-	28	28
					80

iii Transport.

Motor cycles	-	2	
Cars 8-str 4 x 2	-	1	
Truck 15-cwt 4 x 2 GS	-	2	
" " " " " "	air compressor	1++	
Ferret 3-ton 4 x 2GS	-	1	
" " " " ""	- winch	1++	

++ required for trg purposes.

iv Weapons - Personal weapons only.

Notes. (a) Trg staff is organised to deal with seven parties under trg at one time on the following programme:

Field Engineering	2 weeks	2 parties	at a	time.	
Bridging	2 "	"	"	"	"
Mine Warfare	2 "	"	"	"	"
Water Supply	1 week	1 party	"	"	

(b) Includes two clerks (one for pay duties)
one MT sjt.

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE

ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

SIGNAL TRAINING CENTRE

RESTRICTED

War Establishment

(i) Personnel

Officers	32
O.Rs	159
Total	191
M.Cs	20
Vehicles	23

Detail		H.Q.	Operators Wing	Line Wing	T.M. Wing	Total Signals Wing	Regtl Wing	Sig Training Wing (for det to Arty and Inf)	GRAND TOTAL	Remarks
Lt. Col.	Comdt	1							1	
Major.	C.I.	1							1	
Capt.	Adjt								1	
Capt.	Instructors		2	1					3	
Lt.	Instructor		6		1	3	4		14	
Lt.	Interpreter	1				7	7	1*	17	(* x 3 each)
Lt.	(QM)	1							1	
Lt.	(TWO)				1	1			2	
Lt.	(Admin)	1							1	
Medical Officer		1							1	
Total Officers		7	8	1	2	11	11	3	32	
R.S.M.		1							1	
R.Q.M.S.		1							1	
C.S.M.			1			1	1		2	
CQMS (F of S)					1	1			2	Foreman of Sigs
C.Q.M.S.		1							1	
Sjt.	(Orderly Room)	1							1	
"	(Cook)	1							1	
"	(I.M.)				1	1			2	
"	(Operator)		4			4	10	1*	17	
"	(Lineman)			1		1	1		2	
"	(D.R.)			1		1			1	
"	(Fitter M.V.)				1	1			1	
Total WOs & Sjts		5	5	2	3	10	12	3	30	

Total Officers	7	8	1	2	11	11	3	32	
R.S.M.	1							1	
R.Q.M.S.	1							1	
C.S.M.		1			1	1		2	
CQMS (F of S)				1	1			1	Foreman of Sigs
C.Q.M.S.	1							1	
Sjt. (Orderly Room)	1							1	
" (Cook)	1							1	
" (I.M.)				1	1			1	
" (Operator)		4			4	10	1*	17	
" (Lineman)			1		1	1		2	
" (D.R.)			1		1			1	
" (Fitter M.V.)				1	1			1	
Total WOs & Sjts	5	5	2	3	10	12	3	30	
Cpls. (I.M.)				3	3		1*	6	Total Cpls 48
" (Cook)	3							3	
" (Operators)		5			5	6	3*	20	
" (Linemen)			1		1	3	2*	10	
" (D.R.)			2		2			2	
" (Clerk)	1							1	
" (San)	1							1	
" (Storemen)	1	1	1	1	3	1		5	
Signalmen	48	1	1	6	8	1		57	10 of which may be L/Cpls
Drivers	24							24	
Total Rank & File	78	7	5	10	22	11	18	129	
Total O.Rs.	83	12	7	13	32	23	21	159	
Total, ALL RANKS	90	20	8	15	43	34	24	191	

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(ii) Rank and File, by trades.

DETAIL	H.Q.	Operating Wing	Line Wing	T.M. Wing	Total Signals Wing	Regimental Wing	Signal Training Wing (for det to Arty & Inf and GENIO Bn	GRAND TOTAL	REMARKS
Operators		5			5	6	3*	20	(* x 3 each)
Clerks	2	1	1	1	3	1		6	
Fitters M.V.				3	3			3	
Instrument Mechanics				5	5		1*	6	
Linemen			1		1	3	6*	10	
Draughtsmen	1							1	
Despatch Riders	2		2		2			4	
Driver Mechanics	3							3	
Storemen	1	1	1	1	3	1		5	
Cooks	9							9	
Medical Orderlies	2							2	
General Duties	30							30	
Sanitary	1							1	
Drivers I.C.	21							21	
Batmen	6							6	
Total Rank & File	78	7	5	10	22	11	18	129	

(iii) Transport

Operators		5			5	6	3*	20	(* x 3 each)
Clerks	2	1	1	1	3	1		6	
Fitters M.V.				3	3			3	
Instrument Mechanics				5	5		1*	8	
Linemen			1		1	3	2*	10	
Draughtsmen	1							1	
Despatch Riders	2		2		2			4	
Driver Mechanics	3							3	
Storemen	1	1	1	1	3	1		5	
Cooks	9							9	
Medical Orderlies	2							2	
General Duties	30							30	
Sanitary	1							1	
Drivers I.C.	21							21	
Batmen	6							6	
Total Rank & File	78	7	5	10	22	11	18	129	

(iii) Transport

Cars, 4 seater	1							1	
Trucks, 15 cwt FFW.	5							5	
Trucks 15 cwt G.S.	10							10	
Trucks 3 ton G.S.	7							7	*for detachment with GENIO Bn
Motorcycles, solo	16						4*	20	

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REINFORCEMENTS TRA[illegible]NG CENTRE.
ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

RESTRICTED.

A HEADQUARTERS, MECHANICAL ENGINEERS REINFORCEMENT COMPANY

Officers.	3
O.Rs.	21
TOTAL	24
M.Cs.	1
Vehicles.	3
Trailers.	-

War Establishment.

(i) Personnel.

Detail.

	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Captain)	1				1
Section Commanders (Subaltern)	2				2
TOTAL - OFFICERS	3				3
HQ Section.					
Serjeant Major		1			1
Quartermaster Serjeant		1			1
Clerks			1	1	2
Motor cyclist				1	1
Storemen			1	2	3
Cooks			1	3	4
Batmen				2	2
GD Men				4	4
Driver mechanic			1		1
Drivers				2	2
TOTAL - ORs.		2	4	15	21
TOTAL - HQ Mechanical Engineers Reinforcements Company	3	2	4	15	24

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Officer Commanding (Captain)	1				1
Section Commanders (Subaltern)	2				2
TOTAL - OFFICERS	3				3
HQ Section.					
Serjeant Major		1			1
Quartermaster Serjeant		1			1
Clerks			1	1	2
Motor cyclist				1	1
Storemen			1	2	3
Cooks			1	3	4
Batmen				2	2
GD Men				4	4
Driver mechanic			1		1
Drivers				2	2
TOTAL - ORs.		2	4	15	21
TOTAL - HQ Mechanical Enginners Reinforcements Company	3	2	4	15	24

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(ii) Transport.

Motor cycles	1
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	1
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	1

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE.

ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

A HEADQUARTERS TRAINING SCHOOLS.

Officers.	22
O.Rs.	55
TOTAL	77
M.Cs.	2
Vehicles.	9
Trailers.	1

War Establishment.

(i) Personnel.

Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Colonel)	1				1
Personal Assistant (Lt. Col)	1				1
HQ Office.					
Major	1				1
Captain	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
Training Office.					
Lt. Col.	1				1
Training Officers.	4				4
Interpreter Section.					
Major (Interpreter)	1				1
Subaltern Interpreter (Instructor)	4				4
Services Training Section.					
Major	1				1
Subalterns	2				2
HQ Company					
Officer Commanding	1				1
Administration Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Medical Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Subaltern i/c Services Platoon	1				1

Officer Commanding (Colonel)	1				1
Personal Assistant (Lt. Col)	1				1
HQ Office.					
Major	1				1
Captain	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
Training Office.					
Lt. Col.	1				1
Training Officers.	4				4
Interpreter Section.					
Major (Interpreter)	1				1
Subaltern Interpreter (Instructor)	4				4
Services Training Section.					
Major	1				1
Subalterns	2				2
HQ Company					
Officer Commanding	1				1
Administration Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Medical Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Subaltern i/c Services Platoon	1				1
TOTAL - OFFICERS.	22				22
HQ Section.					
Quartermaster Serjeant		1			1
NCO i/c Stores.		1			1
Postal NCO			1		1
Q Clerks			1		1
Orderlies.				2	2
Services Section.					
Warrant Officers.		2			2
NCO Clerks.		4	6		10
Clerks.				6	6
Batman				9	9
Cooks				3	3
Officers Mess Orderlies.				2	2
GD Men				4	4

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Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
M.T. Section.					
NCO i/c		1			1
Vehicle Mechanics.		1			1
Driver Mechanics.			1		1
Drivers i/c				8	8
Motor cyclist.				2	2
TOTAL - C.Rs.		10	9	36	55
TOTAL - A Headquarters, Training Schools.	22	10	9	36	77

(ii) Transport.

Bicycles	2
Motor cycles, solo	2
Cars 4 str 4 x 2	1
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	2
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	2
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	4

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RESTRICTED

REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE

ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

AN INFANTRY SCHOOL

War Establishment

(i) Personnel

Officers	12
ORs	57
TOTAL	69
M.Cs.	2
Vehicles	9
Trailers	-

Detail	Officers	Senior NCOs	Junior NCOs	Privates	TOTAL
Officer Commanding (Lieutenant)	1				1
Chief Instructor (Major)	1				1
HQ Company Commander (Captain)	1				1
Orderly Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Interpreter (Subaltern)	1				1
Company Serjeant Major		1			1
Clerks		1	1	2	4
Orderlies				2	2
Drivers				1	1
Motor cyclist				1	1
Tactical Wing					
Instructors (Major or Captain	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
Warrant Officers & Serjeants		10			10
Clerks			1	1	2
Storeman				1	1
Mines Wing					
Instructors Captain	1				1
N.C.Os.		5	2		7
Clerks			1	1	2
Storeman				1	1
Anti Tank Wing					
Instructors Captain	1				1
N.C.Os.		2			2
Clerk				1	1
Storeman				1	1

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Officer Commanding (Lieutenant)		1				1
Chief Instructor (Major)		1				1
HQ Company Commander (Captain)		1				1
Orderly Officer (Subaltern)		1				1
Interpreter (Subaltern)		1				1
Company Serjeant Major			1			1
Clerks			1	1	2	4
Orderlies			2		2	2
Drivers					1	1
Motor cyclist					1	1
Tactical Wing						
Instructors (Major or Captain		1				1
Subaltern		1				1
Warrant Officers & Serjeants			10			10
Clerks				1	1	2
Storeman					1	1
Mines Wing						
Instructors	Captain	1				1
	N.C.Os.		5	2		7
Clerks				1	1	2
Storeman					1	1
Anti Tank Wing						
Instructors	Captain	1				1
	N.C.Os.		2			2
Clerk					1	1
Storeman					1	1
3" Mortar Wing						
Instructors	Captain	1				1
	N.C.Os.		3			3
Snipers Wing						
Instructors	Captain	1				1
	N.C.Os.		4			4
Carrier Wing						
Instructors	Lieutenant	1				1
	N.C.Os.		6			6
Drivers				1	7	8
TOTAL		12	32	6	19	69

(ii) Transport

Carriers Universal	8
Cars 4 str 4 x 2	1
Motor cycles	2

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE.

RESTRICTED.

ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

AN INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL
ALL ARMS.

War Establishment.

(i) Personnel.

Officers.	38
O.Rs.	137
TOTAL	175
M.Cs.	5
Vehicles.	18
Trailers.	-

	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
1. HQ.				52	
Officer Commanding (Brig Gen or Colonel)	1				1
Training Officer (Major)	1				1
Training Officer (Captain)	1				1
M.O.	1				1
R.S.M.		1			1
2. Administrative Wing.					
Officer Commanding (Captain)	1				1
Interpreter (Subaltern)	1				1
Orderly Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
M.T. Officer.	1				1
Chief Clerk		1			1
Clerks				2	2
Draughtsman				2	2
Quartermaster Sergeant		1			1
Quartermaster Clerks				2	2
Medical Orderlies.			1	1	2
Batmen and Orderlies.				25	25
Officers Mess - Mess Sjt		1			1
Cooks			1	3	4
Orderlies.				10	10
NCOs and Ors Messes - NCO i/c		1			1
Cooks			2	8	10
MT NCO		1			1
Driver Mechanics			2		2
Drivers i/c				18	18
Artificers				2	2
G.D. Men				6	6

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1.	HQ.								
	Officer Commanding (Brig Gen or Colonel)	1						1	
	Training Officer (Major)	1						1	
	Training Officer (Captain)	1						1	
	M.O.	1						1	
	R.S.M.		1					1	
2.	Administrative Wing.								
	Officer Commanding (Captain)	1						1	
	Interpreter (Subaltern)	1						1	
	Orderly Officer (Subaltern)	1						1	
	M.T. Officer.	1						1	
	Chief Clerk		1					1	
	Clerks				2			2	
	Draughtsman		1		2			2	
	Quartermaster Sergeant				1			1	
	Quartermaster Clerks			1	1			2	
	Medical Orderlies.				25			25	
	Batmen and Orderlies.		1			1		1	
	Officers Mess - Mess Sgt			1				1	
	Cooks				3			3	
	Orderlies.				10			10	
	NCOs and Gns Messes - NCO i/c		1					1	
	Cooks			2	8			10	
	MT NCO		1					1	
	Driver Mechanics			2				2	
	Drivers i/c				18			18	
	Artificers				2			2	
	G.D. Men				6			6	
3.	Weapon Training School.								
	Commandant (Lieut Col)	1						1	
	Chief Instructor (Major)	1						1	
	Instructors (Captains)	4						4	
	R.S.M.		1					1	
	Instructors		23					23	
4.	Tactical School.								
	Commandant (Colonel)	1						1	
	Chief Instructor (Lieut Colonel)	1						1	
	Advisers - Signals Major	1						1	
	Field Engineer Major	1						1	
5.	Senior Officers.								
	Commandant (Lieut Colonel)	1						1	
	Instructors (Majors)	3						3	

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Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
5 (Contd)					
Company Commanders.					
Commandant (Lieut Colonel)	1				1
Instructors (Majors)	3				3
Junior Leaders.					
Commandant (Lieut Colonel)	1				1
Instructors - Majors	2				2
Captains	3				3
6. Administrative School.					
Commandant (Lieut Colonel)	1				1
Chief Instructor - Majors.	2				2
Instructors - Captains	3				3
7. Training Staff					
Storemen				4	4
Armourers		1	1	1	3
Pioneers.			1	3	4
Personnel fo Range Duties.		1		10	11
TOTAL - AN INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL.	38	32	8	97	175

5 (Contd)

Company Commanders.					
Commandant (Lieut Colonel)	1				1
Instructors (Majors)	3				3
Junior Leaders.					
Commandant (Lieut Colonel)	1				1
Instructors - Majors	2				2
Captains	3				3
6. Administrative School.					
Commandant (Lieut Colonel)	1				1
Chief Instructor - Majors.	2				2
Instructors - Captains	3				3
7. Training Staff					
Storemen				4	4
Armourers		1	1	1	3
Pioneers.			1	3	4
Personnel to Range Duties.		1		10	11
TOTAL - ALL INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL.	38	32	8	97	175

(ii) Transport.

Motor cycles	5
Cars 4 str 4 x 4	1
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	7
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	6
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	4

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(1) Personnel (Contld)

DETAIL	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	
Pay Clerk			1		1
Clerks			1	1	2
Technical Clerks			1	1	2
Draughtsmen			1	1	2
Technical Storemen				2	2
Turner				1	1
Fitter				1	1
Carpenters				2	2
Blacksmith				1	1
Medical N.C.O.			1		1
Officers Mess - Cooks			1	2	3
N.C.O's & OR's Mess - Cooks			1	4	5
Driver Mechanic			1		1
Drivers				6	6
GD Men				8	8
TOTAL - ORs		58	8	30	96
TOTAL - A MECHANICS SCHOOL	7	58	8	30	103

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Pay Clerk			1		1
Clerks			1	1	2
Technical Clerks			1	1	2
Draughtsmen			1	1	2
Technical Storemen				2	2
Turner				1	1
Fitter				1	1
Carpenters				2	2
Blacksmith				1	1
Medical N.C.O.			1		1
Officers Mess - Cooks			1	2	3
N.C.O's & OR's Mess - Cooks			1	4	5
Driver Mechanic			1		1
Drivers				6	6
CD Men				8	8
TOTAL - ORs		56	8	30	96
TOTAL - A MECHANICS SCHOOL	7	58	8	30	103

(II) Transport

Bicycles	2	Cars 2 str 4 x 2	1
Motor Cycles	1	Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	2
		Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	4

(III) Notes

(a) The School is designed to deal with the following numbers:

Driver Mechanics	144	3 Weeks course
Vehicle Mechanics	90	6 " "
Armourers	9	3 " "
Fitters	27	3 " "

(b) Wireless and Instrument Mechanics, Wireless Storemen, and Turners to be trained at British Establishments.

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE
ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

Officers	7
O.Rs	96
TOTAL	103
M.Cs	2
Vehicles	7
Trailers	-

A MECHANICS SCHOOL
WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(1) Personnel

DETAIL	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	
Officer Commanding (Major)	1				1
Adjutant (Captain)	1				1
O.C. Administrative Wing (Captain)	1				1
Orderly Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Chief Instructor Driver Mechanics Wing (Capt)	1				1
Chief Instructor Vehicle Mechanics Wing (Capt)	1				1
Chief Instructor Armourers & Fitters Wing (Lieut)	1				1
TOTAL - Officers	7				7

Officer Commanding (Major)	1				1
Adjutant (Captain)	1				1
O.C. Administrative Wing (Captain)	1				1
Orderly Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Chief Instructor Driver Mechanics Wing (Capt)	1				1
Chief Instructor Vehicle Mechanics Wing (Capt)	1				1
Chief Instructor Armourers & Fitters Wing (Lieut)	1				1
TOTAL - Officers	7				7
Driver Mechanics Wing					
N.C.O. Instructors (Armament Artificers or Vehicle Mechanics)		25			25
N.C.O. Instructors (Electricians)		4			4
Vehicle Mechanics Wing					
N.C.O. Instructors (Armament Artificers or Vehicle Mechanics)		16			16
N.C.O. Instructors (Electricians)		3			3
Armourers and Fitters Wing					
N.C.O. Instructor (Arm. Art. Fd)		1			1
N.C.O. Instructor (A 1 Armourer)		1			1
N.C.O. Instructors (Fitters)		3			3
Administrative Wing					
Company Serjeant Major		1			1
Quartermaster Serjeant		1			1
Interpreter		1			1
MT N.C.O.		1			1
Rations Sjt		1			1

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Subject: Move of Folgore.

31 Jan. 1945

The following details are passed to you for information :-

IMPORTANT.

FROM : MOVEST 302030 A

TO : 500 BARI - 500 SOFIA - MOVEST

INFO : ~~XXXXXXX~~ 11, 15 ARMY GP - DISTRAN - DISTRAN EAST - MEDIA

MOV/TO/405 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) REF OUR Q(M)R/A/11 OF 20 (.)

PREPARED EMBARKED 301510 TO ORTONA (.) ARTY REGT HQS

TROOP HQ AND HQ SERVICES 19 OFFRS 631 ORS IN 33 BOX

1 MATER LAST 2 BOMBS ON 2 FLATS TO BOMB STORES.

Copies to : G (2)
Spl. Sec. (1)
SHAPE (1)
FLOAT (1)

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Capt. RE.
S/Capt. Q(M)
(The Lord Westbury).
Movements Liaison Officer.-

Action Copy:- SD/1418
B/B

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Subject: Move of Legnano.-

837/15 / 62
1 Feb. 1945

The following details are passed to you for information :-

FROM : MOV ROME

TO : (1) MOV FOLIGNO (2) MOV AREZZO (3) MOVCENT (4) 52 BLU

INFO : (5) MEDIA (6) 15 ARMY GP (7) AFHQ CITE FIELDM

MOV 532 RESTRICTED.

ONE (.) MOVE OF LEGNANO COMBAT GP REAR PARTIES (.) CONVOY 01/RO/039 75 VEHS DEPART BRACCIANO 310630 (.) CONVOY 02/RO/004 85 VEHS DEPART BRACCIANO 010630 (.) ROUTE TIMINGS AND MOVEMENT INSTRS AS FOR MAIN BODY MY MOV 517 OF 23 JAN. REFERS (.) TWO (.) FOR GWYTHER 52 BLU (.) ABOVE WITHOUT YOUR CONFIRMATION (.)

Copy to : Spl. Sec.
G (2)
SMRE
FLOAT

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Capt. RE.
S/Capt Q(M)
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer.

Action Copy :- S.D. Duke
S.D./148
B/B

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Subject: Move of Polgoro.

The following details are passed to you for information :-

FROM : MOVTEP 311800

TO : BOO RAMI A MOV NOZZIA - MOVEM

INFO : HQ 15 ARMY GROUP - ALSVIGS - DEPUTY DEPT - LEGIA

CONFIDENTIAL. MOV/TO/459. REF OUR Q(M) R/A/11 DATED 20. TRAIN MENS (FINAL TRAIN) DEPARTED BENEVENTO 311710 TO ORTONA VIA FOGGIA. 51 ITEM: CUR CARRIERS 2 M CYCLES ON 25 LSO 7 OFFRS 15 ORS IN 3 BOX AND ON FLATS.

Copies to : C (2)
Spl. Sec.
HERE
FLOAT

Capt. RE.
S/Capt Q(M).
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer.

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Return Copy - SD/108
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R/N

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Subject: Move of Polvoro.

180 656/10

30 Jan. 1945

The following details are passed to you for information :-

FROM : MOVMTT QVR 7

TO : ROO BARI - MOV FORCE - MOVMTT

INFO : 15 AFCE GROUP DISTRICT DISTRICT MAAF AREA

MOV/PO/135 SECRET.

SIXTH TRAIN 35 BOX 32 OFF 918 ORS 30 TONS EQUIPMENT SAN MARCO REST AND 29 REF BOX DEPARTED BENEVENTO 291610 TO ORTONA. SEVENTH TRAIN 60 CARRIES A M/GS 5 BOX 5 OFFRS 126 ORS DEP BENEVENTO FOR ORTONA 291740 (.) OUR Q(M)R/11 OF 20 REFERS (.)

Copies to : C (2)
Spl. Sec. (1)
SHAEF (1)
FLOAT (1)

Capt. RE.
S/Capt Q(M)
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer.

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Action Copy :- SD/1485 Floor B/B } 1 copy.

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SECRET

Subject:- Telephone Communications - SMEMA - Italian Combat Group H.Qs.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.A.I.A.C.)
X500/2
30 Jan 45

C.S.C., A.F.H.Q.

Copy to:- CSO., L of C Signals, Italy (Main).
CSO., 1 District.
CSO., 3 District.
Rome Area Allied Command.

1. The Italian Combat Groups (small divisions of 8000 men each) which have been equipped with British weapons and equipment, and trained to fight alongside Allied formations, are now located as follows:

FRIULI	...	Forward Area under V Corps.
CREMONA	...	" " " 1 Can Corps.
LEGNANO	...	RADDA)
FOLGORE	...	ASCOLI) under training.
MANTOVA	...	S. GIORGIO)

2. Administration of these formations on the "A" side, discipline, supply of reinforcements etc., is the responsibility of the S.M.E.M.A. (Italian General Staff) in ROME. S.M.E.M.A. is, however, very much handicapped by complete lack of telephone communications.

3. Authority is therefore requested for S.M.E.M.A. to be able to speak to the H.Q. of the above Combat Groups and vice versa, via the Allied network, to which the British Liaison Unit attached to each Group is already connected. The B.L.O. exchange could then connect the Group. Conversations would be in Italian. Authority is requested for the following specific numbers:

	ROME
Chief of General Staff ...	41571
Deputy Chief of General Staff..	42794
Operations Office ...	41598
Services Office ...	42485
Organisation Office ...	40890
Personnel Office ...	41965

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1. The Italian Combat Groups (small divisions of 9000 men each) which have been equipped with British weapons and equipment, and trained to fight alongside Allied formations, are now located as follows:

FRIULI	...	Forward Area under V Corps.
CREMONA	...	" " " 1 Cdn Corps.
LEGNANO	...	RIETI)
FOLGORE	...	ASCOLI) under training.
MANTOVA	...	S. SEVERO)

2. Administration of these formations on the "A" side, discipline, supply of reinforcements etc., is the responsibility of the S.M.G.S. (Italian General Staff) in ROME. S.M.G.S. is, however, very much handicapped by complete lack of telephone communications.

3. Authority is therefore requested for S.M.G.S. to be able to speak to the H.Q. of the above Combat Groups and vice versa, via the Allied network, to which the British Liaison Unit attached to each Group is already connected. The S.I.C. exchange could then connect the Group. Conversations would be in Italian. Authority is requested for the following specific numbers:

	ROME
Chief of General Staff ...	41571
Deputy Chief of General Staff..	42794
Operations Office ...	41598
Services Office ...	42485
Organisation Office ...	40895
Personnel Office ...	41365

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4. In the event of this authority being granted it might be as well to set a limit to the number of calls that could be made, and to issue some sort of directive on the kind of traffic for which the calls are authorised. Presumably the process of getting a connection would have to be carried out by an English speaker.

5. The question of telephone communication between S.M.G.S. and outlying areas has already been raised by Major Calveley of M.M.I.A. with Major Campbell in connection with the Italian Reinforcement Depot at CAVIANO (for British service units), and applies equally to similar Depots at SARZANA (SPEZIA) and UDINE (UDINE).

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Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Move of Folgore.

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29 Jan. 1945

The following details are ~~details~~ passed to you for information :-

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FROM : MOVWIT

TO : RCO BARI MOV FOGGIA MOVWIT MOV CENTRAL ITALY

INFO : 15 ARMY GROUP THREE DISTRICT THREE DISTRICT EAST MMIA

MOV TO. 417 28/1

SECRET (.) REFERENCE MY Q(M)R/A/11 OF 20th. (.) DEPARTED BENEVENTO 28th.

1450 TO ORTONA (.) TRAIN 5 SAN ~~[illegible]~~ MARCO REGT 38 OFFICERS 1075 ORS 5201

20 TONS IN 35 BOX CARS (.)

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Subject: Move of FOLCORE. C >A/148 838/6

28 Jan 1945

The following details are passed to you for information :-

FROM : MOVMIT 271720A

TO : MMIA

CONFIDENTIAL (.) MOV/TO/400 (.) REFERENCE HQ MOVEMENTS WEST ITALY Q(M)R/A/11 OF 20 ~~DEC~~ JAN 45 (.) AROM BENEVENTO TO ORTONA VIA FOGGIA (.) TRAIN THREE (.) NIL0 NIGHT AND GP OPTS COY 34 OFFRS 770 ORS ITALIAN IN 55 BOX DEPARTED 271430 (.) TRAIN FOUR (.) A OFFRS 177 ORS ITALIAN 2 W/CARTS 52 BYCS 15 M CYCLES IN 5 BOX AND ON 25 LSO DEPARTED 1540/27 (.) ALL REPORTED (.)

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Subject: Move of Folgoi .

27 Jan. 1945

The following details are passed to you for information :-

FROM : MOVINT

TO : ROO BARI MOVINT MOV FOGGIA

MOV CENT 15 ARMY GROUP DESTINE

DESTINE EAST MEDA

MOV TO/305 26.1.45

SECRET. REF MY Q(M)H/A/11 OF 20 (.) 35 Box Cars 754 ALL RANKS NEMBO

RIVET FOLGOIT COMBAT GROUP DEPARTED BENEVENTO 261610 TO ORTONA (.)

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Subject: Move of Lorraine.-

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27 June 1945

The following details are passed to you for information :-

FROM : NEW ARREZO

TO : NEW FOLIGNO NEW HOME 52 BDE BRADDIARD 75 GDE GRP (MX)

REPO : RAMO DUNFERMLINE DETAILS MEDA 15 ARMY GP HEADQUARTERS CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

RHQR 8 ARMY

NEW/S/3/1. SECRET.

APPX ZK 62150 9 JUN 15 ARMY GP SD 1140 12 JUN NEW HOME NEW 517 25 JUN REP.

(1) RETURN JOURNEYS OF LORRAINE COLUMN GROUP AS FOLLOWS.

(2) CONVOY 06/WEA/32 75 VEHS RAMA DEP 270700. FOLIGNO ARR 271345. STAGE AND REFUEL. DEP 280700. BRADDIARD ARR 281500. CONVOY 61/WEA/33 75 VEHS RAMA DEP 290700. FOLIGNO ARR 291345. STAGE AND REFUEL. DEP 300700. BRADDIARD ARR 301500.

(3) ROUTES 6923-69 AREZZO (PASS 0500 HRS) 71-75 FOLIGNO 3 CIVITA CASTELLANA NEPI-6002-ROUTE 2 ROAD JUNCTION 8579 - CROSS ROUTE. 15 MPH 30 YDS.

(4) EACH CONVOY HALT FOR 1 HOUR AT CIVITA CASTELLANA. REFUEL FOLIGNO REP ARRIVING AHEAD TO NEW FOLIGNO FOR DETAILS AND STAGING.

(5) NEW NAME TO APPEAR RETURN JOURNEY TO RAMA.

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MESSAGE FORM

S/SD/30

FROM: USIA

TO: AMEMBASSY

SD ONLY SECRET

REFERENCE YOUR FA 90813 CITE PRECT OF 04 JAN (.) 517

FIELD AGENCY NOW WITH FULL GROUP AS STATED IN COLUMN

9 AFTER TO USIA C/S/SD/85 OF 17 JAN

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

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CONFIDENTIAL.

SUBJECT: Repatriation from BALKANS and FRANCE.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/31/2
26 January 45

TO: AFHQ for G-3 (Org)
AFHQ for G-5
Chief of Staff AC.
Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Com. A.C.

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 24 Jan 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex BALKANS and FRANCE:-

(a)	Received in ST ANDREWS CAMP	23219
	Despatched from Camp	23050
	Remaining in Camp	169
(b)	Personnel has been despatched from Camp as follows :-	5192
	To Hospital	1678
	To PW Camp	21
	Demobilised	2074
	Leave then GRUPPI	1051
	To GRUPPI	761
	Leave then TRANI (BRI-ITI)	3652
	Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)	2937
	To TRANI(BRI-ITI)	4480
	To ASTRONI (US-ITI)	68
	Leave then Pack Transport Coy	3
	To Pack Transport Coy	2826
	Deserted from Camp	044
	Various (CC.RR, RGF, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	2855

2. Of the 23219 shown as received in camp, 1222 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 24 Jan 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex BALKANS and FRANCE:-

(a)	Received in ST ANDREWS CAMP	23219
	Despatched from Camp	23059
	Remaining in Camp	160

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(b) Personnel has been despatched from Camp as follows :-

To Hospital	1678
To PW Camp	21
Demobilised	2074
Leave then GRUPPI	1051
To GRUPPI	761
Leave then TRANI (BRI-ITI)	3652
Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)	2937
To TRANI(BRI-ITI)	4480
To ASTRONI (US-ITI)	68
Leave then Pack Transport Coy	3
To Pack Transport Coy	2826
Deserted from Camp	644
Various (CC.RR, RGF, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	2655

2. Of the 23219 shown as received in camp, 1222 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

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for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM MMIA

TO MINISTRY OF WAR

INFO AFHQ for G3 ORG, 15 ARMY GROUP, MAIN 8 ARMY, REAR 8 ARMY rptd MMIA LO, DISTONE rptd MMIA LO , 50 BLU, 51 BLU, MOV ROME, R&C, 66 AREA, MAIN-MAIN-CORPS, REAR 1 CDN CORPS, 3 BEACH GROUP, [redacted]

SECRET

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FOLLOWING UNITS WILL MOVE BY ROAD LEAVING ROME 27 JAN (.) FIRST (.) 133 MOBILE XRAY UNIT 1 OFFICER 6 ORS 2 VEHICLES TO PESARO (.) WILL REPORT ON ARRIVAL TO HQ 3 BEACH GROUP PESARO FOR ATTACHMENT TO 232 FD HOSPITAL UNDER COMMAND 8 ARMY (.) SECOND (.) 113 MOBILE DENTAL UNIT 1 OFFR 3 ORS 1 VEHICLE TO RAVENNA (.) WILL REPORT ON ARRIVAL TO REAR 1 CDN CORPS FOR ATTACHMENT TO 5190 MED SEC CREMONA GROUP UNDER COMMAND 8 ARMY (.) FURTHER DETAILS OF ABOVE MOVES WILL BE ARRANGED BETWEEN SMAE MOVEMENTS MMIA AND MOVEMENT ROME (.) AFHQ FX 90323 CITE FHGCT OF 24 JAN REFERS

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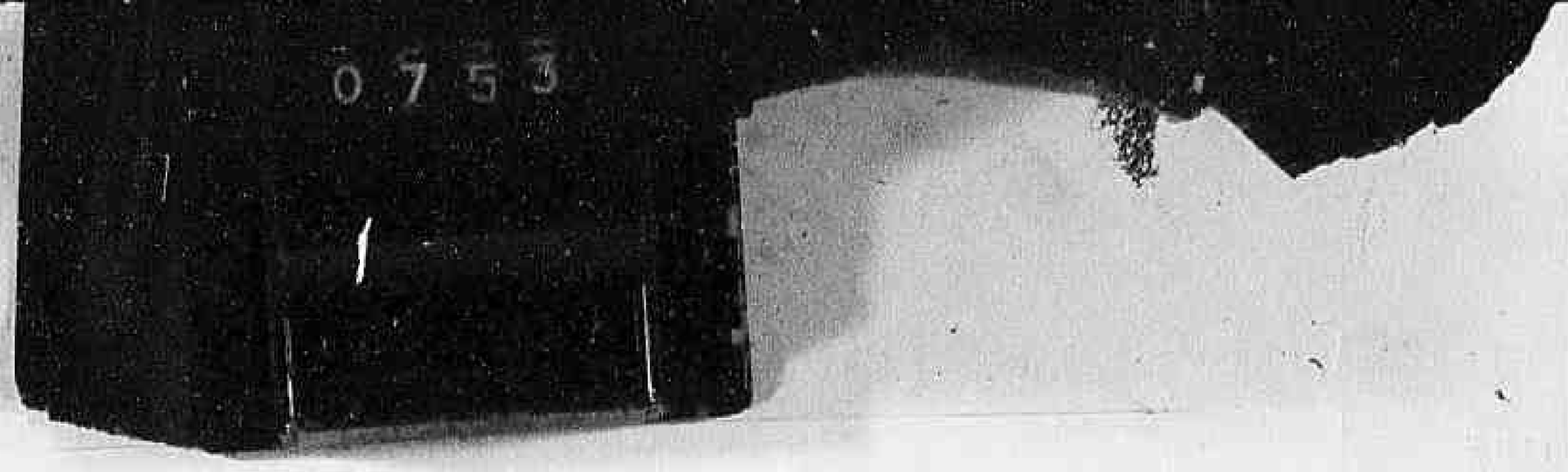

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Subject:- Move of Kolgore

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The following details are passed to you for information:-

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FROM MOVWIT
TO (ACTION) ROO BARI -MOV FOGGIA MOVEIT MOVCENT
INFO 15 ARMY GP 3 DISTHREE 3 DISTHREE EASTERN DET MMIA

MOV/TO/365(/) CONFIDENTIAL(.) REFERENCE H.Q. MOVEMENTS WEST ITALY
Q(M) R/A/11 OF 20 JAN 45(.) OFFRS 6 ORS 200 IN 14 BOXCARS 56
CARRIERS 9 MOTORCYCLES ON 28 FLATS DEPARTED BENEVENTO
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Subject:- Moves of Italian Auxiliary Combat Units 857/2

25/1/45 170

The following details are passed to you for information:

FROM AFHQ signed SACMED
TO (ACTION) 52 BLU (BRACCIANO) 55 BLU (c/o Signalmaster BENEVENTO) MMIA
INFO MAIN 8th ARMY REAR 8th ARMY 15 ARMY GROUP 86 BLU (c/o Signalmaster BENEVENTO) MOVNIT MOVCENT DIRCOMZ DISTREE 50 BLU 51 BLU MOV ROME RAAC 86 AREA MAIN 1 CDN CORPS REAR 1 CDN CORPS 3 BEACH GROUP
IMMEDIATE
REF:MX 90325 cite FIRST 161
SECRET (.) My FX89449 of 21st not to all (.)
FIRST(.) Following ITALIAN units will move forthwith soonest by road from TELESE area to under operational command 8th Army under orders of 55 BLU in conjunction with MOVNIT

Unit (a)	Destination (b)	Report on arrival to (c)	Remarks (d)
10 amb car of "A" sec 1 MAC	FRIULI med section	86 area RIMINI	to carry stores of 230 Fd Hosp.
230 Fd Hosp	CESENA for FRIULI group	86 Area	—
2 Fd Pk Coy	RAVENNA	MAIN 1 CDN CORPS	—
15 amb car of "A" sec. 1 MAC	CREMONA med.sec.	REAR 1 CDN CORPS	to carry stores of 232 Fd Hosp 187
232 Fd Hosp	FANO	3 BEACH GROUP (PESARO)	—

SECOND(.) 29 MOB XRAY UNIT will move soonest by road under orders of 52 BLU in conjunction MOV ROME to under command 8th Army at CESENA (near RIMINI) to join 230 Fd Hosp (.) report on arrival to 86 area (RIMINI) (.)
THIRD(.) 133 MOB XRAY UNIT will move soonest by road under orders MMIA in conjunction with MOV ROME to FANO to join 232 Fd Hosp under command 8th Army(.) report on arrival to HQ 3 BEACH GROUP PESARO(.)
FOURTH(.) 113 MOB DENTAL UNIT will move soonest by road under orders MMIA in conjunctin with MOV ROME to RAVENNA to join CREMONA med sec under command 8 Army(.) report on arrival to REAR 1 CDN CORPS at RAVENNA(.)
FIFTH(.) 55 BLU will transport any surplus stores of above units in vehicles of FOLGORE GROUP and will arrange onward movement from ASCOLI direct with 8 ARMY(.)
SIXTH(.) Units in my FX89449 NOT mentioned above remain at call 8 ARMY(.)
SEVENTH(.) for MMIA understand 317 Fd Bakery NOT with CREMONA GROUP(.)confirm present location for onward move.

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230 Fd Hosp	CESENA for FRIULI group	86 Area	—
2 Fd Pk Coy	RAVENNA	MAIN 1 CDN CORPS	—
15 amb car of "A" sec. 1 MAC	CREMONA med.sec.	REAR 1 CDN CORPS	to carry stores of 232 Fd Hosp
232 Fd Hosp	FANO	3 BEACH GROUP (PESARO)	—

SECOND(.) 29 MOB XRAY UNIT will move soonest by road under orders of 52 BLU in conjunction MOV ROSE to under command 8th Army at CESENA (near RIMINI) to join 230 Fd Hosp (.) report on arrival to 86 area (RIMINI) (.)
THIRD(.) 133 MOB XRAY UNIT will move soonest by road under orders MAIA in conjunction with MOV ROSE to FANO to join 232 Fd Hosp under command 8th Army(.) report on arrival to HQ 3 BEACH GROUP PESARO(.)
FOURTH(.) 113 MOB DENTAL UNIT will move soonest by road under orders MAIA in conjunctin with MOV ROSE to RAVENNA to join CREMONA med sec under command 8 Army(.) report on arrival to REAR 1 CDN CORPS at RAVENNA(.)
FIFTH(.) 52 BLU will transport any surplus stores of above units in vehicles of FOLGORE GROUP and will arrange onward movement from ASCOLI direct with 8 ARMY(.)
SIXTH(.) Units in my FX59149 NOT mentioned above remain at call 8 ARMY(.)
SEVENTH(.) for MAIA understand 317 Fd Bakery NOT with CREMONA GROUP(.)confirm present location for onward move.

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837/13

25 Jan 1945

Subject: Move of Legnano.

The following details are passed to you for information :-

FROM : MOV ROME

TO : (1) 52 BLU (2) RTO ROME TERMINI (3) RTO TIBURTINA (4) 774 RAILWAY GRAND DIVISION

INFO : (5) FREEDOM CITE FHGHM (6) MOVCENT (7) MOV FOLIGNO (8) MMIA (9) MOV AREZZO (10) MRS ROME (11) DISTONE (12) 15 ARMY GROUP (13) ROME AREA (14) 2 ROC

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T.O. 3018 SECRET.

REF FREELOM FX 86927 OF 18 JAN NOT TO ALL AND MOV ROME TO 2963 OF 22 JAN (.) LEGNANO ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP RAIL PARTY PERSONNEL STRENGTH NOW 5600 ALL RANKS 5 & 8 (.) MOVE WILL NOW BE IN FIVE PERSONNEL TRAINS 25 TO 29 JAN INCL (.) THREE TRAINS LIGHT TRACKS WILL NOW MOVE ON 25 AND 29 JAN (.) DETAILED TIMINGS AND MEAL HALTS REMAIN AS IN ABOVE SIGNAL (.)

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Subject:- Move of Legnano 837/10

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The following details are passed to you for information:-

FROM MOV HOME
TO(FOR ACTION) (1) MOV FOLIGNO (2) Mov Arezzo (3) MOVCENT (4) 52 BLU (BRACCIANO) (5) 75 COY GMP (TC) (By hand).
INFO (6) BRAC (7) DISTHREE (8) DISTONE (9) MMIA (10) 15 ARMY GROUP (11) FREEDOM CITE FHGDM (12) MOV REAR 8 ARMY.

REF: MOV 517 SECRET 149 150
AFHQ FX 8215; of 9 Jan and 15 Army Gp SD 1140 of 12 Jan refers(.) move of LEGNANO COMBAT GP main body(.)

FIRST (.) Route (.) Green Route to Rd Junc F6579 Route 2 to A6002 - NEPI - CIVITA CASTELLANA- R3 - R75 - R71 - R69 to MONTEVARCHI thence destination (.)
SECOND(.) All convoys (1) move in march units of 50 vehs (.) 30 mins interval between March Units (.) 15 MIH 30 VTH (.) (2) Refuel FOLIGNO on arrival(.) (3) Halt 30 mins first day TERNI A8941 second day Rd Junc R75 and R71 (.)
THIRD(.) Read (a) Convoy No (b) No of vehs (c) Head dep BRACCIANO (d) Time length of coln (e) ETA head FOLIGNO (f) Head dep FOLIGNO (g) ETA head RADDA

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
01/RO/017A	250	250630	180 mins	251400	260530	261315
01/RO/017B	250	270630	180mins	271400	280530	281315
01/RO/017C	150	290630	90MINS	291400	300530	301315

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FOURTH (.) Rep ahead Mov FOLIGNO for details staging area and refuelling(.)
FIFTH (.) For TC (.) TC ensure strict March discipline throughout(.)
SIXTH (.) 75 vehs of convoys 01/RO/017 A and B return BRACCIANO 27 and 29 respectively (.) Rep to contact Mov AREZZO for return Movement Instrs.(.)
SEVENTH(.) 60 vehs remain BRACCIANO for ferry duties to entraining station PALIDORO (.)
EIGHTH(.) All vehs except those not mechanically fit will concentrate RADDA not later than 2 Feb.

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SECOND(.) All convoys (1) move in march units of 50 vehs (.) 30 mins interval between March Units (.) 15 MIH 30 VTH (.) (2) Refuel FOLIGNO on arrival(.) (3) Halt 30 mins first day TERNI A8941 second day Rd junc R75 and R71 (.)

THIRD(.) Read (a) Convoy No (b) No of vehs (c) Head dep BRACCIANO (d) Time length of coln (e) ETA head FOLIGNO (f) Head dep FOLIGNO (g) ETA head RADDA

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
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2½ Jan. 1945

"Subject: Move of Lehmann."

The following details are passed to you for information :-

FROM : ROME AREA

TO : 52 BDE - MOV ROME

FREEDOM - 15 ARMY GP - SECRETARY - DEFENCE - MEDIA - MOVCONT - DEMS ROME - 201 SUB AREA.

SECRET.

SD 445 22

LEHMANN COMBAT GP WILL MOVE IN TWO PHASES TO UNDER COMD EIGHTH ARMY IN RIMINI AREA (.) PHASE ONE (.) RAIL (.) 6000 PERSONNEL 163 MT TRACK VEHS BY RAIL FROM PALIDORO TO AREZZO AT RATE 1000 PERSONNEL DAILY STARTING 25 - 30 JAN INCL (.) TRAINS IN FORM 1200 HRS DAILY (.) MARSHALLING TO BE COMPLETED BY 1500 HRS (.) ETD 1600 HRS DAILY (.) ETA AREZZO 0800 HRS 26 to 31 DEC JAN INCL (.) MT TRACK VEHS 56 LOAD PALIDORO ON 26 CMA 28 AND 30 JAN (.) PERSONNEL TWO 200 ON EACH VEH TRAIN (.) TRAINS IN FORM 1000 HRS DAILY (.) MARSHALLING AND LOADING COMPLETED BY 1600 HRS (.) ETD 1600 DAILY (.) ETA AREZZO 1000 HRS 27, 29, 31 JAN (.) PHASE TWO (.) ROAD (.) CONVOYS OF 250 VEHS WILL MOVE 25 AND 27 JAN (.) CONVOY 150 VEHS WILL MOVE 29 JAN (.) REAR PARTY 60 VEHS USED AS TRAIN PARTY WILL MOVE UNDER ORDERS MOV ROME ON OR AFTER THREE ONE JAN (.) 52 BDE WILL ARRANGE COLLECTION MOV ORDERS MOV ROME EARLIEST (.) AUTHORITY AFHQ FX 36927 OF 16 (.)

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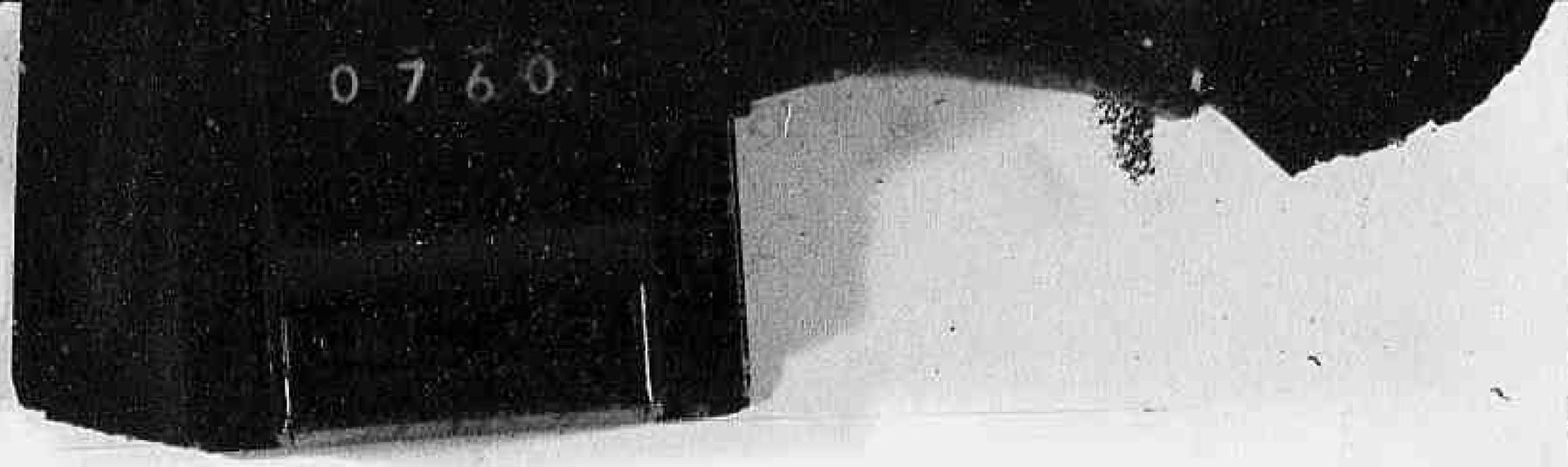

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Subject:- Move of Legnano 837/12 165

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The following details are passed to you for information:-

FROM AFHQ SIGNED SACMED
TO 52 BLU
INFO 15 ARMY GROUP DISTOMO MOV ROME MOVT CENTRAL RAMO MMIA MAIN 8 ARMY REAR 8 REMY

REF FX90412- 24/1
SECRET(.)
Verbal requests for postponement of move of LEGNANO ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP are not acceded to (.) formation will move as ordered in our FX 82153 of 9th and FX 84431 of 13th.

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Subject: Move of Lehrano. 837/9

23 Jan. 1945

The following details are passed to you for information :

FROM : MOV ROME

TO : (FOR ACTION) (1) 52 BLU (2) RTO ROME TERMINI (3) RTO TIBURTINA
(4) 774 GRAND DIV

TO (FOR INFORMATION) : (5) FREEDOM CITE FREDM (6) MOVUENT (7) MOV FOLIGNO
(8) MOV AREZZO (9) EMRS ROME (10) 15 ARMY GP (11) 5 ARMY (BR INC) FOR
MOV (12) DISTONE (13) ROME AREA (14) MMA (15) 2 ROC.

(Ref. No.) T.O. 2963 165 SECRET.

(1) REF FREEDOM FX86927 OF 16 JAN NOT TO ALL (.) LEHRANO ITALIAN COMBAT GP 6600 ALL RANKS + 168 LIGHT TRACKS WILL MOVE BY RAIL PALIDORO TO AREZZO (.)

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(2) PERSONNEL TRAINS (.) 1000 ALL RANKS WILL ENTRAIN IN 35 BOX CARS DAILY 25 - 30 JAN INCL (.) CARS WILL BE PLACED 1200 HRS (.) ENTRAINMENT TO BE COMPLETED BY 1500 HRS (.) TRAINS DEP 1600 HRS DAILY (.) MEAL HALT ROME TIBURTINA APPROX 1900 TO 2000 HRS (.) ETA AREZZO 0800 HRS ON 26 - 31 INCL (.)

(3) LIGHT TRACKS (.) APPROX 56 LIGHT TRACKS WILL LOAD PALIDORO ON 26 28 30 JAN (.) 200 ALL RANKS WILL ENTRAIN ON EACH TRAIN IN 8 BOX CARS (.) CARS WILL BE PLACED 1000 HRS (.) ENTRAINMENT TO BE COMPLETED BY 1600 HRS (.) TRAINS DEP 1800 HRS DAILY (.) MEAL HALT ROME TIBURTINA APPROX 2100 - 2200 HRS (.) ETA AREZZO 1000 ON 27 29 31 JAN (.) TRACKS WILL BE LEFT IN LOW GEAR WITH BRAKES ON CARRYING ONLY SUFFICIENT PETROL FOR DETRAINMENT AND JOURNEY TO NEAREST PETROL POINT (.) ALL VEHS WILL BE SECURELY CHOCKED (.)

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Subject: Disposal Italian Auxiliary Combat Unit. 842/2 163

22 Jan. 1945

The following details are passed to you for information :-

FROM : AFHQ SIGNED SAC CITE FHECT
TO : MAIN 8 ARMY 52 BLU (BRACCIANO) 53 BLU (BENEVENTO SIGN) 56 BLU (BENEVENTO) MMIA
INFO : 15 ARMY GP MOVMIT MOVCENT DISTONE DISTREE 50 BLU 51 BLU REAR 8 ARMY MOV ROME RAAC

FX 89149 SECRET.

SUBJECT DISPOSAL OF ~~THE~~ ITALIAN AUXILIARY COMBAT UNITS.

FIRST. IN FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS READ IN COLUMNS (A) UNIT (B) STRENGTH (C) VWHS (D) PRESENT LOCATION AND COMMAND (E) DESTINATION AND COMMAND.

SECOND. PROPOSE FOLLOWING UNITS REMAIN WITH FRIULI GROUP UNDER COMD 8 ARMY WHO WILL CONFIRM AGREEMENT. (A) 1 FILD FK COY (A) 316 FILD BKY (A) HALF 181 TECH MAINT SEC (A) 130 FILD SURGICAL UNIT (A) 316 CARABINIERI SEC.

THIRD. PROPOSE SENDING FOLLOWING UNITS TO SUPPORT FRIULI GROUP UNDER COMD 8 ARMY WHO WILL CONFIRM ACCEPTANCE AND DESTINATION. (A) 1 GT COY LESS DET HQ 1 SEC WKSPS 2 TRANSPORT PLS 2 RDI'S (B) 205 (C) 90 (D) CESANO SMRE (A) 10 AMBULANCE CARS OF A SECT 1 MAC (B) 21 (C) 12 (D) TELESE 55 BLU (A) 230 FLD HOSPITAL (B) 65 (C) 3 (D) TELESE 55 BLU. 8 ARMY CABLE 2754 OF 17 NOT (NOT) TO ALL REFERS (E) CESENA 8 ARMY (A) 429 FILD HOSP (B) 65 (C) 3 (D) CROTELLA 56 BLU (A) 29 MOB XRAY UNIT (B) 7 (C) 2 (D) BRACCIANO 52 BLU (A) T ADV DEPOT OF MED STORES (B) 8 (C) 1 (D) NAPLES SMRE.

FOURTH. PROPOSE FOLLOWING UNITS REMAIN WITH CREMONA GP UNDER COMMAND 8 ARMY WHO WILL CONFIRM AGREEMENT. (A) 317 FILD BAKERY (A) HALF 781 (181) TECH MAINT SEC (A) 44 FILD SURG UNIT.

FIFTH. PROPOSE SENDING FOLLOWING UNITS TO SUPPORT CREMONA GP UNDER COMD 8 ARMY WHO WILL CONFIRM. AS IN PARA THIRD. (A) 2 FILD FK COY (B) 134 (C) 31 (D) TELESE 55 BLU (A) 15 AMBULANCES OF A SEC 1 MAC (B) 28 (C) 17 (D) TELESE 55 BLU (A) DET HQ 1 SEC WKSPS 2 TPT PLS 2 RDIS 1 GT COY (B) 127 (C) 62 (D) CESANO SMRE (A) 232 FILD HOSP (B) 65 (C) 3 (D) FRASSO 55 BLU (E) FANO 8 ARMY CABLE 2754 OF 17 NOT TO ALL REFERS (A) 519 FLD HOSP (B) 65 (C) 3 (D) SAN GIORGIO 56 BLU (A) 133 MOB XRAY UNIT (B) 7 (C) 2 (D) ROME SMRE (A) 113 MOB DENTAL UNIT (B) 4 (C) 1 (D) ROME SMRE (A) S ADV DEPOT OF MED STORES (B) 8 (C) 1 (D) OSIMO 1 DIST.

SIXTH. FOLLOWING UNITS WILL MOVE FROM BRACCIANO WITH LEGNANO GP UNDER ARRANGEMENTS 52 BLU TO UNDER COMD 8 ARMY ADM THROUGH DISTONE FOR LEGNANO GP. (A) 1 FD BKY (B) 33 (C) 2 (A) 183 TECH MAINT SEC (B) 30 (C) 4 (A) 34 FD SURG UNIT (B) 26 (C) 3.

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EIGHTH. HQ 1 MAC WILL MOVE UNDER UNIT ARRANGEMENTS FROM TELESE TO ARAGOLA WHERE IT WILL ASSIST FORMATION REMAINING SECS OF MAC. 866 AND 522 FD HOSP IN MELIZZANO AND FRASSO RESPECTIVELY PASS TO UNDER COMMAND 56 BLU.

NINTH. 470 AND 576 FD HOSPS IN BRACCIANO AND TEANO RESPECTIVELY PASS UNDER COMD RTC ROF.

TENTH. NBIA WILL REPORT TONNAGE STORES TO ACCOMPANY EACH ADV DEPOT OF MED STORES AND WILL MAKE TENTATIVE PLANS FOR MOVEMENT OF NON-MOBILE PORTION OF ABOVE UNITS TO 8 ARMY IN VIEW OF 1 GT COY AND WILL REPORT EXCESS TO MOVE BY RAIL.

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SUBJECT: Repatriation from BALKANS and FRANCE

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/31/2
20 January 45

TO : AFHQ for G-3 (Org)
AFHQ for G-5
Chief of Staff, AC
Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Com. A.C.

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 17 Jan 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex BALKANS and FRANCE:-

(a)	Received in ST ANDRENS CAMP	22995
	Dispatched from Camp	20945
	Remaining in Camp	2050
(b)	Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows:-	
	To Hospital	1668
	To PW Camp	21
	Demobilised	1928
	Leave then GRUPPI	1014
	To GRUPPI.	609
	Leave then TRANI (BR-ITI)	3561
	Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)	2478
	To TRANI (BR-ITI)	4271
	To ASTRONI (US-ITI)	63
	Leave then Pack Transp Coy	3
	To Pack Transp Coy	2584
	Various (CCRR, RGF, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	2745

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2. Of the 22995 shown as received in camp, 1061 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 17 Jan 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex BALKANS and FRANCE:-

(a) Received in ST ANDREWS CAMP	22945
Dispatched from Camp	20945
Remaining in Camp	2050

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows:- 5178

To Hospital	1669
To PW Camp	21
Demobilised	1928
Leave then GRUPPI	1014
To GRUPPI.	609
Leave then TRANI (BR-ITI)	3561
Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)	2478
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Rex E Priddle
Major General
for M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT:- Formation of New Units - Italian Army.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CR/1116/G-1(BR)(Ser. 1431)
20 Jan 45.

FRIULI, CREMONA, LECCANO, FOLGORE & MANTOVA COMBAT GROUPS AND AUXILLARY UNITS

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Reference AFHQ letter of even number (Ser.1391) dated 13 Jan 45.

The above quoted letter will be amended as follows :-

Appendix 'F' -

Under S.T. : coln (ii) and coln (iii)

Against "3 Italian Gen Tpt Coy"

DELETE: " NA/596/1 " and " 162/1 "

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Field-Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

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Subject: Move of Legnano.-

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The following details are passed to you for information :-

FROM : AFHQ 201705A

TO : MOV ROME EMTS ROME

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MMLA 52 BLU

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CONFIDENTIAL REF THIS HQ FX86927 DATED 18 JAN. PARA 1 FOR UNDER COMMAND 5 ARMY FOR BRITISH INCREMENT NOW READ 5 ARMY. BACKED INFORMATION 5 ARMY (BR INC) FOR MOVEMENTS.

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Subject: RAIL MOVEMENT ORDER
FOLGORE ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP.

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Mil Movements
West Italy
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1. Reference AFHQ signals FX 82153 of 9 Jan 45, FX 86923 of 18 Jan 45 and 3 District SD 29 of 10 Jan 45.

2. FOLGORE Italian Combat Group will move from TELESE to area ASCOLI-TRIARO B 75. Details of road move form subject of separate movement order.

3. Rail party, strength 5,450 all ranks, with kits only, and 225 light tracked vehicles will move in 9 special trains to ORTONA from 25 - 31 Jan (incl). Train programme is shewn at Appendix 'A' to this Order.

4. Personnel will entrain at TELESE CERRETO Station. Light tracked vehicles and escorting personnel (2 men per vehicle) will be loaded to rail at BENEVENTO Station.

5. Transport from present location to entraining stations and from detraining station to new location will be under unit arrangements.

6. All entrainments will be under arrangements HQ Benevento and will be completed 15 minutes before the scheduled times of departure.

7. The capacity of each personnel train is 1000 all ranks with kits. The allocation of units to trains is left to 53 BLU, but 53 BLU will notify this HQ earliest of the allocation in detail. An adequate proportion of officers will travel on all trains including vehicle trains.

8. Securing of all vehicles is the responsibility of the loading unit. Hand brakes will be placed fully on and vehicles put into reverse gear. Wooden chocks will be placed under the tracks and the vehicles roped as necessary.

9. All troops will be warned against alighting from the train at any but the official halts.

10. Group HQ will detail an Italian MO to travel with each personnel train.

11. All personnel trains will halt at CERVARO for hour from 1900 to 2000 hours on day of departure for a meal under unit arrangements.

5. Transport from present location to entraining stations and from detraining station to new location will be under unit arrangements.

6. All entrainments will be under arrangements RTO Benevento and will be completed 15 minutes before the scheduled times of departure.

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12. All personnel will entrain with full water bottles and SEVEN days rations.

13. All OsC trains will warn troops of danger of electrocution by live overhead cables en route.

(J.H.LESTER) CAPT.
FOR .LT.COL.
A.Q.M.G.(M).

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RAIL MOVE OF FOLGORE ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP.

Train No.	Entraining Station	Strength of Personnel (all ranks)	Vehicles (Carriers)	No of box cars required	No of fl (low-go requir
1	BENEVENTO	112	56	4	28
2	TELESE CERRETO	1000	-	35	-
3	TELESE CERRETO	1000	-	35	-
4	BENEVENTO	112	56	4	28
5	TELESE CERRETO	1000	-	35	-
6	TELESE CERRETO	1000	-	35	-
7	BENEVENTO	112	56	4	28
8	TELESE CERRETO	1000	-	35	-
9	BENEVENTO	112	55	4	2

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APPENDIX 'A'

VE OF FOLGORE ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP.

Vehicles (Carriers)	No of box cars required	No of flats (low-gons) required	To be placed for loading	Loading to be complete	Time of Departure	ETA ORTONA
56	4	28	PM 24	251645	251700	260900
-	35	-	260800	261445	261500	270700
-	35	-	270800	271445	271500	280700
56	4	28	PM 26	271645	271700	280900
-	35	-	280800	281445	281500	290700
-	35	-	290800	291445	291500	300700
56	4	28	PM 28	291645	291700	300900
-	35	-	300800	301445	301500	310700
55	4	28	PM 30	311645	311700	010900

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Subject:- Move of Folgore Group

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TO (1) MOVWIT (2) 701 RY GRAND DN (3) DMRS ROME
INFO (4) 15 ARMY GROUP (5) REAR 8 ARMY FOR MOVEMENTS (6) DISTONE
(7) MMIA (8) PENSOUTH MMIA LO (9) 56 AREA (10) MOVEIT
(11) Movcent (12) 53 BLU (TELESE) DISTHREE

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SECRET(.) signed SACMED (.)
ONE (.) Move of FOLGORE ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP from TELESE to area ASCOLI - TERAMO to under command 8 Army is subject(.)
TWO(.) Road party consisting approximately 1100 wheeled vehicles and 4000 personnel will move as follows:-
53 BLU 30 vehicles depart 23 JAN staging night 23/24 JAN SAN GEVERO? arriving 24 JAN(.)
330 vehicles each day departing 25 27 29 JAN staging first night MOZZAGROGNA arriving 27 29 31 JAN. rear party to follow on completion troop carrying to entraining station for rail lift(.) all under instructions MOVWIT(.)
THREE(.) rail party consisting approximately 5000 personnel and 223 carriers with 450 escort will entrain under arrangements MMIA at TELESE CERRETO in 9 trains between 25-31 JAN incl(.) detraining station ORTONA(.) formation to close final destination by 2 FEB(.) personnel train to depart 1500 hrs and light tracks train 1700 hrs D1(.) personnel train to be halted CERVARO for 1 hour to allow one meal under unit arrangement(.) ETA personnel 0700 hrs D2 light tracks 0900 hrs D2 (.) road ferry from detraining station to final destination under unit arrangements(.)

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ROUTINE

FROM FREEDOM SIGNED SACMED

TO (1) MOV ROME (2) DMRS ROME

INFO (3) 15 ARMY GROUP (4) 5 ARMY (BRIT. INC.) (5)Distone
(6) ROME AREA (7) MOVCENT (8) MMIA (9) 52 BLU (Bracciano)

FX 86927 DATED 18/1/45 CITE FHGDM

SECRET (.) 1 (.) Move of LEGNANO ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP from Bracciano to Radda area to under comd 5 Army for BRITISH INC is subject(.)

2 (.) Road party consists approx. 1100 wheeled vehicles and 4000 personnel will move as follows:- 300 vehicles each day 2527 and 29 Jan. (.) staging one night FOLIGNO to arrive destination 2628 and 30 Jan. (.) rear party to follow on conplettion troop carrying to entraining station for rail lift under instructions MOV ROME (.)

3 (.) Rail party consists approx. 5000 personnel and 223 carriers with escort will entrain under arrangements MOV ROME at PALIDORO 25-31 JAN. incl. (.) Detraining station AREZZO (.) Formation to close final destination by 2nd FEB. (.) personnel trains depart 1600 Hrs and light track 1800hrs DI (.) One meal at ROME (.) ETA personnel 0800 hrs D2 light track 1000 hrs D2 (.) road ferry motor cars detrain station to final destination under unit arrangements (.)

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SECRET (.) 1 (.) Move of LEGNANO ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP from Bracciano to Radda area to under comd 5 Army for BRITISH INC is subject(.)

2 (.) Road party consists approx. 1166 wheeled vehicles and 4000 personnel will move as follows:- 300 vehicles each day 2527 and 29 Jan. (.) staging one night FOLIGNO to arrive destination 2628 and 30 Jan. (.) rear party to follow on conplettion troop carrying to entraining station for rail lift under instructions MOV ROME (.)

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To(Info) 56 AREA FOR ADAMSON.
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MMLA LO RTC ICF

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IT IS REQUESTED THAT NO 1 GT COMPANY MOVE FROM AFRAGOLA TO CESANO AS SOON AS COMPLETE CML. EXPECTED DATE 20/22 JANUARY (*) RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING TASKS BE UNDERTAKEN EN ROUTE (*) FIRST (*) MOVE FOUR OFFICERS THIRTY SIX ORS 33 MED SEC AFRAGOLA TO CESANO (*) SECOND (*) MOVE ALL STORES OUTSTANDING FOR RTC ICF AT 2 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD to CESANO (*) THIRD (*) MOVE FROM AFRAGOLA TO SAN GIORGIO FOR MANTOVA 502 526 VOLUNTEERS FOR COMBAT EX SICILY AND 100 WOLUNTEERS EX SARDINIA (*) FOURTH (*) WITH SAME TRANSPORT AS FOR THIRD ABOVE MOVE FROM CASTELLO (SAN GIORGIO) 10 OFFICERS 40 ORs OF 1 BN 336 REGT FROM PIEDMONTE 15 OFFICERS 300 ORs FOURTH GROUP 152 ARTY REGT (*) ALL TO CESANO FOR RTC ICF (*) MMLA SD 2094 OF 14 JAN REFERS (*) NEW P.R.N SD/57 (*) MML. LO PBS OR REPRESENTATIVE OF GT COMPANY WILL REPORT MOVITT EARLIEST TO COORDINATE TIME OF CONVOYS AND ARRANGE LOADS FOR ANY EMPTY TRUCKS (*) NUMBER OF TRUCKS REQUIRED FOR ABOVE TASK WILL BE COORDINATED

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IT IS REQUESTED THAT NO 1 GT COMPANY MOVE FROM AFRAGOLA TO CESANO AS SOON AS COMPLETE CML EXPECTED DATE 20 JANUARY (*) RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING TASKS BE UNDERTAKEN EN ROUTE (*) FIRST (*) MOVE FOUR OFFICERS THIRTY SIX ORS 35 MED SEC AFRAGOLA TO CESANO (*) SECOND (*) MOVE ALL STORES OUTSTANDING FOR RTC ICF AT 2 SUB DEPOT 557 ROD to CESANO (*) THIRD (*) MOVE FROM AFRAGOL. TO SAN GIORGIO FOR MANTOVA 502 526 VOLUNTEERS FOR COMBAT EX SICILY AND 166 VOLUNTEERS EX SARDINIA (*) FOURTH (*) WITH SAME TRANSPORT AS FOR THIRD ABOVE MOVE FROM CASTELLO (SAN GIORGIO) 10 OFFICERS 40 ORs OF 1 BN 336 REGT FROM PIEDMONTE 15 OFFICERS 300 ORs FOURTH GROUP 152 ARTY REGT (*) ALL TO CESANO FOR RTC ICF (*) MMLA SD 2094 OF 14 JAN REFERS (*) NEW PARA (*) MMLA LO PBS OR REPRESENTATIVE OF GT COMPANY WILL REPORT MOVEST EARLIEST TO COORDINATE TIME OF CONVOYS AND ARRANGE LOADS FOR ANY EMPTY TRUCKS (*) NUMBER OF TRUCKS REQUIRED FOR ABOVE TASK WILL BE COORDINATED BETWEEN MMLA LO PBS AND ITALIAN AUTHORITIES (*) FOR AFHQ (*) COL HARRIS PLEASE CONFIRM ABOVE ARRANGEMENTS TO ALL ADDRESSEES (*) FOR MINISTRY OF WAR (*) PLEASE NAME MILITARY MT COMPANIA AND ABOVE ITALIAN UNITS ACCORDINGLY

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IMMEDIATE to ACTION addressees.
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SUBJECT: Auxiliary Units for Combat Groups. SECRET

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/29/26
17 Jan 45.

To: All Concerned.

Reference M.M.I.A S/G/29/26 of 26 October 1944 (not to all)

1. Attached as Appendix 'A' is a revised Order of Battle for Auxiliary Units of the Combat Groups showing their location and state of formation. For this purpose they have been divided, in column 5, into 4 categories:

(a) Complete
(b) Being equipped.
(c) Formed but not equipped.
(d) Not formed.

2. Attached as Appendix 'B' are M.M.I.A. proposals for the distribution of these units at the end of the moves of Combat Groups now taking place. A.F.H.Q. ASD/922 (M) of 10 January (to Staff Sections AFHQ and MMIA only) and M 1031 B of 13 January refer.

3. With regard to the formation of the remainder of these units and future policy the following recommendations are made. A.F.H.Q. is requested to confirm if these are accepted or should be amended.

(a) Units at present supervised by S.L.Us 50, 51, 52, 53 56 (See Column 8, Appendix 'A')

That formation and equipping should be completed under supervision of the S.L.U. shown in Column 8. Auxiliary units left behind in the TARESE area by FOLGORE (53 SLU) should be attached to MANTOVA (56 SLU); those left behind in BRACCIANO area by LEGNANO (52 S.L.U.) should be attached to R.T.C., I.C.F. (S.L.U. being formed). These are :-

For transfer from FOLGORE to MANTOVA	For Transfer from LEGNANO to RTC ICF.
HQ 1 M.A.C.	
866 Field Hospital.	470 Field Hospital.
522 Field Hospital.	576 Field Hospital.

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(a) Complete
(b) Being equipped.
(c) Formed but not equipped.
(d) Not formed.

2. Attached as Appendix 'B' are H.Q.L.A. proposals for the distribution of these units at the end of the moves of Combat Groups now taking place. A.F.H.Q. ASD/922 (M) of 10 January (to Staff Sections AFHQ and MMIA only) and M 1031 B of 18 January refer.

3. With regard to the formation of the remainder of these units and future policy the following recommendations are made. A.F.H.Q. is requested to confirm if these are accepted or should be amended.

(a) Units at present supervised by B.L.Us 50, 51, 52, 53 56 (See Column 8, Appendix 'A')

That formation and equipping should be completed under supervision of the B.L.U. shown in Column 8. Auxiliary units left behind in the TERNI area by FOLGORE (53 BLU) should be attached to MANTOVA (56 BLU); those left behind in BRACCIANO area by LEGNANO (52 B.L.U.) should be attached to R.T.C., I.C.F. (B.L.U. being formed). These are :-

For transfer from FOLGORE to MANTOVA	For Transfer from LEGNANO to RTC ICF.
HQ 1 M.A.C.	
566 Field Hospital.	470 Field Hospital.
522 Field Hospital.	576 Field Hospital.

(b) No 2 General Transport Company.

To be formed at AFRAGOLA, under supervision of 3 Dist (Major ADAMSON's unit.)

(c) No 3 General Transport Company.

To be formed at R.T.C., I.C.F. (as soon as driver personnel become available) under supervision of R.A.C. and the B.L.U. R.T.C., I.C.F.

(d) Remainder of 1 Motor Ambulance Convoy (B and C Amb Car Section, D Workshop Section, 3 Med Section and 3 R.D.Is.

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3. (d) (Contd.)

At AFRAGOLA as for No. 2 G.T. Company above, not through 53 B.L.U. (as proposed in GR/1116/G-1 (Br)(Ser.1373) of 9 Jan) since there is not time before FOLGORE move forward. H.Q. 1 M.A.C. should also move to AFRAGOLA to assist.

(e) Reinforcement Training Centre, Italian Combat Force.

To be formed, as soon as W.E. is approved, at CESANO, under supervision of R.A.A.C., assisted by the B.L.U.

4. FORMATION ORDERS.

With the publication of A.F.H.Q. CR/1116/G-1 (Br)(Ser.1391) of 13 January, formation orders have now been issued for all units shown in appendix 'A', except the following for which they are requested:

216 Field Surgical Unit	
43 Mobile X-ray Unit	
133 Mobile X-ray Unit.	
25 Mobile Bath Unit	
54 Mobile Bath Unit	
81 Mobile Bath Unit.	as soon as W.Es.
184 Mobile Bath Unit.	have been approved.
106 Mobile Bath Unit.	
Reinforcement Training Centre, Italian Combat Force.	

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follows for which they are requested:

216 Field surgical Unit
43 Mobile X-Ray Unit
138 Mobile X-Ray Unit.
25 Mobile Surgical Unit.
56 Mobile Bath Unit.
51 Mobile Bath Unit.
164 Mobile Bath Unit.
104 Mobile Bath Unit.
Reinforcement Training
Centre, Italian Combat
Force.

as soon as W.Es.
have been approved.

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ORDER OF BATTLE OF AUXILIARY UNITS
OF COMBAT GROUPS.

Branch 1	Units 2	W.E. 3	S.E.L. 3	TOTAL STRENGTH Offrs 4	O.Rs 4	Designation of Units 5		Parent Units for Mobilisation. 6.
ENGINEERS	3 Field Park Coys	NA/596/1	162/1	15	387	1 Field Park Coy	(a)	FRIULI
						2 Field Park Coy	(b)	FOLGORE
						3 Field Park Coy	(b)	MANTOVA
SUPPLY & TRANSPORT	6 Field Bakeries.	NA/597/1	166/1	6	186	316 Field Bakery	(c)	FRIULI
						317 Field Bakery	(c)	CREMONA
						1 Field Bakery	(c)	LEGNANO
						2 Field Bakery	(c)	FOLGORE
						318 Field Bakery	(c)	MANTOVA
						319 Field Bakery	+	RTC. ICF.
	3 GENERAL TRANSPORT COMPANIES					No 1 Italian GT Company	(a)	Supervision 3 District.
	HQ G.T. Coy	NA/531/1	123/1	12	108			
	4 Transport Pls.	NA/533/1	125/1	12	588	No 2 Italian GT Company	(c)	"
	4 RDIs	NA/532/1	124/1	-	156			
	1 Mech Eng Platoon.	NA/539/1	127/1	3	117	No 3 Italian GT Company	(d)	"
	4 Motor Ambulance Convoy	VI/719/1	184/1	7	221	No 1 Italian Motor Ambulance Convy	(b)	FOLGORE (HQ 1 Amb Car Secti
	3 RDIs	NA/532/1	124/1	-	39	HQ & A Section.	(b)	-
SIGNALS	3 Technical Maintenance Sections.	A1/30/1		3	87	181 Technical Maintenance Sec.	(a)	FRIULI
						183 " "	(b)	LEGNANO
						182 " "	(a)	1 DISTRIC

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ORDER OF BATTLE OF AUXILIARY UNITS
OF COMBAT GROUPS.

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S/G/29/26 of 17 Jan 45.

TOTAL STRENGTH Offrs 4	O.Rs 4	Designation of Units 5		Parent Unit for Mobilisation. 6.	Present Location. 7	BLU 8	REMARKS. 9
15	387	1 Field Park Coy	(a)	FRIULI	ARMY AREA	50	With Friuli.
		2 Field Park Coy	(b)	FOLGORE	TELESE	53	Intended to support CREMONA.
		3 Field Park Coy	(b)	MANTOVA	-	56	
6	186	316 Field Bakery	(c)	FRIULI	ARMY AREA	50	With Friuli. No technical equipment as not available.
		317 Field Bakery	(c)	CREMONA	" "	51	" " " "
		1 Field Bakery	(c)	LEGNANO	BRACCIANO	52	With Legnano. " "
		2 Field Bakery	(c)	FOLGORE	TELESE	53	With Folgore " "
		318 Field Bakery	(c)	MANTOVA	S. GIORGIO	56	With Mantova " "
		319 Field Bakery +		RTC. ICF.	ARAGOLA	RTC	With RTC ICF. + Equipped with Italian Zeiss Ovens.
12	108	No 1 Italian GT Company	(a)	Supervision 3 District.	ARAGOLA	-	Being equipped by 56 Area (Maj ADAMSON). Estimated date of completion 20 Jan.
12	568	No 2 Italian GT Company	(c)	"	"		Personnel complete. Equipment to be issued as above. G.T. Coy to be used as Dvrs school at RTC ICF CESANO.
-	156						
3	117	No 3 Italian GT Company	(d)	"	Personnel not yet allotted.		-
7	221	No 1 Italian Motor Ambulance Convy	(b)	FOLGORE (HQ 1 Amb Car Section)	TELESE	53	HQ and 1 Amb Car Sec being equipped through 53 BLU.
-	39	HQ & A Section.	(b)	-	-		Remainder not formed -See App B)
3	87	181 Technical Maintenance Sec.	(a)	FRIULI	ARMY AREA	50	T.M. Sections are being split into two Secs
		183 " "	(b)	LEGNANO	BRACCIANO	52	One Sec will serve 1 Group and will then move with Group.
		182 " "	(a)	1 DISTRICT	AREZZO	-	

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1	2	3	4		5
MEDICAL	10 Field Hospitals (200 Beds each)	NA/574/1 186/1	170+	580	519 Fd Hospital (b) 429 " " (b) 230 " " (b)
	+ includes 100 Nursing sisters from Italian Red Cross				232 " " (a) 470 " " (b) 866 " " (b) 522 " " (b) 576 " " (b) 331 " " (b) 520 " " (c)
	5 Field Surgical Units	NA/575/1 185/1	15	115	130 Fd Surg Unit (a) 42 " " " (a) 34 " " " (b) 131 " " " (b) 216 " " " (c)
	3 Mobile X-ray Units	NA/576/1 179/1	3	18	133 Mob X-ray Unit (a) 29 " " " (a) 113 " " " (b)
	2 Mob Dental Units	NA/577/1 163/1	2	6	113 Mob Dental Unit (a) 114 " " " (a)
	2 Adv Depot of Med Stores	NA/578/1 165/1	2	14	"S" Adv Depot Med Stores (a) "T" Adv Depot Med Stores (a)

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Sheet 2.

3	4	5		6	7	8	9
/574/1	186/1	170+ 580	519 Fd Hospital	(b)	MANTOVA	CAN GIORGIO	56	
			429 " "	(b)	"	GROTTELLA	56	
			230 " "	(b)	LEGNANO	PIEDMONTE-d'ALIFE.	56	Expected to be completed by 20th Jun.
			232 " "	(a)	"	FRASSO	53	
ters			470 " "	(b)	LEGNANO	BRACCIANO	52	
			866 " "	(b)	FOLGORE	VELIZZANO	53	
			522 " "	(b)	FOLGORE	FRASSO	53	
			576 " "	(b)	LEGNANO	TEANO	52	Moving to BRACCIANO area
			331 " "	(b)	MANTOVA	SAN GIORGIO	56	
			520 " "	(c)	MANTOVA	AFRAGOLA	56	Moves S.N GIORGIO area when site vacant.
/575/1	185/1	15 115	130 Fd Surg Unit	(a)	EMILI	PIETRAFITTA	50	
			44 " " "	(a)	CREMONA	8th ARMY	51	
			34 " " "	(b)	LEGNANO	BRACCIANO	52	
			131 " " "	(b)	FOLGORE	FRASSO	53	
			216 " " "	(c)	MANTOVA	COSENZA	56	Moving to S.N GIORGIO area
/576/1	179/1	3 18	133 Mob X-ray Unit	(a)	M of W	ROME	MMA	
			29 " " "	(a)	LEGNANO	BRACCIANO	52	
			113 " " "	(b)	M of W	NAPLES	MMA	Moves to ROME for technical equipping.
/577/1	163/1	2 6	113 Mob Dental Unit	(a)	M of W	ROME	MMA	
			114 " " "	(a)	FOLGORE	NAPLES	53	Moving to FOLGORE area
/578/1	165/1	2 14	"S" Adv Depot Med Stores	(a)	M of W	OSIMO	1 DIST	
			"T" Adv Depot Med Stores	(a)	M of W	NAPLES	MMA	

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1	2	3	4		5	6
MISCELLANEOUS	5 Mobile Bath Units	as proposed in MMLA S/G/29/26 of 24 Dec		70	26 Mob Bath Unit (a) 54 " " " (a) 51 " " " (a) 104 " " " (a) 104 " " " (a)	FRIULI CREMONA LECHIANO FOLGORE MANTOVA
	1 Transit Camp	MA/599/1 178/1	6	105	53 Combat Group Transit Camp. (b)	MANTOVA
	1 Reinforcement Training Centre	To be approved			Reinforcement Trg Centre Italian Combat Force (d)	PICENO
		TOTAL AMD FTC, IEF	256	297		
PROVOST	3 Sections, Carabinieri Reali	MA/524/1 133/1	3	153	316 Sec Carabinieri (a) 317 " " (b) 318 " " (b)	MANTOVA FOLGORE MANTOVA

Note: In Column 5 units are placed in categories as follows: (a) co
(b) he
(c) in
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Sheet 5.

4		5		6	7	8	9
		26 Mob Bath Unit	(d)	FRIULI	MUGGLIO	50	Proposals is for 1 Bath
		54 " " "	(d)	CREMONA	"	51	Unit(Italian equipt) to be
	70	51 " " "	(d)	LEGNANO	"	52	attached to the Med Sec of
		184 " " "	(d)	FOLIGNO	TELESE	53	each Gp. Number given in
		104 " " "	(d)	MANTOVA	S.GIORGIO	56	that of Med Sec.
6	105	53 Combat Group Transit Camp.	(b)	MANTOVA	BENEVENTO & VAIRANO	56	HQ at BENEVENTO, detachment at VAIRANO.
		Reinforcement Trg Centre Italian Combat Force	(d)	PICETIO	CESANO	ETC	In process of formation from Cadres of PICENO
256	2727						
5	153	316 Sec Carabinieri	(a)	FRIULI	ARMI AREA	50	
		317 " "	(b)	FOLIGNO	TELESE	53	
		318 " "	(b)	MANTOVA	S. GIORGIO	56	

are placed in categories as follows:

(a) complete in personnel & equipment
(b) being equipped.
(c) formed but not equipped
(d) not formed.

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Proposed Re-distribution of Auxiliary Units on rove, FIDULI, CHEKONA, LEGNANO and FOLGORE Groups (on 1st January 1945)

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		SUPPORTING UNITS			
		Engineers	S & T	Signals	Medical
FIDULI	50	1 Field Park Coy	1 G T Coy 316 Field Bakery 10 Amb Cars fror A Section No 1 MAC	121 T H Section (a)	130 Field Surgical Unit 230 Field Hospital 429 Field Hospital 29 X-Ray Unit T Adv Depot Med Stores
CHEKONA	51	2 Field Park Coy (as soon as equipment is complete)	317 Field Bakery 15 Amb Cars from A Section No 1 MAC	181 T H Section (a)	44 Field Surgical Unit 232 Field Hospital 519 Field Hospital 133 X-Ray Unit 113 Dental Unit 3 Adv Depot Med Stores
LEGNANO	52		1 Field Bakery	183 T H Section	34 Field Surgical Unit
FOLGORE	53		2 Field Bakery		131 Field Surgical Unit 114 Mobile Dental Unit
MANTOVA	56	3 Field Park Coy	318 Field Bakery HQ 1 MAC (b)		331 Field Hospital 520 Field Hospital 866 Field Hospital 522 Field Hospital 216 Field Surgical Unit
RTC ICF	RTC		2 G T Coy (as soon as formed) 319 Field Bakery		470 Field Hospital 576 Field Hospital 113 X-Ray Unit
1 District				182 T H Section	

(a) It is proposed to split each TH Section into 2 parts.
(b) It is recommended that this HQ moves to AFRAGOLA, when formed, to assist of the rest of the M.A.C. (i.e. 'B' 'C' 'D' and 'E' Med. Sections.)

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APPENDIX 'E' to MMIA S/G/29/26
of 17 January 1945.

ution of Auxiliary Units on move, FRIULI,
FOGNANO and FOLGORE Groups (end January 1945)

SUPPORTING UNITS

S & T	Signals	Medical	Miscellaneous	Provost
1 G T Coy 316 Field Bakery 10 Amb Cars from A Section No 1 MAC	181 T M Section (a)	130 Field Surgical Unit 230 Field Hospital 429 Field Hospital 29 X-Ray Unit 7 Adv Depot Med Stores	26 Mobile Bath Unit (to be formed)	316 Section Carabinieri
317 Field Bakery 15 Amb Cars from A Section No 1 MAC	181 T M Section (a)	44 Field Surgical Unit 232 Field Hospital 519 Field Hospital 133 X-Ray Unit 113 Dental Unit 3 Adv Depot Med Stores	54 Mobile Bath Unit (to be formed)	
1 Field Bakery	183 T M Section	34 Field Surgical Unit	51 Mobile Bath Unit (to be formed)	
2 Field Bakery		131 Field Surgical Unit 114 Mobile Dental Unit	184 Mobile Bath Unit (to be formed)	317 Section Carabinieri
318 Field Bakery EQ 1 MAC (b)		331 Field Hospital 520 Field Hospital 866 Field Hospital 522 Field Hospital 216 Field Surgical Unit	104 Mobile Bath Unit (to be formed) 56 Combat Group Transit Camp	318 Section Carabinieri
2 G T Coy (as soon as formed) 319 Field Bakery		470 Field Hospital 576 Field Hospital 113 X-Ray Unit	Technically equipping in NCHE	

132 T M Section

split each TE Section into 2 parts.
that this HQ moves to AFRAGOLA, when formed, to assist in formation
the M.A.C. (i.e. 'B' 'C' 'D' and 'E' Med. Sections.)

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SUBJECT: Release of Volunteers for service with the Combat Groups

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/SD/30
16 Jan 45

TO : MMIA LO NAPLES

Ref this HQ letter S/SD/30 of 12 Jan and telephone conversation THRUPP - MAXWELL of today.

Herewith copy of PBS letter 200.3 AG.EPLNO dated 8 Jan.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT:- Formation of New Units - Italian Army

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CR/1116/G-1(BR)(Ser.1391)
13 Jan 45

FRIULI, CREMONA, LEGNANO, FOLGORE & MANTOVA COMBAT GROUPS AND AUXILIARY UNITS.

1. (a) The Units of the above mentioned Groups will be formed as detailed in Appendices to this letter, under the supervision of HQ No.3 District, in conjunction with Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission, (AMLA) and HQ 227 Italian Adm Div.
(b) Copies of the W.Es will be distributed automatically by HQ No.3 District. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from No.10 Publications Depot. Indents should state that these copies are in addition to those received from HQ No.3 District.

2. PERSONNEL

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

3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

(i) Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by HQ No.3 District:-

(a) Replacements of clothing, necessaries and personal equipment to scale.
(b) Unit equipment to scales as in colm (iii) of Appendices (incl anti-gas stores).
(c) Transport to complete to W.E.

(ii) (a) Medical equipment for hospitals will be Italian, and will be issued under arrangements to be made by Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (AMLA).

(b) Italian Bakery equipment will be issued pending availability of British Equipment.

4. STATIONERY

Demands based on two months' estimated requirements will be submitted as indicated below:-

2. PERSONNEL

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

3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

(i) Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by HQ No.3 District:-

(a) Replacements of clothing, necessaries and personal equipment to scale.

(b) Unit equipment to scales as in coln (iii) of Appendices (incl anti-gas stores).

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(ii) (a) Medical equipment for hospitals will be Italian, and will be issued under arrangements to be made by Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (SMLA).

(b) Italian Bakery equipment will be issued pending availability of British Equipment.

4. STATIONERY

Demands based on two months' estimated requirements will be submitted as indicated below:-

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5. POSTAL

Postal address will be:- 'Title of Unit' (as in Appendices coln (i)), CMF. 5157

6. COMPLETION

HQ No.3 District will report to G.1.(B) A.1. Section, AFHQ, copy to G-3(Org.A) Foreign, AFHQ, when formations are complete.

7. ACK

S/G/29/26 of 17 Jan is 17/1/17 actual date

H. Alexander
Field-Marshal,
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APPENDIX 'A' (to CR/1116/G-1(RR)(Ser.1391)

FRIULI GROUP

Unit (i)	W.E. (ii)	SEL (iii)	Serial No. allotted (iv)	Effective Date (v)
HQ FRIULI Combat Group	NA/523/1	119/1	93563	26 Aug 44
Arty				
35 Italian Arty Regt	NA/525/1	134/1	93564	-do-
Engrs				
HQ 120 Italian Engr Bn	NA/528/1	120/1	93565	-do-
5 Italian Fd Coy	NA/529/2	122/1	93566	-do-
52 Italian Fd Coy	NA/529/2	122/1	93567	-do-
Inf				
87 Italian Inf Regt	NA/526/1	135/1	93576	-do-
1 Inf Bn 87 Italian Inf Regt	NA/527/1	136/1	93577	-do-
2 Inf Bn 87 Italian Inf Regt	NA/527/1	136/1	93578	-do-
3 Gren Bn 87 Italian Inf Regt	NA/527/1	136/1	93579	-do-
88 Italian Inf Regt	NA/526/1	135/1	93580	-do-
1 Inf Bn 88 Italian Inf Regt	NA/527/1	136/1	93581	-do-
2 Inf Bn 88 Italian Inf Regt	NA/527/1	136/1	93582	-do-
3 Gren Bn 88 Italian Inf Regt	NA/527/1	136/1	93583	-do-
Sigs				
20 Italian Sigs Coy	NA/530/1	121/1	93584	-do-
S.T.				
20 Italian Tpt & Sup Coy consisting of:-				
HQ Tpt & Sup Coy	NA/531/1	123/1	93737	-do-
Three Tpt Pls	NA/533/1	125/1	93737 (a) to (c)	-do-
Three MDIs	NA/532/1	124/1	93737 (d) to (f)	-do-
Two Comp Pls	NA/534/1	126/1	93737 (g) & (h)	-do-
Mech Engrs Pl	NA/539/1	127/1	93737 (j)	-do-
Med				
26 Italian Med Sec	NA/535/1	131/1	93585	-do-
82 Italian Fd Hospital	NA/536/1	132/1	93586	-do-
960 Italian Fd Hospital	NA/536/1	132/1	93587	-do-
Ord				
FRIULI Ord Fd Pk	NA/537/1	128/1	93588	-do-
FRIULI Mech Engr Wksp	NA/538/1	129/1	93589	-do-

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20 Italian Sigs Coy	N4/530/1	121/1	93584	-do-
S.T.				
20 Italian Tpt & Sup Coy consisting of:-				
HQ Tpt & Sup Coy	N4/531/1	123/1	93737	-do-
Three Tpt Pls	N4/533/1	125/1	93737 (a) to (c)	-do-
Three RDIs	N4/532/1	124/1	93737 (d) to (f)	-do-
Two Comp Pls	N4/534/1	126/1	93737 (g) & (h)	-do-
Mech Engrs Pl	N4/539/1	127/1	93737 (j)	-do-
Med				
26 Italian Med Sec	N4/535/1	131/1	93585	-do-
82 Italian Fd Hospital	N4/536/1	132/1	93586	-do-
960 Italian Fd Hospital	N4/536/1	132/1	93587	-do-
Ord				
FRIULI Ord Fd Pk	N4/537/1	128/1	93588	-do-
FRIULI Mech Engr Wksp	N4/538/1	129/1	93589	-do-
EME				
LAD att HQ 35 Italian Arty Regt	N4/540/1	130/1	93564 (L)	-do-
LAD att 20 Italian Sigs Coy	N4/540/1	130/1	93584 (L)	-do-
LAD att 5 Italian Engr Coy	N4/540/1	130/1	93566 (L)	-do-
LAD att 52 Italian Engr Coy	N4/540/1	130/1	93567 (L)	-do-
LAD att 87 Italian Inf Regt	N4/540/1	130/1	93578 (L)	-do-
LAD att 88 Italian Inf Regt	N4/540/1	130/1	93580 (L)	-do-
Provost				
95 Carabinieri Sec	N4/524/1	133/1	93568	-do-
98 Carabinieri Sec	N4/524/1	133/1	93569	-do-

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APPENDIX 'B' (to CR/1116/G-1(ER)(Ser. 1391)

CREMONA GROUP

Unit (i)	W.E. (ii)	SEL (iii)	Serial No. allotted (iv)	Effective Date (v)
HQ CREMONA Combat Group	Na/523/1	119/1	93590	26 Aug 44
Arty				
7 Italian Arty Regt	Na/525/1	134/1	93591	-do-
Engrs				
HQ 144 Italian Engr Bn	Na/528/1	120/1	93592	-do-
29 Italian Fd Coy	Na/529/2	122/1	93593	-do-
77 Italian Fd Coy	Na/529/2	122/1	93594	-do-
Inf				
21 Italian Inf Regt	Na/526/1	135/1	93595	-do-
1 Inf Bn 21 Italian Inf Regt	Na/527/1	136/1	93596	-do-
2 Inf Bn 21 Italian Inf Regt	Na/527/1	136/1	93597	-do-
3 Inf Bn 21 Italian Inf Regt	Na/527/1	136/1	93598	-do-
22 Italian Inf Regt	Na/526/1	135/1	93599	-do-
1 Inf Bn 22 Italian Inf Regt	Na/527/1	136/1	93600	-do-
2 Inf Bn 22 Italian Inf Regt	Na/527/1	136/1	93601	-do-
3 Inf Bn 22 Italian Inf Regt	Na/527/1	136/1	93602	-do-
Sigs				
44 Italian Sigs Coy	Na/530/1	121/1	93603	-do-
S.T.				
44 Italian Tpt & Sup Coy consisting of:-	-	-	93604	-do-
HQ Tpt & Sup Coy	Na/531/1	123/1	93604(a)	-do-
Three Tpt Pls	Na/533/1	125/1	93604(b) - (d)	-do-
Three RDIs	Na/532/1	124/1	93604(e) - (g)	-do-
Two Comp Pls	Na/534/1	126/1	93604(h) & (j)	-do-
Mech Engr Pl	Na/539/1	127/1	93604(k)	-do-
Med				
54 Italian Med Sec	Na/535/1	131/1	93605	-do-
84 Italian Fd Hospital	Na/53[illegible]/1	132/1	93606	-do-
333 Italian Fd Hospital	Na/536/1	132/1	93607	-do-

21 Italian Inf Regt	Na/526/1	135/1	93595	-do-
1 Inf Bn 21 Italian Inf Regt	Na/527/1	136/1	93596	-do-
2 Inf Bn 21 Italian Inf Regt	Na/527/1	136/1	93597	-do-
3 Inf Bn 21 Italian Inf Regt	Na/527/1	136/1	93598	-do-
22 Italian Inf Regt	Na/526/1	135/1	93599	-do-
1 Inf Bn 22 Italian Inf Regt	Na/527/1	136/1	93600	-do-
2 Inf Bn 22 Italian Inf Regt	Na/527/1	136/1	93601	-do-
3 Inf Bn 22 Italian Inf Regt	Na/527/1	136/1	93602	-do-
Sigs				
44 Italian Sigs Coy	Na/530/1	121/1	93603	-do-
S.T.				
44 Italian Tpt & Sup Coy consisting of:-	-	-	93604	-do-
HQ Tpt & Sup Coy	Na/531/1	125/1	93604(a)	-do-
Three Tpt Pls	Na/533/1	125/1	93604(b) - (d)	-do-
Three RDIs	Na/532/1	124/1	93604(e) - (g)	-do-
Two Comp Pls	Na/534/1	126/1	93604(h) & (j)	-do-
Mech Engr Pl	Na/539/1	127/1	93604(k)	-do-
Med				
54 Italian Med Sec	Na/535/1	131/1	93605	-do-
84 Italian Fd Hospital	Na/53[illegible]/1	132/1	93606	-do-
333 Italian Fd Hospital	Na/536/1	132/1	93607	-do-
Ord				
CREMONA Ord Fd Pk	Na/537/1	128/1	93608	-do-
CREMONA Mech Engr Wksp	Na/538/1	129/1	93609	-do-
EME				
LAD att HQ 7 Italian Arty Regt	Na/540/1	130/1	93591 (L)	-do-
LAD att 44 Italian Sigs Coy	Na/540/1	130/1	93603 (L)	-do-
LAD att 29 Italian Fd Coy	Na/540/1	130/1	93593 (L)	-do-
LAD att 77 Italian Fd Coy	Na/540/1	130/1	93594 (L)	-do-
LAD att 21 Italian Inf Regt	Na/540/1	130/1	93595 (L)	-do-
LAD att 22 Italian Inf Regt	Na/540/1	130/1	93599 (L)	-do-
Provost				
94 Carabinieri Sec	Na/524/1	133/1	93616	-do-
739 Carabinieri Sec	Na/524/1	133/1	93617	-do-

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LEGNANO GROUP

Unit (i)	W.E. (ii)	SEL (iii)	Serial No allotted (iv)	Effective Date (v)
HQ LEGNANO Combat Group	N4/523/1	119/1	93618	1 Sep 44
Arty				
11 Italian Arty Regt	N4/525/1	134/1	93619	-do-
Engrs				
HQ 51 Italian Engr Bn	N4/528/1	120/1	93620	-do-
3 Italian Fd Coy	N4/529/2	122/1	93621	-do-
51 Italian Fd Coy	N4/529/2	122/1	93622	-do-
Inf				
68 Italian Inf Regt	N4/526/1	135/1	93623	-do-
1 Inf Bn 68 Italian Inf Regt	N4/527/1	136/1	93624	-do-
2 Inf Bn 68 Italian Inf Regt	N4/527/1	136/1	93625	-do-
3 Inf Bn 68 Italian Inf Regt	N4/527/1	136/1	93626	-do-
69 Italian Inf Regt	N4/526/1	135/1	93627	-do-
1 Bers Bn 69 Italian Inf Regt	N4/527/1	136/1	93628	-do-
2 ALPINE Bn 69 Italian Inf Regt	N4/527/1	136/1	93629	-do-
3 ALPINE Bn 69 Italian Inf Regt	N4/527/1	136/1	93630	-do-
Sigs				
51 Italian Sigs Coy	N4/530/1	121/1	93631	-do-
S.T.				
51 Italian Tpt & Sup Coy consisting of:-	-	-	93632	-do-
HQ Tpt & Sup Coy	N4/531/1	123/1	93632(a)	-do-
Three Tpt Pls	N4/533/1	125/1	93632 (b) - (d)	-do-
Three RDIs	N4/532/1	124/1	93632 (e) - (g)	-do-
Two Comp Pls	N4/534/1	126/1	93632 (h) & (j)	-do-
Mech Engr Pl	N4/537/1	127/1	93632(k)	-do-
Med				
51 Italian Med Sec	N4/535/1	131/1	93633	-do-
244 Italian Fd Hospital	N4/536/1	132/1	93634	-do-
332 Italian Fd Hospital	N4/536/1	132/1	93746	-do-
Ord				
LEGNANO Ord Fd Pk	N4/537/1	128/1	93635	-do-
LEGNANO Mech Engr Wksp	N4/538/1	129/1	93636	-do-

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51 Italian Sigs Coy	NA/530/1	121/1	93631	-do-
S.T.				
51 Italian Tpt & Sup Coy consisting of:-	-	-	93632	-do-
HQ Tpt & Sup Coy	NA/531/1	123/1	93632(a)	-do-
Three Tpt Pls	NA/533/1	125/1	93632 (b) - (d)	-do-
Three RDIs	NA/532/1	124/1	93632 (c) - (g)	-do-
Two Comp Pls	NA/534/1	126/1	93632 (h) & (j)	-do-
Mech Engr Pl	NA/537/1	127/1	93632(k)	-do-
Med				
51 Italian Med Sec	NA/535/1	131/1	93633	-do-
244 Italian Fd Hospital	NA/536/1	132/1	93634	-do-
332 Italian Fd Hospital	NA/536/1	132/1	93746	-do-
Ord				
LEGNANO Ord Fd Pk	NA/537/1	128/1	93635	-do-
LEGNANO Mech Engr Wksp	NA/538/1	129/1	93636	-do-
EME				
LAD att HQ 11 Italian Arty Regt	NA/540/1	130/1	93619 (L)	-do-
LAD att 51 Italian Sigs Coy	NA/540/1	130/1	93631 (L)	-do-
LAD att 3 Italian Fd Coy	NA/540/1	130/1	93621 (L)	-do-
LAD att 51 Italian Fd Coy	NA/540/1	130/1	93622 (L)	-do-
LAD att 68 Italian Inf Regt	NA/540/1	130/1	93623 (L)	-do-
LAD att 69 Italian Inf Regt	NA/540/1	130/1	93627 (L)	-do-
Provost				
34 Carabinieri Sec	NA/524/1	133/1	93643	-do-
51 Carabinieri Sec	NA/524/1	133/1	93644	-do-

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FOLGORE GROUP

Unit (i)	W.E. (ii)	SEL (iii)	Serial No. allotted (iv)	Effective Date (v)
HQ FOLGORE Combat Group	Na/523/1	119/1	93645	1 Sep 44
Arty				
184 Italian Arty Regt	Na/525/1	134/1	93646	-do-
Engrs				
HQ 184 Italian Engr Bn	Na/528/1	120/1	93647	-do-
184 Italian Fd Coy	Na/529/2	122/1	93648	-do-
10 Italian Fd Coy	Na/529/2	122/1	93649	-do-
Inf				
NEMBO Inf Regt	Na/526/1	135/1	93650	-do-
1 Inf Bn NEMBO Inf Regt	Na/527/1	136/1	93651	-do-
2 Inf Bn NEMBO Inf Regt	Na/527/1	136/1	93652	-do-
3 Inf Bn NEMBO Inf Regt	Na/527/1	136/1	93653	-do-
S.MARCO Inf Regt	Na/526/1	135/1	93654	-do-
1 BAFFILE Bn S.MARCO Inf Regt	Na/527/1	136/1	93655	-do-
3 MARINI Bn S.MARCO Inf Regt	Na/527/1	136/1	93656	-do-
2 GRADO Bn S. MARCO Inf Regt	Na/527/1	136/1	93738	-do-
Sigs				
182 Italian Sigs Coy	Na/530/1	121/1	93657	-do-
S.T.				
184 Italian Tpt Sup Coy consisting of:-	-	-	93658	-do-
HQ Tpt & Sup Coy	Na/531/1	123/1	93658(a)	-do-
Three Tpt Pls	Na/533/1	125/1	93658(b) - (d)	-do-
Three RDIs	Na/532/1	124/1	93658(e) - (g)	-do-
Two Comp Pls	Na/534/1	126/1	93658(h) & (j)	-do-
Mech Engr Pl	Na/539/1	127/1	93658(k)	-do-
Med				
184 Italian Med Sec	Na/535/1	131/1	93659	-do-
516 Italian Fd Hospital	Na/536/1	132/1	93660	-do-
517 Italian Fd Hospital	Na/536/1	132/1	93661	-do-

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NEMBO Inf Regt	Na/526/1	135/1	93650	-do-
1 Inf Bn NEMBO Inf Regt	Na/527/1	136/1	93651	-do-
2 Inf Bn NEMBO Inf Regt	Na/527/1	136/1	93652	-do-
3 Inf Bn NEMBO Inf Regt	Na/527/1	136/1	93653	-do-
S.MARCO Inf Regt	Na/526/1	135/1	93654	-do-
1 BAFFILE Bn S.MARCO Inf Regt	Na/527/1	136/1	93655	-do-
3 MARINI Bn S.MARCO Inf Regt	Na/527/1	136/1	93656	-do-
2 GRADO Bn S. MARCO Inf Regt	Na/527/1	136/1	93738	-do-
Sigs				
182 Italian Sigs Coy	Na/530/1	121/1	93657	-do-
S.T.				
184 Italian Tpt Sup Coy consisting of:-	-	-	93658	-do-
HQ Tpt & Sup Coy	Na/531/1	123/1	93658(a)	-do-
Three Tpt Pls	Na/533/1	125/1	93658(b) - (d)	-do-
Three RDIs	Na/532/1	124/1	93658(e) - (g)	-do-
Two Comp Pls	Na/534/1	126/1	93658(h) & (j)	-do-
Mech Engr Pl	Na/539/1	127/1	93658(k)	-do-
Med				
184 Italian Med Sec	Na/535/1	131/1	93659	-do-
516 Italian Fd Hospital	Na/536/1	132/1	93660	-do-
517 Italian Fd Hospital	Na/536/1	132/1	93661	-do-
Ord				
FULGORE Ord Fd Pk	Na/537/1	128/1	93662	-do-
FULGORE Mech Engr Wksp	Na/538/1	129/1	93663	-do-
EME				
LAD att 184 Italian Arty Regt	Na/540/1	130/1	93646 (L)	-do-
LAD att 182 Italian Sigs Coy	Na/540/1	130/1	93657 (L)	-do-
LAD att 184 Italian Fd Coy	Na/540/1	130/1	93648 (L)	-do-
LAD att 10 Italian Fd Coy	Na/540/1	130/1	93649 (L)	-do-
LAD att NEMBO Inf Regt	Na/540/1	130/1	93650 (L)	-do-
LAD att S.MARCO Inf Regt	Na/540/1	130/1	93654 (L)	-do-
Provost				
314 Carabinieri Sec	Na/524/1	133/1	93670	-do-
315 Carabinieri Sec	Na/524/1	133/1	93671	-do-

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MANTOVA GROUP

Unit (i)	W.E. (ii)	SEL (iii)	Serial No. allotted (iv)	Effective Date (v)
HQ MANTOVA Combat Group	NA/523/1	119/1	93672	5 Nov 44
Arty				
155 Italian Arty Regt	NA/525/1	134/1	93673	-do-
Engrs				
HQ 104 Italian Engr Bn	NA/528/1	120/1	93674	-do-
4 Italian Fd Coy	NA/529/2	121/1	93675	-do-
79 Italian Fd Coy	NA/529/2	121/1	93676	-do-
Inf				
76 Italian Inf Regt	NA/526/1	135/1	93677	-do-
1 Inf Bn 76 Italian Inf Regt	NA/527/1	136/1	93678	-do-
2 Inf Bn 76 Italian Inf Regt	NA/527/1	136/1	93679	-do-
3 Inf Bn 76 Italian Inf Regt	NA/527/1	136/1	93680	-do-
114 Italian Inf Regt	NA/526/1	135/1	93681	-do-
1 Inf Bn 114 Italian Inf Regt	NA/527/1	136/1	93682	-do-
2 Inf Bn 114 Italian Inf Regt	NA/527/1	136/1	93683	-do-
3 Inf Bn 114 Italian Inf Regt	NA/527/1	136/1	93684	-do-
Sigs				
107 Italian Sigs Coy	NA/530/1	121/1	93685	-do-
S.T.				
104 Italian Tpt & Sup Coy consisting of:-	-	-	93686	-do-
HQ Tpt & Sup Coy	NA/531/1	123/1	93686(a)	-do-
Three Tpt Pls	NA/533/1	125/1	93686(b) - (d)	-do-
Three RDIs	NA/532/1	124/1	93686(e) - (g)	-do-
Two Comp Pls	NA/534/1	126/1	93686(h) & (j)	-do-
Mech Engr Pl	NA/539/1	127/1	93686(k)	-do-
Med				
104 Italian Med Sec	NA/535/1	131/1	93687	-do-
248 Italian Fd Hospital	NA/526/1	132/1	93688	-do-
501 Italian Fd Hospital	NA/526/1	132/1	93689	-do-
Ord				
MANTOVA Ord Fd Pk	NA/537/1	128/1	93690	-do-
MANTOVA Mech Engr Wksp	NA/538/1	129/1	93691	-do-

76 Italian Inf Regt	Na/526/1	135/1	93677	-do-
1 Inf Bn 76 Italian Inf Regt	Na/527/1	136/1	93678	-do-
2 Inf Bn 76 Italian Inf Regt	Na/527/1	136/1	93679	-do-
3 Inf Bn 76 Italian Inf Regt	Na/527/1	136/1	93680	-do-
114 Italian Inf Regt	Na/526/1	135/1	93681	-do-
1 Inf Bn 114 Italian Inf Regt	Na/527/1	136/1	93682	-do-
2 Inf Bn 114 Italian Inf Regt	Na/527/1	136/1	93683	-do-
3 Inf Bn 114 Italian Inf Regt	Na/527/1	136/1	93684	-do-
Sigs				
107 Italian Sigs Coy	Na/530/1	121/1	93685	-do-
S.T.				
104 Italian Tpt & Sup Coy consisting of:-	-	-	93686	-do-
HQ Tpt & Sup Coy	Na/531/1	123/1	93686(a)	-do-
Three Tpt Pls	Na/533/1	125/1	93686(b) - (d)	-do-
Three RDIs	Na/532/1	124/1	93686(e) - (g)	-do-
Two Comp Pls	Na/534/1	126/1	93686(h) & (j)	-do-
Mech Engr Pl	Na/539/1	127/1	93686(k)	-do-
Med				
104 Italian Med Sec	Na/535/1	131/1	93687	-do-
248 Italian Fd Hospital	Na/526/1	132/1	93688	-do-
501 Italian Fd Hospital	Na/526/1	132/1	93689	-do-
Ord				
MANTOVA Ord Fd Pk	Na/537/1	128/1	93690	-do-
MANTOVA Mech Engr Wksp	Na/538/1	129/1	93691	-do-
EME				
LAD att HQ 155 Italian Arty Regt	Na/540/1	130/1	93673 (L)	-do-
LAD att 107 Italian Sigs Coy	Na/540/1	130/1	93685 (L)	-do-
LAD att 4 Italian Fd Coy	Na/540/1	130/1	93675 (L)	-do-
LAD att 79 Italian Fd Coy	Na/540/1	130/1	93676 (L)	-do-
LAD att 76 Italian Inf Regt	Na/540/1	130/1	93677 (L)	-do-
LAD att 114 Italian Inf Regt	Na/540/1	130/1	93681 (L)	-do-
Provost				
99 Carabinieri Sec	Na/524/1	133/1	93698	-do-
151 Carabinieri Sec	Na/524/1	133/1	93699	-do-

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AUXILIARY UNITS

Unit (i)	W.E. (ii)	SEL (iii)	Serial No. Allotted (iv)	Effective Date (v)
ENGRS				
1 Italian Fd Pk Coy	NA/596/1	162/1	93700	1 Jan 45
2 Italian Fd Pk Coy	NA/596/1	162/1	93701	1 Jan 45
3 Italian Fd Pk Coy	NA/596/1	162/1	93702	1 Jan 45
S.T.				
3 Italian Gen Tpt Coy consisting of:-	~~NA/596/1~~	~~162/1~~	93707	1 Jan 45
HQ Tpt & Sup Coy	NA/531/1	123/1	93707 (a)	
Four Tpt Pls	NA/533/1	125/1	93707 (b) - (e)	
Four RDIs	NA/532/1	124/1	93707 (f)(g)(h) & (j)	1 Jan 45
Mech Engr Pl	NA/539/1	127/1	93707 (k)	1 Jan 45
1 Italian Fd Bakery	NA/597/1	166/1	93708	1 Jan 45
2 Italian Fd Bakery	NA/597/1	166/1	93709	1 Jan 45
316 Italian Fd Bakery	NA/597/1	166/1	93710	24 Nov 44
317 Italian Fd Bakery	NA/597/1	166/1	93711	24 Nov 44
318 Italian Fd Bakery	NA/597/1	166/1	93712	1 Jan 45
319 Italian Fd Bakery	NA/597/1	166/1	93713	1 Jan 45
MED				
470 Italian Fd Hospital	NA/574/1	186/1	93718	1 Jan 45
331 Italian Fd Hospital	NA/574/1	186/1	93719	1 Jan 45
520 Italian Fd Hospital	NA/574/1	186/1	93721	1 Jan 45
522 Italian Fd Hospital	NA/574/1	186/1	93722	1 Jan 45
576 Italian Fd Hospital	NA/574/1	186/1	93723	1 Jan 45
866 Italian Fd Hospital	NA/574/1	186/1	93724	1 Jan 45
34 Italian Fd Surgical Unit	NA/575/1	185/1	93726	1 Jan 45
44 Italian Fd Surgical Unit	NA/575/1	185/1	93727	24 Nov 44
130 Italian Fd Surgical Unit	NA/575/1	185/1	93728	24 Nov 44
131 Italian Fd Surgical Unit	NA/575/1	185/1	93729	1 Jan 45
29 Italian Mob X-Ray Unit	NA/576/1	179/1	93730	1 Jan 45
'T' Italian Adv Depot of	NA/578/1	165/1	93731	1 Jan 45

3 Italian Con Tpt Coy consisting of:-	~~NA/526/1~~ ~~162/1~~		93707	1 Jan 45
HQ Tpt & Sup Coy	NA/531/1	123/1	93707 (a)	
Four Tpt Pls	NA/533/1	125/1	93707 (b) - (e)	
Four RDIs	NA/532/1	124/1	93707 (f)(g)(h) & (j)	1 Jan 45
Mech Engr Pl	NA/539/1	127/1	93707 (k)	1 Jan 45
1 Italian Fd Bakery	NA/597/1	166/1	93708	1 Jan 45
2 Italian Fd Bakery	NA/597/1	166/1	93709	1 Jan 45
316 Italian Fd Bakery	NA/597/1	166/1	93710	24 Nov 44
317 Italian Fd Bakery	NA/597/1	166/1	93711	24 Nov 44
318 Italian Fd Bakery	NA/597/1	166/1	93712	1 Jan 45
319 Italian Fd Bakery	NA/597/1	166/1	93713	1 Jan 45
MED				
470 Italian Fd Hospital	NA/574/1	186/1	93718	1 Jan 45
331 Italian Fd Hospital	NA/574/1	186/1	93719	1 Jan 45
520 Italian Fd Hospital	NA/574/1	186/1	93721	1 Jan 45
522 Italian Fd Hospital	NA/574/1	186/1	93722	1 Jan 45
576 Italian Fd Hospital	NA/574/1	186/1	93723	1 Jan 45
866 Italian Fd Hospital	NA/574/1	186/1	93724	1 Jan 45
34 Italian Fd Surgical Unit	NA/575/1	185/1	93726	1 Jan 45
44 Italian Fd Surgical Unit	NA/575/1	185/1	93727	24 Nov 44
130 Italian Fd Surgical Unit	NA/575/1	185/1	93728	24 Nov 44
131 Italian Fd Surgical Unit	NA/575/1	185/1	93729	1 Jan 45
29 Italian Mob X-Ray Unit	NA/576/1	179/1	93730	1 Jan 45
'T' Italian Adv Depot of Medical Stores	NA/578/1	165/1	93731	1 Jan 45
113 Italian Mobile Dental Unit	NA/577/1	163/1	93732	1 Jan 45
114 Italian Mobile Dental Unit	NA/577/1	163/1	93733	1 Jan 45
PROVOST				
316 Carabinieri Sec	NA/524/1	153/1	93734	24 Nov 44
317 Carabinieri Sec	NA/524/1	153/1	93735	1 Jan 45
318 Carabinieri Sec	NA/524/1	153/1	93736	1 Jan 45

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Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
14 S/G/31/2
January 45

TO : AFHQ for G-3 (Org)
AFHQ for G-5
Chief of Staff, AC
Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub Com. A.C.

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 10 Jan 45 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex BALKANS and FRANCE:-

(a)

Received in ST ANDREWS CAMP	22835
Dispatched from Camp	20478
Remaining in Camp	2357

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows :-

To Hospital	1598
To PW Camp	21
Demobilised	1875
Leave then GRUPPI	597
To GRUPPI	560
Leave then TRANI (BR-ITI)	3494
Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)	2431
To TRANI (BR-ITI)	4168
To ASTRONI (US-ITI)	60
Leave then Pack Transp Coy	3
To Pack Transp Coy	2584
Various (CCRR, RGF, Air Force, Navy, Medical)	2643

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2. Of the 22835 shown as received in camp, 920 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

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Rex E Pinkley
Major
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

INTERNAL DISTR:-
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SUBJECT: Release of Volunteers for Service with Combat Groups.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/SD/30
12 JAN 45

TO : MMIA LO NAPLES.

Ref MMIA S/SD/30 of 29 Dec 44.

1. A copy of PBS letter 200.3 AG SPLPM of 8 Jan in att.

2. Please arrange the exchange of personnel as suggested in para 3 of the PBS letter under ref, and report the number of combat volunteers released to this HQ.

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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FROM HQ 15 Army Gp

TO CC 5 Army, 8 Army, 52 BLU, RAAC

Info BFHQ, DISTONE, DISTHREE, 50 BLU, 51 BLU, 1214304
53 BLU, MMIA MOVMET, MOVCENT, MOVROME, PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO

SD 1140

SECRET

Ref AFHQ FX 82153 dated 9 Jan. LEGEATO Combat Group on arrival RADDA area will come under command 8 Army and not Brit Incr 5 Army. Under local admin 1 District.

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SD DISTR: A/C, S/Sec, S/SD/30, AQ, SD/50, Float

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

S/SD/30

JWL/vs
8 January 1945

200.3
AG BPLNO (8 Jan 45)

SUBJECT: Release of Volunteers for Service with Combat Groups

TO : Land Forces Sub-Com, AC (MMIA)

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1. Reference is made to your letter dated 29 December 1944, file No. S/SD/30, on the subject of the release of approximately 125 members of the 212th Italian Command (US-ITI) for duty with combat groups.

2. It is agreed that these volunteers will be released upon arrival at the Astroni Staging area of an equal number of suitable replacements.

3. It is suggested that the exact numbers of volunteers available be obtained through the MMIA Liaison Officer in Naples, and that arrangements for the exchange of personnel be effected through the Southern District, PBS.

For the Commanding Officer:

L. J. ROBERTS,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adj. Gen.

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Subject : Move of LEGNANO AND FOLGORE COMBAT GROUPS.

10 Jan 45.

S E C R E T.

Paraphrase of AFHQ signal FX.62153 signed AC cito FX302 dated 09 Jan follows :-

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From AFHQ.

To (Action) RAC DISTREE 56 BLU (TELEF) 52 BLU (BRACCIANO

(Info) 5 Army 15 Army Group DISTCOM 50 BLU 8 Army

Movwit FMIA Mov ROME Mov CENTRAL PENSOUTH for MEDIA LO

(FIRST) FOLGORE COMBAT GROUP (ITALIAN) 1500 9000 PERSONNEL NOW UNDER COMMAND SHORE AT TELESE MOVES UNDER ORDERS DISTREE IN CONJUNCTION WITH MOVWIT TO AREA ASCOLI TERAMO B.75 TO UNDER COMMAND EIGHTH ARMY AS UNDER :-

FIVE PER CENT ADVANCE LEAVES JAN 15 BY ROAD. THE MAIN BODY WILL LEAVE 25 JAN BY ROAD AND RAIL. REPRESENTATIVE WILL IMMEDIATELY REPORT TO MOVWIT AND HQ 1 DISTRICT WITH DETAILS FOR MOVE.

(SECOND) LIST OF OTHER UNITS TO MOVE AT SAME TIME FOLLOWS.

(THIRD) LEGNANO COMBAT GROUP (ITALIAN) 1500 VEHICLES 9000 PERSONNEL NOW AT BRACCIANO B.49 UNDER COMMAND SHORE. WILL MOVE UNDER ORDERS RAAC IN CONJUNCTION WITH MOVEMENTS HOME TO RADDA AREA Q.83 TO UNDER COMMAND 5 ARMY (BY ROR). FIVE PER CENT ADVANCE PARTY DEPARTS JAN 15 BY ROAD. MAIN PARTY LEAVES JAN 25 BY ROAD AND RAIL. REPS WILL REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO HQ 1 DISTRICT AND MOVEMENTS HOME WITH DETAILS OF MOVE.

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11 JAN 1945

Capt. RE.
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer.

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SECRET

Subject :- Responsibilities of Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA) to Italian Gruppi.

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

TS/G/29.
23. Dec., 44.

To :- 50, 51, 52, 53, 56 BLUs.
All MMIA LO's
LO RTC ICF.

Attached for information is MMHQ letter AG 091.112/119 GCT-O dated 20th December, 1944.

W. Pidsley Colonel
for. Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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: S E C R E T :
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:Initials: PHF :
:20 December 1944 :

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 091.112/119 GCT-O

20 December 1944

SUBJECT: Responsibilities of Land Forces Sub-Commission (LFSC) to Italian Gruppi.

TO : President, Allied Commission, APC 394
FCR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (LFSC)

1. In order to clarify the responsibilities of the Land Forces Sub-Commission towards the Italian Gruppi when the latter pass from under command of SMGE (General Staff Headquarters of the Italian Army) to that of Allied formations, authorization is made for the Land Forces Sub-Commission to communicate direct with BLUs attached to Combat Groups under command of Allied formations on the following points:

a. All matters of purely Italian administration.
b. Strengths and reinforcements.
c. Discipline.
d. Conditions of service, welfare, etc.

2. Copies of all correspondence on the above matters should be sent to the Allied Headquarters concerned.

Gruppi.

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

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d. Conditions of service, welfare, etc.

2. Copies of all correspondence on the above matters should be sent to the Allied Headquarters concerned.

3. All operational, executive and policy matters, also proposals by BLUs or Combat Groups for changes in organization will be made through normal staff channels to the Allied Headquarters concerned for decisions or recommendation to MMIA.

By command of Field Marshall ALEXANDER:

R. H. [redacted]
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SAC CITE FHGCT

TO : EMMA

F 80845 SECRET

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REFERENCE 15 ARMY GROUP CABLE SD 1112 OF 6 (.) PARA FIRST (.) FRIULI ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP PASSES FROM COMD DISTONE TO COMD FIFTH ARMY WEF 14 JAN (.) ARRANGEMENTS FOR MOVE ARE BEING MADE DIRECT BETWEEN 15 ARMY GROUP AND DISTONE (.) PARA SECOND (.) DMT RECOMMEND LEGNANO GROUP STAY IN PRESENT LOCATION UNTIL 25 JAN OWING TO PRESENT STATE OF TRAINING (.) SUGGEST ADV PARTY MOVES 15 JAN TO RADDA BALANCE 25 JAN (.) PARA THIRD (.) IN VIEW OF LATEST DMT REPORT SENT UNDER REF DMT/55/12/MT1 DATED 2 JAN CONFIRM YOU ARE PREPARED ACCEPT FOLGORE GROUP 12 JAN IN PRESENT STATE TRAINING (.) IF NOT SUGGEST ADV PARTY MOVES AS FOR LEGNANO (.) ALL INFORMED

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SIGNAL FORM.

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN.

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FROM: MMIA

TO : AFHQ

TO (Info) 15 ARMY GROUP 56 AREA FOR INT

Ref No SM SD 2055 SECURITY CLASSIFICATION S ECR E T

REFERENCE 15 ARMY GROUP SD 1112 OF 6 JAN (*)

MMIA SUPPORTS LMT'S RECOMMENDATION THAT LUCIANO SHOULD NOT MOVE FROM PRESENT AREA UNTIL 25 JANUARY EARLIEST

Precedence IMMEDIATE

Authenticating Officer _____

Int: SPEC SEC.

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SUBJECT: Repatriation from BALKANS.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/31/2
3 JANUARY 44

TO : AFHQ for G-3(Org)
AFHQ for G-5
Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub Com., A.C.

1. Following is the position from 11 Nov 44 thru 31 Dec 44 regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex GREECE and BALKANS:-

(a) Received in ST ANDREWS CAMP 21246
Dispatched from Camp 17768
Remaining in Camp 3478

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows :-

To Hospital	1345
To PW Camp	21
Demobilised	1639
Leave then GRUPPI	876
To GRUPPI	609
Leave then TRANI (BR-ITI)	2025
Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)	2248
To TRANI (BR-ITI)	3487
To ASTRONI (US-ITI)	56
Leave then Pack Transp Coy	3
To Pack Transp coy	2157
Various	2402

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2. Of the 21,246 shown as received in camp, 710 are personnel who have been readmitted to Camp from Hospital.

for F. Poole
Major General
for M.M.J.A.

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FROM HQ. CM1509 A

SD 1971 A20 dcc.

TO :- MEA

RESTRICTED (.) F7898 (.) YOUR [redacted] (STATED SAS SITE WHICH PROVIDED ONE FIVE TWO AND ONE SIX TWO [redacted]) SD DOES DESIRE AC AND ACCS HOLDING ON ICP BUT THEY MAY BE SCATTERED AND MOUNTED

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SEGRETO

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

N° 9761 /Ord.di prot. Roma, li 1 gennaio 1945

OGGETTO: Reparto di cavalleria.

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISION A.C. (MMIA) R O M.A
e, per conoscenza:
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA = Gabinetto - Uff.C.A. P.M.3800

Riferimento paragrafo 4 del foglio S/SD/30, in data 15/12/1944, di codesta M.M.I.A.

Nella considerazione che approntamento e addestramento dei gruppi di combattimento sono a buon punto, ritengo preferibile - per adesso almeno - non immettere il gruppo squadroni di cavalleria (per il quale si sta tuttora ricercando e riunendo il personale) nel gruppo "Mantova".

E' invece - a mio parere - più opportuno far affluire il personale già pronto e quello in corso di raccolta per il completamento del reparto, al deposito complementi di Cesano, presso cui potrebbero essere ultimati costituzione e addestramento.

Ad avvenuto approntamento, il reparto verrebbe inserito - secondo le decisioni di codesta M.M.I.A. - in uno dei gruppi di combattimento.

In ogni caso sono dell'avviso che non convenga rinunciare alla formazione del reparto, per le medesime ragioni (già accolte da codesta M.M.I.A.) che ne hanno consigliato la costituzione.

Prego farmi conoscere le determinazioni che al riguardo codesta M.M.I.A. riterrà di dover adottare.

S.M.R.E. UFF. ORD.

IL CAPO DI S.M. DELL'ESERCITO

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Please consider question of reorganizing 152 and 162 Field Cos into one Reinforcement Co and let us have your comments.

3 Jan.

Sergeant Key remains on present TRICONIVO
until accn is available at
when they can be discharged and form
the nucl
until then not be able effectively to
any more changes

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Telefono ..... professione .....

si è presentato oggi ed ha chiesto l'iscrizione al Partito Fascista Repubblicano.

p. IL COMMISSARIO DEL FASCIO ROMANO
(GINO BARDI)

Firma .....

Domicilio .....

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FROM DISTHREE

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TO 56 BLU

INFO MMIA AFHQ Q(AE) (ref your 644.2/QAE of 28)

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MMIA SD 1971 of 20 NOT to all refers (.) agreed AFHQ 56 BLU will be responsible for providing necessary equipment for 152 and 162 Fd Engr Coys (.) indents to be forwarded in normal manner

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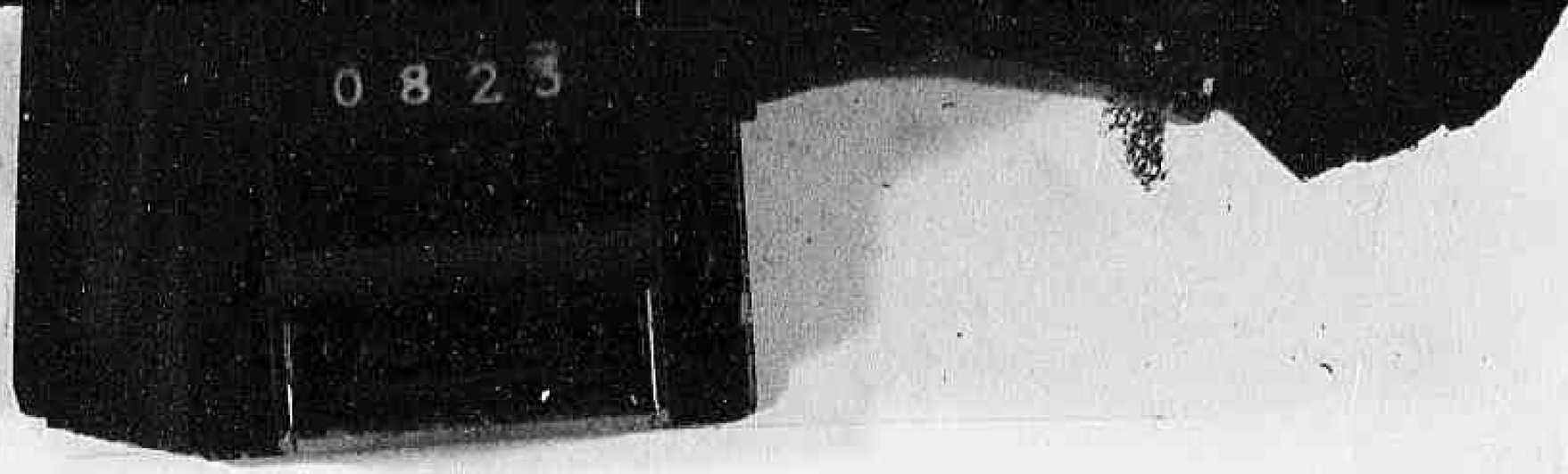

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SUBJECT: Volunteers - I.C.F.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/SD/30
29 Dec 44

TO : PMS

copy to: [redacted] LO NAPLES
MINISTRY OF WAR

R29/12

1. It is understood that there are in 212 Div 155 men who have volunteered for service with the Combat Groups (212 Div letter CS/4389 of 15 Dec to [redacted] refers)

Please say whether you are prepared to release these volunteers.

2. If the release is agreed the men should be sent to I.C.F. Rft Trg Centre CASERTA, and replacements will be found from AFRICOLA Camp.

for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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TRAINING INSTRUCTION No. 1.

4 Dec 44.

1. OBJECT.

The object of this instruction is to state some of the tasks which confront GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LITTOVA" and to assist officers in thinking ahead and making plans for training. The draft has been seen by the GOC GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "LITTOVA", who is in agreement with it.

2. TASK OF THE GRUPPO.

The task to be achieved is to fit the GRUPPO by 15 Mar 45 for the following operational role :-

(a) To take over a defensive sector on the Italian front, and carry out an active defence.

(b) After experience in that role to participate in attacks in conjunction with Allied troops.

3. SUBDIVISION OF PERIOD.

(a) Preliminary 16 - 31 Dec 44.
(b) Individual and Sub unit Training 1 Jan - 15 Feb 45.
(c) Move to forward training area 15 - 20 Feb 45.
(d) Higher training
(e) Move to operational area } After 20 Feb 45.

All Dates are approximate.

4. PRELIMINARY PERIOD.

Tasks.

(a) Assembly of personnel and organisation of HQ's and Units.
(b) Assembly and organisation of BLU and Training Increment.
(c) Issue of training and maintenance scales of equipment, ammunition, clothing and stores.
(d) Preparation for individual and elementary collective training.
(e) Elementary training.

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5. INDIVIDUAL AND SUB UNIT TRAINING.

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5. INDIVIDUAL AND SUB UNIT TRAINING.

Tasks.

Other Ranks.

(a) Instruction in technical battle duties including:-
Use of Weapons.
Driving.
Signal Training.
Specialist Training.

(b) Physical preparation for battle including:-
Digging.
Marching.
Hill Climbing.
Development of Night sense.

(c) Mental and Psychological preparation for Battle, including:-
Discipline in Camp.
Battle Discipline.
Battle Inoculation.

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Junior Leaders.

(d) Development of ability as instructors.
(e) Instruction in administrative duties including man management.
(f) Instruction without troops in duties in the field, including [illegible] training and map reading.
(g) Sub unit exercises.

Senior Officers.

(h) Organization and supervision of individual and sub unit training.
(i) Instruction without troops in duties in the field.
(k) Preparation and direction of Headquarters Signal Exercises, TEWT's, Admin Exercises and Cloth Model Discussions.

Sub Units.

(l) Simple tactical exercises up to and including Battery and Company level.

Headquarters Staffs.

(n) H.Q. Signal Exercises and Deployment Drills.

Engineers Signals and Services.

(n) Normal Admin duties.
(o) Training for specialist duties in the field.
(p) Weapon and elementary battle training.

Miscellaneous.

(q) Drawing up of G.1098.

6. INTENSIVE TRAINING PERIOD.

During this period the Division will undergo final training under an Allied formation before going to battle.
Instructions will be issued later.

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7. ASSISTANCE FROM BRITISH SOURCES.

Assistance in training is being provided by officers of 56 HQ and Training Increment, and by the ATC and other training establishments.
The presence of British Officers in no way relieves Commanders of the responsibility for training their formation and units.

8. PRINCIPLES IN TRAINING.

(a) Urgency.

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(a) Urgency.

Time is very short, and not an hour can be wasted.
It is essential that Commanders inspire their subordinates with a sense of the urgency of their task.

(b) Preparation of Training.

Every period of instruction must be thoroughly prepared beforehand by the instructors. This means that instructors must work longer hours than personnel under instruction.

(c) Concentration on Essentials.

Non-essential matters however useful, must be ruthlessly cut out of the programme. In the time available, we must concentrate on the barest essentials for battle.

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(d) Maintenance of Interest.

Training is useless if it is dull. Instructors must exercise their ingenuity to maintain interest.

(e) Training of Officers.

No one can train an officer unless he also trains himself. In their spare time officers should constantly study and discuss military problems, with particular reference to their tasks in the forthcoming battle.

9. MT TRAINING.

This is one of our biggest tasks. Every effort must be made throughout the Division to achieve the highest possible standard of driving and maintenance.

10. RT TRAINING.

A modern battle depends to a very great extent on good communications. Commanders and Staff Officers must train themselves thoroughly in the use of RT.

11. MISCELLANEOUS POINTS FOR OFFICERS.

(a) Insistence on punctuality.

(b) Decentralisation down to platoon lds of responsibility for their men and eqpt.

(c) Inculcation of Adm routine incl:-

(i) Automatic refilling of petrol tanks.

(ii) Daily maintenance and inspection of weapons and vehs.

(iii) Officers to see to men's comfort before their own.

(iv) Strict sanitary discipline.

12. DETAILED TRAINING ARRANGEMENTS.

A further instruction will be issued shortly dealing among others, with the following matters:-

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(a) Allotment of British personnel.

(b) Training areas.

(c) Courses.

(d) Training periods, - Leave - Festivals.

(e) Allotment of equipment and ammunition.

(f) Training Programmes and Progress reports.

In The Field.

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SUBJECT: Repatriation from BALKANS.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
TS/G/31/2
21 December 44

TO : AFHQ for G-3 (Org)
AFHQ for G-5
Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Com. A.C.

1. Following is the position from 11 NOV thru 25 DEC regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex GREECE and BALKANS :-

(a) Received in ST. ANDREWS CAMP 19446
Dispatched from Camp 15335
Remaining in Camp 3911

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows :-

To Hospital	1215
To PW Camp	21
Demobilised	1277
Leave then GRUPPI	374
Leave then Pack Transp. Co.	410
To GRUPPI	609
Leave then TRANI (BR-ITI)	2435
Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)	1704
To TRANI (BR-ITI)	2024
Sick Leave	3
Various (CC.RR., RGF, Navy, and Air Corps)	2206
Pack Transp Co.	2157

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1. Following is the position from 11 NOV thru 25 DEC regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex GREECE and BALKANS :-

(a)	Received in ST. ANDREWS CAMP	19246
	Dispatched from Camp	15335
	Remaining in Camp	3911

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows :-

To Hospital	1215
To PW Camp	21
Demobilised	1277
Leave then GRUPPI	374
Leave then Pack Transp. Co.	410
To GRUPPI	609
Leave then TRANI (BR-ITI)	2435
Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)	1704
To TRANI (BR-ITI)	2024
Sick Leave	3
Various (CC.RR., RGF, Navy, and Air Corps)	2206
Pack Transp Co.	2157

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2. Of the 19,246 shown as received in camp, 536 are personnel who have been readmitted to camp from hospital.

Lt.Col. P.M.
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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FROM HQ 15 Army Group

TO AFHQ

INFO MMIA

SD 1999

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For G3 Org (.) Agree proposals MMIA SD 1971 of 20 Dec regarding 152 and 162 Italian Fd Coys.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

Subject: Controlled Sig Stores. 132A

Ref: DOS.3430/1(Ord.13)
Tel: Freedom 143
21 Dec 44

LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION AC (MMIA).

Ref your S/SD/30 of 14 Dec, attached is copy of R/Note Sign/3705.

As will be appreciated, every effort has been made to give as much eqpt as possible to the Mantova Gruppo, in order that they may complete their training. Such items as are deficient will not be available for some time.

Jas. Jenkins
(J.W.JENKINS)
Lt.Col., A.D.O.S.,
for Major-General, D.O.S.

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MEUP V ADOS NR 48 QVR 1/3

FROM ORD BRIT AFHQ (ORD 13) 201700A

TO OO 3 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD

INFO 54 BLU ::: 9 S E S ::: DME

QQX GR-- BT

SIGS/3705 (.) W/T NO 11 TRUCK/GROUND COMPLETE STATIONS LESS BATTERIES QTY 57 (.) W/T SETS NO 18 COMPLETE STATIONS QTY 104 (.) W/T SETS NO 19 TRUCK GROUND COMPLETE STATIONS LESS BATTERIES QTY 14 (.) W/T SETS NO 9 (CAN) COMPLETE STATIONS LESS BATTERIES QTY 2 (.) RECEPTION SET R107 LESS BATTERIES QTY 5 (.) RECEPTION SETS R109 LESS BATTERIES QTY 4 (.) BATTERIES 6V 85 AH QTY 246 (.) BATTERIES 6V 170 QTY 100 (.) CABLE ELECTRIC IRV 1 PAIR 12-1/2 QTY 440 YDS (.) CABLE ELECTRIC D8 SINGLE QTY 96 MILES (.) [redacted] CABLE ELECTRIC D8 DOUBLE QTY 6000 YDS (.) CABLE ELEC W110 SINGLE QTY 226 MILES (.) CABLE LEC W110B TWISTED QTY 45 MILES (.) SWITCHBOARDS UC 10 LINE QTY 7 (.) TELES EE8 QTY 30 (.) WAVEMETERS D COMPLETE STATIONS QTY 12 (.) FRAMES D & P QTY 9 (.) FULLERPHONES QTY 42 (.) CHARGING SET 1260W (NOT NO 1) QTY 24 (.) CHARGING SET 300 W QTY 57 (.) APP CABLE LAYING NO 3 QTY 4 (.) CABLE LAYER MECH NO 1 QTY 1 (.) SUPERPOSING UNIT COILS C161 QTY 28 (.) TEST SETS PORTABLE NO 2 QTY 6 (.) HYDROMETERS SECY PORT QTY 73 (.) INSTRUMENT TESTING AVOMINOR QTY 3 (.) INSTRUMENTS TESTING FERRANTI AC/DC QTY 2 (.) SUPERPOSING UNIT 3 TRANSFORMER QTY 4 (.) RATCHETT & TONGS NO 3 QTY 4 (.) INSTRUMENTS TESTING AVOMETER QTY 4 (.) PICKETS ANGLE SHORT QTY 800

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GROUP V ADOS NR 47 QVR 1/2/4

FROM ORD BRIT AFHQ (ORD 13) 201700A

TO 8 S E S

INFO OO NO 3 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD ::: 54 BLU ::: 9 S E S

QQX GR-- BT

SIGS/3708 (.) RELEASE FROM AFTR TO 54 BLU (.) TELES D MK V

QTY 170 (.) UNIT WILL COLLECT (.) APP CABLE LAYING NO 2 QTY 36

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FROM M M I A

TO A F H Q G3 Org rptd CE

INFO 15 Army Group
56 HLU
MMIA LO RTC ICF
3 DISTRICT

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SD/971

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152 and 162 Field Engineer Companies earmarked for PICENO are now training with MANTOVA (.) MMIA recommend that these units should be held against strength of RTC ICF and equipped accordingly with personal clothing and equipment (.) They should stay with MANTOVA until reorganisation of RTC ICF at CESANO is complete (.) They would provide reinforcements for Groups in line as required (.) If you agree please authorise issue of necessary personal equipment and clothing through 3 District and 56 HLU.

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED [illegible] 5-12-3

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Tue 3/Dec

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15 ARMY GROUP

AFHQ

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Ref AFHQ CX 71129 cite FUGAR of 19 (.) Your signal A7 of 16 NOT rpt NOT received (.) Please repeat.

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IMPORTANT

Headquarters Dept.

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S/SD/133/30

COPY TRANSLATION

INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO DATE TIME 191800

TO (FOR ACTION) COMMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "FRIULI" = COMMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "CREMONA" ET COMMANDO 228 DIVISIONE

TO (FOR INFO) MMIA

RESTRICTED

PLEASE SEND AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO THIS SMRE, ASSISTANCE AND PROPAGANDA OFFICE, 4 TRUCKS, COVERED, TO BE TAKEN FROM YOUR UNITS, FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF GIFT PACKAGES AND MARSALA. FOR THE WITHDRAWAL SEND OFFICER WHO WILL REPORT WITH STRENGTH REPORT.

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SECRET

SUBJECT: Repatriation from BALKANS.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
TS/G/31/2
20 December 44

TO : AFHQ for G-3 (Org)
AFHQ for G-5
Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Com. A.C.

1. Following is the position from 11 NOV thru 17 DEC regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex GREECE and BALKANS :

(a)

Received in ST. ANDREWS CAMP	16325
Dispatched from Camp	13162
Remaining in Camp	3163

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows :

To Hospital	1004
To PW Camp	5
Demobilised	900
Leave then GRUPPI	374
Leave then Pack Transp. Co.	324
To GRUPPI	609
Leave then TRANI (BR-ITI)	1740
Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)	1347
To TRANI (BR-ITI)	2625
Sick Leave	3
Various (CC.RR., RGF, Navy, and Air Corps)	1984
Pack Transp Co.	2157

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	Dispatched from Camp	13162
	Remaining in Camp	3163

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows :

To Hospital	1004
To PW Camp	5
Demobilised	990
Leave then GRUPPI	574
Leave then Pack Transp. Co.	324
To GRUPPI	609
Leave then TRANI (BR-ITI)	1740
Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)	1347
To TRANI (BR-ITI)	2625
Sick Leave	3
Various (CC.RR., RGF, Navy, and Air Corps)	1984
Pack Transp Co.	2157

For F. Richardson
F. Major General
M.M.I.A.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO

TU/mlg

Protocollo N. 206962/ /2/ O.A. Allegati

Risposta al foglio del

Roma, 17 dicembre 1944

Divisione Sezione N.

OGGETTO: Arruolamento volontari siciliani -
Enrollment of Sicilian Volunteers.

Al LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION -A.C.(M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

20 DEC 1944

Q 19/12. S/50/30. R 9/12

Riferimento lettera SD/1840, data 24 novembre u.s. -

E' stato disposto che i 1064 volontari siciliani si presentino ai distretti della Sicilia il 5 gennaio e che nello stesso giorno siano avviati al centro di concentramento sosta di Messina.

Altri 1302 giovani siciliani hanno presentato domanda di arruolamento volontario, attualmente in corso di istruttoria. E' stato disposto che questi si presentino ai distretti il 25 gennaio e vengano avviati a Messina nello stesso giorno.

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d'ordine

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S/50/30

Riferimento lettera 50/1840, data 24 novembre u.s. -

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d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

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Ref to letter 50/1840 dated 24 November

It has been arranged that the 1064 Sicilian volunteers will present themselves at the various SICILIAN districts and be sent to Concentration centre of MESSINA. on the 5th of January.

An other 1302 SICILIAN youths have volunteered and their cases are now being considered. Those will present themselves on the 25th of January and be sent to MESSINA on the same date.

R Mansfield

B/F 9 Jan

19 Dec.

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FROM MAIN HQ 15 ARMY GROUP

TO CG FIFTH ARMY (ATT BR INCR "A" BRANCH)

INFO MMIA

S/SD/30

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Reference your 64/84 of 11 (.) Following rfts being collected by FRIULI Group in own transport (.) Switchboard operators 2 wireless operators 30 Instrument mechanics (signals) 2 electricians 4 drivers 33 driver mechanics 10 vehicle mechanics 2 armourer 1 plumber 1 carpenters 10 blacksmiths 4 welders 2 fitters 23 gunners 41 medical personnel 21 (.) Total 166 (.) For MMIA (.) Deficiencies in FRIULI Group after taking into account above rfts as follows (.) Bricklayers 6 motor mechanics 22 electricians 8 boatmen 2 motorcyclists 12 telephone operators 2 radio engineers 1 W/T Ops 53 tractor mechanic 1 armourers 39 carpenters 6 tailors 36 shoemakers 29 barbers 16 cooks 25 and D'Arms 311 (.) Request earliest provision be made for above deficiencies

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In reply FX 68516 of 14 Dec (.) FIRST (.) 2000 personnel XICEMC Gp are available NOW for malcteers (.) Request you notify rail move well in advance (.) SECOND (.) Bal incl these on temp loan to UCRR are all suitable as combat Gp reinfts (.) THIRD (.) Recommend XICEMC HQ staff and those specially trained in British weapons be used as Combat Gp Reinft Centre staff and moved to CASABLANCA in priority after FIRST above

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SUBJECT: Dissolving of [redacted] Group.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.E.)(46)
15 2/Dec/45
Dec 45

Minister of War.

R 16/12

1. It is with regret that I have to inform you of AFHQ's final decision [redacted] to use [redacted] Group as the sixth of the Caibat Force Groups. In future there will only be five Groups. The reason for the decision, which was fully co-ordinated with AAI, is two-fold. First, so that a higher proportion of reinforcements can be available for the first five groups and second so that an additional large number of volunteers may be immediately available to complete AAI's winter programme. This latter reason is of highest priority. By having to maintain five Groups instead of six it will be possible to hold a larger number of reinforcements for a longer period of training and so ensure not only that the Groups are kept up to strength but also that quality and training are the very best possible.

2. It is being recommended therefore to AFHQ that 2,000 personnel, exclusive of personnel specially trained in British weapons, be sent forward to [redacted] (or other destination to be selected by AAI) as soon as possible. Will you please select these personnel, which should include a proportion of officers and NCOs for [redacted] Task Force.

3. It is further being recommended that the balance of [redacted] be moved by stages from present location to [redacted]. Those selected to form the permanent staff of the Combat Group Reinforce ent Centre will of course be moved before the remainder. Those officers and Ns of [redacted] now on loan to GC&S., will, it is hoped, move to [redacted] as reinforcements as soon after 15 February as is convenient.

4. A point still requiring decision is whether the cavalry battalion about to be formed in the [redacted] Group should be continued in place of a unit in [redacted] Group. The present view of A.A.I. is that this would be unwise but your comments on this matter would be appreciated.

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SECRET

S/SD/130

SUBJECT: Repatriation from BALKANS

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. TS/G/31/2
12 Dec 44

TO : AFHQ for G-3 (Org)
AFHQ for G-5
Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Com. A.C.

1. Following is position from 11 Nov thru 9 Dec regarding Italian personnel arrived TARANTO ex GREECE and BALKANS:-

(a) Received in ST ANDREWS CAMP 12,274
Dispatched from Camp 8,664
Remaining in Camp 3,610

(b) Personnel has been dispatched from Camp as follows:

To Hosp	784
To PW Camp	5
Demobilised	567
Leave then GRUPPI	374
Leave then Pack Transp. Co.	163
To GRUPPI	568
Leave then TRANI (BR-ITI)	1,356
Leave then ASTRONI (US-ITI)	675
To TRANI (BR-ITI)	2,413
Sick Leave	1
Various (CC RR, R.C.F., Navy, Air Corps, Medical)	1,758

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Major
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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FROM SAL SIGNED SAC CITE FIGCT 141523A

TO AAI, WMIA

INFO BAAC

FM CRSIS SECRET

Dated 9 Dec, your WD 1806 (.) CHE (.) Sixth Combat Group FIGHTER Div will NOT be forced (.) Personnel will be available for suleteers and combat rfts (.) TWO (.) For WMIA (.) Request you state earliest if 2000 requested in para 4 of AAI Cable are available now and also if remainder are suitable as combat rfts (.) THREE (.) For AAI (.) Your para 5 refers (.) Clothing and equipment suleteers now being examined in detail (.) Will notify you earliest.

THIRD DATE

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WMIA DIST:
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/SD/30
14 Dec 44.

Subject:- Controlled Signal Stores.

C.B.O.,
A.F.H.Q.

MANTOVA Gruppo.

1. The above named Gruppo is now almost formed and is concentrated in the RENEVENTO area.

2. Completion and training of this Gruppo is now waiting on the issue of G 1098.

3. Will you please expedite as much as possible the issue of items of Signals Controlled Stores.

4. A large number of the Signals personnel of this Gruppo are at present on a course which terminates approximately the end of December. It is imperative that a considerable portion of the stores are available when they return to the Gruppo.

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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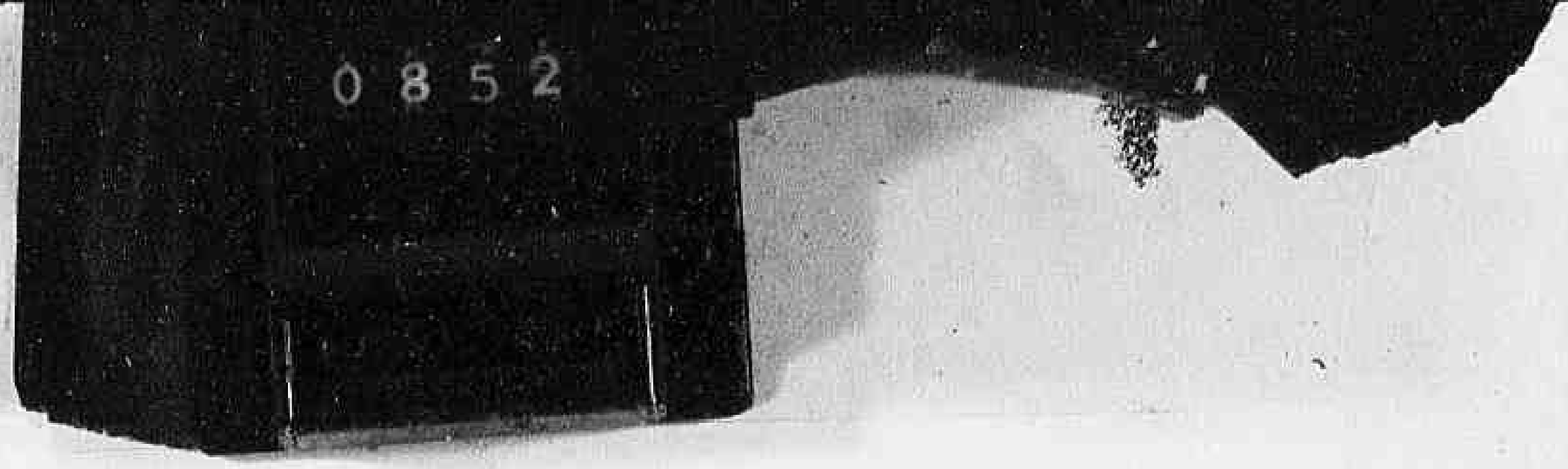

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SUBJECT: Move of Units

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/SD/30
9 Dec 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

F 11/12

Ref MMIA S/G/23/26 of 26 Oct 44.

1. Please arrange for the movement of 522 Fd Hosp from ARRACOLA Camp to TELESE where it will come under command of the FOLIGNO Group, and will be established according to WE MA/574/1.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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MMIA LO 3 District
MMIA LO NAPLES
SS BLU

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FROM MMIA

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TO WAR MINISTRY

INFO 52 Area for MMIA LO

SD 1836

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ONE (.) Understand you have selected 280 men ex BALKANS now at ST ANDREWS' Camp TARANTO as suitable for PICENO (.) Provision of 2,119 personnel ex this Camp for pack tpt coys vide MMIA letter SD/3 of 6 is first priority (.) When the 2,119 have been found this rft draft of 280 should join PICENO under arrangements to be made direct by you locally (.) Report completion to MMIA (.) TWO (.) You should continue to select suitable personnel for direct to Combat Groups in the future (.) Notify MMIA/LO numbers chosen and destination required (.) MMIA will then authorise and arrange for onward movement.

PRECEDENCE -

AUTHENTICATED L.M. Langdon. Lt-Col.

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required (.) MMIA will then authorise and arrange for onward movement.

PRECEDENCE -

AUTHENTICATED L.M. Tomlinson. It-Col.

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Maj MURCELL
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(S/SD/30)
(TS/G/31)

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SECRET

SUBJECT: Repatriation from ALGIERS.

LAND FORCES SUB-SEC., A.C.
(P.O.W.A.)
20/0/31/2
6 Dec 44

TO : AFHQ for G-3 (Org)
AFHQ for G-5
Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub Sec., A.C.

1. Following is position thru 3 Dec regarding Italian personnel recently arrived at BIZERTE or CASERTA and MALTESE :

a. Received in IT ADVANCE Camp 11,783
Dispatched from Camp 6,245
Remaining in Camp 5,538

b. Personnel has been dispatched from camp as follows :

To Hospital	658
To IW Camps	5
Deceased	452
Leave then Casual Depot	374
To Combat Depot	568
Leave then Pack Transp Co	80
Leave then PWSU for SB-IT1	1,032
Leave then ADVANCE for SB-IT1	575
To PWSU for SB-IT1	1,036
Sick leave	1
Various (CC. MP., MIP, Navy, Air Corps, Civil)	1,429

REP
for Major General
U.S.A.

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Spec Sec
SF, Int, Lab
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COORDINATING ROUTE SLIP

(STAFF MINUTE SHEET)

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Log: 129

Suspense: 5/50/30

Date Originated: 8 Dec 44

File No. 23/7

SUBJECT Training - Italians

Number each memo or minute consecutively. Fill in each column, initial action, draw 1 line across the sheet. Use entire width of sheet for long memoranda.

No.	Section of Origin	Pass To	Date	
1	G-3 Trg (Br)	MMIA	8 Dec 44	Attached copies of D.M.T's report dated 28 Nov 44, on the State of Training of the Friuli Combat Group are forwarded, at the request of the D.M.T., for attention of Gen. Browning.
	Copy to: D.M.T.			

F.F.BARRY,
Major,
G-3 Training (Br).

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12 Dec

(See my D.O. file)

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SUBJECT: State of Training - FRIULI Combat Group

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ, CMF

Tel: 11667

DMT/55/12/MT1

28 Nov 44.

G-3 Trg, AFHQ
G (SD), HQ AAI (2)
HQ NMIA, CMF

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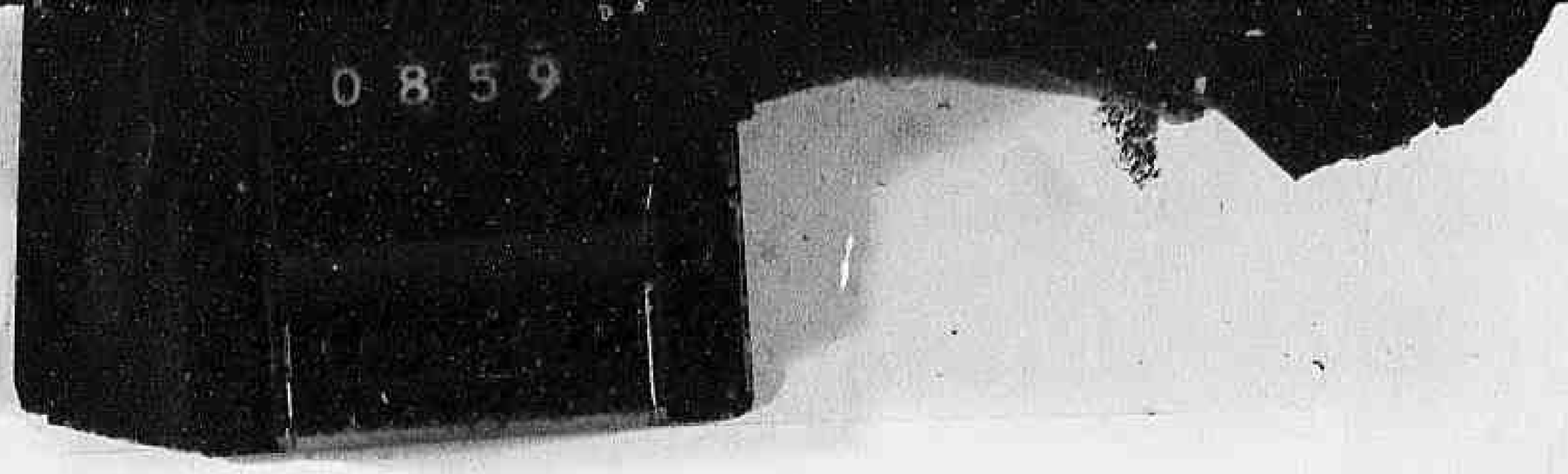
OC 50 BIU, CMF
DMT/55/1/MT1

With reference to HQ AAI 1605/50/73/G (SD 1) dated 17 Nov 44, I forward herewith report on state of training of the FRIULI Combat Group as at 20 Nov 44.

H.G. Kendrew

Brig.,
D.M.T.

AGK/hc



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With reference to HQ AAI 1605/50/72/G-(SD 1) dated 17 Nov 44, I forward herewith report on status of training of the 551st Combat Group as at 20 Nov 44.

H. Kenworthy
Brig.,
D.M.T.

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DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ, CMF

Tel: 11667

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DMT/55/12/MT1

26 Nov 44.

REPORT ON STATE OF TRAINING OF FRIULI COMBAT GROUP
AS AT 20 NOV 44.

1. Quality of Personnel

(a) The Commander and HQ Staff of the Gruppo appeared to me to be quite competent. The General has considerable fighting experience, and has put much more drive into assembling and training the formation than was formerly the case. His senior staff officers strike me as quite efficient. They worked well as a team on a staff exercise in the problems of moving the Division on a mechanised basis through a British area.

(b) The senior officers are mostly regulars of satisfactory standard, and they have worked hard at training so far as they have gone. An outstanding weakness is over-centralisation in the hands of regimental commanders. The standard of battalion commander and below is not so good, and confidence at tactical training is lacking through their having been "out at grass" for over a year. OC BLU is trying hard to get battalion and company commanders and their equivalents allowed to exercise more individual control and improve themselves. The commander of the Artillery Regiment is reported on as somewhat below the standard of the infantry battalion commanders in that he has shown some reluctance to train in new methods opposed to his former ideas.

(c) Junior Officers

This, to my mind, is the weakest link. It is estimated that 60% are good material; 40% are below standard. There is plenty of zeal. The main weakness is in leadership, through not getting intimate and constant knowledge of their men. This may improve once their units have absorbed the new personnel. The junior Italian officer appears to me very apt to regard his men more as a body of (rather unintelligent) servants than as his own team of helpers. The importance of real junior leadership has been stressed in talks and exercises both by their own General, by me, and by OC BLU, but it is evidently a big change of outlook for many of them. They pick up technical knowledge quite quickly; tactically they will imitate demonstrations quite well, but need to improve their own tactical initiative.

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This, to my mind, is the weakest link. It is estimated that 60% are good material; 40% are below standard. There is plenty of zeal. The main weakness is in leadership, through not getting intimate and constant knowledge of their men. This may improve once their units have absorbed the new personnel. The Junior Italian officer appears to me very apt to regard his men more as a body of (rather unintelligent) servants than as his own team of helpers. The importance of real junior leadership has been stressed in talks and exercises both by their own General, by me, and by OC BLU, but it is evidently a big change of outlook for many of them. They pick up technical knowledge quite quickly; tactically they will imitate demonstrations quite well, but need to improve their own tactical initiative.

(a) NCOs

From observation of the NCOs trained as instructors at our schools and of their work during training, I have no hesitation in saying they are quite good material. There is a high proportion of regulars amongst them who have accepted jobs in lower ranks in order to get back to fighting. In some respects they appear to be at least as willing and capable of taking charge of their men in the field as our own present NCOs.

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(c) Rank and File

These appear to me excellent material, when given leadership. They have stood uncomfortable conditions cheerfully during training. They know how to look after themselves under such conditions until they get on the move at night when not so good. They need more practice at this. The average standard of intelligence is I think lower than with our own rank and file, but the standard of physical endurance and readiness to work long and patiently is certainly as good as with our own men. They picked up the handling of their new weapons quite well. They move across country fast and not stupidly: they show quite a fair knowledge of the use of ground. The accuracy of their rifle fire is poor, and the training of their snipers is not far advanced. They are very pleased with their battledress, and so far have managed to maintain a reasonably good turn out.

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Bren The handling of the weapon mechanically is well understood. Firing with it is quite creditable. More training is required in its tactical use, and fire control.

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Artillery

Gun control is good. Battery routine in getting into position is fairly good.

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Batteries are slow in getting on to the target, and control of fire is reported as "weak and ragged largely owing to lack of skill in maintaining certain intercommunication, and failure to decentralise"; although on the last regimental exercise this was reported as improving. Regimental concentrations have been fired with fair success, and batteries have fired frequently in support of infantry battalion exercises. Anti-tank and AA are both reported as good. The anti-tank battery put up a fine performance at the British School of Artillery.

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3. EQUIPMENT

MT The early perilous situation has been much improved by the incorporation of a number of skilled men obtained by MMA, and by long hours of intensive work by teams of instructors borrowed from Mechanics' School and Royal Artillery. Maintenance is weak but improving. Driving by the men who have been trained is quite fair, especially in convoy, and the fault of furious driving is less prevalent than with most Italian drivers. Before the Division is equipped to be completely mobile, a number more drivers should be trained, and we intend to do all we can at this at a Reinforcement Depot as soon as one can be established.

4. ENGINEERS They have been trained in Bailey Bridging, and in mine lifting and laying. Their work is satisfactory on the training ground, but they require opportunities for practical application under service conditions in co-operation with other troops. They are reported as less willing than the other arms to work hard at night or in bad weather. It is suggested that exercises should be held under these conditions.

5. SIGNALS Technically good. Care and maintenance appear to have been well learned. Here again driver training needs improving.

6. REME Until the last week or so there was a serious lack of any personnel with previous technical training. This has now been largely made up, and they appear keen and very ready to tackle the normal jobs of LADs and group workshops with reasonable efficiency.

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(b) Care of Equipment As one had feared, their ideas on this fell well below the necessary standard. This has been tackled with energy by the training officers and they report that at present it is improving. It will, however, need constant care and checking when they are under the more difficult conditions forward. The Artillery were reported weak in this respect.

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(c) Tactical Training How much of this was possible was necessarily determined largely by the time of receipt of G.1098 equipment. This was reasonably complete by the last week in October, by which time preliminary small-scale exercises had been carried out. The training has been confined generally to the directive agreed with AAI. Each unit has had two or more exercises in moving into and occupying a defensive position, and in carrying out counter-attacks up to a company level. There is still some clumsiness and occasional muddle in moving into a position by night, and the General is striving hard to improve this. The co-ordination of weapons in the defensive position by day is reported as reasonably good enough for A Tk. They dig themselves in speedily and well. Provided that the counter-attack is thoroughly explained and rehearsed, it appears to come on quite well. This has been done at first light.

(d) All Arms Co-operating An outstanding weakness in this training has been, of course, the lack of time for much training in co-operation between all arms. Evidently the Italian Army had no idea of what we know as a [illegible]

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Exercises on a battalion level with live ammunition and with 25-pdr and anti-tank guns fired in co-operation, point the need for two or three more such exercises before they operate advance formans. All have improved in this weakness, and in most cases have had time for "repeat" exercises, but I hope there will be time for still further repetition. I think the anti-tank layout needs improving, especially as the shooting of these guns is good.

(e) Patrolling

In addition to the above, a certain amount of training in patrolling has been done. The Italian Army are weak in this. Some improvement has been effected, and there is reasonable skill in the use of ground developing. Tighter control of fire during patrols is necessary, as well as stern suppression of a tendency to use a spectacular shower of 77 grenades to solve any tactical problem of a patrol. The will to capture or kill silently in enemy's patrols needs some emphasis. Reconnaissance patrols need more practice but they are keen observers with good eyes.

(f) Inf Tac

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SUGGESTIONS OFFERED FOR CONTINUED TRAINING

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(a) Repetition of moving a battalion and then a regiment into a defended sector by night after reconnaissance by day, with emphasis on the proper co-ordination of the various weapons.

(b) An exercise including protection of engineers while a gap is bridged and a minefield reconnoitred and cleared. A counter-attack by an enemy party should be produced to test what I suspect to be a weakness of the engineers, i.e. that their escort troops have not been trained properly in the use of their fire weapons.

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(c) A signal exercise in conjunction with the signals of a British formation. They are reported as technically good, but still weak on security and chattering.

(d) Continued efforts to train more MT drivers entrusted by the GSO II S/S T of the ELU, who has put in much good work on this.

ELU

Lt Col SOUTHEY was a first-rate choice for this, and he has a very good team. They have worked very hard, and the Italians have confidence in them. They will, however, have much to do in the forward area apart from training, and I suggest the Tac Headquarters be left with them, if the Corps Commander agrees, certainly until they have had their first week in forward positions.

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A.G. Kensington

Brig.,
D.M.I.

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MESSAGE FORM

From : MMIA Date - Time

To : 56 BLU, 50, 51, 52,53 BLUS. 10 1600 A
56 Area for DMT PENSOUTH for MMIS LO
207 Sub Area MMIA LO 54 AREA
3 District MMIA LO 56 BLU
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MINUTES OF RIU MEETING HELD AT AFHQ ON 30 NOV 1944.

Members Present: Major CALVALEY
Capt GOULD-ADAMS.
Capt DIXON
Capt PILKINGTON.
Capt MASEY.

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1. Capt GOULD-ADAMS asked for an Italian Appointments Code. Believed one has been produced.

2. Capt GOULD-ADAMS raised question of postings to make up deficiencies in CENTO.

Major CALVALEY explained that this is responsibility of 'A' Staff at Group and SHAEF. Major CALVALEY stated screening has been bad and he has found further specialists in incorrect jobs, he is arranging to get these posted to Groups.

3. Capt GOULD-ADAMS. Question of Tech Maint Secs.

Major CALVALEY explained 3 TM Secs being formed. 181, 182 and 183. One to each pair of Groups.

At moment only two of above have been allotted to Groups.

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Major CALVALEY instructed FOLGORE to send both old sets to MANTOVA. They are both valuable.

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6. Capt GOULD-ADAMS and Capt DIXON raised question of stores deficiencies.

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7. Capt GOULD-ADAMS. Question of Italian Procedure Pamphlet.

At present being vetted by AAI.

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8. Capt DIXON raised question of Sig Office procedure.

Major CALVALEY stated that a compromise must be made between Italian and British Sig Office organisation.

It was agreed that the Italian Poste Militare must only deal with SIS within the GMUPPI

All traffic outside the GMUPPI should go through British SIS.

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9. Question of wireless link ROME-BLU's was discussed.

LEGHORN will close on this link 302200 B hrs NOV.

FOLGORE opened at 011200 B hrs DEC.

Set at St. GEORGIA will be taken over by MANTOVA and set will close down. The set will remain closed until other detachment can be produced for MANTOVA.

10. Question of Italian Signal School.

Capt MASEY stated that instruction, though far from perfect, was as good as could be expected.

Stores situation at the School is fairly satisfactory.

11. Next conference arranged for 20th Dec 1944 at 1400 hrs AFHQ.

DISTRIBUTION:

BLU 52 LEGHORN (SO R. Sigs)	(1)
BLU 53 FOLGORE	(1)
BLU 54 MANTOVA	(1)
Capt MASEY, Italian Signal School, MOGERA.	(1)
MMIA, Major CALVARY.	(5)
Major SANDERSON.	(1)

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Subject:- 183 Technical Maintenance Section.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.M.L.A.)
SD/8/1
7 Dec 44

MINISTRY OF WAR.

Copy to:- 3 District
MMIA LO 3 District.
52 B.L.U.
53 B.L.U.

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2. You will organise the section on WE NA/829/1, copy of which you hold, with LEGNANO as parent unit (our SS 281 of 7 Nov refers). 3 District have already given instructions to 52 B.L.U. with regard to the necessary equipment.

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5. Reference MMIA SD/8/1 of 16 November 1944, 17 Mobile Workshops will be disbanded and its personnel become available as in para 3 above.

J. M. Ingledew. Lt-Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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2.F. Sub-Commission, A.C. (MMIA)

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SECRET

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SUBJECT:- Formation of New Units - MISC

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CR/1160/G-1(ER)(Ser. 1154)
5 Dec 44.

ITALIAN INCREMENT TO 'E' ELU 124

1. Reference AFHQ letter of even number (Ser.1141) of 1 Dec 44.

2. The above quoted letter will be amended as follows:-

In all cases : DELETE: 'Italian Increment to 'E' ELU'

INSERT: 'Italian Increment to 56 ELU'

By command of General,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

DISTRIBUTION:-
(as per CR/1160/G-1(ER)(Ser.0997) of 7 Nov 44)

Secrete au Sous-Chef de l'Etat-Major Général

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L. F. Sub-Commission A.C. (MMIA)

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SUBJECT:- Formation of New Units - Misc. S/SD/30

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CR/1160/G-1(BR)(Ser. 1141)
1 Dec 44.

'E' BRITISH LIAISON UNIT (FOR GRUPPI DI COMBATTIMENTI)
ITALIAN INCREMENT TO 56 HLU.

Reference AFHQ letter of even number (Ser.0997) dated 7 Nov 44.

1. A number has now been allotted to the above unit by the War Office, and the designation mentioned in the above quoted letter is therefore superseded.

2. The correct designation is:-

56 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT (FOR GRUPPI DI COMBATTIMENTI)
ITALIAN INCREMENT TO 56 HLU.

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For General,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

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MMIA 29

COMILIT CALABRIA per MMIA LO MANTOVA GRUPPO

SD 1858 CONFIDENTIAL

Advise exact number and location of all mules and horses now available to Italian Govn't from MANTOVA Div when disposal instructions will be issued by MMIA in conjunction with AC (.) Advise also total number of mules and horses already released to AC for civilians

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SUBJECT: Physically unfit soldiers of the Combat Groups

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/SD/3G
5 Dec 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

R 6/2

SMRE ref 9142/Mob. di prot. of 2 Dec.

1. The principle of transferring physically unfit soldiers from the Combat Groups to Labor units and replacing them with more suitable troops is agreed.

2. This is considered to be a SMRE internal administrative matter which they can handle themselves under the rft plan.

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for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
– Sezione Mobilitazione –

SEGRETO

N° 7842 /Mob. di prot. P.M.3800, il 2 dic. 1944

OGGETTO : Militari non idonei a reparti operanti.

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

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO GUERRA – Gabinetto – Ufficio C.A. P.M. 3800

Stacc.
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Alcuni militari appartenenti ai gruppi di combattimento, pur essendo di classe giovane e fisicamente idonei a reparti operanti, hanno dimostrato, durante il periodo addestrativo, poca attitudine ad essere utilmente impiegati nei gruppi di combattimento (analfabeti ecc.).

Tali elementi, viceversa, potrebbero rendere molto di più se fossero impiegati in reparti lavoratori.

In conseguenza questo S.M. propone di trasferire i militari suddetti al campo affluenza di Afragola e a quello degli Astroni per il successivo impiego in unità lavoratori, sostituendoli nei gruppi di combattimento con altri elementi di miglior rendimento.

Quanto sopra si prospetta alla spettabile M.M.I.A. con preghiera di voler far conoscere a questo S.M. [illegible] che riterrà di adottare in merito.

S.M.R.E. UFF. MTD.

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