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SUBJECT:- Summer Clothing

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3 District
Baseball Ext 115
052/2005 (G.)
26 Feb 49

DOS AME (GND 1)

Copy to:- 'Q'

MMIA 10
DADOS 56 NZU

1. It is almost certain that the MANTOVA Group will still be in this District at the time of the seasonal change into Summer Clothing.
2. Will you please indicate what action is to be taken to obtain Summer Clothing for this formation, and, if it is to be provided, the scale of issue and grade of clothing.

ADOS
for Col EDOS
(R. C. E. GREGG-JINS)

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MMIA IO DISTHREE

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ICF THE RTC CESANO DI ROMA

EA 222 (.) RESTRICTED (.) 51 Italian workshop personnel
dep AFRAGOLA 19 clothed as follows (.) BD blouses 50 (.)
BD trousers 50 (.) Boots 50 (.) socks prs 50 (.) shirts 50 (.)
drawers 50 (.) vests 41 (.) each man in possession of modified
H 1157

Routine

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21 FEB 1955

MEDY V LROF NR 2983 QVR &/5

FROM MMIA 201200 A

TO MINISTRY OF WAR

INFO AFHQ FOR G3 ORG

56 BLU

3 DISTRICT

3 DISTRICT FOG MMIA LO ✓

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SS 647 RESTRICTED

PLEASEMOVE 113 MOBILE X RAY UNIT 2 VEHICLES 1 OFFR 6 ORS FROM

SAN GIORGIO TO ROME EARLIEST FOG OVERHUL OF TECHNICAL APPRATUS

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MEDY V LACOF NR 2870 IMPORTANT

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FROM MMIA 201545 A
TO MINISTRY OF WAR

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AFHQ FOR G3 ORG

BLU RTC ICF

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CONVOY IS REQUIRED EARLIEST ~~15/2~~ TO SUPPORT LEGNANO AND FOLGORE •
PLEASE SEND SUITABLE PERSONNEL AS FOLLOWS TO ~~AM~~ SAN CIGORGIO FOR
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CESANO ONE ~~OFFICER~~ ONE SERJEANT FIVE CORPORALS FIVE DRIVER
MECHANICS 37 DRIVER S • MEDICAL PERSONNEL FROM ROME RESERVE
1 CORPORAL 5 ~~NR~~ NURSING ORDERLIES • WE VI/719/1 REFERS •
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CR/1116/G-1(BR) (~~SER1849~~ SER1849) OF 29 JAN AND 56 BLU 2/3 Q OF 18
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~~BT~~ MIDMARCH

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SENT CACC 1758 CAC "BA"

RD NR 1758 / / / / NR 2970 1758 PRD KKK

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URGENT: RECEIVED BY AIRMAIL 16

26 JAN

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100/10

100/10 of 3 Feb report

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3 District

MAIL 16

100/10

19 Feb 45

1. Approval has been given by AIRC for the immediate shipment of three 100s on 10/20/1 and 100/1 for the 100/10 Group.
2. Such value as are available in stock will be released immediately. The balance will be released when stocks arrive.
3. Records for Workshop C 1000 equipment may be placed on Report by AIRC.

John Lusk
ref

(S.L. 100/10) 6510

16 Feb noon

MEDY V LROF NR1094 IMPORTANT

QVR5

FROM MMIA 15/1730A

TO MINISTRY OF WAR

INFO OC 2 SUBA- DEPOT 557 BOD - RAAC - BLU RTC ICF -
3 DISTRICT FOR MMIA LO - PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO

GR62 BT

SD2288 RESTRICTED

DESPATCH 15 LORRIES OF NO 1 GT COMPANY 17 FEB TO NAPLES STAGING AFRAGOLA
NIGHT 17/18 FEB.. LORRIES WILL REPORT AT 0800 HRS 18 FEB TO NO W
SUB-DEPOT 557 BOD TO LOAD 14750 BLANKETS ~~FOR~~ FOR RTC ICF . VEHICLES
WILL RETURN TO CESANO EARLIEST . VEHICLES WILL MOVE IN TWO SEPARATE
PARTIES . FOR RAAC . YOUR OS/791/1000/954/1 OF 12 FEB REFERS

BT 15/1950A

SENT NR 1094 15/2030.- CP BB KK

RD 194 203 1 EL B

Q. HQ 3 DISTRICT
15 FEB 1945
FILE NO. 156613

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10 FEB Recd

DISPATCH

52 HJ

(AM) AMHQ
DATA TO

4 Vch Op
Ord (by hand)

CG 2926 (.) RESTRICED (.) 4 Vch Op report following still uncollected
despite instructions given in this HQ signals CG 2801 of 11 Jan and CG 2018 of
22 Jan (.) Carriers Tracked Towing qty 20 Carriers Universal qty 35 (.) request
immediate collection or conveying instructions (.) report if not now required
(.) AMHQ release A/VR/2825 refers

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SUBJECT: Establishment of INFANTRY GROUP

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3 District
BANGAL 16
650/6

3 Feb 45

1 (AS) AMV

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HSE
MIA 10

Ref your AMV/9193/1 (AM) of 27 Jan 45.

1. In order that repair facilities should be available to deal with wear and technical apt of the INFANTRY GROUP when such are released, it is recommended that 3 LAs out of the total of 6 which will form part of this Group, should be equipped immediately.
2. The three LA's recommended for immediate equipping are :-

1 for Artillery Regts	}	M/S/G/1 - MIA 130/1
1 for Infantry Regts		
1 for Regts and also jointly		
3. Italian personnel are now available and it is considered essential that the LA's learn the use of their apt at an early stage in the training programme, in order that they may be able to give more experienced service when called upon to deal with the Group's maintenance.
4. The remaining LA's and the main shops should be equipped by mid-March if it is intended to start the present programme of completing the Group's mobilisation by early April.
5. Considerable trouble has occurred with all previous Groups of Continental in that the Ital Shops have been unable to cope with the large demand put upon their resources chiefly on account of the lack of discipline. British Shops have been provided in addition, although it has always been intended that the Group of Continental should be self-supporting. It is considered that with sufficient discipline and time is available if the shops commence equipping now and it is considered that they will be able to fulfil their intended role. This is particularly important as no British Workshops are being made available for this Group.
6. May the necessary resources be given and also a priority allotted for equipping these LA's.

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Am. M. 4/4
L. J. G.
Genl
(A. A. 1000)

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BRITISH ARMY SECRET CIPHER MESSAGE IN .

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SERIAL 28943993/1/5/6/7/8

FROM MMIA

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TO MINISTRY WAR SIGNALS BENEVENTO FOR 53 BLU REAR 56 BLU MOV ROME MOV RH
EAST MOV VAIRANO

INFO AFHQ FOR G3 ORG AND MOV 15 ARMY GP MAIN 8 ARMY REAR 8 ARMY FOR MMIA LO
DISTHREE DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO 50 BLU 51 BLU RAAC MAIN 1 CDN CORPS
REAR 1 CDN CORPS ~~REAR~~ 86 AREA 3 BEACH GP MMIA LO ICFRTC MOVWIT MOVCENT
DISTONE DISTONE FOR MMIA LO

SECRET. SD 2194. SUBJECT IS MOVE OF 232 AND 230 PD HOSPS FROM TELESE AREA TO
UNDER COMMAND 8TH ARMY.

1. ONE PLATOON NUMBER 1 GT COY ~~50~~ VEHs WILL LEAVE CESANO 29TH JAN FOR FRASSO. 7
DAYS RATIONS WILL BE CARRIED. CONVOY COMMANDER WILL REPORT TO MOV ROME 28TH
JAN FOR TIMINGS. ON ARRIVAL OF CONVOY AT FRASSO COMMANDER WILL REPORT TO
MAJOR DESSY FOLGORO REAR HQ TELESE.
2. VEHICLES WILL BE LOADED PERSONNEL AND STORES OF 232 PD HOSP AND WILL BE DES-
PATCHED EARLIEST TO PANO UNDER ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE BETWEEN 53 BLU REAR AND
MOV VAIRANO. CONVOY COMMANDER WILL REPORT ~~BT~~ FOR ORDERS TO 3 BEACH GROUP KKMA
PESARO.
3. VEHICLES WILL THEN RETURN EARLIEST TO PIEDIMONTE D'ALIFE TO PICK UP 230 PD
HOSP UNDER ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE BETWEEN CONVOY COMMANDER AND MOVEMENTS RH
EAST RIMINI.
4. IN ABSENCE 53 BLU REAR 56 BLU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING MOVEMENTS 230
PD HOSP FROM PIEDIMONTE TO ESENA IN ~~CONJUNCTION~~ CONJUNCTION ~~MOV VAIRANO~~ MOV VAIRANO. CONVOY
COMMANDER WILL REPORT ON ARRIVAL TO 86 AREA RIMINI. ON DEPARTURE OF VEHICLES
FROM PIEDIMONTE 56 BLU WILL REPORT IF ANY PERSONNEL OR STORES OF ABOVE TWO
HOSPITALS REMAIN TO BE MOVED AND WILL RETURN ANY VEHICLES NOT REPEAT NOT RE-
QUIRED TO HQ 1 GT COY ROME.
5. ON COMPLETION OF ABOVE MOVES CONVOY COMMANDER WILL ARRANGE RETURN JOURNEY TO
ROME WITH MOVEMENTS RH EAST RIMINI.
6. AUTHORITY ABOVE MOVES IS AFHQ

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26/ Subject:- Italian Combat Groups- British Directives.

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3 District
Ext 5
766/G
26 Jan 45

MMIA LO ✓
227 Div LO

Herewith copy of Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(MMIA) S/G/29/33 18 Jan 45.

JPW/PL

Watson
(JP WATSON) Maj
for Lt Col
GS.

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Spain

SUBJECT: Italian Combat Groups - British Directives.

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Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.J.A.)
S/G/29/33
18 Jan 45.

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1. In continuation of my S/G/29/33 dated 16 Jan 45, herewith the following British Directives for Italian Combat Groups, for necessary action:

No 13	Reinforcements
No 20	Ordnance Equipment.
No 21	Supplies, Ammunition and P.O.L.

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spares 50.

W. P. Pridley Colonel
for Major General
M.M.J.A.

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GENERAL STAFF

FM No. 752
24 JAN 1945

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ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

BRITISH DIRECTIVE NO. 13 - REINFORCEMENTS

1. The provision, accommodation, training and allocation of reinforcements of all kinds for Combat Groups is the responsibility of SMRE within the terms of this Directive and with such help from MLLA as is required. The object at all times will be to keep Groups up to their approved strength with well-trained men of the required types without waste of manpower or material.
2. The Reinforcement Training Centre is located at CESANO station (15 miles N. W. of Rome).
3. All reinforcements for Combat Groups will be held on the strength of the Reinforcement Centre and will not exceed 15% of the authorised strength of the Combat Troops.
4. The Reinforcement Centre will be responsible for:-
 - (a) Testing, selection and allocation of suitable personnel to appropriate units within the Depot, according to their territorial physical, technical or personal qualifications for the various arms of the service and in suitable proportions to meet expected requirements.
 - (b) Documentation and administration in accordance with Italian Army Regulations.
 - (c) Equipment and clothing, in accordance with scales approved for the Combat Force.
 - (d) Training in basic, combat or technical duties, in accordance with standards laid down by Allied Comds (through the Allied Director of Military Training D.M.T.)
 - (e) Allocation to units in accordance with deficiencies reported.
5. Unit Commanders will inform Group HQ weekly by means of a strength state on the prescribed specimen of their deficiencies as follows:-
 - (a) Killed or died - from date of death.
 - (b) Wounded or sick - after 15 days or as soon as evacuated from the Group Field Hospital Area.

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2. The Reinforcement Training Centre is located at CESIMO station (15 miles N. W. of Rome).
3. All reinforcements for Combat Groups will be held on the strength of the Reinforcement Centre and will not exceed 15% of the authorised strength of the Combat Troops.
4. The Reinforcement Centre will be responsible for:-
 - (a) Testing, selection and allocation of suitable personnel to appropriate units within the Depot, according to their territorial physical, technical or personal qualifications for the various arms of the service and in suitable proportions to meet expected requirements.
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 - (a) Killed or died - from date of death.
 - (b) Wounded or sick - after 15 days or as soon as evacuated from the Group Field Hospital Area.
 - (c) Missing or absent - after 15 days absence.
 - (d) Permanently posted away from unit - from date of posting.

Reinforcements are not to be demanded to replace men on courses or away on temporary duty or attachment, or otherwise absent under 15 days.
6. Strength States and Deficiencies from units will be consolidated at Group HQ and sent weekly (on Saturdays) by quickest means to the R.T.C., copies being sent to S.M.R.E. and to the HQU concerned. Special demands in the case of heavy casualties may be made at any time.

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7. The R.T.C. Commander will normally supply the reinforcements demanded without further authority as far as he is able. If there are not enough available reinforcements he will apply (through his Liaison Officer) to M.M.I.A. for a decision on priorities.
8. Movement of reinforcements from R.T.C. to units will be the responsibility of M.M.I.A. Liaison Officer at the R.T.C. who will receive instructions on this matter from HQ M.M.A. Transit Camps may be established in forward areas to facilitate this. Normally a basic allocation of 200 men per Group per week will be allotted on railways to cover anticipated demands; extra rail or road transport being provided as necessary.
9. The number of reinforcement held in the R.T.C. will be shown each week on a statement to be sent by the R.T.C. Commander to S.M.R.E. and to the Liaison Officer for forwarding to M.M.I.A.. This will form the basis for enlistment for further men and will show the numbers of reinforcements:-
 - (a) authorised.
 - (b) present
 - (c) available for posting.
 - (d) received during past week.
 - (e) despatched during past week.It will be similar in form to that used by units and Group HQ for demanding reinforcements.
10. Replenishment of the R.T.C. is the responsibility of the Ministry of War after such consultations with M.M.A. regarding recalls, and calling up as are needed to maintain the authorised holding of reinforcements. In planning for this, consideration will be given to the anticipated wastage due to all causes, to returns from hospital, imprisonment or other absence, and to the yield of various districts, so that strength may be maintained without exceeding the authorised ceiling.

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ITALIAN COMBAT FORCES.BRITISH DIRECTIVE No 29. ORDNANCE EQUIPMENT.1. ORGANISATION.

Each Combat Group H.Q. has an Ord Field Park which is responsible for supplying (and replacing parts to) all vehicles, guns and technical equipment. In addition there is an Ordnance 'Dump' through which are obtained all supplies of clothing and general stores. Stocks of technical spares are held in the Field Park on approved scales which may not be exceeded. There is a small holding of clothing and General Stores in the 'Dump'.

Indents for spares and replacements when received are either met from existing holdings or passed to a larger Ordnance unit or installation for supply. Indents and correspondence on Ordnance matters addressed to British Army authorities outside the Combat Group will be sent by or through the British Ordnance Officer (B.L.O.S.) on the Staff of the P.L.U. This officer is responsible for the technical supervision of all Ordnance Supply matters.

2. ENTITLEMENT OF ORDNANCE STORES.

Combat Group personnel and units will be clothed and equipped in accordance with scales laid down in 'Normal Equipment Lists' for an Italian Combat Group, which are common to all units, and 'Special Equipment Lists' which show scales of Special Equipment for particular units.

3. METHOD OF REPLACEMENT.(a). Controlled Stores. (published list is held by D.A.D.O.S.).

Losses of controlled stores such as vehicles, guns, wireless sets, etc., must be reported to D.A.D.O.S. daily as they occur. A certificate to the effect that equipment is beyond local repair, signed by a R.E.M.E. officer, must accompany subsequent indents. D.A.D.O.S. publishes lists, amended from time to time as necessary, showing controlled stores which must be so reported.

(b). Non-controlled Stores.

M.T. stores, wireless and signi spares and gun spares are obtainable from the Ordnance Field Park on production of the unserviceable part.

(c). General.

Items of clothing and equipment will be replaced when they are worn out or are destroyed by enemy action. Indents must be submitted by units on Army Form C 997, in triplicate. These should be in bulk and rendered monthly. A list of stores to be replaced for in bulk is established by D.A.D.O.S. of B.L.U.

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4. GENERAL.

D.A.D.O.S. publishes instructions as necessary giving detailed instructions, e.g. when bulk indents must be rendered, lists of various controlled stores etc. He acts as adviser on all matters of supply of Ordnance Equipment and should be consulted in any case of doubt.

5. CONDEMNATION.

General stores (other than clothing) which become unserviceable will be sent to the Ordnance 'Dump' for condemnation. Such stores may be condemned only on the authority of the British D.A.D.O.S. or his representative. Clothing may be condemned by the Officer Commanding unit, and will be returned to D.A.D.O.S. 'Dump' when condemned.

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ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

BRITISH DIRECTIVE NO. 21 - SUPPLIES, AMMUNITION & POL.

1. ORGANISATION WITHIN GROUPS

(a) Each Combat Group is allotted one Supply and Transport Company (Trasporti e rifornimenti) for the carriage and delivery to units of the Group of the rations, ammunition and petrol and lubricants, and also to hold certain reserves of certain commodities. This transport is known as 2nd Line Transport.

(b) The Supply and Transport Company is organised as follows:-

i. Company H.Q. 3 Transport Platoons, each of 30-3 ton vehicles, subdivided into 5 Sections, each of 6-8 ton vehs.

ii. 2 Composite Platoons containing the technical and other personnel needed for the receipt, handling, storage, issue and accounting of rations, ammunition and petrol and lubricants.

One platoon will always operate with the Company. The Second Platoon is to reinforce existing Allied installations and may therefore be detached from the Company, although remaining under command.

iv. 3 Relief Driver Increments of which 1 R.D.I. is allotted to each Transport Platoon and contains personnel for duty as relief drivers and also for loading duties.

(c) A Workshop Platoon of the Mechanical Engineer Company is attached containing the mobile equipment and technical personnel necessary to repair and maintain the vehicles of the Company, plus any other vehicles which may be affiliated to the Company for maintenance, e.g. Vehicles of Division H.Q.

(d) In addition each Combat Group is supported by a small Field Bakery intended as an increment to Allied field bakeries, but capable of operating independently.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES OF COMMANDER

The Officer Commanding the Supply and Transport Company is responsible:-

(a) To the Group Commander for the operation, administration and general and technical efficiency of his unit.

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The Officer Commanding the Supply and Transport Company is responsible:-

- (a) To the Group Commander for the operation, administration and general and technical efficiency of his unit.
- (b) To advise the Group Commander on technical matters connected with the operation of his service, e.g. Vehicle Loadings, handling of rations, storage and handling of ammunition and petrol, carriage of troops by M.T. etc.
- (c) To administer his service within the Group in accordance with the policy and technical instructions issued by higher command.

3. SUPPLY & REPLENISHMENT IN FORWARD AREAS

(a) Reserves

1. Each unit in the Group holds certain authorised reserves of rations, ammunition and POL known as Unit or 1st. Line Reserves.

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ii. The supply and transport company holds other authorised reserves of rations etc. known as 2nd. Line Reserves.

iii. Further reserves are held at every link of the supply chain.

(b) Principle of Replenishment

The principle is that anything expended by a unit, is replaced from the 1st. Line reserve, which in turn is replenished from the 2nd Line reserve held by the Supply and Transport Company. The latter then restores its authorised reserve holdings by drawing from its own source of supply.

(c) Transport

Transport in the forward areas may normally fall into three classes:-

i. The transport of the fighting units known as 1st Line transport.

ii. The Supply and Transport Company, known as 2nd Line transport.

iii. A Transport Pool which may be formed under Army command.

These three classes operate as follows:-

1st Line Transport. Carries everything the unit needs to fight and live and transports replenishment supplies received from 2nd Line transport.

2nd Line Transport. Responsible for transport between the point at which delivery is made to 1st Line transport and the point at which the supply and transport company draws what it needs to maintain the Division.

Army Transport Pool. Responsible for transport of supplies forward from the Line of Communication Terminal to the point at which the Supply and Transport Company takes delivery.

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4. THE SUPPLY SYSTEM - BASE TO 2nd LINE

i. Supplies of all commodities from the Base normally arrive daily at the Terminal of the L of C transportation system at a point called the HEAD, which may be a Rail, Road or Sea - HEAD, dependent upon the means of transportation employed.

ii. At the Head is established a Maintenance Area known as the Rail/Road/Sea Head Maintenance Area.

Under suitable operational conditions the Supply and Transport Company draws its requirements direct from this Maintenance Area, on a Time Table.

iii. In Mobile Operations and where the Rail Head Maintenance Area is too far back a Forward Maintenance Area may be established under Corps Control from which the Supply and Transport Company would draw its requirements.

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iv. If no forward Maintenance Area is established and the Rail-head Maintenance Area is too far back to enable the supply and transport company to draw direct then the requirements of the supply and transport company will be taken forward by the Army Transport Pool to an agreed point known as the Refilling Point, where they will be transferred to the supply and transport company.

5. THE SUPPLY SYSTEM - 2ND LINE TO UNITS

i. Where the distances between the forward units and the supply and transport company is not great, e.g. not more than about 10-15 Km., 1st Line vehicles from units may come back to the supply and transport company to draw what is required.

ii. Where this distance is more than 15 Km. it is normal for the supply and transport company to carry supplies to within easy reach of the forward units.

When this is done transfers of supplies from 2nd Line Vehicles to 1st Line vehicles are effected at definite map reference locations known as POINTS.

There are normally separate POINTS as follows:-

(a) ammunition points

Normally hold ammunition of all types to a scale laid down by the staff and whilst established remains open 24 hours a day.

As vehicles of the supply and transport company at the A.P. are emptied they are automatically replaced by full vehicles from the company location.

(b) Petrol Points

Normally hold a fixed amount of P.O.L. and are usually established daily for a definite period (usually about 2 hours).

Forward units collect P.O.L. in their own 1st Line Transport.

(c) Supply Points

Rations, mail, and other small stores are normally taken to Supply points daily in supply and transport company vehicles as previously prepared detail loads for each unit, which normally collects in its own 1st Line transport.

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6. DETAILED SUPPLY ARRANGEMENTS

(a) Rations

On Day "D"

i. The unit makes out a ration indent three days ahead, and hands it to the supply and transport company representative when the unit goes to collect rations indented for previously.

ii. The supply and transport company summarizes all units' indents and sends a copy of this summary to the Maintenance

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Area from which the company draws its requirements. This acts as a demand on the Maintenance Area.

On Day "D" plus 1

i. The supply and transport company vehicles go to the Maintenance Area (or Refilling Point) and draws the rations demanded on Day "D". These are issued in bulk by the Maintenance Area based on the summary demand.

ii. The supply and transport company vehicles go back to the company location, or other suitable location, and break down the bulk received from the Maintenance Area into separate parcels for each unit, based on the units' indents.

This process is known as Breaking Bulk and the point at which the work is done is known as the Bulk Breaking Point.

On Day "D" plus 2

i. The supply and transport company delivers the rations to the various units at an agreed map reference location known as a Supply Point. Units' 1st Line vehicles come to this Point and draw their rations, or

ii. Units' 1st Line vehicles come to the supply and transport company location itself and receive their rations there, if more convenient.

On Day "D" plus 3

The units eat the rations.

(b) Retrol

A unit does not indent in advance for FOL but sends daily to the Retrol Point (see para 5(ii) (b)), sufficient vehicles to draw in bulk what FOL is needed to refill vehicle/tanks and restore the 1st Line Reserve. An estimate of the Groups probable requirements should be obtained by the Company Commander from the Commissariat Branch at the Group HQ. This will enable the Company Commander to know how many vehicles he need to send to the Retrol Point.

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Ammunition Points are established as stated in para 5 and a unit can draw what it needs at any time.

In emergency any unit can draw ammunition from any Ammunition Point.

ii. If expenditure of artillery ammunition is expected to be heavy, gun ammunition may be dumped in quantity at, or close to, gun positions by the Second Line Company (even assisted by Army Pool Transport if necessary). This process is known as a Dumping programme.

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7. MISCELLANEOUS STORES

Forage; fuel for lighting, heating and cooking; disinfectants; water sterilization chemicals; extra rations for invalids; mail; parcels; small engineer stores; small ordnance stores; canteen stores; water, where necessary, and reserves of clothing etc are carried and delivered to forward units by the supply and transport company in accordance with the general principles and system outlined in the foregoing paragraph.

8. CARRIAGE OF TROOPS BY MOTOR TRANSPORT

The supply and transport company of the Combat Groups does not consist of a number of vehicles allocated to specific purposes. It is, in effect, a pool of transport which divisional or higher formation Commanders may use for any required task.

One of the more frequent uses is to lift marching personnel, in regard to which the following points should be noted:-

(a) The transport platoon of 30 vehicles will carry the marching personnel of an infantry battalion.

(b) The following division of responsibilities governs arrangements for the movement of troops by M.T.

i. The Group Hq Staff is responsible for issuing complete orders for the move, which will include the running speed; density of vehicles on the road; halts; routes; traffic control posts etc, and for nominating an officer to command the column.

ii. The supply and transport company is responsible for providing the necessary vehicles; arrival at en-bussing points at the right time and in the right order of vehicles; serial numbering of all vehicles and for the move; providing spare vehicles; making arrangements to deal with breakdowns; march discipline.

iii. The appointed column Commander is the deciding authority in all matters during the move, but will avoid interference with the technical matters concerning the operation of the transport and will consult the officer in charge of the vehicles on all points affecting their proper operation.

iv. The officer in charge of the vehicles is responsible

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iv. The officer in charge of the vehicles is responsible for technical control; march discipline; dealing with breakdowns; and maintaining correct speeds and density. He is NOT responsible for leading the column to its correct destination. This responsibility lies with the appointed Column Commander.

v. The officer in charge of the vehicles has not committed his duty immediately troops have been debussed, but remains under command of column Commander until the latter states that the move is completed. If, however, no previous dispersal orders have been issued, the officer in charge of the vehicles will remain under command the column Commander until such orders are received.

Lt. Col.
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT: WE Committee Meeting

227 Div -
230 Div -
53 HLN
56 HLN

MEMO TO
227 Div LO

RESTRICTED

3 District
Ext 5
802/3

25 Jan 45

The following extracts from Minutes of AFHQ War Establishment Committee Meeting No 162 held on 1 Jan, are forwarded for information.

Addition to minutes of meeting No. 132

1510 AN ITALIAN FIELD HOSPITAL

Notes Lorry, 3-ton, 4 x 2 Diesel-engine
Type (from Italian resources) - 1

Will be promulgated as Amendment No 1 w.e.f. 6 Jan 45.

File: 753/Orig-3

W. Martin
(JP SECTION) Major
for Lt Col

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SUBJECT:- Returned Vehs

Q(AE) AFHQ

MMIA LO
Ord

3 District
BASEBALL 16
650/6 Q

25 Jan 45

Further to this HQ 650/6 Q of 20 Jan 45.

A third report on vehs handed in by 53 BLU is forwarded for your information.

WM/two

B.K. Michaelson
Maj Gen
COMA
(B.K. MICHAELSON)
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SUBJECT: Vehicles ex 53 B.I.U.

Ref: 15 PK/25/A1.

G.O.
38 Veh Coy., BAGO., CEF.

Copy to: H.Q. 3 District
C.C. No. 4 Vehicle Group
M.M.F.A.

1. Further to my 15PK/25/17 dated 8.1.45, and 15PK/25/33 dated 18.1.45, on above subject.
2. Herewith further reports for your information and necessary action please.
3. Carrier Universal Mk. 1 WD No 57781 Mileage 1,401.

Driving axle was completely stripped out, the only part remaining being the casing, which was in the back of another Carrier. Tracks are deficient, and the whole suspension heavily cannibalised. Two complete bogie units are deficient, and the others are insecure. Impossible to inspect the driver's compartment owing to the back plate and other components being inside. Engine block only remains. Electrical system heavily cannibalised.

4. Carrier Lloyd Towing WD No 249767 Mileage 269.

Driving axle completely stripped out, casing only remaining. Tracks deficient. Engine and electrical system heavily cannibalised.

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Bedford 3 ton 4 x 2 CS	WD No 4577235	Mileage 7,969
Austin 30 cwt 4 x 2 Ash	WD No 1209796	" 9,261
Dodge 3 ton 4 x 2 CS	WD No 5313625	" 18,078
Dodge 3 ton 4 x 2 CS	Chas No 94089364	" 13,544

Each of the above vehs has the radiator and cooling badly damaged. It is undoubtedly due to the fact that no care has been taken over towing these vehs. None of these vehs has a door handle, and the engine and electrical systems are very heavily cannibalised. No effort has been made to remove the components by the correct method, consequently other parts of the vehs are badly damaged.

6. Bedford 3 ton 4 x 4 Troop Carrier WD No 360333.

This vehicle has all the leather stripped completely out. The vehicle has apparently been used for the haulage of rubble and ballast. The body is in a u/s condition, and the rear cross member of the chassis has been pulled right away from the side members, this being caused by bad towing purposes. Though the above vehicles are only 8,000

3. Carrier Universal Mk. 1 WD No 57761 Mileage 1481.

Driving axle was completely stripped out, the only part remaining being the casing, which was in the back of another carrier. Tracks are deficient, and the whole suspension heavily cannibalized. Two complete bogie units are deficient, and the others are insecure. Impossible to inspect the driver's compartment owing to the back plate and other components being inside. Engine block only remains. Electrical system heavily cannibalized.

4. Carrier Lloyd Towing WD No 219767 Mileage 282.

Driving axle completely stripped out, casing only remaining. Tracks deficient. Engine and electrical system heavily cannibalized.

Bedford 3 ton 4 x 2 GS WD No 4877235 Mileage 7,969
 Austin 30 cwt 4 x 2 Amb WD No 1209756 " 9,264
 Dodge 3 ton 4 x 2 GS WD No 5313625 " 18,078
 Dodge 3 ton 4 x 2 GS Chas No 91089361 " 13,544

Each of the above vehs has the radiator and cowling badly damaged. This is undoubtedly due to the fact that no care has been taken over towing these vehs. None of these vehs has a door handle, and the engine and electrical systems are very heavily cannibalized. No effort has been made to remove the components by the correct method, consequently other parts of the vehs are badly damaged.

6. Bedford 3 ton 4 x 4 Troop Carrier WD No 560333.

This vehicle has all the leather stripped completely out. The vehicle has apparently been used for the haulage of rubble and ballast. The body is in a u/s condition, and the rear cross member of the chassis has been pulled right away from the side members, this being caused by bad anchorage for towing purposes. Though the speedo reading is only 8,000 miles, this veh has had to be made Class VI owing to its useless condition.

7. Austin 30 cwt 4 x 2 Ambulance WD Nos 1209768 & 1209756.

All the leather and rubber fittings in these ambulances has been completely stripped out, also the portable fittings inside the body.

Field.
 24 Jan 45.

(Sgd) 777777777 Capt., RACG.
 O.C., 15 P.V.R.,
 38 Vehicle Coy., RACG, CME.

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DA COMILI CALABRIA 01/259

AT GUERRA GABINETTO

AT STAMAGGIORE OPERAZIONI

AT STAMAGGIORE ORDINAMENTO

AT 3 DISTRETTO NAPOLI ***** Già inoltrato da ILO

AT COMANDO TERRITORIALE PALERMO

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MESSINA.

D'ordine Castamaggiore CM DURANTI

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(Sgd) EAHSCODNIN Lt Col.

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SUBJECT:- Battle Dress

10 Trg Team RA (for Italian Forces)

NTIA LO

Ref your 1/111 of 18 Jan 45.

1. Channel of supply of clothing for these BR-ITIS is through the parent unit at OSSANO if they are Combat tps or through 227 Div if they are a service unit.
2. You are requested to contact Maj GELARDI at ICF Hq Trg Centre OSSANO who will advise on the procedure to be adopted.

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BASEBALL 16
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22 Jan 45

Ruman Maj.
+ Col
DA & CMG
(J. NUTTALL)
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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

Subject:- Italian Combat Groups-British Directives.

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MMIA LO
227 Div LO

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Ext 5
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20 Jan 45

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Herewith copy of land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(MMIA) S/G/29/33 16 Jan 45.

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Watson
(JP WATSON) Maj
for Lt Col
GS.

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SUBJECT: Italian Combat Groups - British Directives.CONFIDENTIAL.

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/29/33
16 Jan 45.

To: Ministry of War (2 copies).

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Major General.
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ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

BRITISH DIRECTIVE No. 1 - GENERAL - SCOPE.

(Issued by M.M.I.A.)

1. OBJECT OF BRITISH DIRECTIVES.

New that the Italian Army is cooperating with the Allied Forces in combat and is receiving arms, ammunition and equipment from them, it is necessary to coordinate its methods of training and administration with those of the Allies so as to make cooperation really effective. For this reason short Directives are being prepared by Allied Headquarters.

2. SCOPE OF DIRECTIVES.

Directives will be confined to Basic principles and are intended to introduce into the Italian system only such changes as are needed to ensure uniformity essential to the achievement of the object in view.

Directives will deal with the following subjects: -

- (a) Organisation - The strength, composition and functions of units.
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Personal Services	Equipment
Accommodation	Transportation.

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3. USE OF DIRECTIVES.

Directives will be translated by the Ministry of War and made known to all officers of the Combat Force; relevant parts may also be communicated to commanders of other formations and units of the Italian Army if considered applicable.

- 4. AN INDEX TO DIRECTIVES (as far as at present contemplated) is as follows:

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ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

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ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

BRITISH DIRECTIVE NO. 2 (ORGANISATION)

Issued by M.M.I.C.

1. All Units of the Combat Force will be organised in accordance with the authorised and published War Establishment (Organised).
2. The numbers of officers and men in units will NOT exceed those authorised. Units will be maintained at as near full strength as possible, in accordance with the directive on REINFORCEMENTS. Personnel from sources outside the authorised strength of the Combat Force are NOT to be attached to Combat Force units without Allied (M.M.I.C.) approval.
3. (a) The function of the various fighting units will follow normal Italian practice with such modifications as are from time to time ordered to ensure uniformity in action with Allied Forces.
(b) The functions of service units and administrative personnel, especially those concerned with the distribution, replacement, recovery and repair of equipment must necessarily be modified to a greater extent to conform to Allied procedure.
4. Basic modifications will be made known in the appropriate directives and through British Liaison Officers of the Services concerned. In outline they are as follows:-
(a) Military Police (C.C.M.P.) are primarily to enforce discipline and control traffic. Traffic control and sign posting methods will be those taught at the British C.M.P. School.
(b) Medical Sections (Sezioni Sanitarie) an Italian equivalent is being used and sick and wounded will be evacuated through Italian Hospitals. Italian procedure will remain unchanged. Medical stores will be repaired through British Channels in accordance with the Directive on Medical Services.
(c) The officer commanding the Ordnance Field Park (Deposito Motile) will be responsible for the supply and replacement of guns, vehicles and technical material which in the Italian Army is the responsibility of the user service. Materials Officer will similarly be responsible for clothing and general stores. Method of demanding replacements will be laid down in the ordnance directives.
- (d) The O.C. Mechanical Engineer (Ufficio meccaniche) will be responsible for the recovery and repairs to all vehicles, machinery and technical equipment so far as his facilities permit. Major repairs or repairs outside his area will be referred to British Liaison Officers.

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(e) The Supply and Transport Coy (Trasporto e rifornimenti) will be responsible for:-

- (i) Supply of rations, petrol oil and fuel and forage.
- (ii) Transport of all supplies, stores and ammunition outside the scope of units.

The load-carrying vehicles of this Coy may be used by the Group Commander for carrying personnel or material as necessary within the limits laid down in the Supply and Transport Directive.

5. Auxiliary Units of Italian personnel are provided to augment the Italian Services behind the fighting zone. They will be organized and will function on the same principles as above.

6. Reinforcements will be obtained, trained, equipped and posted to units in accordance with the Directive on Reinforcements.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

BRITISH DIRECTIVE No. 3 - COMMAND and LIAISON

(Issued by M.M.I.A.)

1. Italian Combat Groups will operate under Allied Command, for all purposes except Internal Administration, as soon as their reorganisation is complete. Being organised on a Divisional basis, they will normally be placed (either singly or together) under command of a British Corps in the forward area or of a British District in rear. They may, however, be used as part of any formation or in any way considered advisable by the Allied C. in C.
2. Auxiliary Units of the Combat Force will similarly be placed under orders of appropriate Allied HQ or temporarily attached to Combat Groups if the administrative situation requires it.
3. Internal Administration, which means the control of matters affecting units or personnel in their role as an integral part of the Italian Army, will be the direct responsibility of the Ministry of War; any questions in which the Allies are concerned being dealt with by or through M.M.I.A.
4. A British Liaison Unit (BLU) is appointed to the HQ of each Combat Grp to act as the channel of communication in both directions for all matters between the Group Commander and Allied Headquarters. The officer in charge of the BLU will be responsible for passing all orders from appropriate Allied commanders to his Group Commander. Where action required is indicated in general terms only, or by a statement of policy, the Oi/c BLU will be responsible for defining or amplifying the general orders so as to ensure attainment of their object. In this respect the Oi/c BLU is a Staff Officer of the Allied Commander concerned and orders coming through him will be regarded as having the authority of that Allied Commander.
5. Administrative Services are as represented in the BLU by appropriate officers; technical matters pertaining to such services will be dealt with by these officers acting as the channel of communication between Allied and Italian services in these matters. 6485
6. A MMIA Liaison Officer is attached to each BLU, and is the channel of communication and adviser on all matters of internal administration (as defined in para 3). His decisions will be regarded as having the authority of the Director MMIA.

S-E-C-R-E-T

Subject: - RAIL MOVEMENT ORDER
POLGORE ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

HQ Movements
West Italy
CMF

Q(M)R/A/11
20 Jan 1945

1. Reference AFHQ signals EX 82153 of 9 Jan 45, EX 86928 of 18 Jan 45 and 3 District SD 29 of 10 Jan 45.

2. POLGORE Italian Combat Group will move from TELESE to area ASQUOLI-TERAMO B 75. Details of road move form subject of separate movement order.

Rail party, strength 5,450 all ranks, with kits only, and 223 light tracked vehicles will move in 9 special trains to CRTONA from 25 - 31 Jan (incl). Train programme is shown at Appendix 'A' to this Order.

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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.

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.

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

JHL/RF

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G4 (Mov & In) 4RHQ	(2)	61 Area	53 BLU (Teloso)	(3)
HQ 15 Army Group	(3)	209 Sub Area	PES South	
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W.H. Lester
 (J.H. LESTER) CAPT.
 ROR LT.COL.
 A.O.M.G.(M).

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RAIL MOVE OF FOLGORE ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

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Train No	Entraining Station	Strength of Personnel (all ranks)	Vehicles (Carriers)	No of box cars required	No of flats (low-gons) required	To be placed for loading	Loading to be complete	De
1	BENEVENTO	112	56	4	28	PM 24	251645	25
2	TELESE CERRETO	1000		35		260800	261245	26
3	TELESE CERRETO	1000		35		270800	271445	27
4	BENEVENTO	112	56	4	28	PM 26	271645	27
5	TELESE CERRETO	1000		35		280300	281445	28
6	TELESE CERRETO	1000		35		290800	291445	29
7	BENEVENTO	112	56	4	28	PM 28	291645	29
8	TELESE CERRETO	1000		35		300800	301445	30
9	BENEVENTO	112	55	4	28	PM 30	311645	31

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RAIL MOVE OF POLCORE ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPAPPENDIX 'A'

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	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		280900	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:-- Returned Vehs - 53 BLU

Q(AE) AFHQ

MMIA LO
Ord

3 District
BASEBALL 46
650/6 Q

20 Jan 45

Further to this HQ letter 650/6Q of 10 Jan 45.

Herewith a second report on vehs handed in by 53 BLU for your information.

WJC/rwo

Hubertford Mc
A Maj Gen
Comd
(W.L. CAMPBELL)

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C O P Y

SUBJECT: Vehicles Handed in by R.I.V.

Ref: 15PK/25/33.

C.O.
38 Vehicle Coy, RAOC, CMF

Copies to : HQ No. 3 District
O.C. No. 4 Vehicle Group
M.M.I.A.

1. Further to my 15PK/25/17 dated 8/1/45.
2. Two further vehicles have been inspected by me to-day, and the following are the results :-

Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 GS Dodge WD No. 5652732 Mileage 10,000

Front end of chassis damaged.
Front of vehicle smashed in.
Body tool boxes deficient.
Instrument panel cannibalised.
Left hand rear tyre and tube deficient.
This vehicle had been towed for about 40 miles on the wheel rim, with consequent damage to rim and differential housing.

Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 GS Dodge WD No. 5372105 Mileage 10,000

Front end of vehicle very badly damaged.
Engine heavily cannibalised and components replaced haphazardly, without any attempt having been made to secure them.
This vehicle, too, had been towed for a considerable distance on the rear wheel rims with consequent damage to rims and differential housing.

It is obvious from inspection of these vehicles that much of the damage caused to them must be considered as wilful, and I would suggest that very strong steps should be taken.

In this present condition it is a sheer waste of time to issue the vehicles for re-equipping No 5 Italian Combat Group, and I suggest that they be passed through for repair in the normal way.

May I have your observations please.

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(Sgt) 7777 Capt., R.A.O.C.
O.C. 15 R.V.P.
38 Vehicle Coy, RAOC, CMF.

Field 18 Jan 45.

Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 GS Dodge WB No. 5652752 Mileage 10,000

Front end of chassis damaged.
Front of vehicle smashed in.
Body tool boxes deficient.
Instrument panel dismantled.
Left hand rear tyre and tube deficient.
This lorry had been towed for about 40 miles on the wheel rim, with consequent damage to rim and differential housing.

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(Sgd) 77777 Capt., R.A.O.C.
O.C. 15 R.V.P.
33 Vehicle Coy, RACC, CEF.

Field 18 Jan 45.

ARMY FORM C1136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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Srl. No.

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Transmission Instructions

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TO	IA (W) For Information (INFO)		Message Instructions GR

Originator's No.

DA 164 (.) DISTANCE has had orders for fan of
 following POP units (.) 83 91 231 292 and 964 Italian Pd
 troops 387 Italian Ord Coy (.) please give locns these should
 form also details if any are already partly or wholly formed

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ARMY FORM C216 (Small)

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	For Action		
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TO	(W) For Information (INFO)		
		Message Instructions	CR

Originator's No.

EA 763 (1) ref you 764/G of 18
 (1) NO

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BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT

WIRELESS

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fall into enemy hands, this mes-
sage must be sent in cipherORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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18/1
SUBJECT:- Italian Army Unit - Provision of Personnel

A
NAME
MILIA TO

FO
3 District
Ext 5
76/8

18 Jan 45.

Att is copy of MILIA SD 2106 of 17 Jan.

Will addressees please state whether they wish any comments forwarded urgently to AFHQ before the AFHQ decision is given.

J. Watson

(JP WATSON) Major
for Lt Col
G S

COPY MESSAGE

FROM: NMIA
TO: AFHQ G-3(ORG)
INFO: DISTHREE. 12 ABW MOLFETTA (54 AREA PSE PASS) 54 AREA for NMIA LO

SD 2106. SMOHST.

Subject is 953 ITALIAN W/SHOPS COY now att'd to 12 ABW MOLFETTA. Formation order to form as 391 W/Shops Coy was cancelled by your GR/1116/G 1 (BRIT) (serial 1109) of 27th Nov. Understand personnel of this unit were earmarked COMBAT GROUPS and proposed moving to CESANO to provide reinforcements for forward groups and personnel for proposed 2 LAD's of RTCICF. 12 ABW reports to NMIA LO 54 AREA that this unit is essential to continue present work on sub assembly. AFHQ ME/1 A/1937 of 11 Jan also refers. Please give decision as to whether unit is to go COMBAT GROUPS or to be kept in present occupation.

FDR

IMPORTANT

17/4
SUBJECT:- Disposal of Surplus Tpt

52 H.U

MDIA LO
Ord

3 District
BASEBALL 16
650/6 Q

16 Jan 45

See instructions below in
this subject

Ref your Q/7/38 of 9 Jan 45 and AFHQ/8118/1/Q(AE) of 14 Jan 45.
Please notify this HQ immediately the vehs have been handed in
to the Veh Pk.

W30/two

Col
DA & QHQ
(W. J. CANTRE)

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NEDY V LROF NR9519 IMPORTANT T
FROM MMIA 151730A
TO MMIA LO DISTHREE
QOX GR27

SS556

RESTRICTED

REFERENCE YOUR EA 156 OF 13 JAN (.) NO COPIES OF AFHQ MINUTES DMT/
87/MTI

OF 9 AVAILABLE (.) HQ DISTHREE HAS TWO COPIES (.) SUGGEST YOU ASK AFHQ

SENT BWH NR9519
RECD NR 9519 LOCKE 2340 A KKK



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From:- COMILIT CALABRIA 141630 A

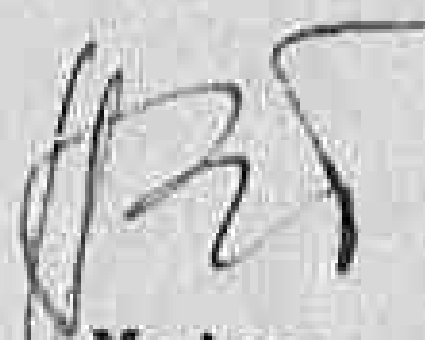
To:- DISTHREE

01/167 (.) 2 BN 46 INF REGT as stated in my 01/146 of 13 is still in SILA area where heavy falls of snow are making relief extremely difficult (.) It is confirmed that 2 BN 46 INF REGT will not be available for move to SICILY if weather does not improve (.) Letter follows (.) signed DE SIMONE

G.

From MMIA LO

3DLO/26
15 Jan 45.


Major,
MMIALO,
3 District.

MEDY V LROF NR 9230 QVR3, T MERM QVR3 T MAED QVR3

FROM (A) M.M.I.A. 141800.

TO AFHQ FOR G1 (BR) G3 ORD MOV

INFO HQ 15 ARMY GROUP - DISTHREE - DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO - 52 AREA FOR

MMIA LO - 54 AREA FOR MMIA LO - ICF RFT TNG CENTRE MMIA LO

- PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO

GR --- BT

SD 2094 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS REMAINS TO COMPLETE

MOVE OF PICENO GP (.) ALL TO ICF RTC CESANO AS RFTS (.) FIRST (.) BY
RAIL FROM TARANTO AREA (.) A (.) FROM MARTINA FRANCA (.) HQ AND CC RR

STR 24 OFFRS 250 ORS 25 TONS STORES (.) B (.) FROM LOCOROTONDO (.)

235 INF REGT AND ST COY STR 74 OFFRS 388 ORS 52 TONS STORES (.) C (.)

FROM FASANO (.) 336 INF REGT STR 32 OFFRS 234 ORS ~~400~~ 70 TONS STOR

(.) D (.) FROM CISTERNINO (.) 152 ARTY REGT STR 60 OFFRS 400 ORS 25

TONS STORES (.) E (.) TOTAL 190 OFFRS 1272 ORS 1462 ALL RANKS 172 TONS

STORES (.) SECOND (.) BY ROAD FROM FOLLOWING LOCNS USING 1 GEN TPT COY

ICF WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE READY 20 JAN (.) A (.) FROM BENEVENTO (.)

BN 336 INF REGT STR 10 OFFRS 40 ORS 3 TONS

STORES (.) B (.) FROM VAIRANO (.) 4 GP 152 ARTY REGT 15 OFFRS 300 ORS

3 TONS STORES (.) C (.) FROM AFRAGOLA (.) FOR DISBANDMENT AS RFTS 33

MED EC LESS EQPT ~~REMOVED~~ OFFRS 36

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RD 9230 1920A DS K

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BV. 10140 - 3Tons 326

VAICANO. 4GP 157 AR 151 300

AFRAGOLA 36 offrs (med rfts)

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15/11
SUBJECT:- Formation of New Units - Italian Army.

SECRET

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
OR/1116/G-1(BR) (Ser. 1391)

13 Jan 45

FRIULI, CREMONA, LEGNANO, BOLGONE & 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, (AMIA) and HQ 227 Italian Arm 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. Indants 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 (AMIA).
3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT
(i) Indants for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by HQ No.3 District:-
(a) Replacements of clothing, necessities and personnel equipment to scale.
(b) Unit equipment to scales in coln (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 (AMIA).
(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:-
(a) Army Forms, Books and Stationery (indant form A.F.L.1393) to No.21 Stationery Depot.
(b) Publications (indant form A.F.L.1394) to No.10 Publications Depot - (indants to be endorsed "Initial Demand").
(c) Office Machinery (indant form A.F.L.1392) to ADPSS, AFHQ.
5. POSTAL
Postal address will be:- 'Title of Unit' (as in Appendices coln (i)),
CMF.
6. COMPLETION
District will report to G.1.(B) L.1. Section, AFHQ, copy to

HQ No.3 District.

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- (c) Office Machinery (indent form A.F.L. 1392) to ARESS, AFHQ.

5. POSTAL

Postal address will be:- 'Title of Unit' (as in Appendices coln (1)),
OME.

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

Pls. Adv. H. C. 478
for Field-Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

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The War Office (S.D.2.)

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HQ Eighth Army

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HQ No. 3 District

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GHQ 2nd Echelon (STATS)

Land Forces Sub Commission

Allied Commission (MIL)

HQ 227 Italian Admin Div

No. 9 Publications Depot, RASC

No. 10 Publications Depot, RASC

No. 6 Command Pay Office

No. 24 Stationary Depot

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File CR/1155/G-1 (BR)
File CR/1159/G-1 (BR)
File CR/1161/G-1 (BR)
File CR/1153/G-1 (BR)
File CR/1151/G-1 (BR)
File CR/1142/G-1 (BR)

x Incl copy for new units and
distribution as necessary.

+++ ASD/923 of 21 Dec 44 refers.

APPENDIX 'A' (to CR/1116/G-1(BR)(Ser.1394))

FRIULI GROUP

Unit	W.E.	SEL	Serial No. allotted	Effective Date
(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)
HQ FRIULI Combat Group	NA/525/1	119/1	93563	26 Aug 44
<u>Arty</u>				
35 Italian Arty Regt	NA/525/1	134/1	93564	-do-
<u>Engrs</u>				
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-
<u>Inf</u>				
87 Italian Inf Regt	NA/526/1	133/1	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-
<u>Sigs</u>				
20 Italian Sigs Coy	NA/530/1	121/1	93584	-do-
<u>S.T.</u>				
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 (o)	-do-
Three RDIs	NA/532/1	124/1	93737 (a) to (f)	-do-
Two Comp Fls	NA/534/1	126/1	93737 (g) & (h)	-do-
Mech Engrs Pl	NA/539/1	127/1	93737 (j)	-do-
<u>Med</u>				
26 Italian Med Sec	NA/535/1	131/1	93585	-do-
82 Italian Fd Hospital	NA/536/1	132/1	93586	-do-
96C Italian Fd Hospital	NA/536/1	132/1	93587	-do-
<u>Ord</u>				
	NA/537/1	108/1		

APPENDIX 'B'
(to CB/11116/G-1 (BR) (Ser. 1391))

CREMONA GROUP

Unit (i)	W.E. (ii)	SEL (iii)	Serial No. allotted (iv)	Effective Date (v)
HQ CREMONA Combat Group	N4/525/1	119/1	93590	26 Aug 44
<u>Arty</u>				
7 Italian arty Regt	N4/525/1	134/1	93591	-do-
<u>Engrs</u>				
HQ 144 Italian Engr Bn	N4/528/1	120/1	93592	-do-
29 Italian Fd Coy	N4/528/2	122/1	93593	-do-
77 Italian Fd Coy	N4/529/2	122/1	93594	-do-
<u>Inf</u>				
21 Italian Inf Regt	N4/526/1	135/1	93595	-do-
1 Inf Bn 21 Italian Inf Regt	N4/527/1	136/1	93596	-do-
2 Inf Bn 21 Italian Inf Regt	N4/527/1	136/1	93597	-do-
3 Inf Bn 21 Italian Inf Regt	N4/527/1	136/1	93598	-do-
22 Italian Inf Regt	N4/526/1	135/1	93599	-do-
1 Inf Bn 22 Italian Inf Regt	N4/527/1	136/1	93600	-do-
2 Inf Bn 22 Italian Inf Regt	N4/527/1	136/1	93601	-do-
3 Inf Bn 22 Italian Inf Regt	N4/527/1	136/1	93602	-do-
<u>Sigs</u>				
44 Italian Sigs Coy	N4/530/1	121/1	93603	-do-
<u>S.T.</u>				
44 Italian Tpt & Sup Coy consisting of:-	-	-	93604	-do-
HQ Tpt & Sup Coy	N4/531/1	123/1	93604(a)	-do-
Three Tpt Pls	N4/533/1	125/1	93604(b) - (d)	-do-
Three RDI's	N4/532/1	124/1	93604(c) - (g)	-do-
Two Comp Pls	N4/534/1	126/1	93604(h) & (j)	-do-
Mech Engr Pl	N4/539/1	127/1	93604(k)	-do-
<u>Mod</u>				
54 Italian Mod Sec	N4/535/1	131/1	93605	-do-
84 Italian Fd Hospital	N4/536/1	132/1	93606	-do-
333 Italian Fd Hospital	N4/536/1	132/1	93607	-do-
<u>Ord</u>				
CREMONA Ord Fd Pk	N4/537/1	128/1	93608	64750-
CREMONA Mech Engr Wksp	N4/538/1	129/1	93609	-do-

HQ 44 Italian Engr Bn	NA/528/1	122/1	93592	-do-
29 Italian Fd Coy	NA/529/2	122/1	93593	-do-
77 Italian Fd Coy	NA/529/2	122/1	93594	-do-
<u>Inf</u>				
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-
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<u>S.T.</u>				
44 Italian Tpt & Sup Coy	-	-	93604	-do-
consisting of:-				
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 RDI's	NA/532/1	124/1	93604(c) - (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-
<u>Med</u>				
54 Italian Med Sec	NA/535/1	131/1	93605	-do-
84 Italian Fd Hospital	NA/536/1	132/1	93606	-do-
333 Italian Fd Hospital	NA/536/1	132/1	93607	-do-
<u>Ord</u>				
CREMONA Ord Fd Pl	NA/537/1	128/1	93608	64750-
CREMONA Mech Engr Wksp	NA/538/1	129/1	93609	-do-
<u>FAE</u>				
LdD att HQ 7 Italian Arty Regt	NA/540/1	130/1	93591 (L)	-do-
LdD att 44 Italian Sigs Coy	NA/540/1	130/1	93603 (L)	-do-
LdD att 29 Italian Fd Coy	NA/540/1	130/1	93593 (L)	-do-
LdD att 77 Italian Fd Coy	NA/540/1	130/1	93594 (L)	-do-
LdD att 21 Italian Inf Regt	NA/540/1	130/1	93595 (L)	-do-
LdD att 22 Italian Inf Regt	NA/540/1	130/1	93599 (L)	-do-
<u>Provost</u>				
94 Carabinieri Sec	NA/524/1	133/1	93616	-do-
739 Carabinieri Sec	NA/524/1	133/1	93617	-do-

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APPENDIX 'C' (to CR/11116/G-1(BR)(Sor. 1391)

LEGHANO GROUP

Unit (i)	W.E. (ii)	SEL (iii)	Serial No allotted (iv)	Effective Date (v)
HQ LEGHANO Combat Group	N4/523/1	119/1	93618	1 Sep 44
<u>Arty</u> 11 Italian Arty Regt	N4/525/1	134/1	93619	-do-
<u>Engrs</u> 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-
<u>Inf</u> 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-
<u>Sigs</u> 51 Italian Sigs Coy	N4/530/1	121/1	93631	-do-
<u>S.T.</u> 51 Italian Tpt & Sup Coy consisting of:-	-	-	93632	-do-
HQ Tpt & Sup Coy	N4/531/1	123/1	93632(a)	-do-
Throc Tpt Pls	N4/531/1	125/1	93632 (b) - (d)	-do-
Throc FDIS	N4/532/1	124/1	93632 (c) - (g)	-do-
Two Comp Pls	N4/534/1	126/1	93632 (h) & (j)	-do-
Mach Engr Pl	N4/539/1	127/1	93632 (k)	-do-
<u>Med</u> 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	N4/537/1	132/1	93741	-do-
<u>Ord</u> LEGHANO Ord Fd Pk	N4/537/1	128/1	93635	-do-
LEGHANO Mech Engr Wksp	N4/538/1	129/1	93636	-do-
<u>LEE</u> L4D att HQ 11 Italian Arty Regt	N4/540/1	130/1	93619 (L)	6474
51 Italian Sigs Coy	N4/540/1	130/1	93631 (L)	-do-

<u>Inf</u>									
68 Italian Inf Regt	Nu/526/1	135/1	93623	-do-					
1 Inf Bn 68 Italian Inf Regt	Nu/527/1	136/1	93624	-do-					
2 Inf Bn 68 Italian Inf Regt	Nu/527/1	136/1	93625	-do-					
3 Inf Bn 68 Italian Inf Regt	Nu/527/1	136/1	93626	-do-					
69 Italian Inf Regt	Nu/526/1	135/1	93627	-do-					
1 Bers Bn 69 Italian Inf Regt	Nu/527/1	136/1	93628	-do-					
2 ALPINE Bn 69 Italian Inf Regt	Nu/527/1	136/1	93629	-do-					
3 ALPINE Bn 69 Italian Inf Regt	Nu/527/1	136/1	93630	-do-					
<u>Sigs</u>									
51 Italian Sigs Coy	Nu/530/1	121/1	93631	-do-					
<u>S.M.</u>									
51 Italian Tpt & Sup Coy	-	-	93632	-do-					
consisting of:-									
HQ Tpt & Sup Coy	Nu/531/1	125/1	93632(a)	-do-					
Three Tpt Pls	Nu/532/1	125/1	93632(b) - (d)	-do-					
Three PDIs	Nu/532/1	124/1	93632(c) - (g)	-do-					
Two Comp Pls	Nu/534/1	126/1	93632(h) & (j)	-do-					
Mech Engr Pl	Nu/539/1	127/1	93632(k)	-do-					
<u>Med</u>									
51 Italian Med Sec	Nu/535/1	131/1	93633	-do-					
244 Italian Fd Hospital	Nu/536/1	132/1	93634	-do-					
332 Italian Fd Hospital	Nu/537/1	132/1	93741	-do-					
<u>Ord</u>									
LEGHANO Ord Fd Pk	Nu/537/1	128/1	93635	-do-					
LEGHANO Mech Engr Wksp	Nu/538/1	129/1	93636	-do-					
<u>ME</u>									
LAD att HQ 11 Italian arty Regt	Nu/540/1	130/1	93619 (L)	6474					
LAD att 51 Italian Sigs Coy	Nu/540/1	130/1	93631 (L)	-do-					
LAD att 3 Italian Fd Coy	Nu/540/1	130/1	93621 (L)	-do-					
LAD att 51 Italian Fd Coy	Nu/540/1	130/1	93622 (L)	-do-					
LAD att 68 Italian Inf Regt	Nu/540/1	130/1	93623 (L)	-do-					
LAD att 69 Italian Inf Regt	Nu/540/1	130/1	93627 (L)	-do-					
<u>Provost</u>									
34 Carabinieri Sec	Nu/521/1	133/1	93643	-do-					
51 Carabinieri Sec	Nu/524/1	133/1	93644	-do-					

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APPENDIX 'D' (to CR/11116/G-1(ER)(Ser. 1394))

FOLGORE GROUP

Unit (i)	W.E. (ii)	SEL (iii)	Serial No. allotted (iv)	Effective Date (v)
HQ FOLGORE Combat Group	N4/523/1	119/1	93645	1 Sep 44
<u>Arty</u> 184 Italian Arty Regt	N4/525/1	134/1	93646	-do-
<u>Engrs</u> Hq 184 Italian Engr Bn	N4/528/1	120/1	93647	-do-
184 Italian Fd Coy	N4/529/2	122/1	93648	-do-
10 Italian Fd Coy	N4/529/2	122/1	93649	-do-
<u>Inf</u> NEMBO Inf Regt	N4/526/1	135/1	93650	-do-
1 Inf Bn NEMBO Inf Regt	N4/527/1	136/1	93651	-do-
2 Inf Bn NEMBO Inf Regt	N4/527/1	136/1	93652	-do-
3 Inf Bn NEMBO Inf Regt	N4/527/1	136/1	93653	-do-
S.MARCO Inf Regt	N4/526/1	135/1	93654	-do-
1 BARTILE Bn S.MARCO Inf Regt	N4/527/1	136/1	93655	-do-
3 MAFUNI Bn S.MARCO Inf Regt	N4/527/1	136/1	93656	-do-
2 GRADO Bn S. MARCO Inf Regt	N4/527/1	136/1	93738	-do-
<u>Sigs</u> 182 Italian Sigs Coy	N4/530/1	121/1	93657	-do-
<u>S.T.</u> 184 Italian Tot Sup Coy consisting of:-	-	-	93658	-do-
Hq Tpt & Sup Coy	N4/531/1	123/1	93658(a)	-do-
Three Tpt Fls	N4/533/1	125/1	93658(b) - (d)	-do-
Three ROLs	N4/532/1	124/1	93658(c) - (g)	-do-
Two Comp Fls	N4/534/1	126/1	93658(h) & (j)	-do-
Mech Engr Pl	N4/539/1	127/1	93658(k)	-do-
<u>Mod</u> 184 Italian Mod Sec	N4/535/1	131/1	93659	-do-
516 Italian Fd Hospital	N4/536/1	132/1	93660	-do-
517 Italian Fd Hospital	N4/536/1	132/1	93661	-do-
<u>Ord</u> FOLGORE Ord Fd Fk	N4/537/1	128/1	93662	-do-
FOLGORE Mech Engr Wksp	N4/538/1	129/1	93663	-do-
<u>FAF</u> LAD att 184 Italian Arty Regt	N4/540/1	130/1	93646 (L)	6473
LAD att 182 Italian Sigs Coy	N4/540/1	130/1	93657 (L)	-do-
LAD att 184 Italian Fd Coy	N4/540/1	130/1	93648 (L)	-do-

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APPENDIX 'E'
MANTOVA GROUP

Unit (i)	W.E. (ii)	SEL (iii)	Serial No. allotted (iv)	Effective Date (v)
HQ MANTOVA Combat Group	N4/523/1	113/1	93672	5 Nov 44
<u>Art</u> 155 Italian Arty Regt	N4/525/1	134/1	93673	-do-
<u>Engrs</u> HQ 104 Italian Engr Bn	N4/528/1	120/1	93674	-do-
4 Italian Fd Coy	N4/525/2	121/1	93675	-do-
79 Italian Fd Coy	N4/525/2	121/1	93676	-do-
<u>Inf</u> 76 Italian Inf Regt	N4/526/1	135/1	93677	-do-
1 Inf Bn 76 Italian Inf Regt	N4/527/1	136/1	93678	-do-
2 Inf Bn 76 Italian Inf Regt	N4/527/1	136/1	93679	-do-
3 Inf Bn 76 Italian Inf Regt	N4/527/1	136/1	93680	-do-
114 Italian Inf Regt	N4/526/1	135/1	93681	-do-
1 Inf Bn 114 Italian Inf Regt	N4/527/1	136/1	93682	-do-
2 Inf Bn 114 Italian Inf Regt	N4/527/1	136/1	93683	-do-
3 Inf Bn 114 Italian Inf Regt	N4/527/1	136/1	93684	-do-
<u>Sigs</u> 107 Italian Sigs Coy	N4/530/1	121/1	93685	-do-
<u>S.T.</u> 104 Italian Tpt & Sup Coy consisting of:- HQ Tpt & Sup Coy Three Tpt Pls Three RDI's Two Comp Pls Mech Engr Pl	- N4/531/1 N4/533/1 N4/532/1 N4/534/1 N4/539/1	- 123/1 125/1 124/1 126/1 127/1	93686 93686(a) 93686(b) - (d) 93686(c) - (e) 93686(h) & (j) 93686(k)	-do- -do- -do- -do- -do- -do-
<u>Med</u> 104 Italian Med Sec 248 Italian Fd Hospital 501 Italian Fd Hospital	N4/535/1 N4/526/1 N4/526/1	131/1 132/1 132/1	93687 93688 93689	-do- -do- -do-
<u>Ord</u> MANTOVA Ord Fd Pk MANTOVA Mech Engr Wksp	N4/537/1 N4/538/1	128/1 129/1	93690 93691	-do- -do-

104 Italian Engr Bn	Nu/528/1	129/1	93674	-do-
4 Italian Fd Coy	Nu/529/2	121/1	93675	-do-
79 Italian Fd Coy	Nu/529/2	121/1	93676	-do-
<u>Inf</u>				
76 Italian Inf Regt	Nu/526/1	135/1	93677	-do-
1 Inf Bn 76 Italian Inf Regt	Nu/527/1	136/1	93678	-do-
2 Inf Bn 76 Italian Inf Regt	Nu/527/1	136/1	93679	-do-
3 Inf Bn 76 Italian Inf Regt	Nu/527/1	136/1	93680	-do-
114 Italian Inf Regt	Nu/526/1	135/1	93681	-do-
1 Inf Bn 114 Italian Inf Regt	Nu/527/1	136/1	93682	-do-
2 Inf Bn 114 Italian Inf Regt	Nu/527/1	136/1	93683	-do-
3 Inf Bn 114 Italian Inf Regt	Nu/527/1	136/1	93684	-do-
<u>Sigs</u>				
107 Italian Sigs Coy	Nu/530/1	121/1	93685	-do-
<u>S.T.</u>				
104 Italian Tpt & Sup Coy	-	-	93686	-do-
consisting of:-				
Hq Tpt & Sup Coy	Nu/531/1	123/1	93686(a)	-do-
Three Tpt Pls	Nu/533/1	125/1	93686(b) - (a)	-do-
Three RDIa	Nu/532/1	124/1	93686(c) - (g)	-do-
Two Comp Pls	Nu/534/1	126/1	93686(h) & (j)	-do-
Mech Engr Pl	Nu/539/1	127/1	93686(k)	-do-
<u>Mod</u>				
104 Italian Med Sec	Nu/535/1	131/1	93687	-do-
248 Italian Fd Hospital	Nu/526/1	132/1	93688	-do-
501 Italian Fd Hospital	Nu/526/1	132/1	93689	-do-
<u>Ord</u>				
MANTOVA Ord Fd Pk	Nu/537/1	128/1	93690	-do-
MANTOVA Mech Engr Wksp	Nu/538/1	129/1	93691	-do-
<u>EME</u>				
14D att HQ 155 Italian Arty			6472	
Regt				
14D att 107 Italian Sigs Coy	Nu/540/1	130/1	93673 (L)	-do-
	Nu/540/1	130/1	93685 (L)	-do-
14D att 4 Italian Fd Coy	Nu/540/1	130/1	93675 (L)	-do-
14D att 79 Italian Fd Coy	Nu/540/1	130/1	93676 (L)	-do-
14D att 76 Italian Inf Regt	Nu/540/1	130/1	93677 (L)	-do-
14D att 114 Italian Inf Regt	Nu/540/1	130/1	93684 (L)	-do-
<u>Provost</u>				
99 Carabinieri Sec	Nu/524/1	133/1	93698	-do-
151 Carabinieri Sec	Nu/524/1	133/1	93699	-do-

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APPENDIX 'E' (to CR/1116/C-1(HR)(Ser. 1391))

AUXILIARY UNITS

Unit (i)	W.E. (ii)	SEL (iii)	Serial No. Allotted (iv)	Effective Date (v)
ENGERS				
1 Italian Pk Pk Coy	NA/596/1	162/1	93700	1 Jan 45
2 Italian Pk Pk Coy	NA/596/1	162/1	93701	1 Jan 45
3 Italian Pk 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				
Four Tpt Fls	NA/531/1	123/1	93707 (a)	1 Jan 45
Four FDLs	NA/533/1	125/1	93707 (b)	1 Jan 45
Mech Engr Pl	NA/532/1	124/1	93707 (c) (h) & (j)	1 Jan 45
1 Italian Pk Bakery	NA/539/1	127/1	93707 (k)	1 Jan 45
2 Italian Pk Bakery	NA/597/1	166/1	93708	1 Jan 45
316 Italian Pk Bakery	NA/597/1	166/1	93709	1 Jan 45
317 Italian Pk Bakery	NA/597/1	166/1	93710	1 Jan 45
318 Italian Pk Bakery	NA/597/1	166/1	93711	24 Nov 44
319 Italian Pk Bakery	NA/597/1	166/1	93712	24 Nov 44
	NA/597/1	166/1	93713	1 Jan 45
				1 Jan 45
MED				
470 Italian Pk Hospital	NA/574/1	186/1	93718	1 Jan 45
331 Italian Pk Hospital	NA/574/1	186/1	93719	1 Jan 45
520 Italian Pk Hospital	NA/574/1	186/1	93721	1 Jan 45
522 Italian Pk Hospital	NA/574/1	186/1	93722	1 Jan 45
576 Italian Pk Hospital	NA/574/1	186/1	93723	1 Jan 45
866 Italian Pk Hospital	NA/574/1	186/1	93724	1 Jan 45
34 Italian Pk Surgical Unit	NA/575/1	185/1	93726	1 Jan 45
44 Italian Pk Surgical Unit	NA/575/1	185/1	93727	24 Nov 44
130 Italian Pk Surgical Unit	NA/575/1	185/1	93728	24 Nov 44
131 Italian Pk 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

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Unit	NA/596/1	162/1	93707	1 Jan 45
Italian Gen Tpt Coy				
consisting of:-				
Hq Tpt & Sup Coy	NA/531/1	123/1	93707 (a)	1 Jan 45
Four Tpt Pls	NA/533/1	125/1	93707 (b) - (e)	
Four RDLs	NA/532/1	124/1	93707 (c) (g) (h) & (j)	
Mech Engr Pl	NA/539/1	127/1	93707 (k)	
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	1 Jan 45
317 Italian Fd Bakery	NA/597/1	166/1	93711	24 Nov 44
318 Italian Fd Bakery	NA/597/1	166/1	93712	24 Nov 44
319 Italian Fd Bakery	NA/597/1	166/1	93713	1 Jan 45
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
316 Carabinieri Sec	NA/524/1	133/1	93734	24 Nov 44
317 Carabinieri Sec	NA/524/1	133/1	93735	1 Jan 45
318 Carabinieri Sec	NA/524/1	133/1	93736	1 Jan 45

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PROVOST

ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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Transmission Instructions

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Originator

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(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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BA 156 (.) please forward copy of AFHQ minutes

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FROM: MMIA.

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LT-HQ 3 DISTRICT

ACTION: MMIA LO's 52 BLU, 53 BLU, PENNSOUTH, 54 AREA, DISTRICT. 15 JAN 1945

File No.

INFO: DISTONE FOR MMIA LO, AFHQ, ITALIAN MINISTRY OF WAR

BT/554. SECRET. SUBJECT MOVE OF LAGHANO AND FOLGORE GROUPS TO NUMBER 1 DISTRICT ON ABOUT 25TH JAN.

FIRST. FOR LO ROME 52 BLU LAGHANO WILL MOVE WITH 10 DAYS RATIONS.

SECOND. FOR LO DISTONE NAPLES AND 53 BLU FOLGORE WILL MOVE WITH 10 DAYS RATIONS.

THIRD. FOR LO NAPLES AND TRANSPORT MAINTENANCE FOR BOTH REPEAT BOTH GROUPS FOR XXXXX
ITALIAN PORTION RATION ONLY WILL BE HANDLED OVER TO 14 GRAC AT STRENGTH 18000
MOVEMENT ORDER 10/5 DATED 11 JAN REFERS.

FOURTH. FOR AFHQ 14 ^{AN} AND 22 GRAC IN NAPLES AND PART REDUCE DELIVERIES OF 6469
RATIONS TO ITALIAN DEPOTS TO 52000 AT EACH PART AND NAPLES EFFECTIVE INCLUSIVE
14TH FEB.

ADS. *Low's Glance*
DADS *21/5* SGT.

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See by Duty Officer 2030 hrs.

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A Veh Op
AREA 10

ON 2001 (.) REQUESTED (.) Request immediate collection of Carriers
Universal qty 35 and Carriers Tracked Towing qty 20 from 12 Veh 1k released
under A 1946 serial A/VH/1225 of 19 Dec (.) A Veh Op your AHA/115/922 of 9
return (.) Request you notify this HQ of collection by 20 Jan

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MESSAGE FORM

In lieu of AF C2136.

FROM	Originator	Date & Time	OFFICE DATE Stamp
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ACTION

53 BLN MOVWIT

TO:

INFORMATION

56 AREA: 209 SUB AREA: DISTHREE EAST: MOVEIT:

copy to: Q3 TME: PRO: MMIA LO: 227 DIV LO

SD 29 (.) SECRET (.) FOLGORE italian combat gr str pers 9000 vehs 1300
 now under comd SMRE will move as follows under arrangements MOVWIT from TELESE
 to area ASCOLI TERAMO B75 (.) five per cent adv party by road on 15 Jan (.)
 main body by road rail on 25 Jan (.) on arrival under op comd EIGHTH army
 comd 1 district (.) for 53 BLN (.) rep will report immediately to MOVWIT
 and HQ 1 district with details for move (.) list of auxiliary units to move
 same time will follow (.) AFHQ FX 82153 of 9 Jan NOT to all refers

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SUBJECT:- Returned Vehs - 53 HLU

Q(AE) ABTHQ

WJIA LO
Ord

1257 (26)
3 District
BASEBALL 16
650/6 Q
10 Jan 45

The attached report from 15 RVP, ref 15PK/25/17 of 8 Jan 45, is forwarded to you for info and any action you may consider necessary.

WJO/zwo

W. J. Carter
WJ
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(W. J. CARTER)

SUBJECT:- Returned VehiclesRef:- 15PA/25/17.

O.C.

38 Vehicle Coy RAOC CMF

Copy to:- Po 3 District

CC No 4 Vehicle Group

M.M.I.A.

1. Under authority of L.A.E.R. signal Q1854 - not to you - quoting AFHQ/8418/1(AE) of 30 Nov 44; 53 HLU have been instructed to return low category vehs, held surplus, to this park for subsequent re-issue to Fifth Italian Combat Group.

2. These vehs have now started to arrive, and are in a very bad condition, which I feel cannot be attributed to fair usage. The following are quoted as examples :-

(a) Matonless Solo M/Cycle WD No N.A. Frame No 21774.

The only components of this machine received are as listed hereunder :-

Frame	Engine (U/s and cannibalised)
Oil Tank	Horn
Rear Mud Wing	Chain Guard
Half of Teledraulic Forks only	

Six other M/Cycles which were issued as Class II and are now heavily cannibalised.

(b) Bedford 3 ton 4 x 2 GS WD No 205706

Engine Block only, wedged upside down, between first and second chassis cross members. 6463

Steering Box stripped and left hanging.

Radiator thrown on top of engine block.

Front assembly and bumper etc completely deficient.

Cab completely stripped.

Gearbox deficient.

Prop. Shaft hanging and tied to chassis with wire.

Petrol Tank deficient.

Brake system stripped out.

Front tyres unserviceable.

3. May I please suggest that this should be taken up very strongly

2. These vehs have now started to arrive, and are in a very bad condition, which I feel cannot be attributed to fair usage. The following are quoted as examples :-

(a) Matchless Solo M/Cycle WD No N.A. Frame No 21774.

The only components of this machine received are as listed hereunder :-

Frame	Engine (U/s and cannibalised)
Oil Tank	Horn
Rear Fnd Wing	Chain Guard
Half of Teledraulic Forks only	

Six other M/Cycles which were issued as Class II and are now heavily cannibalised.

(b) Beiford 3 ton 4 x 2 GS WD No 205706

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Engine Block only, wedged upside down, between first and second chassis cross members.

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Petrol Tank deficient.

Brake system stripped out.

Front tyres unserviceable.

3. May I please suggest that this should be taken up very strongly with the appropriate authorities, and may I also please be instructed whether the vehs should be evacuated to Salvage in the normal way.

Field
8 Jan 45.

Capt RAO
OC 15 R.V.P.
38 Vehicle Coy RAO GAF.

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AMHQ (03 Org Bar) HEMA

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SO 17 (.) ~~RECORDED~~ (.) ref HEMA 66524 of 8 Jan (.) request agreed by AMHQ
provided fin of unit NOT retarded (.) arrange despatch of adv party required soonest
to ensure notifying HEMA (.) report this 10 date of despatch

No Copy to this office

W. M. May

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