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14 APR 1945 194
File 26
HQ 3 District.

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Subject: MOVEMENT ORDER
MAIN BODY MANTOVA COMBAT GROUP AND 56 BLU

HQ Movements
West Italy
CMF

13 April 1945
RAIL Ref: Q(M)R/25a
ROAD Ref: Q(M)E/13/64

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1. Reference AFHQ signals FX 58036 of 11 Apr, FX 50640 of 27 Mar, 3 District SD 101 of 28 Mar. FCM Serial 31/32 and 31/33.
2. Main Body MANTOVA Combat Group accompanied by 56 BLU with training increment and attached personnel 531 and 520 Italian Pd Hospitals, 216 FSU, 104 Mobile Bath Unit and 318 Pd Bakery will move by rail and road commencing 13 April from BENEVENTO to RADDA. Rail trains programme is shown at Appendix 'A' and Road programme Appendix 'B' to this order.
3. Rail party, strength 40 ORs 196 tons stores by rail from BENEVENTO to MONTECATINI for PISTOLA. (This HQ signal MOV/R/480 of 12 Apr refers.) Loaded stores 12 Apr depart BENEVENTO 2000 hours 13 Apr 56A MONTECATINI 1200 hours 15 Apr. Onward movement to PISTOLA by road under arrangements 56 BLU. Strength 5040 All Ranks, with kits only, and 223 Carriers move in 10 special trains of box cars and flats 16 to 21 Apr inclusive.
4. Entrainment will take place at BENEVENTO Station under arrangements R20 and will be completed 15 minutes before the scheduled times of departure. Detrainment will take place at AREZZO Station. Transport from present location and from AREZZO to RADDA under arrangements 56 BLU. All personnel detrain at AREZZO first light.
5. 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 securely lashed.
6. 56 BLU(g) will allocate personnel to trains but will not exceed numbers laid down in Appendix 'A', (b) appoint Officers commanding trains and give their names to RTO BENEVENTO 24 hours before entrainment, (c) appoint Italian MO to travel with each person train.
7. OsC trains will warn troops of danger of electrocution by contact with live overhead cables en route, will warn troops against alighting from the train at unofficial halts.

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 6. 56BLU(c) will allocate personnel to trains but will not exceed numbers laid down in Appendix 'A', (b) appoint Officers commanding trains and give their names to RTO BENEVENTO 24 hours before entrainment, (c) appoint Italian MO to travel with each personnel train.
 7. OsC trains will warn troops of danger of electrocution by contact with live overhead cables en route, will warn troops against alighting from the train at unofficial halts.
 8. All personnel moving by rail feed under arrangements Movements Areas as shown in Appendix 'A', and will take three days rations with full water bottles.

G. W. Brown
(G. W. BROWN) LT. COL.
FOR COL Q(M).

DISTRIBUTION overleaf.

Distribution

G4 (Mov & In) AFHQ (2)
HQ 15 Army Gp (3)
Main Eighth Army (3)
Rear Eighth Army (3)
Fifth Army (for Br Inor) (3)
R A A C (3)
HQ 1 District (4)
HQ 2 District (4)
HQ 3 District (4)
HQ 56 Area
HQ 55 Area
HQ 59 Area
HQ 94 Sub Area (4)
HQ 201 Sub Area
HQ 71 Sub Area
HQ Mov Central Italy
HQ Mov 15 Army Gp
HQ Mov Folligno
HQ Mov Arezzo (3)
HQ Mov Leghorn
Fifth Army Br Inor for Mov (3)
DARS Rome
56 RIU (Benevento) (10)
Mov Rome
RTO Benevento (3)
RTO Caserta
RTO Capua
RTO Roccasecca
Joint Railway Control
MMIA
MMIA IO Naples
Mov MMIA
Delegazione Trasporti Militari Naples
Town Major Benevento
Transportation Officer PBS

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RAIL MOVE OF MANTOVA COMBAT GROUP AND 56 BLU

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Dep Date	Train No.	Entraining Station	Strengths				Stock		Placed for Loading	Loading Completed	Departure	TIMINGS			
			Personnel	Stores Tons	Vehicles Carriers	Box Cars	Flats	CASERTA				ROCCASECCA			
								Arr				Dep	Arr	Dep	
April 16	1	BENEVENTO	90	-	56	3	28	160800	161345	161400	161700	161800	162359	170100	
16	2	BENEVENTO	25 Br 755 Iti	50	-	30	-	161200	161945	162000	162300	162359	170600	170700	
17	3	BENEVENTO	90	-	56	3	28	170800	171345	171400			Same timings		
17	4	BENEVENTO	25 Br 755 Iti	50	-	30	-	171200	171945	172000			Same timings		
18	5	BENEVENTO	90	-	56	3	28	180800	181345	181400			Same timings		
18	6	BENEVENTO	25 Br 755 Iti	50	-	30	-	181200	181945	182000			Same timings		
19	7	BENEVENTO	90	-	56	3	28	190800	191345	191400			Same timings		
19	8	BENEVENTO	25 Br 755 Iti	50	-	30	-	191200	191945	192000			Same timings		
20	9	BENEVENTO	25 Br 755 Iti	50	-	30	-	201200	201945	202000			Same timings		
21	10	BENEVENTO	25 Br 755 Iti	50	-	30	-	211200	211945	212000			Same timings		

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UNIT OF MANTOVA COMBAT GROUP AND 56 BLU

APPENDIX 'A'

Stock			TIMINGS														
Wheels Per Car	Box Cars	Plats	Placed for Loading	Loading Completed	Departure	CASERTA		ROCCASECCA			ROME		ORTE		AREZZO		
						Arr	Dep	Arr	Dep	Meal Type	Arr	Dep	Meal Type	Arr	Dep	Meal Type	Arr
56	3	28	160800	161345	161400	161700	161830	162359	170100	-	170700	171000	A	171450	171530	B	172300
-	30	-	161200	161945	162000	162300	162359	170600	170700	A	171300	171600	B	172030	172130	C	180500
56	3	28	170800	171345	171400	Same timings as No 1 Train											
-	30	-	171200	171945	172000	Same timings as No 2 Train											
56	3	28	180800	181345	181400	Same timings as No 1 Train											
-	30	-	181200	181945	182000	Same timings as No 2 Train											
56	3	28	190800	191345	191400	Same timings as No 1 Train											
-	30	-	191200	191945	192000	Same timings as No 2 Train											
-	30	-	201200	201945	202000	Same timings as No 2 Train											
-	30	-	211200	211945	212000	Same timings as No 2 Train											

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APPENDIX ...B.....

Ref:- QMH/13/64.

Road Movement Order No. 8

(MANTOVA COMBAT GROUP)

INTENTION.

1. Mobile portion of MANTOVA COMBAT GROUP, incl. 56 BLU and ancillary units, will move from BENEVENTO on 16, 17, 19, 20, 21 April to RADDA (ITALY 1:200:000 Sheet 13 MR 08837).

METHOD.

2. Move in accordance with table at Appendix B 1.

ADMINISTRATION.

3. FOL. Move off with full tanks. Refuel at N104887, F8563 and FOLIGNO.

4. RATIONS. Four days rations will be carried for journey, plus 3 days reserve.

5. ADVANCE REPS. Advance reps will travel 2 hrs ahead of convoy and report to all Traffic Control Posts and Petrol Pts en route.

6. RECOVERY. Rec points available at BENEVENTO + CASERTA + CAPUA + NIGNANO + FROSINONE + ROMA + SPOLETO + TERMI + PERUGIA + AREZZO.

7. MEDICAL. BENEVENTO- CASERTA + CAPUA + VAIRANO + ANAGNI + ROMA + TERMI + NARNI + FOLIGNO + ASSISI + PERUGIA + AREZZO.

TRAFFIC CONTROL & MARCH DISCIPLINE.

8. TRAFFIC CONTROL. Unit provost will help to **6530** discipline of the coln on the march. Each convoy will be escorted by Brit Mil Police under arrangements PRO 3 District at difficult points in the CASERTA - CAPUA area.

9. HALTS. When halted on main road a sentry will be posted

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7. MEDICAL. BENEVENTO + CASERTA + CAPUA + VAIRANO + ANAGNI + ROSE + TERNI + NARNI + FOLIGNO + ASSISI + PERUGIA + AREZZO.

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9. Halts. When halted on main road a sentry will be posted opposite each vehicle to guide passing traffic. No other halts than those detailed in Appdx B1 will be allowed.
10. SERIALS AND CONVOY NUMBERS. See details at appdx B1.
11. IDENTIFICATION. Convoy Comds vehicle will be clearly marked. All vehicles will have convoy number chalked on front and rear. Leading vehicle of each convoy will carry a blue flag, tail vehicle a green flag.
12. GENERAL. Attention is drawn to HQ 3 District Adm instructions 3 and 16. Orders for Convoy Comdr attached for 56 BLU only.

Move of Part MANTOVA COMBAT GROUP.

By ROAD from BENEVENTO to RADDA.

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1. SP Rd Junct MR N6781.
2. Speed/density 15 mih 30 vtm = 24 kih 19 vtk (approx).
3. Sta
4. Halts, MIOBB, MELFA, ANAGNI, TERNI, AREZZO.
5. Route 7 + 6 + 3 + 75 + 71 + 69 + Rd Junct
6. approx (557 Km approx).
7. Add 15 mins to all times below for tail of convoy.

M A R C H T A B L E

Serial	Vehs	Dep SF	Refuel MIOBB	Halt MELFA	Halt ANAGNI	ARR DEP F8164	Halt TERNI	ARR DEP POLIGNO	Halt AREZZO
04/NA/18A	100	160700	0945/1015	1315/1415	1715/1745	1930/170700	1100/1200	1430/180700	1145/
04/NA/18B	100	160745	1030/1100	1400/1500	1800/1830	2015/170745	1145/1245	1515/180745	1230/
04/NA/19A	100	170700	0945/1015	1315/1415	1715/1745	1930/180700	1100/1200	1430/190700	1145/
04/NA/19B	100	170745	1030/1100	1400/1500	1800/1830	2015/180745	1145/1245	1515/190745	1230/
04/NA/20A	100	190700	0945/1015	1315/1415	1715/1745	1930/200700	1100/1200	1430/210700	1145/
04/NA/20B	100	190745	1030/1100	1400/1500	1800/1830	2015/200745	1145/1245	1515/210745	1230/
04/NA/25A	100	200700	0945/1015	1315/1415	1715/1745	1930/210700	1100/1200	1430/220700	1145/
04/NA/25B	100	200745	1030/1100	1400/1500	1800/1830	2015/210745	1145/1245	1515/220745	1230/
04/NA/26	100	210700	0945/1015	1315/1415	1715/1745	1930/220700	1100/1200	1430/230700	1145/

Move of Part MANTOVA COMBAT GROUP.

By ROAD from BENEVENTO to RADDA.

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APPX B1

2. Speed/density 15 mih 30 vtm = 24 kib 19 vtk (approx). 3. Staging CENTOCELLE (F8164), FOLIGNO, ANAGNI, TERNI, AREZZO. 5. Route 7 + 6 + 3 + 75 + 71 + 69 + Rd Junct RO342. 6. Total miloage 348

Add 15 mins to all times below for tail of convoy.

M A R C H T A B L E

el	Halt MELRA	Halt ANAGNI	ARR DEP F8164	Halt TERNI	ARR DEP FOLIGNO	Halt AREZZO	PASS RO342	ARR RADDA
5/1015	1315/1415	1715/1745	1930/170700	1100/1200	1430/180700	1145/1245	1415	181500
5/1100	1400/1500	1800/1830	2015/170745	1145/1245	1515/180745	1230/1330	1500	181545
5/1015	1315/1415	1715/1745	1930/180700	1100/1200	1430/190700	1145/1245	1415	191500
5/1100	1400/1500	1800/1830	2015/180745	1145/1245	1515/190745	1230/1330	1500	191545
5/1015	1315/1415	1715/1745	1930/200700	1100/1200	1430/210700	1145/1245	1415	211500
5/1100	1400/1500	1800/1830	2015/200745	1145/1245	1515/210745	1230/1330	1500	211545
5/1015	1315/1415	1715/1745	1930/210700	1100/1200	1430/220700	1145/1245	1415	221500
5/1100	1400/1500	1800/1830	2015/210745	1145/1245	1515/220745	1230/1330	1500	221545
5/1015	1315/1415	1715/1745	1930/220700	1100/1200	1430/230700	1145/1245	1415	231500

MMIA LO

9 APR 1945

File 26
HQ 3 District

DESTROY

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for 9/4

Ord } (by hand) File 650/61
MMIA LO

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063921 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) ref your 2/23 dated 02 Apr (.) following tentage
released from depot as shown (.) ex Ord Depot BAMI tents 100lb qty 10 (in lieu
of tents telegraph) tents marquee 33 single qty 4 (.) q(AR) release 1/218 (.)
ex 357 BMD tents stove qty 2 (.) q(AR) release 1/219 (.) all for Combat Gp
and 318 Field Bakery (.) collection under arrangements first addressed

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SUBJECT:- Equipment - MANTOVA Group

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MMIA LO
9 APR 1945₁₉₄
File 26
HQ 3 District.

3 District
BASEBALL 16
650/6 0

56 BIA

Col
MMIA LO

8 Apr 45

Ref your 2/2 0 of 2 Apr 45.

1. In view of the difficult supply position, C (AN) AFHQ state that the following deficiencies will stand for the present for the MANTOVA tail units:-

(a) MANTOVA GRUPPO

Mortars 2 in 105
Rangefinder No 13 2

(b) 3 RD PA GUY

Lighting Set 4 KW 2

2. Releases will be made should the items become available before the units leave the District.

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W. J. Carter

(W. J. CARTER) J/Coord
for Col
DA & GHI

WJC/cdr

MESSAGE FORM

In lieu of AF C2436

FROM (A)	Originator DISURHEE	Date & Time 071500	Office Date Stamp MMIA LO A 8 APR 1945 HQ 3 District
For ACTION		56 AREA:	94 SUB AREA
		Message Instrs	GR

For INFORMATION

List B MMIA LO - 8

DD 242 (.) SECRET (.) further by SD 108 of 29 Mar (.) destination MANTOVA ITALIAN
combat go now area RADCA FOR area ASCOLI move period 16 - 22 Apr (.) AMHQ PX 55862
or 6 Apr NOT to all refers

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If Unable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands this message must be sent IN CIPHER	Originator's Instructions	Time system of
	Degree of Priority	TEI FOR
	Sgt. <i>John Capra</i>	Time cleared

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MMIA 10
5 APR 1945 194
File 26
HQ 3 District.

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IMPORTANT

QVR 1

FROM AFHQ 041912B

TO DISTHREE 557 BOD

INFO 56 BLU

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RESTRICTED. FX55046

SIGNED SACMED CITE PHORB. FIRST ADDRESSEE FOR G(SD) & Q

& ORD & MMIA. SECOND ADDRESSEE FOR COO AND OO 3 SUB DEPOT.

LAST ADDRESSEE FOR G(SD) & Q & ORD. FIRST. FOLLOWING

RELEASED 56 ^{DU BLU} FOR MANTOVA COMBAT GROUP. MINE DETECTORS

AMERICAN QTY 46 R/NO ES/311/90 Q(AE) 93/52. UNIT TO COLLECT **6525**

BT 041912B



MMIA LO
 29 MAR 1945
 File 26
 HQ 3 District.

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MESSAGE FORM

In lieu of AF C2136

FROM (A)	Originator DISTREE	Date & Time 29 1050 A	Office Date Stamp
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For ~~RECEIVE~~ INFORMATION

TO
 SD 108 (.) SECRET (.) warning order (.) first (.) MANTOVA ITALIAN combat gp is
 moving period 15 - 22 apr under orders AFHQ and arrangements MOYWIT from area SAN
 GIORGIO - BENVENUTO to area ASCOLI to under comd EIGHTH ARMY (.) rd party str
 personnel 4000 veh 1000 non mob portion str personnel 5000 carriers 223 (.) second (.)
 adv party str five percent is to move by 8 apr (.) third (.) following units will
 be to accompany A 56 ELU with trg inx and all personnel B 531 and 520 ITALIAN
 fd hospa C 216 FSU D 104 mob EU unit E 318 fd bakery (.) AFHQ 50640 of 27 mar NOT
 to all refers

56 AREA: 94 SUB AREA
 copy: List B MMIA LO Message Instr GR

If liable to be intercepted
 or to fall into enemy hands
 this message must be sent IN
 CIPHER.

Originator's Instructions
 Degree of Priority

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 Time cleared 6524

Sgt. *Asylawier Capt 100*

MMIA LO
29 MAR 1945 194
File 26
HQ 3 District.

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DISTRICT

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56 BLU

MOVIT Copy to (1) (AS) Ord MMIA LO *(Signature)*

SD 101 INVESTIGATED (.) ref ASEP FR 50640 of 27 Mar para first (.) request you contact MOVIT with staff tables second (.) para fourth (.) request you confirm if all units ready to move and notify deficiencies through normal channels immediately

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DEPARTMENT.

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MMIA LO
29 MAR 1945
194
File 26
HQ 3 District.

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FROM: AREA Signal BATTALION OPER WING
ACTION: (1) DISTRICT (2) 36 BLU (UNASSIGNED) (3) HEAD 8 ARMY (4) DISTRICT
(5) 15 ARMY GROUP (6) HEAD 8 ARMY (7) MMIA (8) 36 AREA (9) 61 AREA
(10) 207 578 AREA (11) MOVIE (12) MOV HOME (13) MOVIE (14) MOVIE
PI 50610. SECRET. WARNING ORDER.

FIRST. MANTOVA ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP str rail party 3000 men 223 carriers
road party 4000 men 1000 vehicles will be prepared to move under orders DISTRICT in
conjunction with MOVIE during approx period 15 - 22 April from area SAN GIORGIO -
- BRIVENTO to area ASELLE from under comd 8 ARMY to under op comd 8 ARMY admin comd
DISTRICT(7).

SECOND (.) five per cent adv party will be prepared to move by 8 April in
accordance with orders follow (.)

THIRD (.) Following units will accompany (.) 36 BLU with training increment
and adv personnel (.) 331 and 528 ITALIAN FIELD HOSPITALS (.) 216 FIELD SURGICAL UNIT (.)
101. MORNING BATH UNIT (.) 318 FIELD BAKERY (.)

FOURTH (.) DISTRICT will ensure all units fully equipped before movement.

MMIA LO

TO: Idat B + 2(AG)

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FROM: G(SD)

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Watson Maj
(3F WATSON) Major
for Lt Col

MMIA LO
20 MAR 1945
HQ 3 Distict.

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SUBJECT: Italian Recruiting Agencies.

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/25
18 Mar 45.

TO : A.C. for Patriots S.C.

copy to: HQ A.M.G. Eighth Army (less Appx A)
M.M.I.A. LO Rear Eighth Army.
M.M.I.A. LO 5 Army.
" " " " Br Incr.
" " One District.
" " Three District.
" " 54 Area.
" " 52 Area.
" " NAPLES.
" " BLU. RTC ICF.

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Ref letter OA/31 dated 8 Mar from H.Q. A.M.G. Eighth Army
copy att at Appx "A".

1. The present situation is that each Italian Combat Group is up to strength. Reinforcements now available in reinforcement camps considerably exceed authorised holdings.
2. As a result of this the status and obligations of volunteers have been altered by the Italian War Ministry - see copy of new regulations attached at Appx "B" - which have been given wide publicity. That is to say volunteers will be accepted into the Italian Army and will later be directed to any branch, not necessarily combat, requiring reinforcements.

tvs.

A.M. Ingledew.
Major General. 0521
M.M.I.A.

INTERNAL:

M.A. to G.O.C.)
DA & CNG
Spec Sec. }
A. }
Q.2. }
loss Appx "B".

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Appendix "A" to MMIA letter
SD/25 dated 18 Mar 45.

Tel Ext: 93

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
EIGHTH ARMY.

Subject: Italian Recruiting Agency.

OA/31

8 Mar 45.

H.Q.
Allied Commission,
A.P.O. 394

1. I enclose herewith copies of instructions received by Major Casale from ROME, instructing him to stop sending recruits to base centres and to confine his activities to the compilation of lists.
2. It has always been most difficult to organise the Recruiting Agency and get them to perform some useful work. After considerable efforts to overcome difficulties in transport, rationing, political tendencies etc., some results are beginning to show, and it has been possible to place some 1,700 patriots as follows:

CERSETI	572
Gruppo CREMONA	856
Gruppo FRIULI	265
Capua	65
3. Furthermore, after the Italian Government recruiting campaign amongst Patriots, prospective recruits for the Italian Army amount to thousands.
4. It is felt that some directive should be issued detailing the duties of the Recruiting Agency and the disposal of recruits. May we please have your orders.

s/d 7.7.7.7.7.7.7.7.7.6520
G.S.C. II.
for Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.G. EIGHTH ARMY.

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Appx "E" to MMIA letter
SD/25 dated 18 Mar 45.

TRANSLATION.

FROM : Ministry of War.
TO : Territorial HQs.
Regional HQs.
Delegation "T" SURE.
"CERSA" HQ
"CERSETI" HQ
Patriot Office, ROME.
Clandestine Front of Resistance.
S.R.O.

for information to: MMIA

SUBJECT: Instructions in respect of enlistment and employment of volunteers.

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

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

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

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

Applications will be made out ascertaining the following: -

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

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Those suitable will be immediately enlisted and placed on

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- (c) Physical fitness and moral qualities.

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

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

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

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

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

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Sheet 2.

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

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

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

7. For further dealing with applications on the subject of the present circular, units addressed above should deal direct with SMRE.

s/d The Minister.

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17 MAR 1945
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HQ 3 District.

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SUBJECT: Allocation of Drivers - Priorities.

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Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
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TO : Ministry of War.

Copy to: WF¹ ELU, RTC ICF, DET AFTR,
AFHQ for G3 (Org),
RAAC (ref formation of No 3 G T Company)
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(b)	Total of other Groups	58
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- (a) No Driver reinforcements will be sent to FRIULI, CREMONA, LEGNANO, and FOLGORE Groups, with their auxiliary units only if casualties make this essential. MILA will send a separate letter to BLU's, copy to Ministry of War, explaining the situation.
- (b) Drivers under 2(a) will be allotted against 1(d). A certain amount of adjustment between these men and instructors drawn from No. 2 G.T. Company will be necessary. Cur SD/6 of 10 March refers.

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(c) Drivers under para 2(c) will be transferred from Category 6 ITI-ITI to Category 2 BR-ITI and allotted to MANTOVA Group. Suitable men will be selected for posting to "C" and "D" Sections of No. 1 M.A.C. and the remainder will be posted to units of the Group. Men will go direct from ROME Driving School to MANTOVA Group at the end of No. 2 Course without passing through RTC ICF. Arrangements will be made between S & T Branch MIA and "F" HLU, RTC ICF for them to be completely equipped from RIC Stores before they leave.

(d) Drivers under paras 2(b), 2(d) will be allotted as a first priority to No. 3 G.T. Company, which is to be formed under supervision of "F" HLU, RTC ICF as soon as possible. When this commitment has been met, further drivers may be allotted to RTC ICF (if proposal for another Transport Platoon or 2 Platoons is approved) and Combat Groups.

4. Further measures to increase the number of drivers available for the Combat Force are being studied. Meanwhile MANTOVA must continue to train all possible drivers within the Group.

W.P. ...
Major General
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For information the following are the correct and standardized divisional colours for background of unit numbers for marking of vessels of Gruppi di Combattimenti:-

- TRIESTE: Blue with black longitudinal stripes.
- CREMONA: Green with two red longitudinal stripes.
- LEGNANO: Black with three blue stripes.
- VULGONO: Blue number in white.
- MANTOVA: Rectangle yellow and green divided horizontally.

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