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Subject : Publications.

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C.(M.M.I.A.)
ROME
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No. 10 Publications Depot,
R.A.S.C.

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Could you please supply this Office with a copy of A.F.G 1098 (Tools & Equipment) of Inf. Troops Workshops and A.B.W. These are needed for guidance in the formation of an Italian Workshops.

W.J.Rill
Capt.R.E.M.E.
for A.D.M.E.
Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.

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SUBJECT:- PUBLICATIONS.

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REF:- PBS/22430/1551
DATE:- 5TH JAN. '46

TO:- A.D.V.E.
LAND FORCES SUB. COMM;
A.C. (V.M.I.A.)
ROME.

REF. YOUR EME/1402 OF 21ST DEC. '45.

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2. A.F.S.G. 1098 ARE SUPPLIED BY NO.10 PUBLICATIONS DEPOT, R.A.S.C AND IT IS SUGGESTED THAT YOU APPLY TO THEM DIRECT;

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Lt/C.
(J.C.B. JONES.)

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LETTER/1402

SUBJECT: Directive No 2 (C/7 dated 7 Dec 45).

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HEADQUARTERS LAND FORCES SUB COM, J.C. (MMLA)

C/7

24 Dec 45

Amendment No 3

CANCEL whole Appx 'D' and

SUBSTITUTE new Appx 'D' att herewith.

Please ACK on att ACK slip.

AROS/nbo

for Major General
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Lt Col
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SUBJECT : MMIA Directive No.2 (G/7 dated 7 Dec 45).

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMIA).

TO : Distn below.

G/7.

7 Dec 45.

Amendment No.4 to MMIA Directive No.2.

1. The attached Appx 'F' will be added to MMIA Directive No.2.

2. ACK.

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

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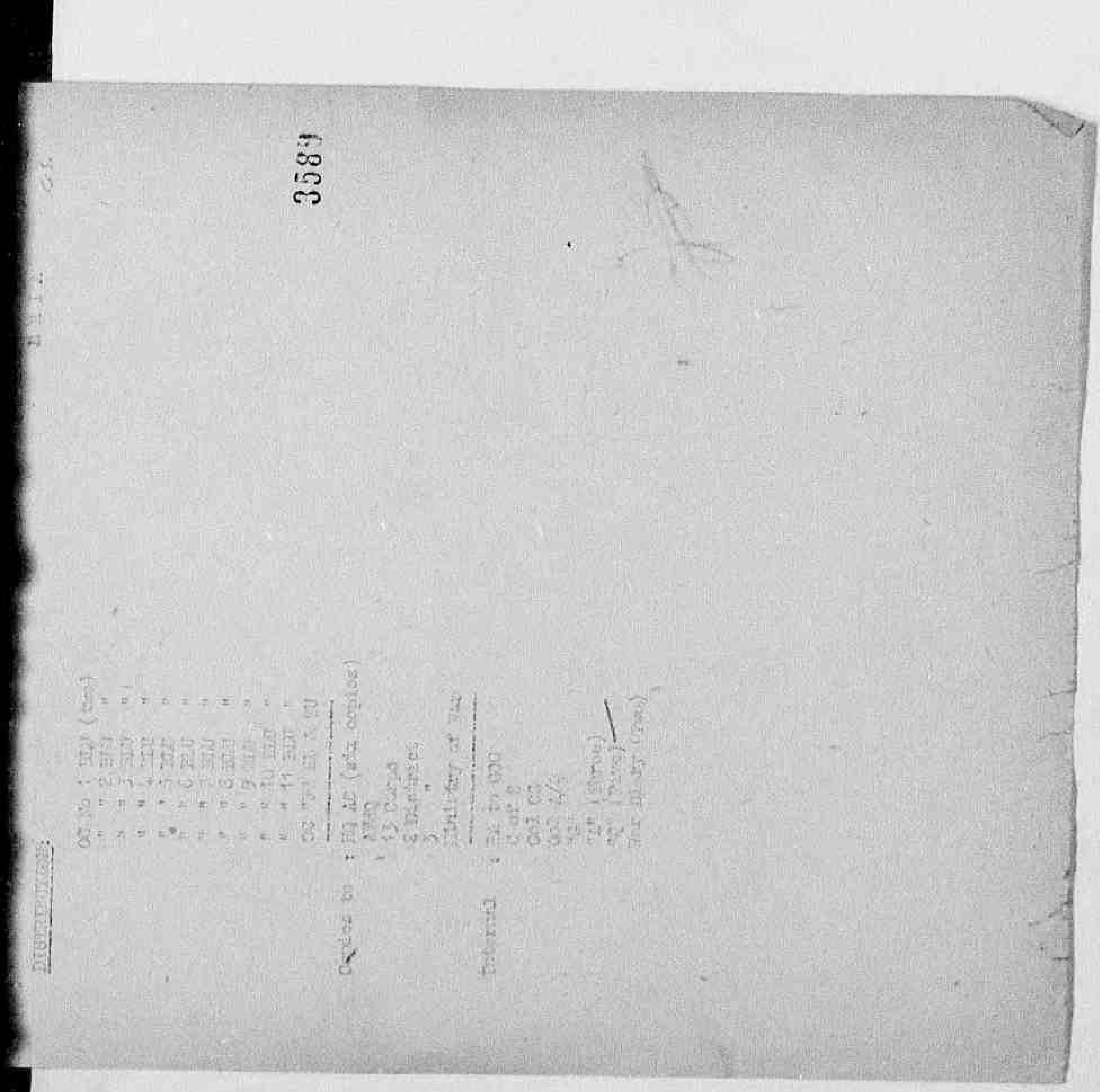

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G/7 dated 7 Dec 45

AMENDMENT No. 1
to
DIRECTIVE No. 2

INTERCOURSE TO BRITISH LIAISON UNITS
ATTACHED TO
ITALIAN TERRITORIAL COMMANDS

(a) Delete page 1 and insert new page 1 attached.

(b) Para 2, para 3(e), 2nd line:

for "DIVISIONAL Comd" read "DISTRICT Comd".

(c) Annex "D"

Amended

under "c" add sub-para (a) as follows, and renumber remaining sub-paras (b), (c) and (d):

"(a) On 7th and 21st of each month and as at 1st and 15th, a fortnightly report in triplicate on points of general interest (as previously sent on 20 letter from Canada of old HQMS to GOC). This HQ letter G57 of 6 Dec 45 refers.

In Mem of 17 216 3587

20 : LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMLA)

Receipt is acknowledged of ten copies of Land Forces Sub Com, AC (MMLA) letter, reference G/7 dated 3 Dec 45, subject: Issues to British Liaison Units attached to Italian Territorial Commands.

.....Dec 45

Signed _____

Unit _____

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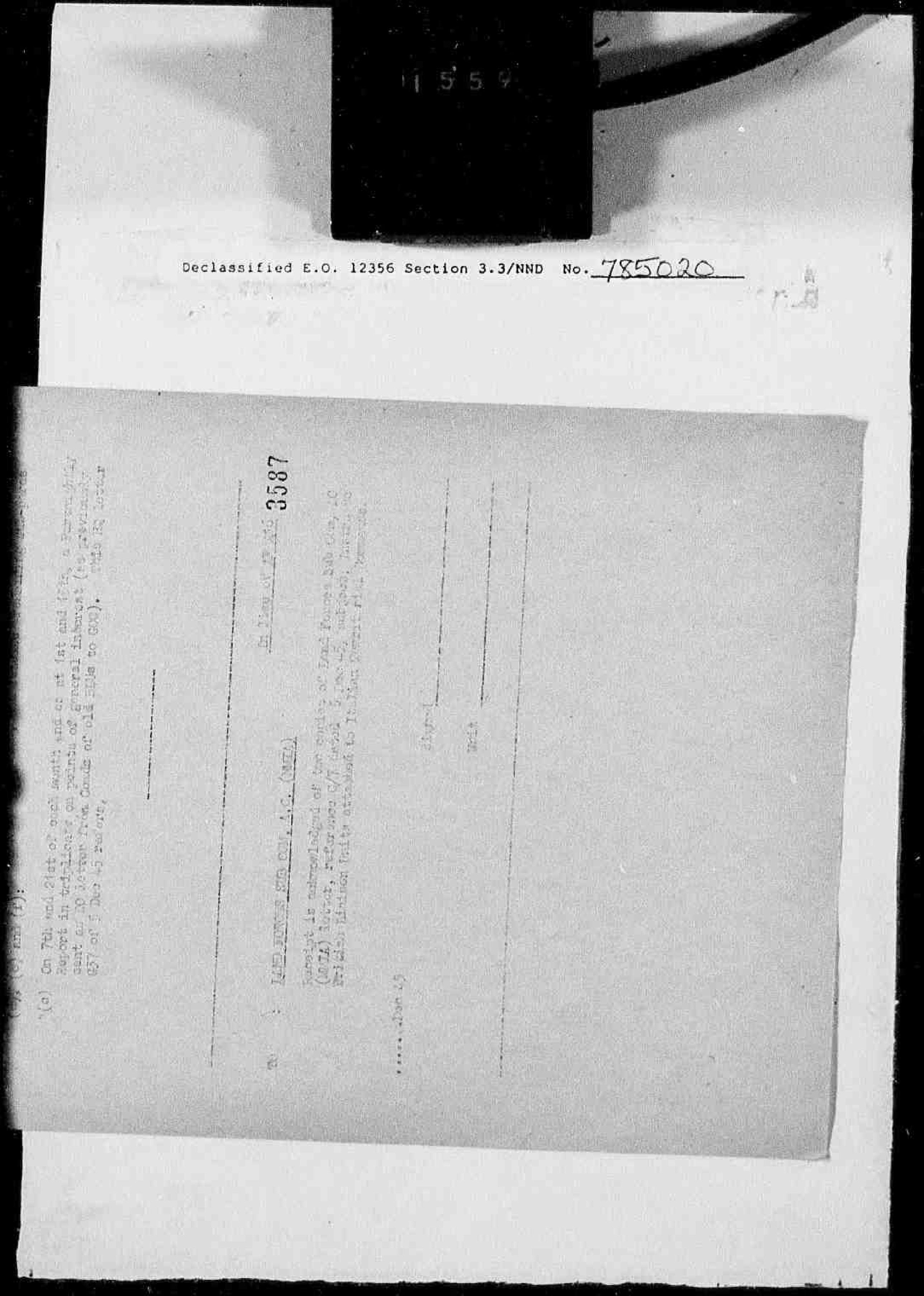

SUBJECT:- Supply, Transport and POL Liaison

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.
(M.M.I.A.)
ST/292

22 Dec 45.

LIST B (2 copies)
Ministry of War (2 copies)
SMHQ
---------- 1 ----------

Reference revised Appendix 'C' to MMIA Directive No.2 (2/7 dated 7 Dec 45).

Please amend my ST/292 dated 14 Dec 45 as follows:-

Para 2

Delete "(b) BCLOWSA Territorial Command Sup & Tpt Units" and detail.

Para 4

Add sub para (c) "BCLOWSA Territorial Command Sup & Tpt Units" and detail.

Amendment slip enclosed for insertion.

— Lt.Col. RASC,
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).

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(c) BOLOGNA Territorial Command Sup & Tpt Units

No.6 Distribution Depot
No.6 Supply Dpt
No.6 Transport Mtl Sky
No.76 Distribution Depot (AMGOT)
No.77 Distribution Depot (POW)
No.6 Base Admin Tpt Coy
No.62 Amb Car Sec
No.5 C.T.P.

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REME

SUBJECT : Periodical Reports, (ref Appx 'D' MEIA Directive No 2 dated 7 Dec 45).

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MEIA)

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27 Dec 45

DISTN : See below

In order to eliminate duplication in Reports, to save DIUs from sending documents under a number of different covers and to reduce the number of files circulating in MEIA HQ, all the reports etc called for in Appx 'D' to the a/a letter will w.e.f. 1 Jan 1946 be submitted as under:

1. Fortnightly Progress Reports and Monthly Intelligence Reports ordered in Appx 'D' to MEIA Directive No 2 (G/7 dated 7 Dec) will be amalgamated and submitted in quadruplicate on 7th and 21st of each month as at 1st and 15th.

2. The mid-month report will contain only points of outstanding importance or those requiring immediate reply from or action by this HQ. The mid-month report should therefore be kept as brief as possible.
A margin will be maintained on the right of the page and the word ACTION placed against any para requiring such annotation.

3. The end/beginning month report will contain a fuller report on activities for the past month with particular attention to 'I' of all kinds and to factors affecting morale (A).
A margin will be maintained on the right of the page for ACTION as in 2 above.

4. (a) Location Statements of A and B Type HQs, also of TRAILER type in the Territorial Coml to which HQs are attached, down to bns and equivalent units, will be att to the end/beginning of month Progress Report as Appx 'A' (but NOT to the mid-month Report).

(b) Staff lists of HQs will be likewise att as Appx 'B' to the end/beginning of month Report only.

(c) Staff lists of all TRAILER officers of rank of LT COL and above within the Territorial Region will be likewise att as Appx 'C' to the end/beginning of month Report only.

(d) Return of Br MT held by HQs will likewise be att as Appx 'D' to the end/beginning of month Report only.

5. Reports will be submitted laid out on the basis and in the sequence of the headings shown below:

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Appx 'B' to [illegible] submitted in quadruplicate on 7th and 21st of each month as at 1st and 15th.

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6. LAY-OUT HEADINGS

I. General

(a) Domestic (ELU)

(b) ITALIAN

/II. G - Organisation...

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II. G

Organisation

(a) Domestic

(b) [illegible]

Employment of tps

(a) Army less CCRR.

(b) CCRR

Training

(a) Army less CCRR

(i) Trg Estts
(ii) Other tps

(b) CCRR.

Intelligence

(a) Ascertainable activities of [illegible] vis a vis other countries (e.g. YUGOSLAVIA, AUSTRIA, SWITZERLAND, FRANCE, RUSSIA).

(b) Frontier activity.

(c) Relations between tps and populace (special ref to CCRR, other police, ex-partisans, peasants, townsfolk).

(d) Political current among tps.

(e) Subversive elements.

(f) Public security.

(g) Economics.

(h) Other 'I' points.

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Other G points

III. I

(i) Trg Hqrs
(ii) Other tps

(b) CCRP.

Intelligence

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(g) Economics.

(h) Other 'I' points.

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Other G points

III. A

Domestic Deficiencies: in all ranks against WE.

Leave: detail of all ranks on leave and when due to return.
Detail of all ranks due for leave in immediate future.

/III. A - ITALIAN...

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ITALIAN — Deficiencies: in total strengths and in tradesmen and in specialists against WEs. (This will be shown in general terms only, e.g. as a percentage).

Discipline.

Leave problems.

Pay problems.

Morale.

Other A points.

IV. G

Domestic — Transport.

Accommodation.

ITALIAN — Transport:

(a) Army loan CCTR.

(b) CCTR.

REME problems.

R/OC problems.

Clothing and Eqpt:

(a) Army loan CCRR.

(b) CCRR.

Arms & Amn:

(a) Army loan CCRR.

(b) CCRR.

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IV. 9

Domestic Transport.

Accommodation.

ITALIAN Transport:

(a) Army less CCRR.

(b) CCRR.

REME problems.

P/OC problems.

Clothing and Eqpt:

(a) Army less CCRR.

(b) CCRR.

Arms & Amn:

(a) Army less CCRR.

(b) CCRR.

C.E.N.

Accommodation

POL problems.

Sup problems.

Medical problems.

Mov problems (MT incl Loans).

Other 9 points.

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Land Forces Sub Comm,
A.C.(M.M.I.A.)
ROME
EMS/1402
21 Dec.45.

To : ADOS (P) Publications.
DDOS L of C. CMF.

AFHQ are arranging for the issue to the Italian Army of a considerable amount of M.T. spares for maintenance of Allied pattern vehicles in use by part of the Italian Army.

A Base Wksps & M.T. Stores Depot is being set up at BOLOGNA and it is requested that 6 copies of Catalogues as attached list be supplied to this office to assist in the operation of this Depot & Wksps.

In addition could you please supply this office of a copy of AFC 1098 (Tools & Equipt) of Inf.Troops Wksps & ABW? These are needed for guidance in the formation of an Italian Wksps.

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Capt.R.E.M.E.
for A.D.M.E.
Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.(MMIA)

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Dodge 15 cwt, 30 cwt & 3 ton.

Jeep.

Fordson WOT 2, 15 cwt & 3 ton.

Ford 3 ton 4 x 4. Br & Canadian.

Ford Ambulance 4 x 2

Chevrolet 8 cwt 4 x 2, 15 cwt 4 x 2, 3 ton 4 x 4.

Morris F A Tract, 8cwt, 15 cwt.

Morris F A Tractor (30 cwt BD)

Utilities - Austin, Morris, Hillman, Standard.

Loyd Carrier.

Carriers Universal.

Karrier 3 ton 4 x 4.

Leyland BD 3 ton 4 x 4

Mack 6 ton 6 x 6 GS.

Dodge 3 ton 6 x 4 BD.

Scammell BD.

AEC Matador Heavy Tractor.

Austin 6 x 4, 3 ton

Austin Ambulance.

Humber 4 x 4

Commer 3 ton 4 x 2.

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EME/1402

SUBJECT : Handover of the Italian Army to the Italian Government

LAND FORCES SUB CCM, A.C. (MEL)

G / 7

11 Dec 45

TO : See Distn below.

Ref MEL Directive No. 1 (G/7 of 8 Nov 45) subject: Handover of the Italian Army to the Italian Government.

Para III 7. will be amended as follows:

Under (a) amend:

Ten Independent Regiments each of 2,500 men for ten territorial regions on mainland	25,000

to read:

Ten Independent Regiments each of 2,500 men for ten territorial regions on mainland	25,000

Amend: Total 40,000 to read: 37,500

Under (e) amend:

Training and Reinforcements Total	10,000

to read:

Training and Reinforcements Total	12,500

[illegible]
Major General
A.H.I.A. G-5

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Under (a) amend:

Ten Independent Regiments each of 2,500 men for ten territorial regions on mainland 25,000

to read:

Ten Independent Regiments each of 2,250 men for ten territorial regions on mainland 22,500

Amend: Total 40,000 to read: 37,500

Under (c) amend:

Training and Reinforcements Total 10,000

to read:

Training and Reinforcements Total 12,500

A.C./abc

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Major General
A.M.I.4

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SUBJECT: MMIA Directive No. 2.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C. (MMIA)

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16 Nov 45

TO : All Addressees of Directive No.2

Herewith MMIA Directive No.2. The instructions contained in this Directive will not be implemented until receipt by signal of further orders from this HQ.

for Major General, [illegible]
M. M. I. A.

ARCS/jw

16 Nov 45.

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ALLIED COMMISSION

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (ITALY)

G / 7

7 Dec 45

DIRECTIVE No. 2

INSTRUCTIONS TO BRITISH LIAISON UNITS
ATTACHED TO
ITALIAN TERRITORIAL COMMANDS

INTRODUCTION

1. It is the wish of the United States and British Governments that an Italian Army, of such a size as can reasonably be maintained by the Italian Government shall be brought, in the shortest possible time, to a high state of efficiency. The task which will be required of the Italian Army is:-

(a) to maintain the authority of the Italian Government,

(b) to be available to go to the assistance of the civil authority for the maintenance of law and order.

(c) to act as a deterrent to foreign aggression across the frontiers of Italy.

Until the terms of the Peace Treaty are made known, this Italian Army, for the purpose of these instructions, is to be organised, trained and administered in accordance with AFHQ Directive No. 1 of 8 May 45, entitled "Handover of the Italian Army to the Italian Government".

2. (a) The Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission is the channel of communication between Allied authorities and the Italian War Ministry; it also functions as the Military Mission to the Italian Army (MMIA).

(b) As CMIA (dealing directly with AFHQ) its responsibility is confined to matters in connection with the organisation, training and administration of the Italian Army within the approved ceiling.

(c) In other respects, including alterations to the approved ceiling, economic, political and civil affairs, questions connected with demobilisation, demilitarisation, civil security and ex-army material and personnel (including ex-prisoners of war), its responsibility is to the Land Forces Sub Commission, directly subordinate to Allied Commission.

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ORGANISATION OF MMIA

3. (a) HQ MMIA is composed of British and US personnel and is organised in accordance with the attached chart (Appx "A").

(b) British Liaison Units (BLUs) are organised in accordance with the approved War Establishments (see Appx "B"), as Type 'A' or 'B', one of either type being attached to each Italian Territorial Region HQ. Reporting on the aims and responsibility of the region. Type 'A' BLUs, which include officers of services, will, from time to time, be required to assist Type 'B' BLUs in administrative matters for which purpose an affiliation plan will be made by HQ MMIA (see Appx "C"). Staff lists and British vehicle scheme of BLUs will be sent to MMIA formally as detailed in Appx "B".

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ALLIED COMMISSION

LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION (MMIA)

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16 Nov 45

DIRECTIVE No. 2

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ORGANISATION OF MMIA

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ORGANISATION OF MMLA

3. (a) HQ MMLA is composed of British and US personnel and is organised in accordance with the attached chart (Appx. 'A').

(b) British Liaison Units (BLUs) are organised in accordance with the approved War Establishments (see Appx. 'B'), as Type 'A' or 'B', one of either type being attached to each Italian Territorial Region HQ depending on the size and responsibility of the region. Type 'A' BLUs, which include officers of services, will, from time to time, be required to assist Type 'B' BLUs in administrative matters for which purpose an affiliation plan will be made by HQ MMLA (see Appx. 'C'). Staff lists and British vehicle returns of BLUs will be sent to MMLA monthly as detailed in Appx 'D'.

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(c) A special BLU (known as 'F' BLU) is attached to the Training Centre at CESANO for duty with the training group of units which are controlled directly by the War Ministry.

(d) All BLUs will come directly under HQ MMLA for all matters except such local administrative questions as must necessarily be handled by local administrative headquarters. MS matters will be referred direct to HQ MMLA and are handled there by an officer specially appointed for the purpose.

(e) Disciplinary, financial and administrative powers of a ~~Divisional~~ District Commander are vested in Commander MMLA. Similarly, powers of a Detachment Commander are vested in Lt-Colonels in charge of 'A' type BLUs and 'F' BLU. These powers extend over any 'B' type BLU affiliated to them.

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(a) ORGANISATION

Responsibility of OsC BLUs, as regards organisation of HQs, formations and units within the Territorial Command to which they are attached is as follows:-

(i) As far as possible the Italian Army is being organised and commanded on lines generally similar to those employed in the British Army. This policy is subject to such modifications as may be dictated by :-

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- the nature of the tasks which the Italian Army are intended to carry out,

- the nature and amount of the equipment which the British and US Governments have undertaken to provide,

- the national characteristics of the Italian military system.

(ii) CsC BLUs will see that all units in their area of responsibility are in fact organised in accordance with the official WE issued by the Italian Ministry of War after agreement with this HQ. They will bring to the notice of the Territorial Command any cases in which official WE are modified or disregarded. They will use their discretion as to whether such modifications are within the spirit of the WE, and they will advise the Territorial Command accordingly. If their advice is not accepted, they will inform this HQ.

(iii) Bearing in mind the characteristics of the Italian Military system, CsC BLUs will at all times offer to the Territorial Command advice on the organisation and efficient running of HQs and establishments.

(iv) CsC BLUs will submit to HQ MGIL for consideration with the Ministry of War, any recommendations they may have to make on the subject of Staff Duties with particular reference to the smooth and speedy disposal of business by means of decentralising responsibility to junior officers, eliminating redundant links in the chain of command and of supply, logical distribution of Staff Duties, and simple office procedure.

(v) CsC BLUs will render location statements as at Appx. 'D'.

(b) INTELLIGENCE

The responsibilities of CsC BLUs as regards Intelligence are as follows:-

(i) The Italian authorities are required to furnish information regarding the strength, organisation, training, movements, administration, real estate, and stocks of material and equipment held by the Italian Army.

(ii) CsC BLUs will collate, for transmission to this HQ when requested, such information of this nature as originates in the Territorial Command to which they are attached.

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(iii) In order that this information may be presented in the form best serving both Allied and Italian interests, and may be studied in the proper context of local conditions, OsC BLUs will keep their fingers upon the pulse of local feeling, both civilian and military, and will submit to this HQ a monthly Intelligence Report (see Appx. 'D'). This monthly Intelligence Report will be prepared with the collaboration of the Italian Territorial Command staff, and may be submitted in draft for the views of the Italian Territorial Command.

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(iv) In the Report, OsC BLUs will stress appreciated future trends rather than past events, details of which are only required if of outstanding importance or as factors in their appreciation.

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(v) As far as it concerns military officials and relations with the civilian population, BLUs will study the morale of all ranks with whom they come into contact. They will include this as a heading in their monthly Intelligence Report. They will as far as possible detail the factors affecting morale and will include the Italian reaction at all levels to these factors.

(c) TRAINING

(i) The training policy for the Italian Army is being laid down by the Ministry of War, and will be carried out under Allied advice and supervision.

(ii) In the case of establishments such as the CESANO Training Centre, the Ministry of War deals direct with the establishment concerned.

(iii) For formations under Territorial Commands the commander is responsible that Ministry of War policy is implemented in the form of Training Directives and exercises arranged and carried out locally and general executive control.

(iv) Territorial Training Centres will receive the syllabus and programme laid down by the Ministry of War. OsC BLUs will ensure that this programme is followed.

(v) British arms and equipment at present constitute a large proportion of the armament of the Italian Army. Os C BLUs will ensure generally that British methods and standards are adopted as far as is practicable.

(vi) OsC BLUs will offer advice and assistance to Italian Commanders on all forms of training and will, after the training methods have been decided, supervise as far as they are able the implementation of them on the ground.

(vii) OsC BLUs will be prepared to report on current Italian training practice with a view to enabling this HQ adequately to advise the Ministry of War with regard to training policy.

(d) ADMINISTRATION

(i) Personnel

Administration of all personnel forming part of the Interim Army of 140,000, and of the CC RR of 65,000 is the responsibility of the Italian Government. The necessary Administrative Units are being formed within the authorised ceiling. Instructions for intakes and demobilisation are

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(ii) Personal Services

Terms of service, pay, allowances, promotion, postings, discharges and leave are all matters for decision by the Ministry of War. MMIA is being kept informed by the War Ministry of all decrees and changes of procedure in respect of these matters. Such information as becomes available

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will be made known from time to time to BLUs who will be responsible for bringing to the notice of Italian HQs concerned, any serious breaches of regulations and for informing HQ MMIA if such matters are not reasonably adjusted.

Italian Army personnel will be subject to Italian Military Law which will be administered by Italian officers in accordance with the Italian Code. Any undue delay in the administration of justice will be reported by BLUs to HQ MMIA.

A welfare establishment will be included in the establishment of each Territorial Command. Advice of BLUs will be given freely on matters of welfare to Territorial and unit commanders.

(iii) Officers

The selection, appointment, posting, promotion and dismissal of officers are functions of the Italian Ministry of War. Regulations in these matters are being revised by the Ministry of War and will be made known to BLUs as soon as available. Meanwhile, OsC BLUs will watch these matters closely and discuss frankly and openly with Italian Commanders concerned any changes of appointment of senior officers, disciplinary action or preferment which, in their opinion, appear to be on the one hand necessary or on the other detrimental to the interests of the Service, and if necessary, advise them on the Allied view of their proposals. Any difficulties or failure to reach reasonable agreement will be reported by OsC BLUs to HQ MMIA for direction.

OsC BLUs will keep in their offices, up-to-date Staff Lists of Italian officers of the rank of Lt-Colonel and above with Territorial HQs, Divisions, Inf Regiments, and Training Centres, and will forward copies of current staff lists to MMIA as detailed in App 'D'.

(iv) Advice on Administrative Matters

Should MMIA at any time advise the Ministry of War on any important administrative matters, the fact that such advice has been given will be notified to BLUs. Similarly, any unforseen or extraordinary ruling, interpretation or advice given by a BLU Commander will be made known to HQ MMIA.

(v) Accommodation

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OsC BLUs will give active advice and assistance to Italian headquarters on accommodation questions generally and particularly in the matter of the return to the Italian Army of War Ministry property occupied by the Allies, in accordance with current Allied instructions (at present AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 43 of 2 Nov 45). For this purpose, direct contact will be made with local Allied Headquarters concerned; only in case of difficulty or in cases involving authorities under the Allied Commission will the matter be referred to HQ MMIA. The general allocation of accommodation within the Territorial Command is a matter for Territorial Commanders; the advice of BLUs will be valuable as concerning the probability of the Italian needs clashing with those of the Allies.

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(vi) Transport

Vehicles in use by the Italian Army are partly of Allied origin and partly of Italian. BLUs will exercise supervisory control over the use of the former. BLUs will continually impress on Italian authorities the need for good organisation and of economy in the use of MT and POL. A Director of Repairs is at Territorial Headquarters and responsible for the supervision of the Repair Unit. Spare parts are obtained from stores controlled by War Ministry. In the case of Allied vehicles, resort will frequently have to be made to cannibalisation.

Local tpt needs are provided by the Adm Tpt Coy which should be given first priority in maint, as on it depends the daily housekeeping of the Army.

A Light Wksp has been provided for each Adm Tpt Coy. The Veh Parks for efficient vehs and non-runners awaiting repair are an important link in the system and will require constant attention and supervision. Release of vehs from efficient Veh Parks is controlled by the War Ministry NCF by Terr. HQ.

(vii) Transportation

The Italian Government is now responsible for arranging rail movement of Italian Army troops and stores direct with the Italian State Railways. A directive on methods and priority is being issued by HQ MMLA.

(viii) Supplies

System of supply is as laid down in MMLA Directive No.1. The Italian Army must take its share of the Nation's food resources. Local purchase by the Commissariato Directorate at each Territorial Command will play an important part in the procurement of foodstuffs. The ration scale will probably vary and that in local use will be ascertained by the BLUs for the information of MMLA. Advice and assistance on matters of distribution and cookery should be freely given to Territorial Commanders. Further particulars as to the maintenance of BR-ITI and US-ITI Service troops are given at Appx. 'E'.

CmC BLUs will be responsible through their own or affiliated supply officers for:-

(a) Technical advice on the receipt, storage and issues of all foodstuffs in Italian depots and Divisions.

(b) Liaison between Allied (military and/or civilian organisations) Supply Depots for transfer of stocks to the Italian [illegible]

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(c) Advice concerning maintenance of stocks within their Areas.

(d) Ensuring that any alteration to the ration scale is brought to the attention of all concerned and that alterations are implemented as instructed.

(e) Supervisory control over all supplies found from Allied military sources.

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(ix) Clothing and Equipment

During the interim period before the National Economy permits a uniform standard of clothing and equipment, it will not be possible to attain homogenity in all units of the Army. Economy is, therefore, essential. CoC BLUs will be provided with copies of equipment tables issued by the Ministry of War and will advise local authorities and assist them to introduce and maintain a system of unit accounting and individual responsibility for stores, similar to that in the British Army. Further particulars as to the maintenance of BR-LOC and US-LOC Service troops are given at Appx. 'P'.

(x) Veterinary and Remount

The utmost use of animal transport in station duties will be rendered essential by the shortage of petrol. CoC BLUs will advise and assist wherever possible in the reorganisation of animal transport.

(xi) Accounting

Transfer of stores from Allied to Italian depots has hitherto been recorded on shipping tickets in accordance with established procedure. Separate instructions will be issued regarding the impending transfer of warlike equipment with the Gruppi, and any other accounting with which BLUs may be concerned.

CARABINIERI

6. The Carabinieri (CC RR) within the authorised ceiling of 65,000 are included in the term "Italian Army" and will be the responsibility of MMLO except for operational functions and training in purely civil police duties. Such matters are the responsibility of the Ministry of the Interior and of the Public Safety Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission. CoC BLUs will maintain close touch with CC RR Divisional or Brigade Headquarters concerned.

RELATIONS WITH ALLIED AUTHORITIES

7. (a) As long as any Italian troops are under Allied operational command, at the request of Allied Commanders, CoC BLUs will provide full liaison between the Italian Territorial Command to which BLUs are attached and the Allied HQ concerned.

(b) CoC BLUs will volunteer to Allied Districts or Areas any information of outstanding importance or urgency on any subjects within their knowledge, copy to MMLO.

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(ii) As long as Italian troops are under operational command of Allied Commanders Italian Territorial Commands must themselves provide, with the assistance of OsC BLUs, such returns or states of all troops, including Inf Divs, within their command, as are required by Allied Commanders.

(iii) When Allied Commanders cease to have operational command of Italian troops OsC BLUs may continue to keep touch with Allied HQs on all necessary matters of mutual interest to Allied and Italian Commands, but will be required to provide detailed information only to MAIL.

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ALLIED SERVICE TROOPS

8. BR-IPI and US-IPI Service units do NOT form part of the Italian Army at disposal of the Italian Government. Particulars regarding their maintenance, which is an Anglo-American commitment, are given at Appx. 'E'.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

9. (a) Correspondence

Written correspondence will be kept to a minimum.

(b) Channels of Communication

OsC BLUs will correspond direct with MMLA on all matters, copies where relevant to interested Allied HQs. On all subjects other than BLU administration and discipline, for which matters 'B' Type BLUs are affiliated to 'A' Type BLUs, OsC 'B' Type BLUs will correspond direct with MMLA on a par with OsC 'A' Type BLUs.

Copies of any necessary direct correspondence with Allied HQs will be sent to MMLA as applicable.

(c) Periodical Returns - see Appx. 'D'

(d) Conferences

Conferences will be held at frequent intervals, probably monthly, and alternately in ROME and a suitable rendezvous in North Italy.

(e) Postal and Signal Addresses

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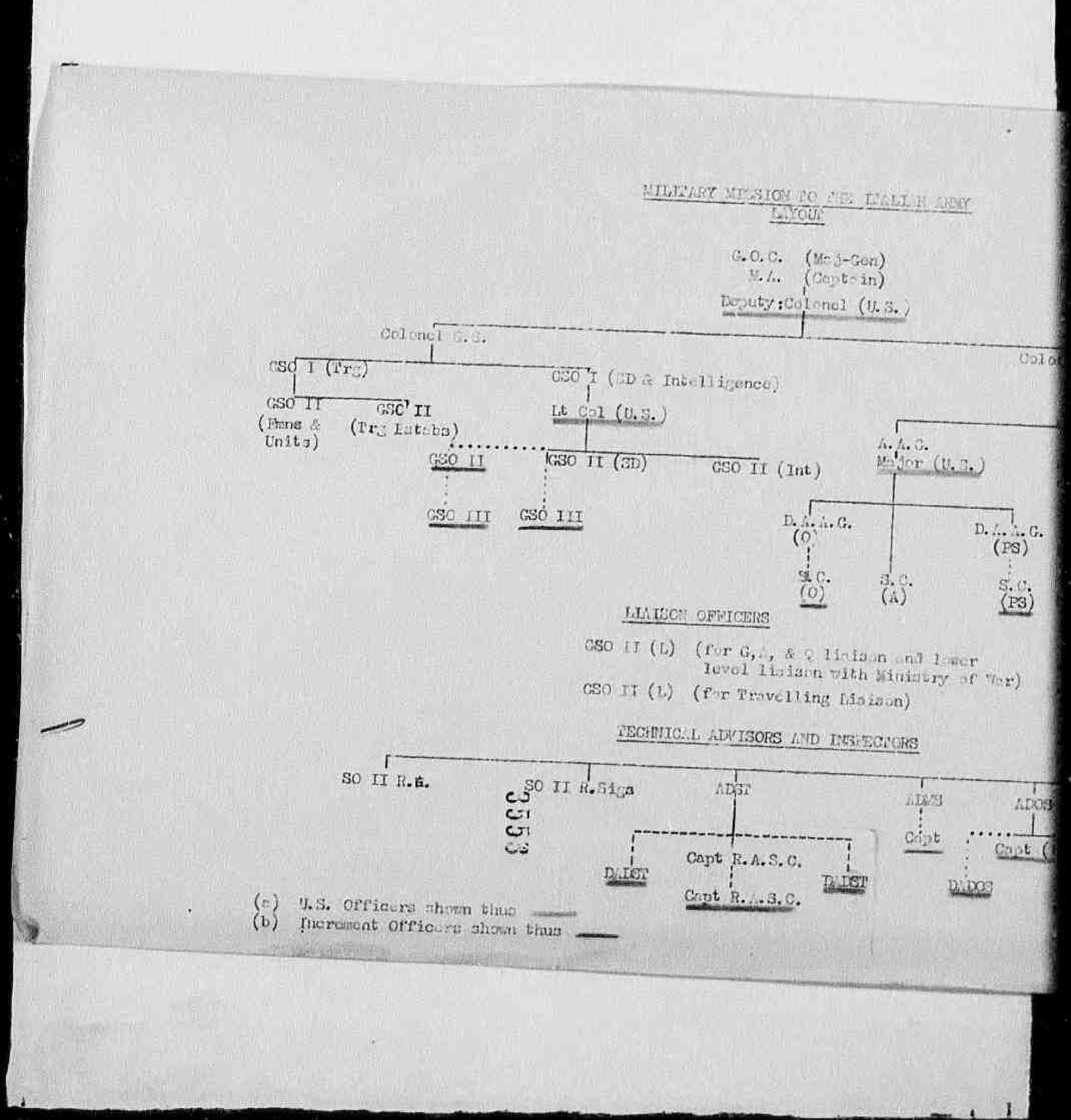

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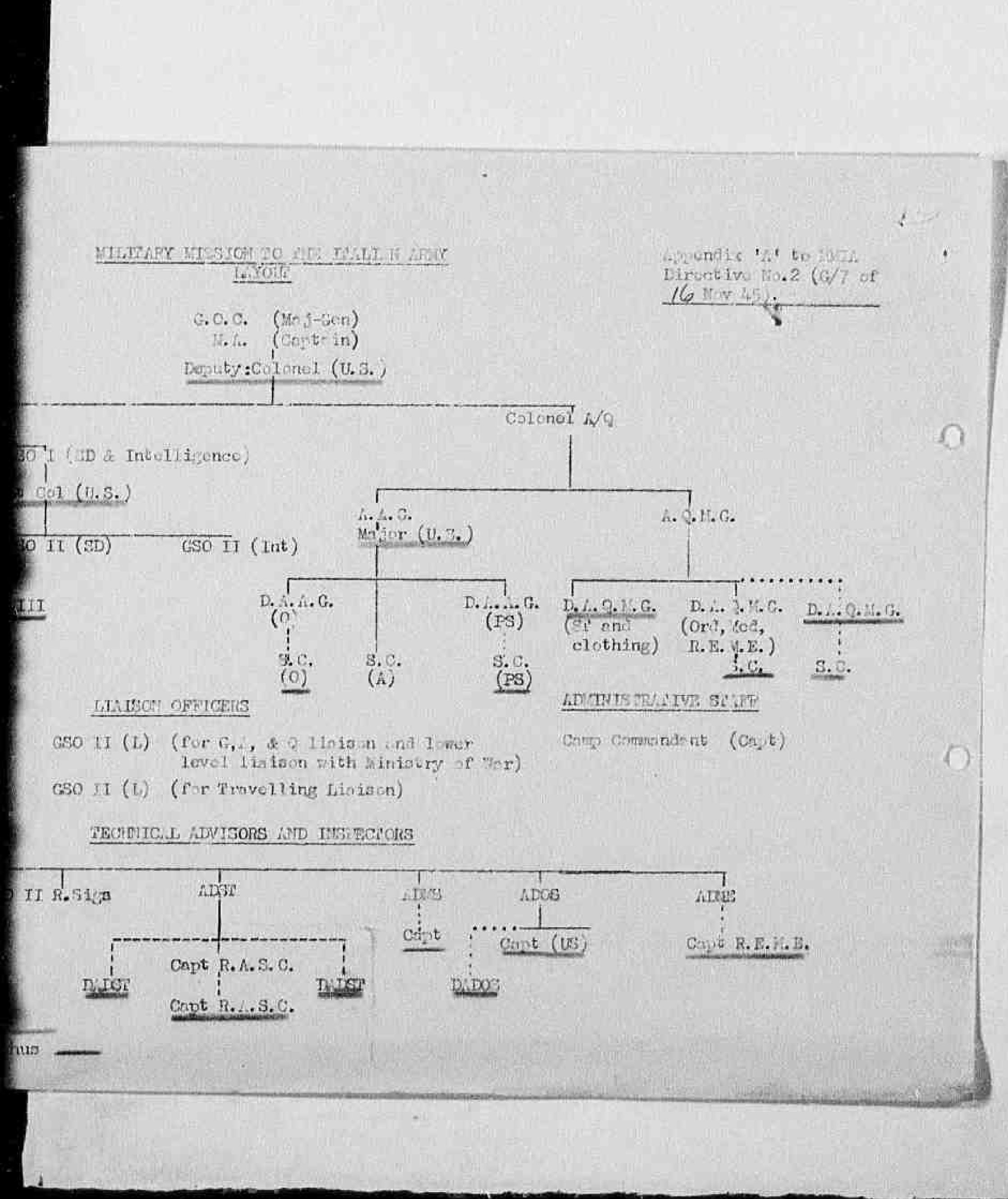

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RESTRICTED

BRITISH LIAISON UNIT (TYPE 'A') TO AN ITALIAN TERRITORIAL HQ

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

Amdt No.	-
Date	24 Sept 45
Officers	5
ORs	12
Total	17
NCs	2
Vehicles	4
Trailers	-

(i) Personnel

STAFF

ATTACHED TO GENERAL STAFF

General staff officer, 1st grade	1
General staff officer, 2nd grade	1
Deputy assistant adjutant and quartermaster general	1
Clerks, general duties, R.A.S.C. -	
Sergeant	1
Corporal	1
Private	1

SERVICES

Supply and Transport -

Captain, R.A.S.C.	1
Clerk, general duties, R.A.S.C. (lance-Cpl)	1

Ordnance -

Clerks (R.A.O.C. duties) -	
Warrant officer, class I	1
Lance-Corporal	1

R.E.M.E. -

Captain, R.E.M.E.	1
Clerk, technical, R.E.M.E. (Lance-corporal)	1

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Duty M.C.O. (Sergeant)	1
Ration M.C.O. (lance-corporal)	1
Driver Mechanic (lance-corporal)	1
Batman-driver	1
Cook, A.C.C.	1

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Batman-driver	1
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Total, British Liaison Unit (Type 'A') to an Italian Territorial Headquarters	17

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(ii) Transport

Motor-cycles, solo	2
Cars, 4 x 2, Light utility	3
Truck, 15 cwt, 4 x 4, GS	1
Total, Vehicles	4

NOTES

1. All officers will be Italian speaking
2. Additional administrative personnel held on Italian Incr.

This establishment when implemented will supersede British Liaison Unit to an Italian Territorial Headquarters (CX/1112/1). (This establishment was not issued)

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Appendix 'B' to MMA Directive
No. 2 (G/7 dated 16 Nov 45)

RESTRICTED

Effective date 24 Sept 45.

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Amdt No.	-
Date	24 Sept 45
Officers	2
O.Rs	4
Civilians	5
Total	11
M. Cs.	1
Vehicles	2
Trailers	-

BRITISH LIAISON UNIT (TYPE 'B')
TO AN ITALIAN TERRITORIAL HEADQUARTERS

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

General staff officer, 2nd grade (a)	1	
Deputy assistant adjutant and quartermaster-general (a)	1	
Total, officers	2	
Clerks, general duties, R.A.S.C. - Corporal	1	
Private	1	
Batman-driver	1	
Motor-cyclist	1	
Total, other ranks	4	
Total, all ranks	6	
Civilians -		
Batman-driver	1	
Cooks	2	
Mess orderly	1	
General dutyman	1	
Total, civilians	5	
Total, British liaison unit (type 'B') to an Italian Territorial Headquarters (including civilians)	11	3549

(ii) Transport

Motor-cycle, solo	1
Car, 4 x 2, light	

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General staff officer, 2nd grade	1
Deputy assistant adjutant and quartermaster-general (a)	1
Total, officers	2
Clerks, general duties, R.A.S.C. -	
Corporal	1
Private	1
Batman-driver	1
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Total, other ranks	4
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Civilians -	
Batman-driver	1
Cooks	2
Mess orderly	1
General dutyman	1
Total, civilians	5
Total, British liaison unit (type 'B') to an Italian Territorial Headquarters (including civilians)	11

(ii) Transport

Motor-cycle, solo	1
Car, 4 x 2, light utility	1
Truck, 15-cwt, 4 x 4, G.S.	1
Total, vehicles	2

(a) Will be Italian speaking.

This establishment will NOT be implemented without A.F.H.Q. authority.

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Revised Appx 'C' to MMIA
Directive No 2 (G/7 dated 7 Dec 45)

Ref Para 3 (b)

1. "B" Type BLUs will be affiliated to 'A' Type BLU's for Adm matters as under:

No. 1	(TURIN)	No. 2	(GENOA)
No. 3	(MILAN)		
No. 4	(BOLZANO)	No. 5	(UDINE)
No. 7	(FLORENCE)	No. 6	(BOLOGNA)
(MMIA HQ)		No. 8	(ROME)
No. 10	(NAPLES)	No. 9	(BARI) and
		No. 11	(PALERMO)

2. Os C 'A' Type BLUs will at their discretion attach their REME and/or RASC officers to 'B' Type BLUs, and will alter these attachments from time to time as necessity arises.

Appx "C" to MMIA Directive No 2
(G/7 dated 16 Nov 1945)

Ref Para 3 (b)

"B" Type BLUs will be affiliated to "A" Type BLUs for adm matters as under:

1.

	PRESENT	
No. 1 (TURIN) Comd (ex 51 BLU)	A	No. 2 (GENOVA) B Comd
No. 3 (MILAN) Comd (ex 50 BLU)		No. 6 (BOLOGNA) Comd
No. 4 (BOLZANO) Comd (ex 53 BLU)		
No. 5 (UDINE) Comd (ex 52 BLU)		
No. 10 (NAPLES) Comd (ex 56 BLU)		No. 9 (BARI) Comd No. 11 (PALERMO) Comd
MMIA		No. 8 (ROME) Comd No. 7 (FLORENCE) Comd

2. In order to facilitate supervision of Service Installations and in view of possible re-deployment of Inf Divs, readjustment may be necessary at a later date as follows :

No. 1 (TURIN) Comd (ex 51 BLU)	No. 2 (GENOVA) Comd
No. 3 (MILAN) Comd (ex 50 BLU)	No. 4 (BOLZANO) Comd
No. 6 (BOLOGNA) Comd (ex 53 BLU)	No. 7 (FLORENCE) Comd
No. 5 (UDINE) Comd (ex 52 BLU)	
No. 10 (NAPLES) Comd (ex 56 BLU)	No. 9 (BARI) Comd No. 11 (PALERMO) Comd
MMIA	No. 8 (ROME) Comd

Map showing Comds and Districts is att.

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AMENDMENT NO 3.

Revised Appx 'D' to MMA Directive No 2 (G/7 dated 7 december 1945)

The following reports are required by HQ MMA from all BLUs on 7th and 21st of each month, and as at 1st and 15th of each month.

A consolidated Progress Report, subdivided into G (para 5(b)(iii) refers), A and Q headings, and on 7th of each month ONLY with the following Appces att:

A. Location Statement of A and B Type BLUs, also of all ITALIAN tps in the Territorial Comd to which BLU are att, down to and incl bns or equivalent units. Only the Designations of Units as shown in the Order of Battle for the ITALIAN Army will be used in Location Statements for ITALIAN tps. (para 5(a)(v) refers).

B. Staff Lists of BLUs (para 3(b) refers).

C. Staff Lists of ITALIAN offrs of rank of LT COL and above with Territorial Comd HQ, Divs, Regts and Trg Ests. (para 5 (d) (iii) refers).

D. Return of BR MT. Proforma as under. (para 3 (b) refers).

PROFORMA

Serial No.	Vehicle Type	Reg No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks
1	etc	...	...	..	..	3345
2						

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1	etc	. . .	. . .	..	..	3545
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3						
etc						

Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that A.B. 412 and A.B. 406 have been inspected and found correct.

Signed.....

Unit.....

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Appx "D" to HLLA Directive No. 2
(C/7 dated 16 Nov 1945)

Following periodical Statement, Report, Lists and Return are required by HQ HLLA from all BLUs, all on 7th of each month and as at 1st of each month.

"C" (a) Location Statements of "A" and "B" Type BLUs, also of all ITALIAN troops in the Territorial Comd to which BLUs are attached, down to and including bns or equivalent units. (Para 5(a)(v) refers).

(b) Intelligence Reports in general terms to cover the previous month. (Para 5(b)(iii) refers).

(c) On 7th and 1st of each month and as at 7th & 1st a Statistical Report — Duplicate on grounds of general interest (& permanently sent to Ordelleo from Comds & also Bdes to HQC) This is a letter of 37 of 5 Dec 45 refers.

"A" (d) Staff Lists of BLUs in duplicate (Para 5(b) refers).

(e) Staff Lists of ITALIAN officers of rank of Lt Col and above, with Territorial Comd HQ, Divs, Regts and Training Centres. (Para 5(d)(iii) refers).

"C" (f) Return of BRITISH MT. Proforma as under. (Para 5(b) refers).

PROFORMA.

Serial No.	Vehicle Type	Reg No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks
1	etc	...	...	..	..	...
2						
3						
etc						

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"G" (F) Return of BRITISH MT. Proforma as under. (Para 5(b) refers).

PROFORMA

Serial No.	Vehicle Type	Reg No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks
1						
2	etc	...	...	..	..	...
3						
etc						

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A. Clothing and Equipment (BR-ITI)

1. DEPOTS

Stocks will be held at the main Depots of BARI, NAPLES and FLORENCE, and they will be controlled by MMLA. From the Main Depots stocks will be allotted to :

2. SUB-DEPOTS, of which there will be one with each Adm Div and each Regtl Div HQ as under :

227	Adm	Div,	located at	NAPLES/BARI
231	"	"	"	" MILAN
711	"	Regt	"	" BARI
712	"	"	"	" ANCONA
713	"	"	"	" SALERNO
714	"	"	"	" NAPLES
715	"	"	"	" ROME
716	"	"	"	" FLORENCE
717	"	"	"	" PADUA
718	"	"	"	" MIRA

The Adm Div or Regt Comd is authorised to release from his own Sub-Depot to meet demands from units under comd.

3. Other BR-ITI Stocks

In addition to the main stocks in the BR-ITI Depots (para 1), certain stocks have been frozen for BR-ITIS in ITI-ITI Depots and will be transferred to BR-ITI Depots when needed by "Q" MMLA.

B. Clothing and Equipment (US-ITI)

Clothing and equipment for US-ITIS will continue to be furnished under direct arrangements with QM MTOUSA and QM "employing formation".

C. Rations (BR-ITI and US-ITI)

US-ITI and BR-ITI Service Units draw Allied components of the existing ration scale for Italian Armed Forces from the nearest US QM Ration Depot (in case of US-ITI) and Br RASC DID (in case of BR-ITI). US Depots will

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NO MMIA FORM ST/8 WILL BE USE AS HITHERTO.

The Italian component of the ration scale will be drawn from the nearest Italian Army Food Distn Depot on MMIA Form ST/8

D. POL (BR-ITI and US-ITI)

BR-ITI and US-ITI Service units will continue to draw POL from Allied Military sources in accordance with AFHQ AG 463.7 PET-O.

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Appendix 'F' to MMIA Directive No.2
(G/7 dated Dec 7 1945)

OBJECT

1. The correct method of dealing with personal services questions concerning BLU personnel is as follows.

PERSONNEL

2. Officers : (a) All postings, appointments, changes of employment, confidential reports, applications for interviews (e.g. with M.S.) and applications for courses will be dealt with through HQ MMLA.

(b) Normal routine documentation such as A.F.W3010A will be sent direct to GHQ, 2nd Echelon by units with copies to HQ MMIA. In the case of A.F.W3008 HQ MMIA need not be included on the distribution list.

3. Other Ranks: (a) All postings and documentation will be done direct to GHQ, 2nd Echelon in the normal manner. Any particular difficulties that arise can be referred to HQ MMIA.

(b) HQ MMIA will be kept fully informed as to OR strength. See instructions contained in HQ MMLA letter A 574 dated 20 Dec 45.

RELEASE - PYTHON

4. (a) Release : Documentation of all ranks will be dealt with by BLUs direct with the local Administrative HQ

(b) Python : BLUs deal direct with GHQ 2nd Echelon.

LEAVE

5. LIAP : (a) Vacancies for all ranks will be applied for by BLUs to the local Administrative HQ - see instructions contained in HQ MMIA letter A/388/I dated 20 Dec 45.

(b) BLUs will apply to HQ MMIA for permission to send officers on LIAP before applying for vacancies for them.

LEAVE other than LIAP.

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6. Any queries on local leave or applications for leave to countries

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RELEASE - PYTHON

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LEAVE

5. LLAP : (a) Vacancies for all ranks will be applied for by BLUs to the local Administrative HQ - see instructions contained in HQ MMLA letter A/388/I dated 20 Dec 45.

(b) BLUs will apply to HQ MMLA for permission to send officers on LLAP before applying for vacancies for them.

LEAVE other than LLAP. 3540

6. Any queries on local leave or applications for leave to countries other than UK will be made to HQ MMLA.

Local leave in accordance with current regs may be granted by OC BLU without reference to HQ MMLA except leave for OC a BLU which should be referred to MMLA giving name of proposed substitute.

DISCIPLINE

7. COURTS MARTIAL and COURTS OF INQUIRY matters will be dealt with by HQ MMLA. BLUs are reminded that the C.C.C., MMLA has powers of a District Commander.

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FINANCE

8. (a) AUDIT BOARDS will be held quarterly in accordance with KR 65 (b) and the papers forwarded to HQ MMLA for approval.

(b) OFFICERS' personal matters - to be dealt with in accordance with GHQs 1129 and 1130 dated 12 Oct 45.

FAMILIES TO CMF

9. Applications for the families of British officers and ORs to come to CMF will be made through local Adm HQ.

GENERAL

10. The following matters will be referred to HQ MMLA:-

(a) Marriages.

(b) Honours and Awards.

(c) Repatriation.

11. Matters referred to in the above paragraphs are dealt with at HQ MMLA as follows:-

A.A.G.
(phone No.478732)

D.A.A.G. (phone No.489081 Ext.533)		S.C. 'A' (phone No.489081 Ext.524)	
(a) OFFICERS	(1) Postings and Appointments. (2) Confidential Reports (3) Interviews (4) Financial matters (5) Courses - Staff College etc.	(a) O.R.	(1) Strengths (2) Postings
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(e) Honours and Awards

(f) Visits

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(2) Postings

(b) Release (1) Officers
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(g) Families to CMF

(h) Marriages

(i) Repatriation.

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MAJ TAYLOR

SUBJECT: Interview given to Signor JACCHIA, Editor of "Il Giornale del Mattino" by H.E. on Nov 21, 1945.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C. (MAIA)

INT/114

28 Nov 45

TO : See Distribution below:

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INTERVIEW GIVEN TO SIGNOR JACCHIA, EDITOR OF
"IL GIORNALE DEL MATTINO" BY H.E. ON NOV 21, 45.

Mi permetterò, anzitutto, di prospettare all'E.V. alcuni quesiti su argomenti d'ordine generale che stanno particolarmente a cuore, in questo momento, al popolo italiano.

Question

1. Come considera personalmente, e quale corrispondenza trova ancora oggi nel sentimento del popolo inglese, il contributo dato dall'Italia alla vittoria Alleata sulla Germania?

Answer

1. Anyone who has had, as I have, the opportunity of working in Italy for nearly eighteen months, is able to appreciate the contribution which democratic Italy made to the defeat of the German armies in Italy. Those who fought and died naturally come first to one's mind, and I should like to pay a special tribute to the units of the re-organised Italian army who took part in the final offensive along-side the British and American armies, also to the Italian Navy and Air-Force and to the Partisan formations who so admirably cooperated with Allied Liaison officers and who bore the long hard months of waiting and disappointment last winter with such fortitude. We must also remember the many thousands of Italians working in labour battalions, in dock yards or in factories who performed essential and useful work and thus enabled the Allied armies to put the maximum number of troops into the fighting line.

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Answer

2) Most certainly. In my opinion not only is Italy's war effort and her sacrifices in blood and wealth a title to recognition of her new attitude but also the strenuous efforts which she is making to revive her political life on a democratic basis, entitle her to friendly consideration by the Allied powers and, speaking for my Government, I think she is receiving such consideration in large measure.

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3) E, in conseguenza, anche a prescindere dall'adempiuto patto formale di cobelligeranza, pensa V.E. che l'Italia democratica debba essere considerata non piu' come il nemico vinto, ma come il popolo che, scosso il giogo fascista ed abbattuta la dittatura, ha voluto con tutte le sue forze e secondo il suo intimo sentimento, recare il proprio contributo alla guerra antinazista di liberazione?

Answer

3) Mussolini's Declaration of war at a time when England's ally France was defeated, and England and the British Empire stood alone before the German armies, was an act of cowardly and misguided self-interest, which the British people cannot easily forget. It is natural that the thousands of British who fought against Italian troops in North Africa and elsewhere, must hold the Italian people in some measure responsible for supporting Mussolini's decision.

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and therefore take legitimate pride in their victory. Nevertheless, as time passes, the British troops in this country have had many opportunities of appreciating Italy's efforts to redeem her past and I believe there are few British now who do not sincerely desire to see Italy's recovery.

As regards your expression "conquered enemy", can anyone who stops to think really believe that we want to treat Italy in this way?

Question

4) Nessuno ignora e misconosce in Italia l'alto spirito di giustizia e di umanita' che e' antico, tradizionale patrimonio della vita morale, della educazione politica e della civilta' britannica. Non rischia, tuttavia, che la serenita' di giudizio nei confronti del popolo italiano sia, in talune correnti dell'opinione pubblica inglese male influenzata da preconcetti di sfiducia che occorrerebbe praticamente chiarificare ?

Non trova, ad esempio, illogico che, senza tenere conto delle sostanziali differenze di condizioni esistenti fra i due Paesi, si insista nel giudicare la linea e la misura della vita politica inglese e quella naturale della Italia, per dedurne che il popolo italiano da prova di immaturita' ad autogovernarsi in regime di liberta' e di democrazia?

Non sembra all'E.V. che il penoso travaglio della vita italiana sul terreno politico sia conseguenza diretta e fatale dell'esempio di venti anni di dittatura corruttrice, della ingiusta guerra e delle miserie materiali e morali patite dal Paese ?

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4.) British democracy today is the result of hundreds of years political evolution in circumstances of peace and freedom from invasion which it has not been the good fortune of many highly civilised European countries to enjoy. We recognise that the political system which the British have now come to suit their own needs would not necessarily suit those of other countries. I do not believe that any responsible British statesman would seek to impose the particular form of the British system of government on any other people, nor would he judge any other people democratically incompetent because they chose not to adopt our own views on democracy.

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There are, nevertheless, certain fundamental rules of political practice which are common to the constitutions of any country which has the right to call itself truly democratic. They have been repeatedly stated by the Allied leaders during the war. They are:-

1. The freedom of the individual to vote for whom he likes and for what he likes without fear of violence or intimi-dation.
2. Respect for the law.
3. Respect for the authority of the Government as representing the will of the majority of the people.
4. Respect for the liberty of the minority by the majority and for the authority of the majority by the minority.

There is no reason to believe that the majority of the Italian people are not firmly persuaded of the importance of these rules, and I am sure that no outside power would seek to limit their authority to adopt whatever political system was judged best suited to the needs of the country.

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Answer

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Great Britain is doing and will continue to do her best to make such contributions as she can, but it would be unreasonable to expect too much from her.

For nearly six years, Great Britain to a greater extent than any other country in the world, put her national wealth and resources into winning the war from which she has emerged victorious but poor.

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I am not amongst those who doubt her ability to recover, but we have long years of hard work before us, during which we shall go without many of the things which we enjoyed and even thought we needed before the war. It is natural that we shall put our own needs first. Nevertheless it is in our own interest that there should be a strong and prosperous Italy, and we shall certainly supply whatever we can spare.

Before the war, Italy's economy, geared to Fascist policy, was in many ways extravagant and ill-suited to her needs. I have no doubt that the Italian Government will wish to eliminate or at any rate drastically revise those Fascist run on Fascist subsidised industries which contributed nothing to the wealth of the country, and will wish to concentrate Italy's industrial capacity on the manufacture of those things which contribute most to the welfare of her people.

Italy is going to face a hard winter, but I am sure it will be without the threat of presence of Germans on her soil, and I hope that with the improvements of communications allowing for the transport of food from production centres to the cities, the exertions of U.N.R.R.A., the Italian Government and the Allied Commission, she will get through without great suffering, and be well on the road to recovery next spring.

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Out of a total population of forty-seven millions, thirty millions came within the Government's war-time registeration scheme. Of these 47% served in the armed forces, Civil Defence or munitions, 26% in agriculture, mining and other essential industries, and 27% in the building (including airfields and barracks), civil engineering and clothing trades. Only one fifth of the labour at the disposal of the Government was used to work for civilian trades. The labour available for export trade, which was formerly one of the foundations of Great Britain's economy, was reduced to one twenty-fifth of its pre-war figure. 57% of the total male population between the ages of eighteen and forty served in the armed forces; the majority of the remainder worked in munitions factories. The casualties of the U.K. armed forces in the first five years amounted to 565,000; the Merchant Navy, which contributed as much as any other body of men to winning the war, had 30,000 casualties in the same period, while 57,000 civilians, and more than 60,000 women and children, lost their lives through enemy air attacks.

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One in every three houses in the U.K. was damaged by enemy action, and one in every twenty-eight destroyed or made totally uninhabitable.

I have no wish to continue this recital indefinitely and figures can be meaningless unless it is understood that behind them lies the story of millions of English men and women living and working under more or less continous air attack, their homes broken up, and they themselves deprived of practically every comfort or little luxury which makes a life of unremitting hard work bearable.

Further, no set of figures can ever express the full contribution which Great Britain made. To the United Nation's war effort her scientists contributed radiolocation, penicillin, the prefabricated invasion ports, and her share in the construction of the atomic bomb. Above all she gave people of all nations faith. It is useless to speculate on what might have happened had Great Britain and the Empire surrendered in 1940. She did not, and by so doing she brought faith and hope to the millions of Europeans who were living under the Nazi domination.

Even now that the war is over, the British people have not come to the end of their sacrifices. One of the first things which the British Government had after the armistice was to reduce the food and clothing rations. Europe is crying out for supplies, and the British people have willingly foregone part of the rations they had during the war to feed and clothe the destitute people of Europe.

In the effort to win the war, Great Britain disposed of the greater part of her foreign assets, and has also lost a large part of her other invisible exports. She has moreover run up very substantial sterling debts to overseas countries and the Empire. A great part of British production is now being turned to the manufacture of export goods to reduce these debts. It is our hope that before long we shall recapture the markets which we had to surrender during the war, but I cannot emphasise too strongly that the change from war production to peace production will mean greatly increased austerity to the individual Englishman. I think it is important that foreign countries which may be impressed by the signs of Great Britain's apparent wealth should understand that though we have every intention of recovering our former economic position, we have no illusions about the price it is going to cost us.

Question

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7) Vorrei permettermi, a questo punto, di proporre a V.E. alcuni quesiti in materia di politica estera:-

(a) Vede la gran Bretagna ancor un pericolo per se stessa, o la dipendenza dell'Italia dall'Inghilterra può ancora considerarsi come un dato di fatto?

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Answer

7) (b) For the rest, Italy will ultimately have and indeed has already, an opportunity of making important contributions to international peace and the extirpation of Fascism. Even now she can take steps to see that not only the individuals responsible for Fascism, but also the attitude of mind which produced Fascism are for ever eliminated from her national life. In the future she can appear with her hands cleansed of her immediate past and take the place to which her long tradition of liberty and culture entitle her as a full and equal member of the United Nations.

Question

7) (c) Non rivolgo, naturalmente, a V.E. domande specifiche in relazione ai problemi delle frontiere. Potrebbe tuttavia, V.E. manifestarmi a grandi linee il Suo pensiero sui criteri generali d'ordine morale e di diritto che dovrebbero ispirare la pace per l'Italia?

Answer

7) (c) The principles governing the British Government's attitude towards the revision of frontiers have been publicly stated. In common with the Government of the United States, we consider that wherever possible frontiers should be decided on the ethnic principles. We recognise, however, that in certain parts of Europe this principle, owing to the intermingling of local populations, can either not be applied, or can only partially be applied. It may be that transfer of populations may solve the difficulties. Furthermore it will be our object to ensure that no fundamental human right is disregarded and that people will be able to live and work securely and peacefully in accordance with their legitimate desires wherever they may be.

Question

7) (d) Che pensa in materia di riparazioni?

Answer

7) (d) The question of reparations is not for any one of the Allied powers to decide. Nevertheless, I think I may say that his Majesty's Government would not support any claims to reparations which might seriously impede Italy's chances of recovery.

Question

7) (e) Se la politica dell' Italia democratica non risponde, come credo, ad obiettivi imperialistici, in quale campo, in maniera, in questo campo, la necessità Se di conseguiti pure sociali, [illegible]

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Answer

8) The British Government would, I think, certainly be glad to examine most sympathetically any request from the Italian Government for an agreement aimed at restoring Italy's status to something more approaching normality and is well aware that continuance of the armistice regime is irksome to the Italians. Nevertheless, I feel bound to say that there appear to be many misconceptions about the original nature of this instrument, and above all of the extent to which it has been applied and is still being applied. Now that the armistice terms have been published, I think many Italians must be agreeably surprised at the liberal interpretation which has been given to some of its more severe clauses, and will agree that the fact that the Allies have not chosen to exercise their full powers under this instrument is a proof of the confidence they have felt in the new Italy.

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Minutes of a Conference on a suggested new lay-out for the ITALIAN Inf Div, held by permission of GOC 2 DISTRICT at HQ 2 DISTRICT on 2 and 3 Nov 45

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3. The Chairman emphasised that the conference was purely exploratory, that no action could be expected until recommendations had been examined by AFHQ, and that in particular the suggestions of the Conference were on no account to be discussed with the ITALIANS or outside MMLA and the BLUs.

4. Certain limitations were explained, as imposed by:-

(a) the AFHQ Directive on the handing over to the ITALIANS of the INTERNAL Army.

(b) manpower.

(c) uncertainty as to availability of equipment.

5. The purposes for which the ITALIAN Inf Div was to be organised were discussed. These were:-

(a) defence against minor frontier aggression.

(b) duties in aid of the Civil Power.

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6. The comparative desirability was considered of producing:-

(a) an organisation specialised to cope with 5(a) and (b) above.

(b) a pocket, model, all-purpose organisation.

(c) a full-scale organisation, on the most modern BRITISH or AMERICAN lines, realising the limitations imposed, and accepting the fact that in peace a large portion of the War Establishments and Equipment Tables could not possibly be implemented.

7. With GSO1 56 BLU (Lt-Col. GIBBON) and GSO II (Trg) MMLA dissenting, it was agreed that the Conference should investigate the model, pocket, all-purpose type of organisation.

Lt-Col. GIBBON requested that his protest be formally attached to the Minutes (Appendix 'A').

8. A layout submitted by MMLA for discussion was considered in detail as follows and it was by agreement recommended:-

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(b) Div Tps

With GSO1 56 BLU (Lt-Col. GIBBON) dissenting, it was agreed that a Recce Element be added to the Div.

Subject to expert RAC advice it was agreed that a small armd car bn of HQ (three armd cars) and three sqns each of HQ (two arms cars) and three tps (each of three armd cars), total thirty-six armd cars, would meet requirements.

Lt-Col. GIBBON considered that two or three full-scale armd car regts or recce bns, held as corps tps, would be more satisfactory.

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(c) Inf Regt HQ

(i) staff: that the Lieut Col (Legal Duties) be deleted and the division of duties between officers of Regt HQ be revised.

(ii) services: that an EME be added to advise the comd on all ME matters and coordinate ME work throughout the Regt.

(iii) services: that a BOWO or equivalent be added to the Regt HQ to supervise all Ord matters in the Regt.

(d) Inf Regt

(i) that the addition of a MMG coy was neccessary.

(ii) that the existing 6 pr A/Tk coy be deleted complete, and that in compensation the Arty A/Tk be increased.

(iii) the the existing 3" mortar coy be converted to Hy Mortar and shown as "Hy Mortar coy".
It was felt that the British 4.2" mortar was not an entirely satisfactory weapon and that the Italians may have a better hy mortar of their own.
The need for a heavier mortar than the present 3" mortar was agreed.

(iv) that a Regt Band was required and was preferable to having three Bn Bands. Personnel to be found from Bn stretcher bearers"attd Regt HQ coy as bandsmen during peacetime"

(e) Inf Bn

(i) Bn HQ: that a second in comd be added.

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(iii) Bn HQ: that the "two junior officers" at present shown at the Bn HQ be defined respectively as I.O. and Tpt Offr.

(iv) that a small number of Bn(Regt) Police be added.

(v) HQ and sp coys: that the existing seperate HQ and support coys should be amalgamated

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(d) Inf Regt

(i) that the addition of a MMG coy was neccessary.

(ii) that the existing 6 pr A/Tk coy be deleted complete, and that in compensation the Arty A/Tk be increased.

(iii) the the existing 3" mortar coy be converted to Hy Mortar and shown as "Hy Morter coy".
It was felt that the British 4.2" mortar was not an entirely satisfactory weapon and that the Italians may have a better hy mortar of their own.
The need for a heavier mortar than the present 3" mortar was agreed.

(iv) that a Regt Band was required and was preferable to having three Bn Bands. Personnel to be found from Bn stretcher bearers" attd Regt HQ coy as bandsmen during peacetime".

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(v) HQ and sp coys: that the existing seperate HQ and support coys should be amalgamated into one HQ Wing, with the addition of a Capt as second in comd.

(vi) Sp coy: that the existing carrier pl be deleted complete as being unneccessary and of negligible tactical value.

(vii) Sp coy: that the existing A/Tk pl (two 6 prs) be deleted complete for the same reason.

(viii) Sp coy: that the 3" Mortar Pl be increased to contain six 3" Mortars in place of the present four 3" Mortars, and be transferred to the new HQ Wing.

(ix) Sp coy: that the existing Assault Pnr pl be retained as it is, and be transferred to the new HQ Wing.

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Inf Bn (Cont'd)

(x) Rifle coys: that the coy comd be allotted a carrier as a recce veh.

(xi) Rifle coys: that the present OC HQ pl be defined as second in comd of the coy, and used as such.

(xii) Rifle coys: that one Sgt and one Cpl be deducted from coy HQ sig sec leaving one Cpl and two ptes to act as runners.

(xiii) Rifle coys: that the present rifle secs (2 and 8) are unnecessarily large, and should be reduced to 2 and 6.

(xiv) Rifle coys: that the present pl HQ is unnecessarily large, and should be reduced by two men.

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(i) that the Div Arty requires an all round increase with the exception of Lt AA.
(see 8 (F) (v) below)

(ii) that a CRA and staff must be added to Div HQ (see 8 (a)(ii)above)

(iii) 25 prs: that the 25 prs element must be increased to forty eight guns, from the existing thirty two, with a resultant division into two 25 pr regts each of three btys of eight guns, and a consequent provision of extra Regt and bty HQs.

It was considered that for peace purposes it would not be necessary to implement the third bty in each regt.

(iv) A/Tk: that the present bty of eight 17 prs be increased to a regt, to consist of four btys, two to be 17 pr btys and two to be 6 pr btys (for close support of fwd inf) all btys to be of eight guns, with resulting addition of regt and bty HQs.

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(i) that it was essential to divorce signals from sappers.

(ii) that staff officers for each branch were required at Div HQ (see 8 (a) (iii) and (iv) above).

(iii) Sigs: that, with additions to cover newly added arty and recce bn, and with some detailed minor amdts (Appdx 'B') the existing Sigs coy was satisfactory but must be commanded by a Major, and the Arty pl by a Capt.

(iv) Sappers: that an I.O. be added to Bn HQ.

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(g) Engineers (Cont'd)

(v) Sappers: that two recce officers be added to each Fd coy.

(vi) Sappers/ Sigs: that one subaltern be transferred from the present GENIO Bn HQ to Sigs coy HQ , the Engineer Bn HQ thereby being left one officer less.

(vii) no RE rep being available at the conference, that expert advice be sought on the desirability of having one Fd Pk coy per Div.

(h) S and T Coy

(i) that the present establishment had always been inadequate under war conditions.

(ii) that in order to remedy this and to cover the proposed additions to the Div, one additional Tpt Pl is needed on WE.
whether or not this should be implemented for peace conditions depends on rail etc facilities and length of road turn-round for supplies in each individual Div area.

(j) Mechanical Engineers

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(i) Inf: convert the two present 'B' Type Inf LAD's into two 'A' T ype Inf LAD's.

(ii) Arty: convert the two present 'B' Type LAD's into 'C' Type LAD's. no other additions would be needed to cover the increased arty lay-out.

(iii) Armd car Bn: Add one 'B' Type LAD.

(iv) Mech Engineers PL (S and T Coy); increase establishment up to the size of a serial 4 RASC pl.

(v) Wksps: increase personnel up to the level suggested in 8 Army R/1800/11/EME dated 22 Mar 45 (Appdx 'J') [illegible]

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(m) FSS: — that a FSS composed as shown in Appdx 'D' is required, personnel to be found NOT from CC.RR. and if necessary by forming a new Italian Intelligence Corps.

(n) CC.RR.

(i) that the two existing CC.RR secs be combined into one coy and a coy HQ be added.

(ii) it was understood that under peace conditions only one sec would probably remain with the Div.

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CC.RR. (Cont'd)

(iii) it was felt that CC.RR. attd to Divs must be taught to act as CMP: to this end it was suggested that a special Regt or Legion of CC.RR. should be earmarked for duties with combat tps and be given any suitable distinguishing sub-title.

(c) General

(i) that generally speaking scales of tpt provided by original WEs have proved inadequate, and must be increased for WE purposes, even if not implemented under peace conditions. It was suggested that expert advice be sought from G(SD) at GHQ.

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(f) The following was recommended for discussion with appropriate British service experts, and with the Ministry of War:

(i) the Chief of Staff if possible to be eliminated on the Div level.

(ii) servizi to be divorced from G(Ops) and G(I), and the head of the servizi sec to become A&QMG on British lines.

(iii) the head of the Commissariato tocombine some of the functions of CRASC,less tpt, and ADOS, the Commissariato being divided into two halves, one for "supply" and one for "ordnance", a DADS and a DADOS being respectively responsible. "DADS and his sec to handle rations, clothing, POL, fuel, forage and personal equipment less arms . DADOS and his sec to handle all arms, warlike equipment, amn tools etc.

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9. (Cont'd)

(iv) the existing Tpt coy to carry everything and to man supply pts for rations, POL and amn as in the British system, and as they in fact do in the Divs at present.

(v) an organisation similar to an ADOS dump but termed a "Commissariato (supply sec) dump" to hold forage, fuel clothing and personal equipment.

(vi) an organisation similar in part to an OFP, but termed a "Commiss-ariato (ordnance sec) dump" to hold arms and warlike equipment (but NOT MT).

(vii) the Sezione Automobilistica to handle, hold and repair all MT and all MT spares, and to repair arms etc as do British REME. The repair portion to be named ? "Automobilistica" (Sezione Meccanicha).

(viii) Arty to remain purely gunners and to be divorced from any ordnance services duties.

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13. Comds of BLUs asked for earliest infmn as to by whom they would be administered after redeployment and on what authy.

14. Comds of BLUs asked for instructions as to their future responsibilities for liaison between Italian Territorial Comds and British Districts or Areas.

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DISTRIBUTION : See sheet 8

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DISTRIPUTION: 50 BLU
51 "
52 "
53 "
56 "
"F" BL & TU
Senior MMIA LO c/o MMIA LO NW ITALY MILAN

INTERNAL: MA to GOC
A/COS
Col 'A'
Col 'Q'
'G' (Three)
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Appendix 'A' to MMLA
Conference Minutes (S/59/2)
dated 8 Nov 45.

The new Italian Division

1. It is recommended that the Italian Army should be organised so that it can mobilize with real divisions, with three regiments and a full div. arty., not with "pocket" divisions. This will require an approximate strength of 18,000 per division. Including reinforcements and Corps and Army troops, 50,000 per division will be required.

2. This involves for five divisions a combat ceiling of 90,000 and a total ceiling of 250,000. It is unlikely that this will be agreed to.

3. It is recommended that, rather than form pocket divisions, which are tactically unsound and administratively uneconomical, the divisions should be given a WE equivalent to that of a British or American division. To keep within the combat ceiling the peace establishment should be reduced by codirizing a proportion of units.

4. It is presumed that in the event of general mobilization the total ceiling would be raised by a "call up" of reservists.

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Appendix 'B' to MGIA
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INCREASE OF SIGNALS PERSONNEL IN ITI. INF. DIV.

	Reason for increase	Approx. increase Offrs	ORs
1.	Divorce Signals Coy from Engr Bn	3	10
2.	Provide Rear Link W/T and R/T from Div HQ and increase in Div HQ personnel		10
3.	Increase in Arty	2	45
4.	Inclusion of Armd Car Regt		20
5.	Give small wireless layout to Engrs		15
6.	Increase in Regt Plns		10
	Approx. total increase	5	110
	Approx. present total	7 ~~3514~~	327
	Approx. proposed T.E.	12	437

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Appendix 'C' to MMLA
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MECHANICAL ENGINEERS WKSP FOR AN ITALIAN COMBAT GP

Proposed new WE

1. PERSONNEL:

	Commando HQ	Sec Off W/S	Sec Rec Sec	Sec Mat Stores Sec	Totali Totals	
Ufficiali						
Maggiori	1				1	Majors
Capitani o Tenenti	2	1	1	1	5	Captains or
					6	Lieutenants
Sottufficiali e capitecnici						WOS & SGTS
Scritturali	1	1			2	Clerks
Armaicli		1			1	Armourer
Meccanici D'artigleria		2			2	Gun Fitters
Magazzinieri	1			1	2	Storemen
Autieri	1				1	Driver
di contabilita	1				1	Pay & Accnts
addetto alla cucina	1				1	Cook
Motoristi		3	1		4	Motor Mechs
Elettricisti		1			1	Electrician
Strumenti ottici etc		1			1	Inst Mechs
Radiomontatori		1			1	Telecomm Mechs (field)
					17	
Truppa						CR
Scritturali	3	1		1	5	Clerks
Autieri ed autieri attend enti	10	1	1	8	20	Dvrs & Dvr Batmen
Motociclisti	2		2	1	5	Motor Cyclist
Servizi Generali	17	5	2	2	24	General Duties (incl Cooks)
Specializzati						TRADESMEN
Meccanici d'artigleria		5			5	Gun Fitters
" strumenti ottici etc		4			4	Inst Mechs
Armaicli		4			4	Armr.
Radiomontatori		3			3	Telecomm

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Maggiori	1				Majors
Capitani o Tenenti	2	1	1	1	5 Captains or 6 Lieutenants
Sottufficiali e capitecnici					WOS & SGTS
Scritturali	1	1			2 Clerks
Armaicli		1			1 Armourer
Meccanici D'artigleria		2			2 Gun Fitters
Magazzinieri	1			1	2 Storemen
Autieri	1				1 Driver
di contabilita	1				1 Pay & Accts
addetto alla cucina	1				1 Cook
Motoristi		3	1		4 Motor Mechs
Elettricisti		1			1 Electrician
Strumenti ottici etc		1			1 Inst Mechs
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Radiomontatori		3			3 Telecomm Mechs (fd)
Fabbri		3			3 Blacksmiths
Falegnami		2			2 Carpenters
Carrozzieri		2			2 Coachtrimmers
Laminatori		3			3 Sheet Metal workers
Saldatori		3			3 Welders
Verniciatori		1			1 Painter
Meccanici elettricisti		8			8 Electricians
Meccanici automobilisti		18			18 Veh Mechs
Tornitori		3			3 Turners

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Appendix 'C' (Cont'd)

PERSONNEL

	Commando HQ	Sec Off W/S Sec	Sec Rec Sec	Sec Mat Stores Sec	Totali Totals
Autieriv meccanici		7	10		17 Driver Mechs
Meccanici motoristi	1	27	8		36 Motor Mechs
Magazinieri	1			8	9 Storemen
Gradunto di contabilite	1				1 Pay Cpl
Aiutanti (meccanici/Fabbri)		3			3 Assistants (hammerman)
			Total Rank and File...		179
			Total Offs	...	196
			Total ME Wksp	...	202

TRANSPORT

Details	Descrizione	HQ Comm ando	Wksp Sec Sec Off	Rec Sec Sec Ric	Stores Sec Sec Mater	Total
Motor Cycles Solo	Motociclette, monoposto	2		2	1	5
Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4	Auto 5 cwt 4 x 4	1		1	1	3
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2GS	Autocarri 15 cwt 4x2 GS	6	1	2	2	11
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2GS	" 3 ton " "	4	6	2	5	17
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 Type KL	" 15 cwt 4x2(XL) tipo		1			1
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 Generator 9 KW	(Generator 9 KW) Autocarro 15 cwt 4 x 2		1			1
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 Water	Autobotte " " "	1				1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 Binned Stores	Autocarri 3 ton 4 x 2 Magazzini		2		7	9
Lorries 3 ton 6 x 4 Machy Type 'H'	Autofficina 3 ton 6x4 tipo 'H' or 'X'		1			1
" " 'I'	" 'I'		1			1
" " 'F'	" 'F'		1			1
" " 'D1'	" 'D1'		1			1
" " 'Z'	" 'Z'		1			1
Lorries 3 ton 6x4	Autocarri 3 ton 6 x 4 ricuperi		1	4		5

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Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 (Generator 9 KW) Generator 9 KW	(Generator 9 KW) Autocarro 15 cwt 4 x 2		1			1
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 Water	Autobotte " " "	1				1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 Binned Stores	Autocarri 3 ton 4 x 2 Magazzini		2		7	9
Lorries 3 ton 6 x 4 Machy Type 'H'	Autofficina 3 ton 6x4 tipo 'H' or 'X'		1			1
" " 'I'	" 'I'		1			1
" " 'F'	" 'F'		1			1
" " 'D1'	" 'D1'		1			1
" " 'Z'	" 'Z'		1			1
Lorries 3 ton 6x4 R/Down	Autocarri 3 ton 6 x 4 ricuperi		1	4		5
Tractors R/Down 6x4				2		2
Trailers	Rimorchi					
7½ ton 6 whd lt Rec	7½ ton 6 route leggere			4		4
15 cwt 2 whd Machy	15 cwt 2 route per maldstori autog	1				1
10 cwt 2 whd GS	10 cwt 2 route GS			1		1

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Appendix 'D' to MIL
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1. THE PROPOSAL

The proposal is for the formation of an ITALIAN Field Security Section for attachment to HQ of an ITALIAN Combat Gruppo.

2. THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL

(a) personnel:-

Capt or Lt	
Total Offrs	1 / 1
Maresciallo Capo	1
Sergenti Maggiori	4
Sergenti	6
Total NCOs	11
Attached :-	
Batman/Driver	1

(b) transport:-

Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2	2
Car 5 cwt 4 x 4	1
MCs	6

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5 Dec.45.

To : Comds :-

1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11, BLU's.

I enclose herewith for your information copy of a directive sent direct to EME's with Type 'A' BLU's.

I hope that this directive will indicate to Comds of Type 'A' BLU's the duties of their EME's; and that it will indicate to Comds of Type 'B' BLU's the extent of assistance they can expect on R.E.M.E. matters from the Type 'A' BLU to which they are affiliated.

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H.Q. M.M.I.A.

R.E.M.E. Directive No1.

1. General.

Consequent upon H.Q. M.M.I.A. having assumed w.e.f. 15 Nov.45 a role of advice and assistance towards the Italian Army as opposed to its previous executive position it becomes necessary to clarify the duties of EME's with Type 'A' BLU's. In addition it is desired to give guidance regarding the system of repair operated by the Italian War Ministry as regards Italian vehicles, Allied vehicles, guns etc.

2. Duties of EME's.

The EME with a BLU is the adviser on R.E.M.E. matters to the GSO I of the BLU both on technical matters and on matters affecting R.E.M.E. personnel working under the BLU. He must ensure that such personnel are properly used and correctly administered, arranging attachments to suitable British units for their administration.

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(2) Recovery of Italian vehicles and Spares.
(3) Training of Italian personnel on British equipments.
(4) Care of vehicles in Inefficient Vehicle Parks.
(5) Obtaining spares for British vehicles and equipments.
(6) Advice on maintenance of unit vehicles within the Territorial Command.
(7) Utilisation of local resources.

He must assist and advise the Director of Repairs at H.Q. Territorial Command on the above within the limits imposed by the GSO I of the BLU.

He must keep himself informed of the output of the workshops in the Territorial Command.

He must assist any Type 'B' BLU's placed under his BLU with advice on R.E.M.E. matters.

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3. System of Repair.

(a) Italian Vehicles.

Unit with Light Workshops have their 1st Echelon repairs done by these Workshops.

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Other units have their 1st echelon repairs done by the 2nd line wksp on which they are based, of which one is to be sited in each Territorial Command.

In addition Milan, Rome, Bologna and Naples are to carry out repairs to vehicles BLR by 2nd line wksps, when facilities permit. These vehicles will all be class III.

The movement of vehicles from units to workshops and from wksps to inefficient vehicle parks serving Milan, Rome, Bologna and Naples is the responsibility of the Territorial Command and the Ministry of War.

(b) Allied Vehicles.

It is intended to set up a workshop at BOLOGNA and an inefficient vehicle park at BUDRIO (in the neighbourhood) to handle the above vehicles BLR by 2nd line workshops.

Evacuation to this park will be arranged by the Ministry of War.

Until this workshop and the adjoining park are opened, workshops must retain vehicles which are BLR.

Territorial Commands will probably find it advantageous to open an inefficient vehicle park in the Command for Allied vehicles, if the number of such vehicles BLR within the Command is large, in order to prevent deterioration by cannibalisation; pending the opening of a park at BUDRIO.

4. Supply of Spares.

(a) Cannibalisation must not be permitted in units or Light Workshops, and if found should be made the subject of disciplinary action.

Cannibalisation in 2nd line workshops must be strictly controlled.

(b) Spares for Italian vehicles are now controlled by the Ministry of War and endorsement of indents by EME's should be only needed in the case of Italian vehicles held by Allied units not being part of the Italian Army.

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Indents should be screened by the EME of the BLU in conjunction with the RAOC staff to ensure correct indenting.

Assistance from personnel of the Training Increment may be needed.

5. Training Increments

Provided their retention is necessary personnel of Training Increments may be left with their original formation whilst it remains in the Territorial Command. It will be in order to retain the Training Increment with the BLU's should the formation leave the Command.

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Now that formation workshops are becoming conversant with Allied vehicles, personnel of these Increments can be usefully employed in static workshops in training personnel in workshop organisation with the concurrence of the Director of Repairs, and with the training of personnel for these static workshops.

A Training Increment will be required for the workshop at BOLOGNA.

6. Reports.

To provide information, sitreps are required fortnightly commencing 14.Dec. reporting progress made, difficulties encountered, and making suggestions for improvement.

7. M.L.I.A. Directive No.4.

The above should be read by all EME's so that they may be ready to fulfil its instructions at the appropiate time.

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SUBJECT : MMIA Directive No. 2.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C. (MMIA)

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16 Nov 45

TO : All Addressees of Directive No.2

Herewith MMIA Directive No.2. The instructions contained in this Directive will not be implemented until receipt by signal of further orders from this HQ.

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

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DIRECTIVE No. 2

INSTRUCTIONS TO BRITISH LIAISON UNITS
ATTACHED TO
ITALIAN TERRITORIAL COMMANDS

INTRODUCTION

1. It is the wish of the United States and British Governments that an Italian Army, of such a size as can reasonably be maintained by the Italian Government shall be brought, in the shortest possible time, to a high state of efficiency. The task which will be required of the Italian Army is:-

(a) to maintain the authority of the Italian Government,

(b) to be available to go to the assistance of the civil authority for the maintenance of law and order,

(c) to act as a deterrent to foreign aggression across the frontiers of ITALY.

Until the terms of the Peace Treaty are made known, this Italian Army, for the purpose of these instructions, is to be organised, trained and administered in accordance with MMIA Directive No. 1 of 8 Nov 45, entitled "Handover of the Italian Army to the Italian Government".

2. (a) The Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission is the channel of communication between Allied authorities and the Italian War Ministry; it also functions as the Military Mission to the Italian Army (MMIA).

(b) As MMIA (directly subordinate to AFHQ) its responsibility is confined to matters in connection with the organisation, training and administration of the Italian Army within the approved ceiling.

(c) In other respects, including alterations to the approved ceiling, economic, political and civil affairs, questions connected with demobilisation, demilitarisation, civil security and ex-army material and personnel (including ex-prisoners of war), its responsibility is as the Land Forces Sub-Commission, directly subordinate to Allied Commission.

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ORGANISATION OF MMIA

3. (a) HQ MMIA is composed of British and US personnel and is organised in accordance with the attached chart (Appx. 'A').

(b) British Liaison Units (BLUs) are organised in accordance with the approved War Establishments (see Appx. 'B'), as Type 'A' or 'B', one of either type being attached to each Italian Territorial Region HQ depending on the size and responsibility of the region. Type 'A' BLUs, which include officers of services, will, from time to time, be required to assist Type 'B' BLUs in administrative matters for which purpose an affiliation plan will be made by HQ MMIA (see Appx. 'C'). Staff lists and British vehicle returns of BLUs will be sent to MMIA monthly as detailed in Appx 'D'.

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(c) A special BLU (known as 'F' BLU) is attached to the Training Centre at CESANO for duty with the training group of units which are controlled directly by the War Ministry.

(d) All BLUs will come directly under HQ MMLA for all matters except such local administrative questions as must necessarily be handled by local administrative headquarters. MS matters will be referred direct to HQ MMLA and are handled there by an officer specially appointed for the purpose.

(e) Disciplinary, financial and administrative powers of a Divisional Commander are vested in Commander MMLA. Similarly, powers of a Detachment Commander are vested in Lt-Colonels in charge of 'A' Type BLUs and 'F' BLU. These powers extend over any 'B' Type BLU affiliated to them.

OBJECTS

4. (a) The object of MMLA is to advise and assist the Italian Ministry of War and subordinate headquarters on the organisation, training and administration of the Italian Army within the approved ceiling. Responsibilities in this respect are limited to advice and assistance only; all necessary executive work must be the responsibility of the Italian authorities concerned.

(b) The particular object of BLUs will be to give similar advice and assistance to the Italian HQ to which they are attached. The Italian Commander will normally be expected to accept this advice; if he should feel unable to do so, the OC BLU will refer the matter to HQ MMLA. BLUs are therefore in effect miniature missions to their respective Territorial Headquarters, taking their policy and direction from HQ MMLA.

(c) The senior officer of each BLU will make it clear to all personnel under his command that they are to take no part in Italian political activities of any kind. Lack of impartiality may gravely impair Allied - Italian understanding, and will, in any case, render the individual or individuals concerned incapable of carrying out properly the duties entrusted to them.

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Allied policy on all questions coming within the scope of these instructions will be made known to BLUs by HQ MMLA; it will be the duty of BLUs concerned to pass this to Italian Headquarters concerned

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(a) ORGANISATION

Responsibility of OsC BLUs, as regards organisation of HQs, formations and units within the Territorial Command to which they are attached is as follows:-

(i) As far as possible the Italian Army is being organised and commanded on lines generally similar to those employed in the British Army. This policy is subject to such modification as may be dictated by :

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- the nature of the tasks which the Italian Army are intended to carry out,

- the nature and amount of the equipment which the British and US Governments have undertaken to provide,

- the national characteristics of the Italian military system.

(ii) CsC BLUs will see that all units in their area of responsibility are in fact organised in accordance with the official WE issued by the Italian Ministry of War after agreement with this HQ. They will bring to the notice of the Territorial Command any cases in which official WE are modified or disregarded. They will use their discretion as to whether such modifications are within the spirit of the WE, and they will advise the Territorial Command accordingly. If their advice is not accepted, they will inform this HQ.

(iii) Bearing in mind the characteristics of the Italian Military system, CsC BLUs will at all times offer to the Territorial Command advice on the organisation and efficient running of HQs and establishments.

(iv) CsC BLUs will submit to HQ MMLA for consideration with the Ministry of War, any recommendations they may have to make on the subject of Staff Duties with particular reference to the smooth and speedy disposal of business by means of decentralising responsibility to junior officers, eliminating redundant links in the chain of command and of supply, logical distribution of Staff Duties, and simple office procedure.

(v) CsC BLUs will render location statements as at Appx. 'D'.

(b) INTELLIGENCE

The responsibilities of CsC BLUs as regards Intelligence are as follows:-

(i) The Italian authorities are required to furnish information regarding the strength, organisation, training, movements, administration, real estate, and stocks of material and equipment held by the Italian Army.

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(iii) In order that this information may be presented in the form best serving both Allied and Italian interests, and may be studied in the proper context of local conditions, OsC BLUs will keep their fingers upon the pulse of local feeling, both civilian and military, and will submit to this HQ a monthly Intelligence Report (see Appx. 'D'). This monthly Intelligence Report will be prepared with the collaboration of the Italian Territorial Command staff, and may be submitted in draft for the views of the Italian Territorial Command.

(iv) In the Report, OsC BLUs will stress appreciated future trends rather than past events, details of which are only required if of outstanding importance or as factors in their appreciation.

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(v) As far as it concerns military efficiency and relations with the civilian population, BLUs will study the morale of all ranks with whom they come into contact. They will include this as a heading in their monthly Intelligence Report. They will as far as possible detail the factors affecting morale and will include the Italian reaction at all levels to these factors.

(c) TRAINING

(i) The training policy for the Italian Army is being laid down by the Ministry of War, and will be carried out under Allied advice and supervision.

(ii) In the case of establishments such as the CESANO Training Centre, the Ministry of War deals direct with the establishment concerned.

(iii) For formations under Territorial Commands the commander is responsible that Ministry of War policy is implemented in the form of Training Directives and exercises arranged and carried out locally and general executive control.

(iv) Territorial Training Centres will receive the syllabus and programme laid down by the Ministry of War. CsC BLUs will ensure that this programme is followed.

(v) British arms and equipment at present constitute a large proportion of the armament of the Italian Army. Os C BLUs will ensure generally that British methods and standards are adopted as far as is practicable.

(vi) CsC BLUs will offer advice and assistance to Italian Commanders on all forms of training and will, after the training methods have been decided, supervise as far as they are able the implementation of them on the ground.

(vii) CsC BLUs will be prepared to report on current Italian training practice with a view to enabling this HQ adequately to advise the Ministry of War with regard to training policy.

(d) ADMINISTRATION

(i) Personnel

Administration of all personnel forming part of the Interim Army of 140,000, and of the CC RR of 65,000 is the responsibility of the Italian Government. The necessary Administrative Units are being formed within the authorised ceiling. Instructions for intakes and demobilisation are issued by the Ministry of War on the advice of AMLI. The authorised ceiling will not be exceeded nor will the strength of approved units be allowed to fall seriously short of

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(ii) Personal Services

Terms of service, pay, allowances, promotion, postings, discharges and leave are all matters for decision by the Ministry of War. MMLA is being kept informed by the War Ministry of all decrees and changes of procedure in respect of these matters. Such information as becomes available

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will be made known from time to time to BLUs who will be responsible for bringing to the notice of Italian HQs concerned, any serious breaches of regulations and for informing HQ MMLA if such matters are not reasonably adjusted.

Italian Army personnel willbe subject to Italian Military Law which will be administered by Italian officers in accordance with the Italian Code. Any undue delay in the administration of justice will be reported by BLUs to HQ MMIA.

A welfare establishment will be included in the establishment of each Territorial Command. Advice of BLUs will be given freely on matters of welfare to Territorial and unit commanders.

(iii) Officers

The selection, appointment, posting, promotion and dismissal of officers are functions of the Italian Ministry of War. Regulations in these matters are being revised by the Ministry of War and will be made known to BLUs as soon as available. Meanwhile, OsC BLUs will watch these matters closely and discuss frankly and openly with Italian Commanders concerned any changes of appointment of senior officers, disciplinary action or preferment which, in their opinion, appear to be on the one hand necessary or on the other detrimental to the interests of the Service, and if necessary, advise them on the Allied view of their proposals. Any difficulties or failure to reach reasonable agreement will be reported by OsC BLUs to HQ MMLA for direction.

OsC BLUs will keep in their offices, up-to-date Staff Lists of Italian officers of the rank of Lt-Colonel and above with Territorial HQs, Divisions, Inf Regiments, and Training Centres, and will forward copies of current staff lists to MMIA as detailed in App 'D'.

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Should MMIA at any time advise the Ministry of War on any important administrative matters, the fact that such advice has been given will be notified to BLUs. Similarly, any unforseen or extraordinary ruling, interpretation or advice given by a BLU Commander will be made known to HQ MMIA.

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OsC BLUs will give active advice and assistance to Italian headquarters on accommodation questions generally and particularly in the matter of the return to the Italian Army of War Ministry property occupied by the Allies, in accordance with current Allied instructions (at present AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 48 of 2 Nov 45). For this purpose, direct contact will be made with local Allied Headquarters concerned; only in case of difficulty or in cases involving authorities under the Allied Commission will the matter be referred to HQ MMLA. The general allocation of accommodation within the Territorial Command is a matter for Territorial Commanders; the advice of BLUs will be valuable as concerning the probability of the Italian needs clashing with those of the Allies.

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(vi) Transport

Vehicles in use by the Italian Army are partly of Allied origin and partly of Italian. BLUs will exercise supervisory control over the use of the former. BLUs will continually impress on Italian authorities the need for good organisation and of economy in the use of MT and POL. A Director of Repairs is at Territorial Headquarters and responsible for the supervision of the Repair Unit. Spare parts are obtained from stores controlled by War Ministry. In the case of Allied vehicles, resort will frequently have to be made to cannibalisation.

Local tpt needs are provided by the Adm Tpt Coy which should be given first priority in maint, as on it depends the daily housekeeping of the Army.

A Light Wksp has been provided for each Adm Tpt Coy. The Veh Parks for efficient vehs and non-runners awaiting repair are an important link in the system and will require constant attention and supervision. Release of vehs from efficient Veh Parks is controlled by the War Ministry NOT by Terr. HQ.

(vii) Transportation

The Italian Government is now responsible for arranging rail movement of Italian Army troops and stores direct with the Italian State Railways. A directive on methods and priority is being issued by HQ AMIA.

(viii) Supplies

System of supply is as laid down in AMIA Directive No.1. The Italian Army must take its share of the Nation's food resources. Local purchase by the Commissariato Directorate at each Territorial Command will play an important part in the procurement of foodstuffs. The ration scale will probably vary and that in local use will be ascertained by the BLUs for the information of AMIA. Advice and assistance on matters of distribution and cookery should be freely given to Territorial Commanders. Further particulars as to the maintenance of BR-ITI and US-ITI Service troops are given at Appx. 'B'.

OsC BLUs will be responsible through their own or affiliated supply officers for:-

(a) Technical advice on the receipt, storage and issue of all foodstuffs in Italian depots and Divisions.

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(c) Advice concerning maintenance of stocks within their Areas.

(d) Ensuring that any alteration to the ration scale is brought to the attention of all concerned and that alterations are implemented as instructed.

(e) Supervisory control over all supplies found from Allied military sources.

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(ix) Clothing and Equipment

During the interim period before the National Economy permits a uniform standard of clothing and equipment, it will not be possible to attain homogenity in all units of the Army. Economy is, therefore, essential. OsC BLUs will be provided with copies of equipment tables issued by the Ministry of War and will advise local authorities and assist them to introduce and maintain a system of unit accounting and individual responsibility for stores, similar to that in the British Army. Further particulars as to the maintenance of BR-IFI and US-IFI Service troops are given at Appx. 'F'.

(x) Veterinary and Remount

The utmost use of animal transport in station duties will be rendered essential by the shortage of petrol. OsC BLUs will advise and assist wherever possible in the reorganisation of animal transport.

(xi) Accounting

Transfer of stores from Allied to Italian depots has hitherto been recorded on shipping tickets in accordance with established procedure. Separate instructions will be issued regarding the impending transfer of warlike equipment with the Gruppi, and any other accounting with which BLUs may be concerned.

CARABINIERI

6. The Carabinieri (CC RR) within the authorised ceiling of 65,000 are included in the term "Italian Army" and will be the responsibility of MMLA except for operational functions and training in purely civil police duties. Such matters are the responsibility of the Ministry of the Interior and of the Public Safety Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission. OsC BLUs will maintain close touch with CC RR Divisional or Brigade Headquarters concerned.

RELATIONS WITH ALLIED AUTHORITIES

7. (a) As long as any Italian troops are under Allied operational command, at the request of Allied Commanders, OsC BLUs will provide full liaison between the Italian Territorial Command to which BLUs are attached and the Allied HQ concerned.

(b) OsC BLUs will volunteer to Allied Districts or Areas any information of outstanding importance or urgency on any subjects within their knowledge, copy to MMLA.

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(ii) As long as Italian troops are under operational command of Allied Commanders Italian Territorial Commands must themselves provide, with the assistance of OsC BLUs, such returns or states of all troops, including Inf Divs, within their command, as are required by Allied Commanders.

(iii) When Allied Commanders cease to have operational command of Italian troops OsC BLUs may continue to keep touch with Allied HQs on all necessary matters of mutual interest to Allied and Italian Commands, but will be required to provide detailed information only to MMLA.

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ALLIED SERVICE TROOPS

8. BR-ITI and US-ITI Service units do NOT form part of the Italian Army at disposal of the Italian Government. Particulars regarding their maintenance, which is on Anglo-American commitment, are given at Appx. 'E'.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

9. (a) Correspondence

Written correspondence will be kept to a minimum.

(b) Channels of Communication

OsC BLUs will correspond direct with MMLA on all matters, copies where relevant to interested Allied HQs. On all subjects other than BLU administration and discipline, for which matters 'B' Type BLUs are affiliated to 'A' Type BLUs, OsC 'B' Type BLUs will correspond direct with MMLA on a par with OsC 'A' Type BLUs.

Copies of any necessary direct correspondence with Allied HQs will be sent to MMLA as applicable.

(c) Periodical Returns - see Appx. 'D'

(d) Conferences

Conferences will be held at frequent intervals, probably monthly, and alternately in ROME and a suitable rendezvous in North Italy.

(e) Postal and Signal Addresses

Final designation of new BLUs is awaited from the War Office and will be notified as soon as received.

APPENDICES ATTACHED

10. 'A' - Chart showing Organisation of HQ MMLA. 3187

'B' - War Establishments of 'A' and 'B' Type BLUs.

'C' - Table showing affiliation of 'B' to 'A' Type BLUs, with map of Territorial Commands and Districts (map

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'D' - List of Periodical Returns etc. required by MMLA from BLUs.

'E' - Detail of Maintenance of US-ITI and BR-ITI troops.

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

WP/bd

DISTRIBUTION - see sheet 9

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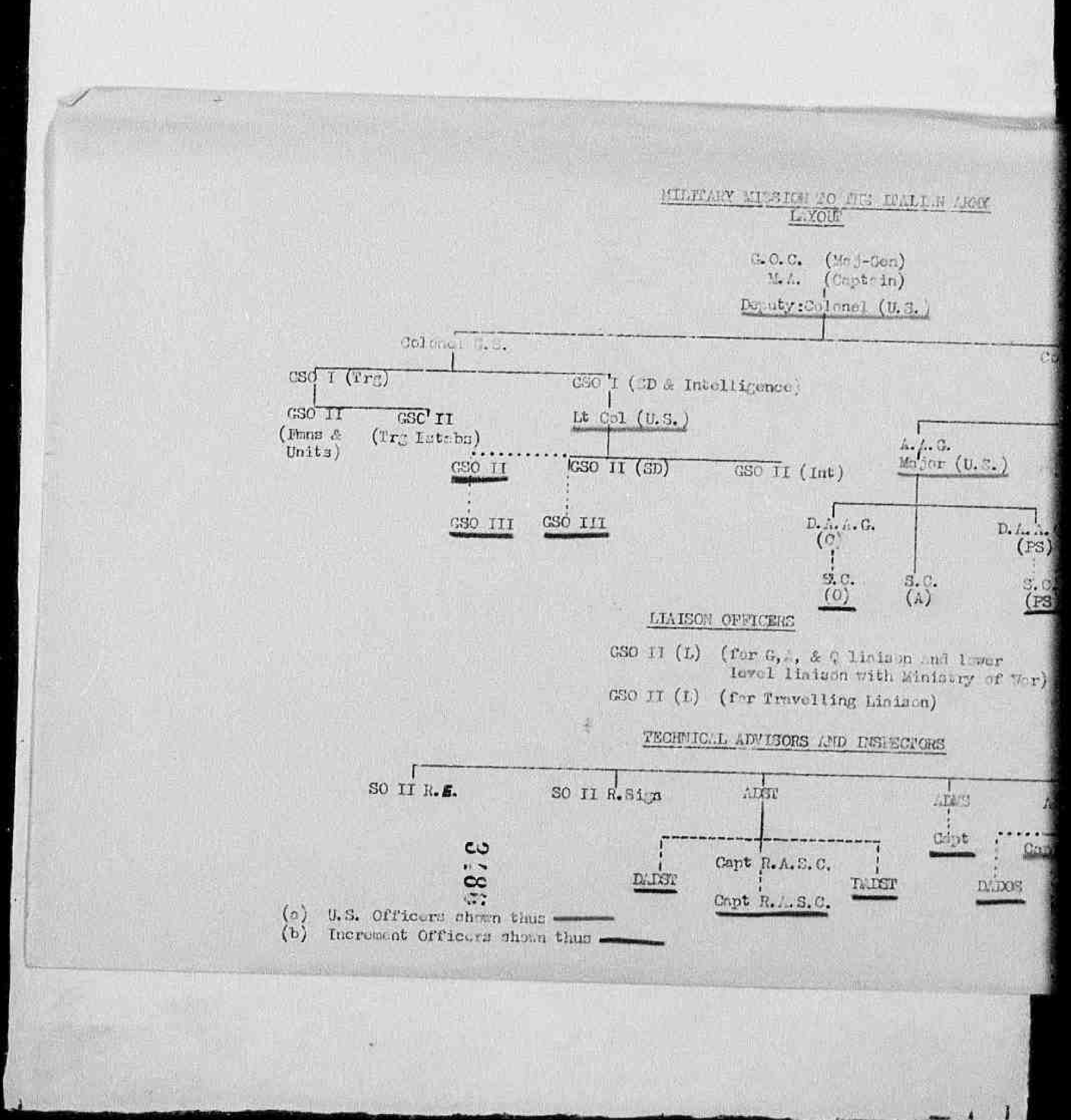

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MILITARY MISSION TO THE ENGLISH ARMY

LAYOUT

Appendix 'A' to MMEA Directive No.2 (C/7 of 16 Nov 45).

C.O.C. (Maj-Gen)
M.L. (Captain)
Deputy: Colonel (U.S.)

G.S.

GSO I (SD & Intelligence)
Lt Col (U.S.)

GSO II — GSO II (SD) — GSO II (Int)

GSO III — GSO III

Colonel A/Q

A.A.G.
Major (U.S.)

A.Q.M.G.

D.A.A.G. (O) — S.C. (O)
S.C. (A)
D.A.A.G. (PS) — S.C. (PS)

D.A.Q.M.G. (St and clothing)
D.A.Q.M.G. (Ord, Mech, R.E.M.E.) — S.C.
D.A.Q.M.G. — S.C.

LIAISON OFFICERS

GSO II (L) (for G, A, & Q liaison and lower level liaison with Ministry of War)
GSO II (L) (for Travelling Liaison)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Camp Commandant (Capt)

TECHNICAL ADVISORS AND INSPECTORS

SO II R.Sigs — AIGP — AIMS — ADOS — AREE

D.I.G.P. — Capt R.A.S.C. — D.I.G.P.
Capt R.A.S.C.

Capt — Capt (US)
D.I.D.O.S.

Capt R.E.M.E.

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Effective date 24 Sept 45.

Appendix 'B' to MMIA Directive No.2 (G/7 dated 16 Nov 45)

CM/1112/2

RESTRICTED

BRITISH LIAISON UNIT (TYPE 'A') TO AN ITALIAN TERRITORIAL HQ

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(1) Personnel

Amdt No.	-
Date	24 Sept 45
Officers	5
ORs	12
Total	17
MCs	2
Vehicles	4
Trailers	-

STAFF

ATTACHED TO GENERAL STAFF

General staff officer, 1st grade	1
General staff officer, 2nd grade	1
Deputy assistant adjutant and quartermaster general	1
Clerks, general duties, R.A.S.C. -	
Sergeant	1
Corporal	1
Private	1

SERVICES

Supply and Transport -

Captain, R.A.S.C.	1
Clerk, general duties, R.A.S.C. (lance-Cpl)	1

Ordnance -

Clerks (R.A.O.C. duties) -	
Warrant officer, class I	1
Lance-Corporal	1

R.E.M.E. -

Captain, R.E.M.E.	1
Clerk, technical, R.E.M.E. (Lance-corporal)	1

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Duty N.C.O. (Sergeant)	1
Ration N.C.O. (lance-corporal)	1
Driver Mechanic (lance-corporal)	1
Batman-driver	1
Cook, A.C.C.	1
Total, British Liaison Unit (Type 'A')	17

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Deputy assistant adjutant and quartermaster general	1
Clerks, general duties, R.A.S.C. -	
Sergeant	1
Corporal	1
Private	1

SERVICES

Supply and Transport -

Captain, R.A.S.C.	1
Clerk, general duties, R.A.S.C. (lance-Cpl)	1

Ordnance -

Clerks (R.A.O.C. duties) -	
Warrant officer, class I	1
Lance-Corporal	1

R.E.M.E. -

Captain, R.E.M.E.	1
Clerk technical, R.E.M.E. (Lance-corporal)	1

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Duty N.C.O. (Sergeant)	1
Ration N.C.O. (lance-corporal)	1
Driver Mechanic (lance-corporal)	1
Batman-driver	1
Cook, A.C.C.	1
Total, British Liaison Unit (Type 'A') to an Italian Territorial Headquarters	17

(ii) Transport

Motor-cycles, solo	2
Cars, 4 x 2, Light utility	3
Truck, 15 cwt, 4 x 4, GS	1
Total, Vehicles	4

NOTES

1. All officers will be Italian speaking
2. Additional administrative personnel held on Italian Incr.

This establishment when implemented will supersede British Liaison Unit to an Italian Territorial Headquarters (CW/1112/1).
(This establishment was not issued)

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Appendix 'B' to MLA Directive No. 2 (G/7 dated 15 Nov 45)

RESTRICTED

Effective date 24 Sept 45.

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Amdt No. Date	- 24 Sept 45
Officers	2
O.Rs	4
Civilians	5
Total	11
M. Cs.	1
Vehicles	2
Trailers	-

BRITISH LIAISON UNIT (TYPE 'B') TO AN ITALIAN TERRITORIAL HEADQUARTERS

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

General staff officer, 2nd grade (a)		1
Deputy assistant adjutant and quartermaster-general (a)		1
Total, officers		2
Clerks, general duties, R.A.S.C. - Corporal		1
Private		1
Batman-driver		1
Motor-cyclist		1
Total, other ranks		4
Total, all ranks		6
Civilians -		
Batman-driver		1
Cooks		2
Mess orderly		1
General dutyman		1
Total, civilians		5
Total, British liaison unit (type 'B') to an Italian Territorial Headquarters (including civilians)		11

(ii) Transport

Motor-cycle, solo	1
Car, 4 x 2, light utility	1

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Deputy assistant adjutant and quartermaster-general (a)	1
Total, officers	2
Clerks, general duties, R.A.S.C. -	
Corporal	1
Private	1
Batman-driver	1
Motor-cyclist	1
Total, other ranks	4
Total, all ranks	6
Civilians -	
Batmen-driver	1
Cooks	2
Mess orderly	1
General dutyman	1
Total, civilians	5
Total, British liaison unit (type 'B') to an Italian Territorial Headquarters (including civilians)	11

(ii) Transport

Motor-cycle, solo	1
Car, 4 x 2, light utility	1
Truck, 15-cwt, 4 x 4, G.S.	1
Total, vehicles	2

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(a) Will be Italian speeking.

This establishment will NOT be implemented without A.F.H.Q. authority.

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Appx "C" to MMIA Directive No 2
(G/7 dated 16 Nov 1945)

Ref Para 3 (b)

"B" Type BLUs will be affiliated to "A" Type BLUs for adm matters as under:

1.

	PRESENT	
	A	B
No.	1 (TURIN) Comd (ex 51 BLU)	No. 2 (GENOVA) Comd
No.	3 (MILAN) Comd (ex 50 BLU)	No. 6 (BOLOGNA) Comd
No.	4 (BOLZANO) Comd (ex 53 BLU)	
No.	5 (UDINE) Comd (ex 52 BLU)	
No.	10 (NAPLES) Comd (ex 56 BLU)	No. 9 (BARI) Comd No. 11 (PALERMO) Comd
	MMIA	No. 8 (ROME) Comd No. 7 (FLORENCE) Comd

2. In order to facilitate supervision of Service Installations and in view of possible re-deployment of Inf Divs, readjustment may be necessary at a later date as follows :

No. 1 (TURIN) Comd (ex 51 BLU)	No. 2 (GENOVA) Comd
No. 3 (MILAN) Comd (ex 50 BLU)	No. 4 (BOLZANO) Comd
No. 6 (BOLOGNA) Comd (ex 53 BLU)	No. 7 (FLORENCE) Comd
No. 5 (UDINE) Comd (ex 52 BLU)	
No. 10 (NAPLES) Comd (ex 56 BLU)	No. 9 (BARI) Comd No. 11 (PALERMO) Comd
MMIA	No. 8 (ROME) Comd

Map showing Comds and Districts is att.

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No. 5 (UDINE) Comd (ex 52 BLU)

No. 10 (NAPLES) Comd (ex 56 BLU)

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No. 11 (PALERMO) Comd

ROMA

No. 8 (ROME) Comd
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ROMA

No. 8 (ROME) Comd

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Appx "D" to MMLA Directive No. 2
(S/7 dated 16 Nov 1945)

Following periodical Statement, Report, Lists and Return are required by HQ MMLA from all BLUs, all on 7th of each month and as at 1st of each month.

"C" (a) Location Statements of "A" and "B" Type BLUs, also of all ITALIAN troops in the Territorial Comd to which BLUs are attached, down to and including bns or equivalent units. (Para 5(a)(v) refers).

(b) Intelligence Report in general terms to cover the previous month. (Para 5(b)(iii) refers).

"A" (c) Staff Lists of BLUs. (Para 3(b) refers).

(d) Staff Lists of ITALIAN officers of rank of Lt Col and above, with Territorial Comd HQ, Divs, Regts and Training Centres. (Para 5(d)(iii) refers).

"Q" (e) Return of BRITISH MT. Proforma as under. (Para 5(b) refers).

PROFORMA

Serial No.	Vehicle Type	Reg No.	Efficient (E)	Local Repair (LR)	Beyond Local Repair (BLR)	Remarks
1	etc	...	...	..	..	...

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1	etc	...	...	..	..	...
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3						
etc						

Certified above vehicles are held on charge, that their condition is as stated and that A.F. 412 and A.B. 406 have been inspected and found correct.

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Signed .....

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Appendix "E" to MMIA
Directive No. 2 (G/7 of 16 Nov 45)
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A. Clothing and Equipment (BR-ITI)

1. DEPOTS

Stocks will be held at the main Depots of BARI, NAPLES and FLORENCE, and they will be controlled by MMIA. From the Main Depots stocks will be allotted to :

2. SUB-DEPOTS, of which there will be one with each Adm Div and each Regtl Div HQ as under :

227	Adm	Div,	located at	NAPLES/BARI
231	"	"	"	" MILAN
711	"	Regt	"	" BARI
712	"	"	"	" ANCONA
713	"	"	"	" SALERNO
714	"	"	"	" NAPLES
715	"	"	"	" ROME
716	"	"	"	" FLORENCE
717	"	"	"	" PADUA
718	"	"	"	" MIRA

The Adm Div or Regt Comd is authorised to release from his own Sub-Depot to meet demands from units under comd.

3. Other BR-ITI Stocks

In addition to the main stocks in the BR-ITI Depots (para 1), certain stocks have been frozen for BR-ITIS in ITI-ITI Depots and will be transferred to BR-ITI Depots when needed by "Q" MMIA.

B. Clothing and Equipment (US-ITI)

Clothing and equipment for US-ITIS will continue to be furnished under direct arrangements with QM MTOUSA and QM "employing formation".

C. Rations (BR-ITI and US-ITI)

US-ITI and BR-ITI Service Units draw Allied components of the existing ration scale for Italian Armed Forces from the nearest US QM Ration Depot (in case of US-ITI) and Br PASC DID (in case of BR-ITI). US Depots will use an American Ration Demand Form and British Depots the standard British Ration Demand Form.

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227 Adm Div, located at NAPLES/BARI
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711 " Regt " " BARI
712 " " " " ANCONA
713 " " " " SALERNO
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NO MMLA FORM ST/8 WILL BE USE AS HITHERTO.

The Italian component of the ration scale will be drawn from the nearest Italian Army Food Distn Depot on MMLA Form ST/8

D. POL (BR-ITI and US-ITI)

BR-ITI and US-ITI Service units will continue to draw POL from Allied Military sources in accordance with AFHQ AG 463.7 PET-O.

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EME/142 ○ KEME (8)

SUBJECT: Interview given to Signor ZAGHIA, Editor of "Il Giornale del Mattino" by H.E. on Nov 21, 1945.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C. (MAIA)

EME/142

26 Nov 45

TO : See Distribution below:

1. C.C.C. directs me to forward to you herewith for your information, the translation of an interview recently granted to the Italian Press by the British Ambassador in Rome.

2. The views expressed by the Ambassador give a clear picture of the background against which MAIA is to work and should be studied in this connection.

Attachment

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AG.

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INTERVIEW GIVEN TO SIGNOR JACCHIA, EDITOR OF
"IL GIORNALE DEL MATTINO" BY H.E. ON NOV 21, 45.

Mi permetterò, anzitutto, di prospettare all'E.V. alcuni quesiti su argomenti d'ordine generale che stanno particolarmente a cuore, in questo momento, al popolo italiano.

Question

1. Come considera personalmente, e quale corrispondenza trova ancora oggi nel sentimento del popolo inglese, il contributo dato dall'Italia alla vittoria Alleata sulla Germania?

Answer

1. Anyone who has had, as I have, the opportunity of working in Italy for nearly eighteen months, is able to appreciate the contribution which democratic Italy made to the defeat of the German armies in Italy. Those who fought and died naturally come first to one's mind, and I should like to pay a special tribute to the units of the re-organised Italian army who took part in the final offensive along-side the British and American armies, also to the Italian Navy and Air-Force and to the Partisan formations who so admirably cooperated with Allied Liaison officers and who bore the long hard months of waiting and disa-ppointment last winter with such fortitude. We must also remember the many thousands of Italians working in labour battalions, in dock yards or in factories who performed essential and useful work and thus enabled the Allied armies to put the maximum number of troops into the fighting line.

It is natural that the detail of Italy's effort are not so well known in England or indeed to anyone outside Italy, but I can, I think, fairly say that the extent of it is now becoming more generally known with the correspondingly favourable change of opinion towards the Italian people.

Question

2. La resistenza popolare all'oppressione nazifascista, la guerra partigiana, l'insurrezione del Nord, il sacrificio di migliaia e migliaia di vite per la causa comune, costituiscono, a Suo giudizio, titoli validi per il riconoscimento di un gia' conseguito riscatto morale del passato fascista ?

Answer

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1. Anyone who has had, as I have, the opportunity of working in Italy for nearly eighteen months, is able to appreciate the contribution which democratic Italy made to the defeat of the German armies in Italy. Those who fought and died naturally come first to one's mind, and I should like to pay a special tribute to the units of the re-organised Italian army who took part in the final offensive along-side the British and American armies, also to the Italian Navy and Air-Force and to the Partisan formations who so admirably cooperated with Allied Liaison officers and who bore the long hard months of waiting and disa-ppointment last winter with such fortitude. We must also remember the many thousands of Italians working in labour battalions, in dock yards or in factories who performed essential and useful work and thus enabled the Allied armies to put the maximum number of troops into the fighting line.

It is natural that the detail of Italy's effort are not so well known in England or indeed to anyone outside Italy, but I can, I think, fairly say that the extent of it is now becoming more generally known with the correspondingly favourable change of opinion towards the Italian people.

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Answer

3) Mussolini's Declaration of war at a time when England's ally France was defeated, and England and the British Empire stood alone before the German armies, was an act of cowardly and misguided self-interest, which the British people cannot easily forget. It is natural that the thousands of British who fought against Italian troops in North Africa and elsewhere, must hold the Italian people in some measure responsible for supporting Mussolini's decision,

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and therefore take legitimate pride in their victory. Nevertheless, as time passes, the British troops in this country have had many opportunities of appreciating Italy's efforts to redeem her past and I believe there are few British now who do not sincerely desire to see Italy's recovery.

As regards your expression "conquered enemy", can anyone who stops to think really believe that we want to treat Italy in this way?

Question

4) Nessuno ignora e riconosce in Italia l'alto spirito di giustizia e di umanita' che e' antico, tradizionale patrimonio della vita morale, della educazione politica e della civilta' britannica. Non ritiene, tuttavia, che la serenita' di giudizio nei confronti del popolo italiano sia, in talune correnti dell'opinione pubblica inglese male influenzata da preconcetti di sfiducia che occorrerebbe prontamente chiarificare ?

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There are, nevertheless, certain fundamental rules of political practice which are common to the constitutions of any country which has the right to call itself truly democratic. They have been repeatedly stated by the Allied leaders during the war. They are:-

1. The freedom of the individual to vote for whom he likes and for what he likes without fear of violence or intimidation.
2. Respect for the law.
3. Respect for the authority of the Government as representing the will of the majority of the people.
4. Respect for the liberty of the minority by the majority and for the authority of the majority by the minority.

There is no reason to believe that the majority of the Italian people are not firmly persuaded of the importance of these rules, and I am sure that no outside power would seek to limit their authority to adopt whatever political system was judged best suited to the needs of the country.

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In the first place the rapidity of the Allied advance in the spring of this year, and the prompt and effective actions of the partisans, prevented the destruction by the Germans of many vital centres of industrial production. The plants are for the most part intact, and only require raw material and fuel to start work at full pressure. The Allies are doing their best to satisfy Italy's essential needs in this respect, and I may refer you to the recent delivery of substantial quantities of coal, wool, cotton etc.

Great Britain is doing and will continue to do her best to make such contributions as she can, but it would be unreasonable to expect too much from her.

For nearly six years, Great Britain to a greater extent than any other country in the world, put her national wealth and resources into winning the war from which she has emerged victorious but poor.

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I am not amongst those who doubt her ability to recover, but we have long years of hard work before us, during which we shall go without many of the things which we enjoyed and even thought we needed before the war. It is natural that we shall put our own needs first. Nevertheless it is in our own interest that there should be a strong and prosperous Italy, and we shall certainly supply whatever we can spare.

Before the war, Italy's economy, geared to Fascist policy, was in many ways unbalanced and ill-suited to her needs. I have no doubt that the Italian Government will wish to eliminate or at any rate drastically revise those Fascist run or Fascist subsidised industries which contributed nothing to the wealth of the country, and will wish to concentrate Italy's industrial capacity on the manufacture of those things which contribute most to the welfare of her people.

Italy is going to face a hard winter, but in any case it will be without the hated presence of Germans on her soil, and I hope that with the improvements of communications allowing for the transport of food from production centres to the cities, the exertions of U.N.R.R.A., the Italian Government and the Allied Commission, she will get through without great suffering, and be well on the road to recovery next spring.

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Out of [illegible] total population of forty-seven millions, thirty millions are within the Government's war-time registration scheme. Of those 47% served in the armed forces, Civil Defence or munitions, 8% in agriculture, similar % other essential industries, and 27% in the building (including airfields and barracks), civil engineering and clearing trades. Only one fifth of the labour at the disposal of the Government was used to work for civilian ends. The labour available for export trade, which was formerly one of the foundations of Great Britain's economy, was reduced to one twentieth of its pre-war figure. 5% of the total male population between the ages of eighteen and forty served in the armed forces; the number of women in work in munitions factories, the expenditure of the U.K. Treasury in the three five years amounted to £30,000, the Merchant Navy, which continued to work as any other body of men in wartime has not, had 30,000 casualties in the same period, while 57,000 civilians, including 30,000 women and children, lost their lives through enemy action at home.

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I have no wish to continue this recital indefinitely and figures can be meaningless unless it is understood that behind them lies the story of millions of English men and women living and working under more or less continuous air attack, their homes broken up, and they themselves deprived of practically every comfort or little luxury which makes a life of unremitting hard work bearable.

Further, no set of figures can ever express the full contribution which Great Britain made. To the United Nations war effort her scientists contributed radiolocation, penicillin, the prefabricated invasion ports, and her share in the construction of the atomic bomb. Above all she gave people of all nations faith. It is useless to speculate on what might have happened had Great Britain and the Empire surrendered in 1940. She did not, and by so doing she brought faith and hope to the millions of Europeans who were living under the Nazi dominion.

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Answer

7) (a) The question of the peace treaty with Italy cannot be considered by itself. Great Britain has obligations towards her Allies. I can understand and sympathise with Italy's desire for an early revision of her present status, though I think people here are perhaps somewhat inclined to exaggerate Italy's difficulties. Nevertheless I can see no future for Italy except in a world order established and maintained by all the United Nations.

Question

7) (b) Ritengo [illegible] l'Italia [illegible] ed in quale misura di essere, appartenente al sistema delle Nazioni europee?

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Question

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(g) E quale, a Suo giudizio, potrebbe essere - in subordinata - il migliore regime coloniale da adottarsi? Collettivo? Individuale?

Answer

7) (e)-(g) The future of Italy's colonial possessions does not concern the British Government alone; there is, therefore little I can say in reply to your questions on this subject. I have no doubt, however, that the British Government would be glad to consider any observations which the Italian Government may care to make and I have no doubt that when the final decisions are taken, Italy's claims for an outlet for her surplus population will be given sympathetic consideration in view of the labour and wealth expended in pre-fascist days will be taken fully into account.

Question

8) Sempre a proposito della pace con l'Italia, dato l'aggiornamento della redazione e della firma del trattato, non troverebbe utile, anche e soprattutto agli effetti del consolidamento interno, accordare al nostro Paese uno statuto provvisorio in sostituzione delle attuali condizioni armistiziali che ostacolano gli sviluppi ricostruttivi della vita italiana?

Answer

8) The British Government would, I think, certainly be glad to examine most sympathetically any request from the Italian Government for an agreement aimed at restoring Italy's status to something more approaching normality and is well aware that continuance of the armistice regime is irksome to the Italians. Nevertheless, I feel bound to say that there appear to be many misconceptions about the original nature of this instrument, and above all of the extent to which it has been applied and is still being applied. Now that the armistice terms have been published, I think many Italians must be agreeably surprised at the liberal interpretation which has been given to some of its more severe clauses, and will agree that the fact that the Allies have not chosen to exercise their full powers under this instrument is a proof of the confidence they have felt in the new Italy.

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BRITISH DIRECTIVES (ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPS) No's 1 - 23, issued by MMIA over the last year, are in present circumstances no longer entirely valid and CEASE TO BE EFFECTIVE w.e.f. 0001 hrs 15 Nov 45.

These Directives nevertheless comprise most useful precis on BRITISH methods and should be retained for reference for training or admin-istrative purposes.

for Major General, G.S.C.
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Exhibit 2

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM.

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

14 November, 1945.

To : Lt.Col. Jagger (1) - para 4(d) 9, with Major King para 4(d)10.

Major Nelson (2) - 4(d)11, 4(d)7 and Appx. D.

Major King (3) - 4(d)5 and with Medical 4(d)10

Major Taylor (4) - with HQ. para 4(d)6.

Major Airey } (5) - with Major Newton para 4(d)8 and Appx. D.
Major Newton } with Ordnance para 4(d)8 and Appx. D.

Major ~~Taylor~~ Miles. (6) - with R.E.M.E. para 4(d)6.

1. The attached rough draft is for inclusion in M.M.I.A. Directive No. 2 which is to be issued shortly for the guidance of the D.L.Os attached to Territorial Headquarters.

2. Please return by 0830 hours 15 Nov with any suggested amendments or additions. You are required to consider only those paras indicated above.

2. Major Newton will, in conjunction with Ordnance and S.T., produce Draft Appx. D. This should indicate the number and description of Admin. Divs and Regts, where located and explain briefly how BR-III and US-III troops will be maintained as regards uniform, equipment and supplies including P.O.L.

Already dealt with

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(Signed) R.A. CURTIS,.
Lieut. Col.
A.Q.M.G.

4(d)v. Accommodation.

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The latest A.F.H.Q. directive on the subject is A.F.H.Q. Memorandum No. 48 of 2 Nov 45. The Italian Authorities will be given every support in obtaining the release of Accommodation presently occupied by the Allies.

The question will be taken up with the local Allied H.Q. and only when considered necessary need the matter be referred to H.Q. M.M.I.A.

If immediate vacation can not be secured it will often be possible to obtain a forecast as to the date on which premises will become available.

So far as M.M.I.A. are concerned the needs of the Italian Army are paramount and claims by any Authority for use of the buildings for civilian needs will be referred to H. . M.M.I.A. and by the Territorial H.Q. concerned to the War Ministry for inter-departmental discussion. The decision will rest with the Italian Government.

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(c) Repair Units are hampered by shortage of spare parts, multiplicity of types, and deficiencies in specialist personnel.

(d) Tyres and Tubes are in very short supply.

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Economy, organisation and improvisation must be involved to the greatest extent possible to remedy these inherent defects.

Efficient Vehicle Parks and Parks for non-runners awaiting repair require attention and supervision.

4(d) VII Supplies.

The Army must take its share in the National Food Resources. Local purchase may be expected to play an important part.

Indigenous resources will in many cases require considerable addition from the National Import programme. The ration scale will probably vary and that in local use must be ascertained. It will be of assistance to the Territorial Commander if instances of unequal distribution are brought to notice. The standard of Army Cookery should be raised by every possible means.

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A(d)IX Medical.

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A(d) X Vet and Remounts.

The utmost use of animal transport on station duties will be rendered essential by the shortage of petrol.

The Italian Army has suffered severe losses in livestock and existing stocks of saddlery are inadequate for present needs.

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The organisation of animal transport will require considerable c ure. The Pack Transport Companies, of which there are will receive the priority due to their combat status but every encouragement should be given to local transport units.

4(d) XI Accounting.

Transfer of stores from Allied to Italian Depots has hitherto been recorded on shipping tickets in accordance with established procedure. Detailed instructions will be issued regarding the impending transfer of Warlike equipment with the Gruppi.

No future bulk issues will be made from Allied stocks for BR-ITI or US-ITI troops. These are an Allied commitment and in the case of BR-ITI, sufficient stocks of clothing or equipment are held in Italian Depots.

Further particulars as to the maintenance of BR-ITI and US-ITI Service troops are given at appendix 'D'.

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ALLIED COMMISSION

LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION (MMIA)

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9 Nov 45

DIRECTIVE No. 1

HANDOVER OF THE ITALIAN ARMY TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

I. GENERAL

1. Approval has now been given by the Combined Chiefs of Staff to the interim policy to be adopted towards the Italian Armed Forces pending a final settlement by peace treaty. The Supreme Allied Commander therefore directs that the following arrangements be made for the handover of the Italian Army to the control of the Italian Government and for its future organisation, training and administration.

II. HANDOVER OF ITALIAN ARMY TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

2. Transfer of Units. With effect from 2400 hours, 14 November 1945, units of the Italian Army that are now in the ITI-ITI category together with the five BR-ITI combat groups and their support units and 10,000 Carabinieri now held in BR-ITI category will be transferred to the control of the Italian Government. Allied commanders will have no powers of command over such units except as stated in paragraph 5, below.

3. Future of US-ITI and BR-ITI Units.

(a) US-ITI and BR-ITI units less the five BR-ITI combat groups referred to above will continue to be employed in accordance with existing arrangements as long as they are needed by the Allied military authorities. Such units will remain under the operational command of Allied Force Headquarters. The numbers employed will gradually be reduced to MIL. It is estimated that in the case of US-ITI personnel, this stage will be reached in approximately February 1946 and in the case of BR-ITI personnel in approximately June, 1946. When no longer needed by the Allied military authorities, US-ITI and BR-ITI personnel of units will be offered to the Italian Government.

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4. Future of the Carabinieri. Control of the Carabinieri will be the responsibility of the Italian Government subject to the supervision and overriding authority of AMG in those areas which remain outside the jurisdiction of the Italian Government. Strength will not exceed 65,000 which will be additional to any ceiling figure agreed for the Italian Army. The Carabinieri will be used for civilian security purposes only and will not be responsible for military security.

5. Reservations

(a) The Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre reserves the right to assume command at any time of the whole or any part of the Italian Army located in the theatre, and to delegate his authority to command formations and units of the Italian Army to any Allied commander whom he may direct.

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SUBJECT: Handover of the ITALIAN Army to the ITALIAN Government

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMIA)

G/7

26 Mar 46

To : See Dist. below

Ref MMIA Directive No 1 (G/7 dated 8 Nov 45) subject: Handover of the ITALIAN Army to the ITALIAN Government, and MMIA letter G/7 of 8 Mar 46.

Para III 7(c) will be amended as follows:

Delete : Administration Total 31,000

and

Insert : Administration Total 28,000

Major General
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Ministry of War
Chief Commissioner A.C.
Executive Commissioner A.C. (2) one for Prime Minister
Navy Sub Commission
Air Forces Sub Commission
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Spare (twenty)

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(b) The Italian Government will furnish to the Supreme Allied Commander such information regarding the strength, organisation, training, movements, administration, real estate, stocks of material and equipment, and other matters concerning the Italian Army as may be required from time to time.

(c) Italian troops in territory not handed back to the Italian Government, and 808 CS Battalion although included in the ceiling set out in paragraph 7 below, will remain under operational command of Allied Force Headquarters for the time being.

6. Military Mission.

(a) An Allied Military Mission will be provided to advise and assist the Italian Government in the organisation, training and administration of the Italian Army and Carabinieri and to obtain and transmit to superior authority such information as is required. The Italian Government will normally accept the advice of this Mission. If it should find itself unable to do so, the matter will be referred to Allied Force Headquarters by the Allied Military Mission. The Mission will also be responsible for screening those demands for supplies and equipment which continue to be met from Allied military sources, and will exercise supervisory control over the use of such materials.

(b) The Allied Military Mission will for the present be the Land Forces Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission (AMLA).

III. FUTURE ORGANISATION, TRAINING AND ADMINISTRATION.

7. Organisation. During the interim period until the peace treaty becomes operative the Italian Army under control of the Italian Government will consist of not more than 140,000 personnel and will be organised on the following lines:

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Total..... 50,000

(B) Command.

Ministry of War and Territorial Region Headquarters

Total..... 9,000

(C) Administration.

Total..... ~~5,000~~ 2800

(d) Training and Reinforcements.

12,500

Total..... ~~14,000~~

12,000

140.000

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4. No alteration to the general lay-out shown above will be made by the Italian Government without the consent of Allied Force Headquarters. Detailed requirements within the above framework will, however, be worked out as a matter of urgency by the Italian Government, as advised by the Land Forces Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission (MMIA) and reported to Allied Force Headquarters.

9. Training. The training of the Italian Army will be the responsibility of the Italian Government as advised by the Land Forces Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission (MMIA).

10. Administration.

(a) With effect from 2400 hours, 14 November 1945, the Italian Government will assume responsibility for the administration of the Italian Army outlined in paragraph 7 above, and of the Carabinieri. Administrative units required will be formed from within the authorised ceiling so that the Italian Army is self-administering and no longer dependent on Allied base and lines of communication units.

(b) Italian Navy and Italian Air Force personnel will continue to be administered and maintained as at present, through Italian service channels.

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(1) From indigenous Italian resources including captured material (except German weapons) and such local manufactures as may be authorised by Allied Force Headquarters.

(2) By purchases from appropriate US and UK surplus disposal agencies in ITALY of stocks which are available to those disposal agencies.

(3) Through the Italian Government import programme.

(c) As the procurement procedure outlined in paragraph 11(b) above will take time before it becomes fully operative, particularly in respect of requirements included in the Italian Government import programme, the following procedure will apply to those requirements which cannot be met from the sources set out in paragraph 11(b) above:

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(1) Such requirements may be loaned from US and British military stocks as a temporary expedient up to 1 January 1946. In addition, certain food may be sold or loaned to the Italian Government in accordance with paragraph 13(c) below.

(2) Thereafter, these items will be returnable to the US and British on demand or they may be transferred to the Italian Government through US and British disposals organisations in accordance with established procedure.

(d) With effect from 2400 hours, 14 November 1945, the Italian Government will continue to be responsible for meeting the POL and coal requirements of the Italian Army and Carabinieri from civil stocks and by means of the Italian Government import programme.

12. Warlike Equipment and Spares. All arms, vehicles and other warlike equipment of US and British origin (including lend-lease) in possession of those units being used to make up the Italian Army of 140,000 and in possession of the Carabinieri as may be surplus to US and British requirements together with up to one years maintenance and spare parts for arms, vehicles and other equipment so provided as may be surplus to US and British requirements will be disposed of to the Italian Government. Appropriate scales of ammunition of various natures will also be transferred and authorised expenditure replenished from Allied sources. In the case of vehicles and warlike equipment available to US and British disposal organisations, disposal to the Italian Government will be effected through the respective US and British disposals organisations in accordance with established procedures, but with priorities requested for its sale to the Italian Government. In the case of lethal British warlike equipment, transfer will be made direct by the military.

13. Food Supply.

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14. Clothing and Individual/Personal Equipment.

(a) All previous directives pertaining to transfer of clothing, individual/personal equipment and salvage to the Italian Army through MMLA are rescinded.

(b) Purchase of any surpluses of non-warlike stores is as authorised in paragraph 11(b)(2) above.

15. Medical Stores. Medical Stores of Allied origin which are held in Italian depots or by Italian units at the date of this letter will remain in Italian possession.

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16. Accounting.

(a) Financial arrangements consequent upon the above policy regarding supply remain to be settled. In the meantime, records will be maintained of all transfers made to the Italian Government from military stocks and accounting procedures in sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) below will apply.

(b) Accounting for Allied Military supplies issued to the Italian Government in bulk for the Italian Army outlined in paragraph 7 above, and for the Carabinieri, Italian Navy and Air Force will follow present established procedures for the ITI-ITI category.

(c) Accounting for Allied military supplies issued from British and US depots direct to BR-ITI and US-ITI units will follow established procedures of the British and US Forces. Issues from US military stocks, other than disposals through ANLC, will be through MMLA (US Contingent) who will maintain adequate records.

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" " c/o Signal Office GENOA
" " TURIN c/o 7 AGRA
" " NW ITALY MILAN (attention Capt FOX)
" " BOLZANO 60 Sub Area c/o 68 Arty Regt
" " SICILY
" " 4th Floor Provincia Buildings NAPLES
" " c/o Liaison Sec PBS
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SUBJECT: Lay-out of Static HQs.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMIA)

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3 Sept 45

TO : All MMIA LO's
'F' BL & TU., CESANO

1. Appendix 'A' of AFHQ letter HSD/450 of 13 Aug 45 showing the diagrammatic lay-out of British Static HQs is cancelled.

2. Appendix 'A' of AFHQ letter HSD/450 of 31 Aug 45 is substituted, showing the position as at 1 Sept 45. A copy of this Appdx is enclosed.

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Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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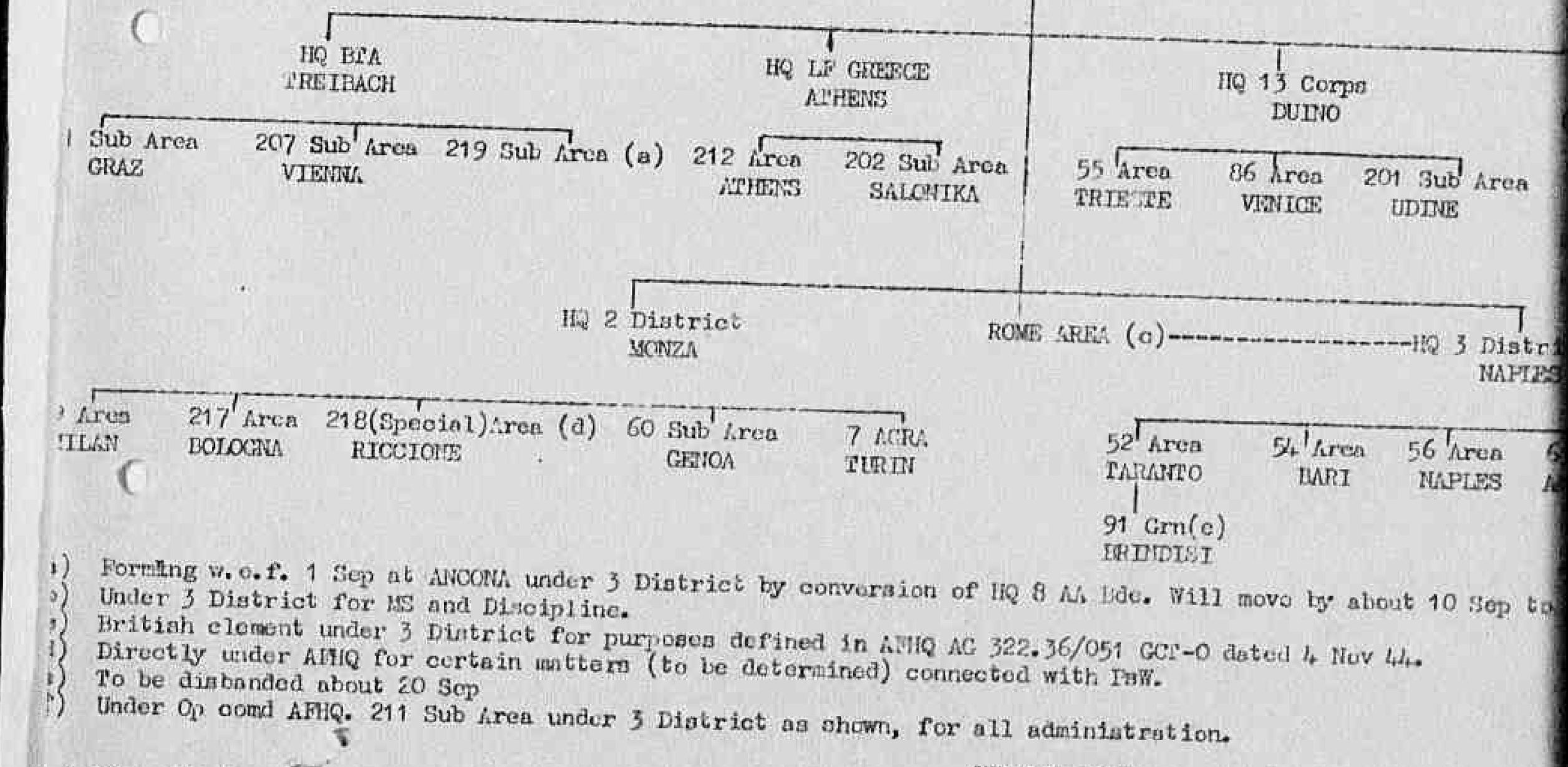
STATIC HQs as at 1 Sept 45

Chain of Command



a) Forming w.e.f. 1 Sep at ANCONA under 3 District by conversion of HQ 8 AA Bde. Will move by about 10 Sep to
b) Under 3 District for MS and Discipline.
c) British element under 3 District for purposes defined in AFHQ AG 322.36/051 GCT-O dated 4 Nov 44.
d) Directly under AFHQ for certain matters (to be determined) connected with PsW.
e) To be disbanded about 20 Sep
f) Under Op comd AFHQ. 211 Sub Area under 3 District as shown, for all administration.

GENERAL NOTE

1 District (PARIS) is not shown in the above table, as it has handed over its responsibilities and is to be d

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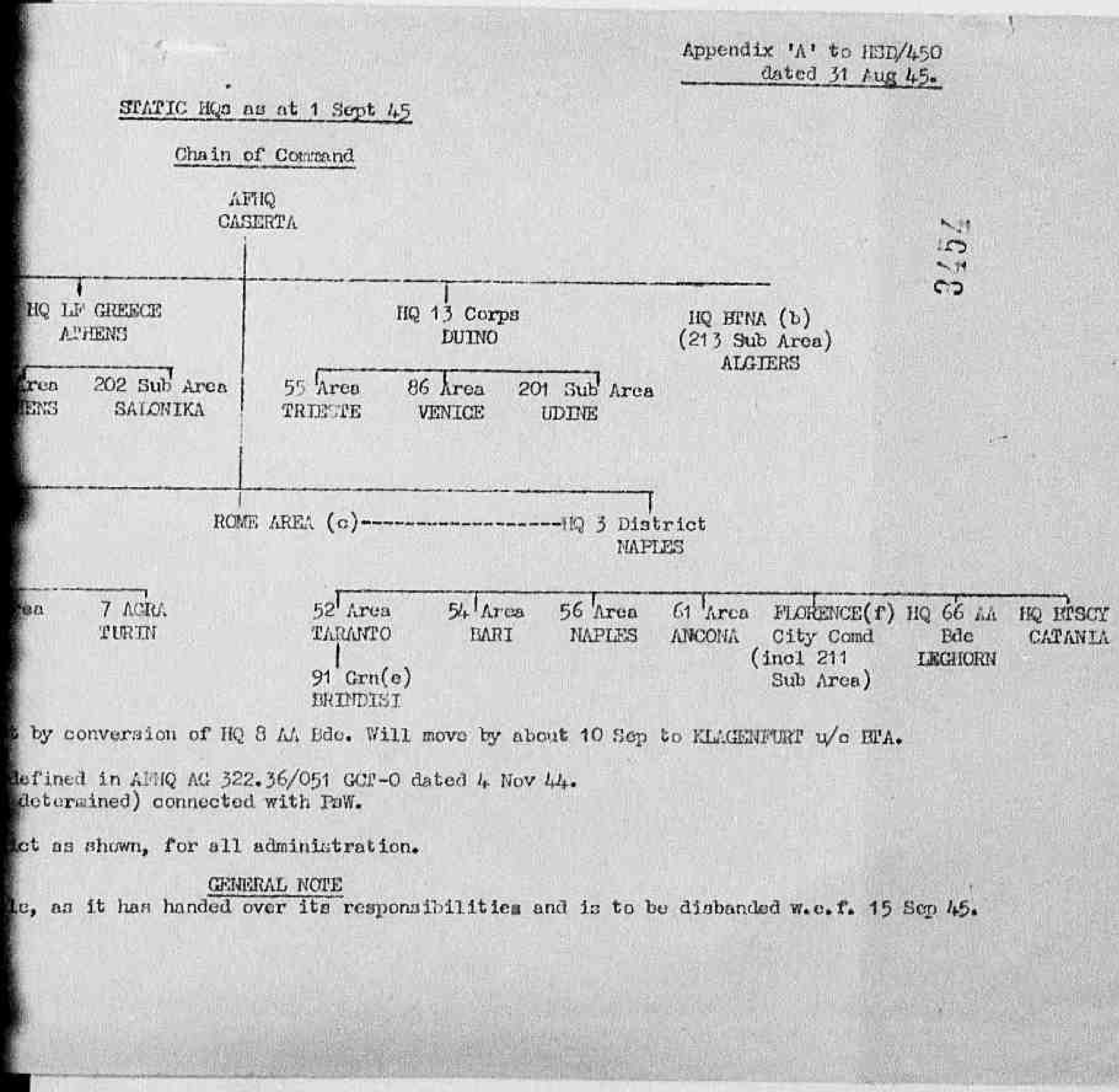
Appendix 'A' to HSD/450
dated 31 Aug 45.

STATIC HQs as at 1 Sept 45

Chain of Command



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SUBJECT: May Monthly Reports

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

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30 May 45.

TO : (See Distribution)

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Land Forces Sub Comm.
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ROME
REMB/3
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(M.M.I.A.) R O ME
File - R.E.M.E./8

April 45.

D.D.M.E.
H.Q. 1 District.

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SUBJECT: Directives - Mechanical Engineers Services - Italian Combat Group.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
REMK/3
12 March 45

TO : D.M.E., A.F.H.Q.

Reference conversation Major BELLAMY, AFHQ - Major EDWARDS, HQ MMIA on the 5th March 1945. Herewith 10 copies of the a/m Directives as requested.

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: R.E.M.E. Directives for Combat Groups.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/Q/29/2
February 45

TO : Special Section,
M.M.I.A.

Herewith directives as amended by A.F.H.Q. and D.D.M.E. EIGHTH Army for translation into Italian.

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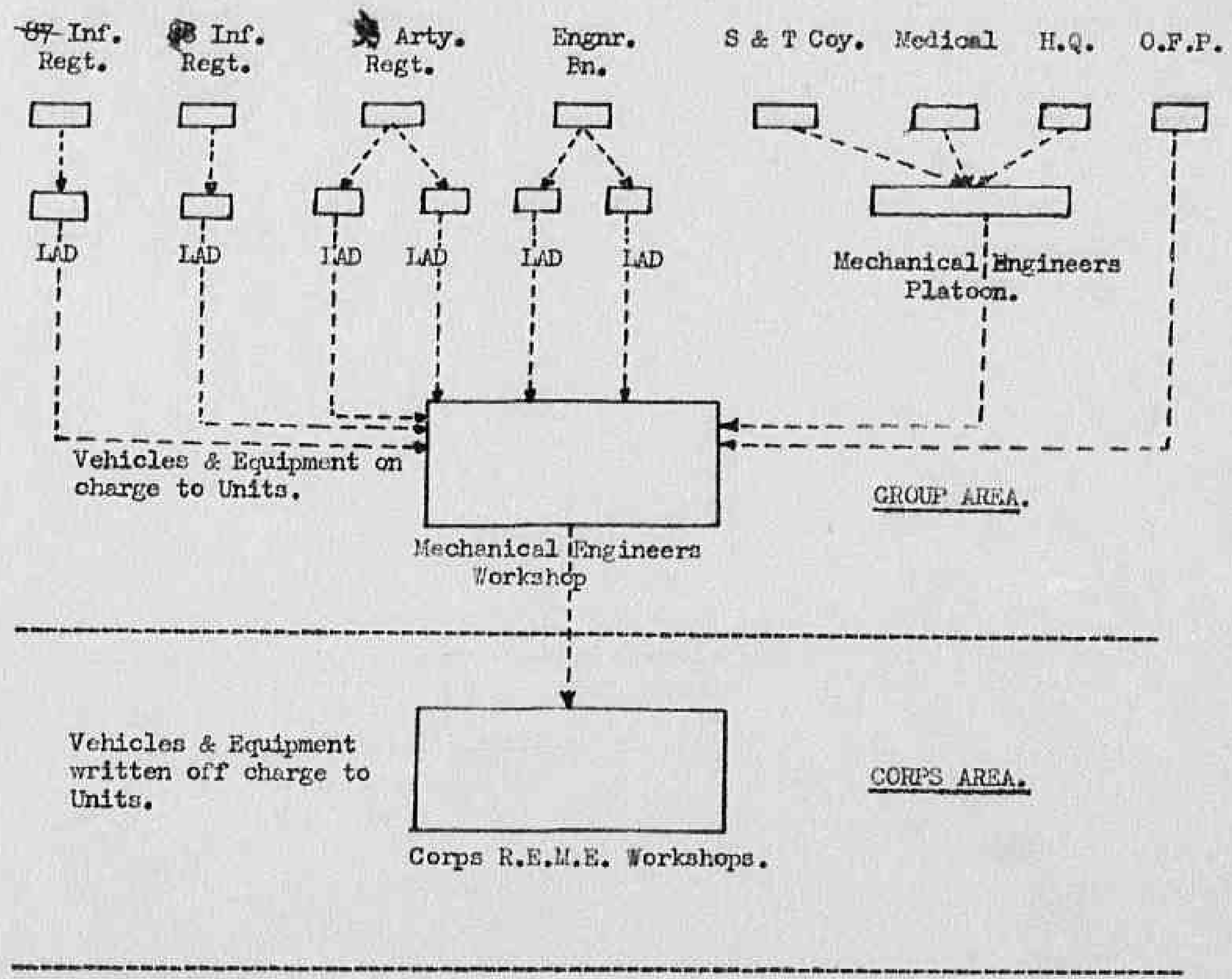
REPAIR and REPLACEMENT of VEHICLES, GUNS and MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT.

1. ORGANISATION of WORKSHOP FACILITIES.



2. PROCEDURE for OBTAINING REPAIR FACILITIES.

(a) Vehicles beyond repair within the unit are sent for repair to the LAD attached to the unit in the case of units with a LAD attached, or direct to the Mechanical Engineers Workshop. The vehicle or equipment is accompanied by AFC. 1045 shewing details of repairs required.

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(b) The LAD either repairs the vehicle or equipment itself or passes it on to the Mechanical Engineers Workshop. Should it be beyond the resources of either, the unit receives a"Certificate of Condemnation" and the vehicle or equipment is evacuated out of the "GROUP AREA". The "Certificate of Condemnation" serves as an authority for the unit to write the vehicles or equipment off charge and to indent immediately for a replacement.

(c) It is emphasied that vehicles or equipment remain on charge to the unit while undergoing repair in Group Workshops. Vehicles must be accompanied by their drivers who will be responsible for the safe custody of Vehicle equipment while they are in the workshops.

(d) In the case of vehicles, tools and equipment must be checked against the AB 412 before the vehicle is sent in for repair.

3. REPLACEMENT.

(a) Immediately a vehicle or equipment is declared beyond local repair on the "Certificate of Condemnation" an indent will be made out to the ADOS of the Group for replacement. The indent will be accompanied by the "Cetificate of Condemnation".

(b) At the same time a Part X Order will be submitted in the case of Carriers, Vehicles or Artillery Equipments shewing in the "WASTAGE" coloumn the reason for writing off charge and in the "AUTHORITY" coloumn the number of the "Certificate of Condemnation"

(c) Replacement vehicles and equipment come to the Group Ordnance Field Park whence they are collected by the unit.

4. REPLACEMENT OF SPARE PARTS.

Indents for spare parts for vehicles and technical equipments are made directly to the Group Ordnance Field Park (GFP). As much detail as possible of the part required and the Part Number must be shewn on the indent. The make and type of equipment for which the spare is required must also be shewn.

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SUBJECT: Directives, Italian Army, Repairs and Recovery Org.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/Q/29/2
February 45

TO : D.M.E., A.F.H.Q.

1. Reference your ME/1A/1605/1 dated 2nd Feb 45 enclosing the a/m directives. These have been further amended as per your suggestions and forwarded to the Special Section M.M.I.A. for translation into Italian.

2. Copies of these translations will be forwarded to you as early as possible.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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Subject:- Directives - Italian Army Repair and Recovery Org — FREEDOM 503

To:- HQ Land Forces Sub Commission (CMIA) (for DAIME) — MX/LA/1605/1

2 Feb 45

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7. Draft copies of Appendices A, B, & C have been forwarded to DDME Eighth Army under separate cover.

B.D. [illegible], Major,
DDME,
for Major General,
Director of Mechanical Engineering.

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APPENDIX 'B'
DATED 2 FEB 45

WORKSHOP REPAIR ORGANISATION FOR COMBAT GROUPS

Unit Maintenance

1. Maintenance in units as per the Task System already laid down.

2. The Unit Commander will be responsible for seeing that the daily maintenance of vehicles is carried out properly.

3. No repairs will be undertaken in Unit lines, but application will be made immediately a vehicle is in need of repair, to the unit LAD.

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Function of the LAD

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Function of the Workshop

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CLASS V	Veh which are beyond profitable repair and recommended for breaking down for spares	- RVP

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10. The procedure of the workshop immediately a vehicle is brought in, is for it to be received by the R and I (Receipts and Issues) office where a receipt will be given to the unit concerned. It will then pass to the inspection for examination and classification, and will then be parked in either

(a) The "Awaiting Wksps" Park while every effort is being made to get the necessary spares

or

/(b) the "Awaiting.....

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(b) The "Awaiting Evacuation" Park of the workshop

If the equipment is classified BLR the driver and/or limber gunner will be returned to his Unit.

11. In the event of a vehicle being beyond local repair (BLR) i.e. Class III or IV a BLR certificate (completed specimen attached at Appx 'B') will be prepared by the OC Wksp and forwarded to the CME. The CME will refer these certificates to the EME of the BLU for countersignature and distribution.

12. In every case the workshop officer will be responsible for the classification of any vehicle. When a vehicle is over Class II or unable to be completed within a reasonable time due to the non-availability of spares, he will retain the vehicle and distribute the BLR certificate as detailed in Para 11 above. The EME of the BLU will be responsible for forwarding the Unit's copy of the BLR certificate. On receipt of this the Unit will immediately arrange to have the vehicle struck off strength and make a demand for a replacement vehicle in the normal way through staff channels.

13. All vehicles accepted at any workshop will normally be dealt with in the following order - lightly damaged equipment before seriously damaged equipment - subject to spares availability, except for any priorities allotted by the CME of the Division.

14. The aforementioned procedure automatically controls the spares situation as repairs will not be carried out by units, but only by LADs and Workshops, where spares will be obtained from the Field Park Section. The Field Park Section will not issue spares to other units unless specifically ordered to do so.

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APPENDIX 'C' TO ME/1A/1605/1
DATED 2 FEB 45

MECHANICAL ENGINEERS DIV WKSP PROCEDURE

RESPONSIBILITY

1. The Wksp is a self-accounting and a self-administering unit under the officer commanding who is responsible for its Regtl and Technical Adm, including training, regimental and technical.

The OC Wksp is responsible to the CME.

Work Undertaken The repair capacity is a variable factor governed by:-

(a) Availability of personnel and their technical ability.

(b) Availability of repair equipment suitable for any particular job.

(c) The amount of work in hand and the amount of work of higher priority outstanding.

(d) The maximum period (specified by the senior officers orders) which may be spent on any one repair job.

(e) The non-availability of stores.

(f) The amount of time specified as defined in para (d) may be varied provided that -

(i) The OC receives orders to do so from the CME
or(ii) If he is satisfied on his own responsibility that the exigencies of the Service justify his action.

(g) The object must always be to achieve maximum output, and so to reduce backloading to a minimum; bearing in mind always that the worst condition that can occur in Wksps is for Wkspe to be fully committed to a few heavy repairs with the result that an accumulation of easier jobs awaiting labour occurs.

WKSP PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION

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(b) A job card devised by OC Wkspe (see specimen - filled in - at Appx).

(c) Indent for Ord Stores AF G.994 (see specimen - filled in - at Appx).
For use by Stores section or LADS. Internal demands within the Wksp

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(g) Condemnation Certificate [redacted] (see specimen - filled in - at Appx).

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3. Drivers of vehicles and/or limber gunners of artillery equipments will accompany their equipments to the Wksps at all times.

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WKSP OFFICE

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(b) WO IC Wksps

(c) Wksp Office Clerks

(d) Spares Progress Chasers.

In order to effect this control, the Wksp office staff will be responsible for the following:-

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(e) Records of different types of equipment requiring repair being kept in separate books. Jobs will be numbered consecutively, 1 - 999. After which a new series will commence and each Job No. will be prefixed by the letter denoting the type of equipment as per table below :-

A/ 'A' Vehs including tanks

B/ 'B' Vehs and MCs

C/ Armaments

D/ Telecommunications

/T/ Telecommunications.....

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T/ Telecommunications

I/ Instruments

S/ Small Arms

C/ Miscellaneous - Gen Work

E/ Engineer Equipment.

6. The WO IC Wksps will review all outstanding entries in the Wksp journal at least once every day to ensure that no work is overlooked, and that entries are maintained up to date.

One of the Wksps clerks will be responsible for maintaining these Wksp journals up to date from the Wksp Indents O.1045 and the Wksp progress chaser or WO IC Wksps. The Wksp journal will contain the following information :-

Column 1.- Unit Name
2 - AF G.1045 Number
3 - Job No.
4 - MD No. or Registered No.
5 - Make, type, (e.g. LEDFORD 3-ton 6x6 (x2).
6 - Repair required (brief particulars)
7 - Date "In"
8 - Date of completion
9 - Signature of collecting representative.

PROGRESSING OF REPAIRS

It will be necessary for the officer IC Wksps aided by WO IC Wksps and progress chasers to work in close co-operation with each WO IC Wksp Sec and officer IC Technical Stores Sec so that he is always familiar with the position of all work in Wksps. He will be responsible for expediting all causes of delay, and hold-ups, and for arranging for the necessary action to eliminate any breaks in the progress of repairs.

COLLECTION OF REPAIR EQUIPMENTS

7. On collection of the repaired equipment the unit or MD representative and/or driver collecting will sign in Column 10 of the Wksp journal; at the same time, the Wksp office will enter the repair in the appropriate page of the AB 412 or History Sheet of the equipment.

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Certificate of Condemnation.

Unit | Date | Serial No.

The u/m has been backloaded to
as BER for reasoens stated and should be struck off unit's strength
and taken on charge by Corps Veh Pk/ACP.

Item	MD or Reg No.	Reasons

Signed

cc Wksps RMME

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DATED 2 FEB 45

DUTIES OF C.M.E.

C.M.E. DIVISIONAL

1. The CME is directly responsible to the Divisional Commander for the proper functioning of all ME services within the Division, and, departmentally to the DDME of the next higher formation.

2. His duties comprise :-

(a) Advice to and co-operation with the Divisional staff to ensure that his ME units are moved and located in proper relation to the tactical situation, to the anticipated workshop load, to the existing commitments of work, to the state of roads in relation to recovery and backloading, and to the supporting 3rd and 4th line REME units of the next higher formation.

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(c) The direct command of both 2nd line workshops in the Division, Mech Engrs Wksp and Mech Engrs Platoon and the Tech control of [illegible] other 1st line ME units and detachments in order that a universal policy is maintained throughout the division. This policy must be co-ordinated with the 3rd ech repair policy to the DDME of the next higher formation via the REME Capt of the HLU.

(d) The co-ordination and organisation of recovery both forward and on the Divisional axis. He must keep close and constant touch with the DDME of the next higher formation on this subject so that the latter can reinforce him [illegible]

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DUTIES OF THE REME CAPTAIN ON A BRITISH LIAISON UNIT FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPS.

1. The REME Capt is responsible for training Italian EME personnel in REME methods. To assist in this a British Training Team (on War Establishment MA/640/1) is attached to each BLU. The REME Officer is responsible for the administration of this Team.

2. The REME Capt should give the CME as much responsibility as that Officer is capable of exercising.

3. He should avoid visiting Units except in the company of the CME.

4. He should be the means of contact between the CME and higher REME authority regarding such matters as technical tools, technical equipment, third echelon assistance in repair and recovery, and back-loading.

5. He should invariably transmit his views through the CME and serve as the shadow and Father Confessor of the CME.

6. He should transmit to the CME all departmental orders from higher authority.

7. He will at all times be the adviser on REME matters to the BLU Staff.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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Subject:- Directives - Italian Army Repair and Recovery Org

FREEDOM 503

NW/14/1605/1

To:- HQ Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA) (for DAIME)

2 Feb 45

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B.D. BELLAMY, Major,
D DME,
for Major-General,
Director of Mechanical Engineering.

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APPENDIX "H" TO [illegible] 1605/1
DATED 2 FEB 45

WORKSHOP REPAIR ORGANISATION FOR COMBAT GROUPS

Unit Maintenance

1. Maintenance in units as per the Task System already laid down.

2. The Unit Commander will be responsible for seeing that the daily maintenance of vehicles is carried out properly.

3. No repairs will be undertaken in Unit lines, but application will be made immediately a vehicle is in need of repair, to the unit LAD.

4.

Function of the LAD

5. The function of the LAD is to carry out 1st Echelon repairs, but not until it has been first ascertained that spares are available immediately.

6. Each LAD will maintain a Wksp journal on similar lines to that of the Mech Engineers Wksp. This journal will reflect work on hand at all times.

7. 1st Echelon repairs which are beyond the capacity of the LAD and all 2nd Echelon repairs will be sent to the Workshops in the Division.

Function of the Workshop

8. The function of the workshop is to carry out 2nd Echelon repairs, but not until it has been ascertained that spares are available from the Stores Section attached to the Wksp. Repairs which are beyond the capacity of the Wksp will be reported to the CME of the Division, who, after consultation with the workshop officer concerned, will decide what action is to be taken.

9. To ensure smooth running of these Echelons of repair, it is necessary to classify every vehicle requiring repair in one of the following categories:-

CLASS I	1st Echelon repairs for which spares are available	- LAD
CLASS II	2nd Echelon repairs for which spares are available	- (M? Wksp (M? Platoon, [illegible]
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CLASS IV	Vehicles worth evacuation but requiring complete overhaul in 4th line (Base) Wksps	- RVP
CLASS V	Veh which are beyond profitable repair and recommended for breaking down for spares	- RVP

10. The procedure of the workshop immediately a vehicle is brought in, is for it to be received by the R and I (Receipts and Issues) office where a receipt will be given to the unit concerned. It will then pass to the inspection for examination and classification, and will then be parked in either

(a) The "Awaiting Wksps" Park while every effort is being made to get the necessary spares

or

/(b) the "Awaiting.....

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(b) The "Awaiting Evacuation" Park of the workshop

If the equipment is classified BLR the driver and/or limber gunner will be returned to his Unit.

11. In the event of a vehicle being beyond local repair (BLR) i.e. Class III or IV a BLR certificate (completed specimen attached at Appx 'B') will be prepared by the OC Wksp and forwarded to the CME. The CME will refer these certificates to the EME of the BLU for countersignature and distribution.

12. In every case the workshop officer will be responsible for the classification of any vehicle. When a vehicle is over Class II or unable to be completed within a reasonable time due to the non-availability of spares, he will retain the vehicle and distribute the BLR certificate as detailed in Para 11 above. The EME of the BLU will be responsible for forwarding the Unit's copy of the BLR certificate. On receipt of this the Unit will immediately arrange to have the vehicle struck off strength and make a demand for a replacement vehicle in the normal way through staff channels.

13. All vehicles accepted at any workshop will normally be dealt with in the following order - lightly damaged equipment before seriously damaged equipment - subject to spares availability, except for any priorities allotted by the CME of the Division.

14. The aforementioned procedure automatically controls the spares situation as repairs will not be carried out by units, but only by LADs and Workshops, where spares will be obtained from the Field Park Section. The Field Park Section will not issue spares to other units unless specifically ordered to do so.

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APPENDIX 'C' TO ME/14/1605/1
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MECHANICAL ENGINEERS DIV WASP PROCEDURE

RESPONSIBILITY

1. The Wksp is a self-accounting and a self-administering unit under the officer commanding who is responsible for its Regtl and Technical Adm, including training, regimental and technical.

The OC Wksp is responsible to the CME.

Work Undertaken The repair capacity is a variable factor governed by:-

(a) Availability of personnel and their technical ability.

(b) Availability of repair equipment suitable for any particular job.

(c) The amount of work in hand and the amount of work of higher priority outstanding.

(d) The maximum period (specified by the senior officers orders) which may be spent on any one repair job.

(e) The non-availability of stores.

(f) The amount of time specified as defined in para (d) may be varied provided that -

(i) The OC receives orders to do so from the CME
or(ii) If he is satisfied on his own responsibility that the exigencies of the Service justify his action.

(g) The object must always be to achieve maximum output, and so to reduce backloading to a minimum; bearing in mind always that the worst condition that can occur in Wksp is for Wksps to be fully committed to a few heavy repairs with the result that an accumulation of easier jobs awaiting labour occurs.

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5. The Wksp is controlled by the Wksp office staff which will normally consist of:-

(a) Officer IC Wksps

(b) WO IC Wksps

(c) Wksp Office Clerks

(d) Spares Progress Chasers.

In order to effect this control, the Wksp office staff will be responsible for the following:-

(a) Maint of Daily Statement of Wksp activities (R & I Ledger and Wksp Journal) containing details of work outstanding, in hand, awaiting spares, labour, or completed.

(b) Allocating work to the appropriate wksps sections for repair in accordance with the degree of priority decided by the OC Wksps subject to instructions by the CME, and in accordance with stores and suitable personnel available, and not necessarily in accordance with the rotation in which the work was received by Wksps.

(c) Progressing work through Wksps and maintaining an even flow of repairs.

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(e) Records of ...

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(e) Records of different types of equipment requiring repair being kept in separate books. Jobs will be numbered consecutively, 1 - 999. After which a new series will commence and each Job No. will be prefixed by the letter denoting the type of equipment as per table below :-

A/ 'A' Vehs including tanks

B/ 'B' Vehs and MCs

C/ Armaments

D/ Telecommunications

/T/ Telecommunications.....

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T/ Telecommunications

I/ Instruments

S/ Small Arms

O/ Miscellaneous - Gen Work

R/ Engineer Equipment.

6. The WO IC Wksps will review all outstanding entries in the Wksps journal at least once every day to ensure that no work is overlooked, and that entries are maintained up to date.

One of the Wksps clerks will be responsible for maintaining these Wksp journals up to date from the wksp indents C.1045 and the wksp progress chaser or WO IC Wksps. The Wksp journal will contain the following information :-

Column 1.- Unit Name
2 - AF G.1045 Number
3 - Job No.
4 - MD No. or Registered No.
5 - Make, type, (e.g. BEDFORD 3-ton QL 4x2).
6 - Repair required (brief particulars)
7 - Date "In"
8 - Date of completion
9 - Signature of collecting representative.

PROGRESSING OF REPAIRS

It will be necessary for the officer IC Wksps aided by WO IC Wksps and progress chasers to work in close co-operation with each MCO IC Wksp Sec and officer IC Technical Stores Sec so that he is always familiar with the position of all work in wksps. He will be responsible for investigating all causes of delay, and hold-ups, and for arranging for the necessary action to eliminate any breaks in the progress of repairs.

COLLECTION OF REPAIR EQUIPMENTS

7. On collection of the repaired equipment the unit or L/D representative and/or driver collecting will sign in Column 10 of the workshops journal; at the same time, the Wksp office will enter the repair in the appropriate page of the AB 422 or History Sheet of the equipment.

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Column 1.- Unit Name
2 - AF G.10/5 Number
3 - Job No.
4 - WD No. or Registered No.
5 - Make, type, (e.g. BEDFORD 3-ton 3S 4x2).
6 - Repair required (brief particulars)
7 - Date "In"
8 - Date of completion
9 - Signature of collecting representative.

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APPENDIX 'D' TO ME 1A/1605/1
DATED 2 FEB 45.

DUTIES OF THE REME CAPTAIN ON A BRITISH LIAISON UNIT FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPS.

1. The REME Capt is responsible for training Italian EME personnel in REME methods. To assist in this a British Training Team (on War Establishment NA/640/1) is attached to each BLU. The REME Officer is responsible for the administration of this Team.

2. The REME Capt should give the CME as much responsibility as that Officer is capable of exercising.

3. He should avoid visiting Units except in the company of the CME.

4. He should be the means of contact between the CME and higher REME authority regarding such matters as technical tools, technical equipment, third echelon assistance in repair and recovery, and back-loading.

5. He should inveriably transmit his views through the CME and serve as the shadow and Father Confessor of the CME.

6. He should transmit to the CME all departmental orders from higher authority.

7. He will at all times be the advisor on REME matters to the BLU Staff.

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APPENDIX 'E' TO ME/1A/1605/1
DATED 2 FEB 45

Certificate of Condemnation.

Unit	Date	Serial No.

The u/m has been backloaded to _____ as BER for reasons stated and should be struck off unit's strength and taken on charge by _____ Corps Veh Pk/ACP.

Item	db or Reg No.	Reasons

Signed _____

cc _____ Wkgs RE/CB

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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Tel: FREEDOM 503

Subject:- Directives - ITALIAN Army Repair and Recovery Org. — REME A1/1605/1

To:- DADME Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA) — 4 Jan 45

Reference your DADME/11 undated.

1. Herewith two copies of first re-draft of the Directives submitted by you. You will note that they have been agreed with minor amendments. The "Duties of CME" can be regarded as firm, and translation should be put in hand forthwith. As regards the others it is considered that further improvements are possible, and it is proposed to forward second re-drafts after co-ordination with DDsME of Armies. The first re-drafts may, however, be considered satisfactory and should be translated and published as "Provisional".

2. With reference to the second Directive "Wksp Office", para 6, it is not thought possible that you can include in the wksps journal the proposed column 6, i.e., "Present position", as this would vary from day to day.

3. With regard to your third Directive "Wksp Repair Organisation for Combat Groups", it is considered that a fourth sub-para should be added at para 1 giving simple but complete instructions for AB.406 inspection procedure. The Directive should be accompanied by specimen AB.406 sheets. Third sub-para should be re-worded to provide for controlled use of unit tradesmen.

4. With regard to last para of your third Directive, you willnote that we have enclosed a specimen of a more comprehensive return, which we consider necessary (Appx "A"). It is also considered that you should arrange for a weekly return from LADs.

5. At Appendix "B" we enclose a specimen layout for a Wksp Progress Board which should be kept by CME. This can be kept conveniently on a board covered with tale, or alternatively, on a blackboard.

6. The other points raised in your letter are being dealt with separately.

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K.A.McK. RANDLES, Lt-Col., ADME,
for Major-General
Director of Mechanical Engineering.

DUTIES OF C.M.E.

C.M.E. DIVISIONAL

1. The C.M.E. is directly responsible to the Divisional Commander for the proper functioning of all ME services within the Division, and, departmentally to the DDME of the next higher formation.

2. His duties comprise :-

(a) Advice to and co-operation with the Divisional staff to ensure that his ME units are moved and located in proper relation to the tactical situation, to the anticipated workshop load, to the existing commitments of work, to the state of roads in relation to recovery and backloading, and to the supporting 3rd and 4th ech of the next higher formation.

(b) Constant review of the condition of equipment within the formation by inspections and other means in order :-

(i) To be in a position continually to advise the Commander as to the state of mechanical preparedness of his formation.

(ii) To be in a position to detect weaknesses in the way in which units use and maintain their equipment and to advise on methods of improvement.

(iii) To be in a position to anticipate the need of the Division for 2nd, 3rd and 4th ech repairs and by doing so to be able to plan his 2nd ech repair and assembly replacement programme, to advise "Q" and "Q(D)" on requirements of assemblies, DME of the next higher formation of the future 3rd, and 4th ech repair load, and "Q" of the replacement load necessary to meet this wastage.

(iv) To discover, as early as possible, incipient defects in equipment, which would not otherwise come to light until failure occurs.

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(c) The direct command of all 2nd ech workshops in the Division, and the Tech control of LADs or other 1st ech RE units and detachments in order that a universal policy is maintained throughout the division. This policy must be co-ordinated with the 3rd ech repair policy to the DME of the next higher formation via S/Capt RE, HQ.

(d) The co-ordination and organisation of recovery both forward and on the Divisional axis. He must keep close and constant touch with the DME of the Next higher formation on this subject so that the latter can reinforce him quickly or relieve him of part of his responsibilities, or clear his workshop by backloading.

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(e) The seeking of defects in equipment and their investigation as far as possible with the facilities at his disposal. The prompt reporting of defects after investigation, together with sound proposals for their remedy.

(f) The general administration of all ME units under command including postings and promotions within such limitations as may be imposed by higher authority.

3. In general, the CME must do everything possible to improve the mechanical condition of the equipment of his formation, both by advising on unit operation and maintenance, and by ensuring the efficiency, and the efficient application of the ME units provided for recovery and repairs. His technical advise must at all time be at the disposal of his Commander, and must be framed in general conformity with the policy of his DDME.

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M[illegible]ANICAL ENGINEERS DIV WKSP PROC[illegible]URE

1. RESPONSIBILITY

T[illegible] wksp is a self-accounting and self-administering unit under the officer commanding who is responsible for its Regtl and Technical adm, including training, regimental and technical.

The O i/c Wksp is responsible to the C C Mech Engineers, who in return is responsible to the DME.

WORK UNDERTAKEN. The repair capacity is a variable factor governed by :-

(a) Availability of personnel and their technical ability.

(b) Availability of repair equipment suitable for any particular job.

(c) The amount of work in hand and the amount of work of higher priority outstanding.

(d) The maximum period (specified by the Senior officers orders) which may be spent on any one repair job.

(e) The non-availability of stores.

(f) The amount of time specified as defined in para (d) may be varied provided that -

(i) The OC received orders to do so from the CME, or

(ii) If he is satisfied on his own responsibility that the exigencies of the Service justify his action.

(g) The object must always be to achieve maximum output, and so reduce backloading to a minimum bearing in mind always that the worst condition that can occur in Wksps is for Wksps to be fully committed to a few heavy repairs with the result that an accumulation of easier jobs awaiting labour occurs.

2. WKSP PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION

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2. FIELD PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION

Repair work will be controlled by the use of the following (for details see following paras):- 3410

(a) Wksp Indent AF G.1045 will be used for all equipment incl Arty and Engineer Stores (See specimen - filled in - at Appx " ").

(b) A job card devised by CO Wksps (see specimen-filled in-at Appx " ").

(c) Indent for Ord Stores AF G.994 (see specimen - filled in - at Appx " ").

(d) Temporary Receipt AB 108. (see specimen - filled in - at Appx " ").

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(e) Wksp Journal (daily statement of wksps activity) (see specimen - filled in - at Appx " ").

(f) Inspection reports AF C.857A, AF. C.857B, etc. (see specimen - filled in - at Appx " ").

(g) Condemnation Certificate AF C.104 : (see specimen - filled in - at Appx " ").

(h) Activity report to CWE as instructed. (see specimen - filled in - at Appx " ").

3. RECEIPT OF WORK

The unit or LAD representative with equipment requiring repair will, on arrival at wksp, report or be instructed to report to the R & I Stores (Receipt and Issue Stores), where he will hand in a written demand, signed by an officer or NC of the unit concerned. Normally this demand would be made on AF C.1045. If unit is operational and no form is available, the R & I storeman will initiate an AF C.1045 which will be signed by the unit representative, in order to provide continuity. Unit representative will be directed to "In" Inspection.

4. Where a veh or equipment is recovered from unit lines, the NCO or soldier IC the recovery veh will acknowledge receipt of the equipment on AF 108 as "unexamined", i.e., has not been checked for deficiencies. R & I clerk will check tools and equipment as per log book or history sheet on arrival at wksps. He will enter as e on a AF 108 in duplicate, original copy to Unit - copy to remain with 108 as permanent record.

5. WKSP OFFICE

The wksp is controlled by the wksp office staff which will normally consist of:-

(a) Officer i/c Wksps

(b) NC i/c Wksps

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(c) Progressing work through wksps and maintaining an even flow of repairs.

(d) Close liaison with stores section in connection with the allocation and progressing of stores.

(e) Preparing the wksp activities return required by the senior officer of the ME for the signature of the OC Wksps.

(f) Records of different types of equipment requiring repair being kept in separate books. Jobs will be numbered consecutively, 1 - ooo. After which a new series will commence and each Job No. will be prefixed by the letter denoting the type of equipment as per table below :-

A/ "A" Vehs including tanks.

B/ "B" Vehs and MCs.

C/ Armaments

T/ Telecommunications

I/ Instruments

S/ Small Arms

O/ Miscellaneous - Gen Work

R/ Engineer Equipment

6. The WO i/c Wksps will review all outstanding entries in the wksps journal at least once every day to ensure that no work is overlooked, and that entries are maintained up to date.

One of the wksps office clerks will be responsible for maintaining these

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Column 1 - Job No.

2 - MD No or Registered No.

3 - Make, type, (e.g. BEDFORD 3-ton QS 4x2).

4 - Repair required (brief particulars)

5 - Date "In"

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6 - Date of completion

7 - Signature of collecting representative.

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COLLECTION OF REPAIRED EQUIPMENTS

7. On collection of the repaired equipment the unit or LAD representative collecting will sign in Column 6 of the workshops journal at the same time, the wksp office will enter the repair in the appropriate page of the AB 412 or History Sheet of the equipment.

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for the necessary action to eliminate any breaks in the progress of repairs.

COLLECTION OF REPAIRED EQUIPMENTS

7. On collection of the repaired equipment the unit or LAD representative collecting will sign in Column 8 of the workshops journal at the same time, the wksp office will enter the repair in the appropriate page of the AB 412 or History Sheet of the equipment.

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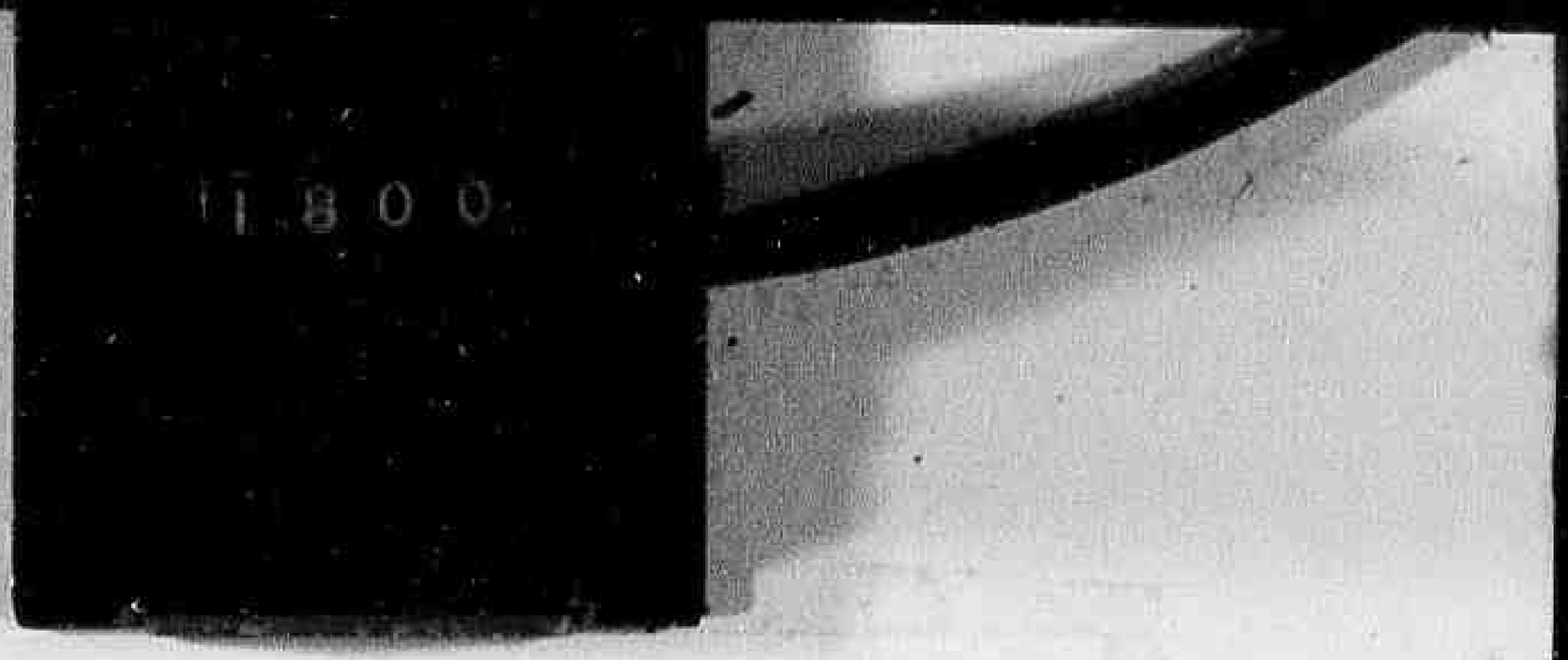

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APPENDIX "B"

Type of Equipment	Div Workshops				MH Platoon		
	Recd in prev 24 hrs.	Total in Wkshps.	Completed in prev. 24 hours.	Evacuated in prev. 24 hours.	Recd in prev 24 hours	Total in Wkshps	Co... in... 24
"A" Vehicles							
Carriers	1	3	1	-			
Armoured Cars	4	7	2	3			
"B" Vehicles							
8-cwt PU	1	3	1	-			
15-cwt GS	7	11	3	1			
3-ton GS	9	22	5	2			
etc							
Motor Cycles							
Guns :-							
6-pdr	-	1	-	-			
17-pdr	-	-	-	-			
25-pdr	1	3	1	1			
40 mm	1	1	-	-			
etc							
Small Arms etc							

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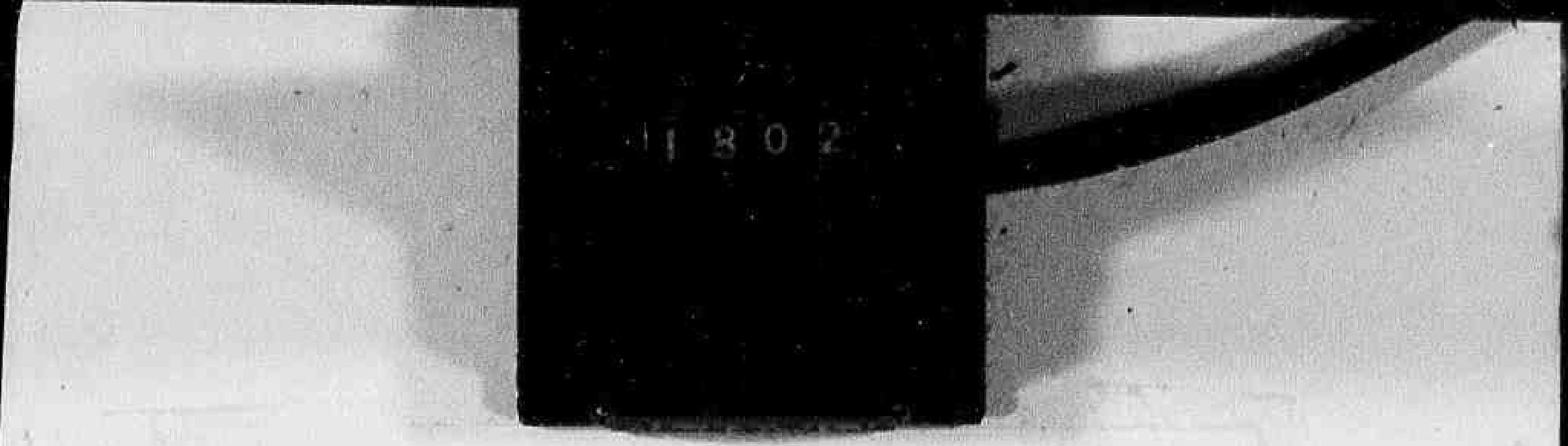
Div Workshops			ME Platoon				
Total in Wkshps.	Completed in prev. 24 hours.	Evacuated in prev. 24 hours.	Recd in prev 24 hours	Total in Wkshps	Completed in prev 24 hours.	Evacuated in prev 24 hours	
3	1	-					
7	2	3					
3	1	-					
11	3	1					
22	5	2					
1	-	-					
-	-	-					
3	1	1					
1	-	-					



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Makes & Types	W.D. No.	Unit	Date Read	Date Work started	Code Le	APPE
"A" Vehicles						
Carrier U.	T.43721	/...../	21.12.44	26.12.44	A	
"B" Vehicles						
Bedford 3 - ton 4x4	L.4443736	/...../	16.12.44	19/12.44	B	
Motor Cycles						
Guns						
Small Arms						
Instruments						
Miscellaneous (e.g. petrol lighters etc)						

NOTE: Details of individual jobs not required.
State number of jobs only.

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APPENDIX "A" TO ME A1/1605/1 DAT

Unit	Date Read	Date Work started	Code letter	Remarks
/...../	21.12.44	26.12.44	A	
/...../	16.12.44	19/12.44	B	

CODE

A - Work in progress
B - Awaiting labour
C - Awaiting spares
D - Completed awaiting collection
E - Completed collected
F - Awaiting evacuation
G - Evacuated

NOTE

D becomes E on day of collection, the entry for this equipment then ceases.
F becomes G on day of evacuation, the entry for this equipment then ceases.

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WORKSHOP REPAIR ORGANISATION FOR COMBAT GROUPS

Unit Maintenance

1. Maintenance in units as per the Task System already laid down.

2. The Unit Commander will be responsible for seeing that the daily maintenance of vehicles is carried out properly.

3. No repairs will be undertaken in Unit lines, but application will be made immediately a vehicle is in need of repair, to the unit LAD to collect it.

4. New par re AB 406 - see covering letter.

Function of the LAD

Function of the LAD is to carry out small repairs up to a maximum of 12 hours, but not until it has been first ascertained that spares are available immediately.

This will ensure that no large repairs are undertaken by them.

Repairs which are estimated will take more than 12 hours will be sent to the workshops in the Division.

Function of the Workshop

The function of the workshop is to carry out medium repairs not exceeding 4 days, but notuntil ithas been ascertained that speres are available from the Stores Section attached to the Wksp. Repairs which are estimated to take more than 4 days will be reported to the CME of theDivision, who, after consultation with the workshop officer concerned, will decide what action is to be taken.

To ensure smooth running of these lines of repair, it is necessary to classify every vehicle requiring repair in one of the following categories :-

CLASS I Small repairs up to 12 hours - LAD

CLASS II Medium repairs up to 4 days - (ME Wksp

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CLASS II	Medium repairs up to 4 days	- (ME Wksp 3/(Inf Platoon
CLASS III	Veh which require repair in 3rd line Wksps and which will be struck of unit charge	- Inf Tps Wksp
CLASS IV	Vehicles worth evacuation but requiring complete overhaul in 4th line (Base) Wksps	- BVP
CLASS V	Veh which are beyond profitable repair and recommended for breaking down for spares	- BVP

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The procedure for the workshop immediately a vehicle is brought in is for it to be received by the R and I (Receipts and Issues) office where a receipt will be given to the unit concerned. It will then pass to the inspection for examination and classification, and will then be parked in either

(a) the "Awaiting Mkgs" park while every effort is being made to get the necessary spares

or

(b) the "Awaiting Decision" park of the workshop

In the event of a vehicle being beyond local repair, i.e. CLASS III or IV, a report will immediately be sent to the OCE of the Division, who, after consultation with the LAD will decide what action is to be taken.

This method of operation ensures that only one person in the workshop can decide what repairs are necessary or classify a vehicle. In every case the workshop officer will be responsible for the classification of any vehicle. When a vehicle lower Class II or unable to be completed within a reasonable time due to the non-availability of spares, he will retain the vehicle and give the Unit a BLR certificate (consolated speciman attached at Appx -) The Unit will immediately arrange to have the vehicle struck off strength and make a demand for a replacement vehicle in the normal way through staff channels.

All vehicles accepted at any workshop will be dealt with in strict order of arrival, subject to spares availability, except for any priorities allotted by the OCE of the Division.

The aforementioned procedure automatically controls the spares situation as repairs will not be carried out by units. Strictly by

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IV. a report will immediately be sent to the CME of the Division, who, after consultation with the CME SLO will decide what action is to be taken.

This method of operation ensures that only one person in the workshop can decide what repairs are necessary or classify a vehicle. In every case the workshop officer will be responsible for the classification of any vehicle. When a vehicle leaver Class II or unable to be completed within a reasonable time due to the non-availability of spares, he will retain the vehicle and give the Unit a SLR certificate (completed specimen attached at Appx -) The Unit will immediately arrange to have the vehicle struck off strength and make a demand for a replacement vehicle in the normal way through staff channels.

All vehicles accepted at any workshop will be dealt with in strict order of arrival, subject to spares availability, except for any priorities allotted by the CME of the Division.

The aforementioned procedure automatically controls the spares situation as repairs will not be carried out by units, but only by IALS and Workshops, where spares will be obtained from the Field Serk Section.

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Workshops will make out a daily return as detailed at Appx 'A' showing the state of the vehicles and equipment in for repairs. This return will be sent to the CME of the Division every evening by 1700 hours, for his information and records. This will ensure that the CME is always conversant with the latest repair State of all tech equipment in the Livision, and is able immediately to impart a true state to his Chief of Staff when required to do so.

IADs will render a similar return weekly on Friday to reach the CME by 1700 hours.

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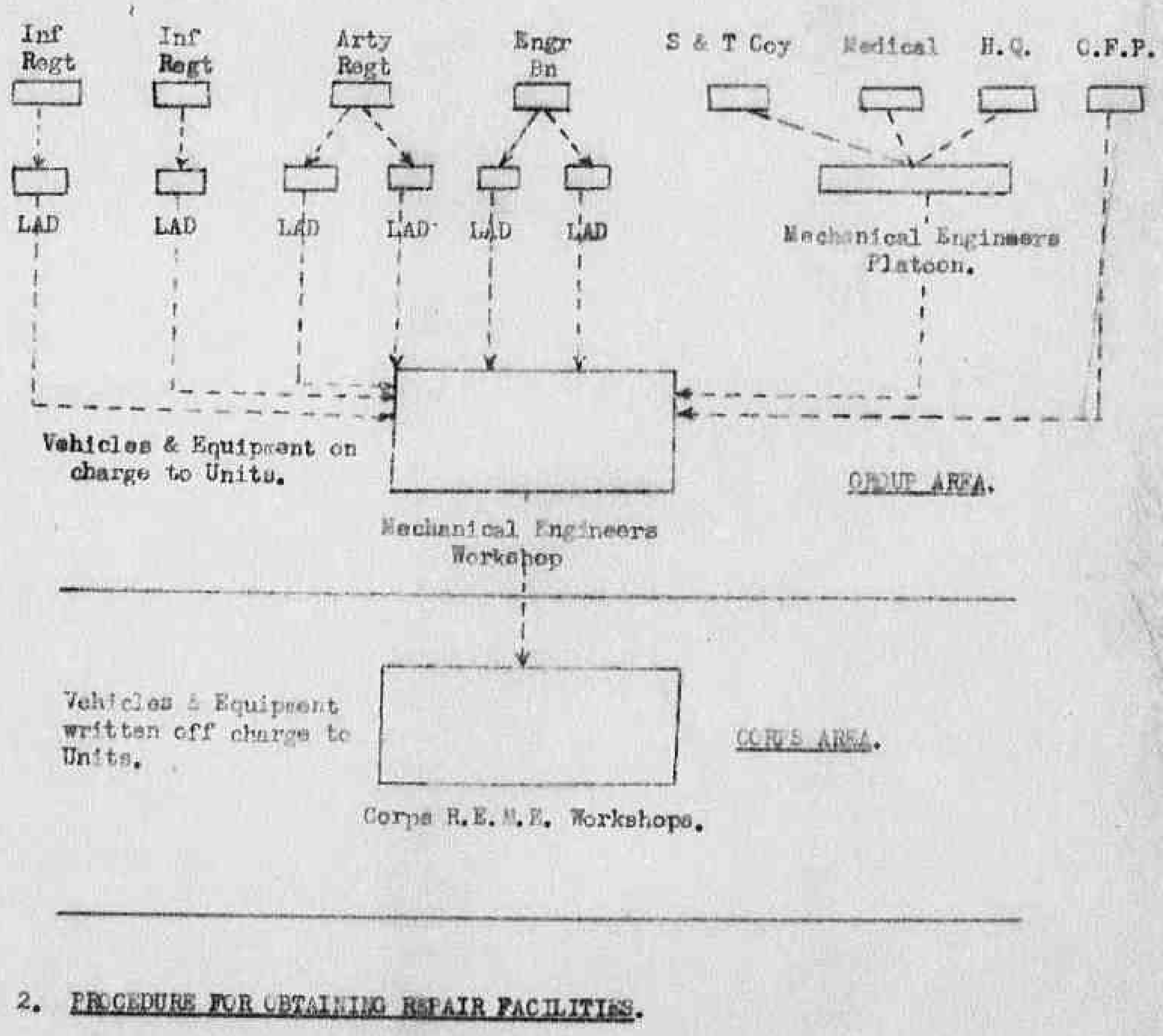
REPAIR AND RE[illegible]PLACEMENT OF VEHICLES, GUNS AND M[illegible]ANICAL EQUIPMENT.

1. ORGANISATION OF WORKSHOP FACILITIES.



2. PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING REPAIR FACILITIES.

(a) Vehicles beyond repair within the unit are sent for repair to the LAD attached to the unit in the case of units with a LAD attached, or direct to the Mechanical Engineers Workshop in the case of Units without a LAD. The vehicle or equipment is accompanied by AFG. 1045 showing details of repairs required.

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(b) The LAD either repairs the vehicle or equipment itself or passes it on to the Mechanical Engineers Workshop. Should it be beyond the resources of either, the unit receives a "Certificate of Condemnation" and the vehicle or equipment is evacuated out of the "group area". The "Certificate of Condemnation" serves as an authority for the unit to write the vehicles or equipment off charge and to indent immediately for a replacement.

(c) It is emphasised that vehicles or equipment remain on charge to the unit while undergoing repair in Group Workshops. Vehicles must be accompanied by their drivers who will be responsible for the safe custody of vehicle equipment while they are in the workshops.

(d) In the case of vehicles, tools and equipment must be checked against the AB 412 before the vehicle is sent in for repair.

3. REPLACEMENT.

(a) Immediately a vehicle or equipment is declared beyond local repair on the "Certificate of Condemnation" an indent will be made out to the ADOS of the Group for replacement. The indent will be accompanied by the "Certificate of Condemnation".

(b) At the same time a part X Order will be submitted in the case of Carriers, Vehicles or Artillery Equipments showing in the "WASTAGE" column the reason for writing off charge and in the "AUTHORITY" column the number of the "Certificate of Condemnation".

(c) Replacement vehicles and equipment come to the Group Ordnance Field Park whence they are collected by the unit.

4. REPLACEMENT OF SPARE PARTS.

Indents for spare parts for vehicles and technical equipments are made directly to the Group Ordnance Field Park (GFF). As much detail as possible of the part required and the Part Number must be shown on the indent. The make and type of equipment for which the spare is required must also be shown.

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DUTIES OF C.M.E.

C.M.E. DIVISIONAL

1. The CME is directly responsible to the Divisional Commander for the proper functioning of all ME services within the Division, and, departmentally to the DDME of the next higher formation.

2. His duties comprise :-

(a) Advice to and co-operation with the Divisional staff to ensure that his ME units are moved and located in proper relation to the tactical situation, to the anticipated workshop load, to the existing commitments of work, to the state of roads in relation to recovery and backloading, and to the supporting 3rd and 4th line REME units of the next higher formation.

(b) Constant review of the condition of equipment within the formation by inspections and other means in order :-

(i) To be in a position continuelly to advise the Commander as to the state of mechenical preparedness of his formation.

(ii) To be in a position to detect weaknesses in the way in which units use and maintain their equipment and to advise on methods of improvement

(iii) To be in a position to anticipate the need of the Division for 2nd, 3rd and 4th ech repairs and by doing so to be able to plan his 2nd ech repair and assembly replacement programme, to advise "Q" and "ORD" on requirements of assemblies, DDME of the next higher formation of the future 3rd, and 4th ech repair load, and "Q" of the replacement load necessary to meet the wastage.

(iv) To discover, as early as possible, incipient defects in equipment, which would not otherwise come to light until failure occurs.

(c) The direct command of both 2nd line workshops in the Division, Mech Engrs Wasp and Mech Engrs Platoon and the Tech control of LADs or other 1st line ME units and detachments in order that a universal policy is maintained throughout the division. This policy must be co-ordinated with the 3rd ech repair policy to the DDME of the next higher formation via the REME Capt of the MLU.

(d) The co-ordination and organisation of recovery both forward and on the

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to the supporting 3rd and 4th line [illegible] units of the next higher formation.

(b) Constant review of the condition of equipment within the formation by inspections and other means in order :-

(i) To be in a position continually to advise the Commander as to the state of mechanical preparedness of his formation.

(ii) To be in a position to detect weaknesses in the way in which units use and maintain their equipment and to advise on methods of improvement

(iii) To be in a position to anticipate the need of the Division for 2nd, 3rd and 4th ech repairs and by doing so to be able to plan his 2nd ech repair and assembly replacement programme, to advise "Q" and "CRD" on requirements of assemblies, DDME of the next higher formation of the future 3rd, and 4th ech repair load, and "Q" of the replacement load necessary to meet the wastage.

(iv) To discover, as early as possible, incipient defects in equipment, which would not otherwise come to light until failure occurs.

(c) The direct command of both 2nd line workshops in the Division, Mech Engrs Wasp and Mech Engrs Platoon and the Tech control of LADs or other 1st line ME units and detachments in order that a universal policy is maintained throughout the division. This policy must be co-ordinated with the 3rd ech repair policy to the DDME of the next higher formation via the REME Capt of the RLU.

(d) The co-ordination and organisation of recovery both forward and on the Divisional axis. He must keep close and constant touch with the DDME of the next higher formation on this subject so that the latter can reinforce him quickly or relieve him of part of his responsibilities, or clear his workshop by backloading.

(e) The seeking of defects in equipment and their investigation as far as possible with the facilities at his disposal. The prompt reporting of defects after investigation, together with sound proposals for their remedy.

(f) The general administration of all ME units under command including postings and promotions within such limitations as may be imposed by higher authority.

(g) The Technical Control of the Unit Transport Officer who is the adviser to the Unit Commander on preventable maintenance and condition of unit equipment.

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3. In general, the CME must do everything possible to improve the mechanical condition of the equipment of his formation, both by advising on unit operation and maintenance, and by ensuring the efficiency, and the efficient application of the ME units provided for recovery and repairs. His technical advice must at all times be at the disposal of his Commander, and must be framed in general conformity with the policy of his DME.

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WORKSHOP REPAIR ORGANISATION FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPS

Unit Maintenance

1. Maintenance in units as per the Task System already laid down.

2. The Unit Commander will be responsible for seeing that the daily maintenance of vehicles is carried out properly.

3. No repairs will be undertaken in Unit lines, but application will be made immediately a vehicle is in need of repair, to the unit LAD.

4.

Function of the LAD

5. The function of the LAD is to carry out 1st Echelon repairs, but not until it has been first ascertained that spares are available immediately.

6. Each LAD will maintain a Wksp journal on similar lines to that of the Mech Engineers Wksp. This journal will reflect work on hand at all times.

7. 1st Echelon repairs which are beyond the capacity of the LAD and all 2nd Echelon repairs will be sent to the Workshops in the Division.

Function of the Workshop

8. The function of the workshop is to carry out 2nd Echelon repairs, but not until it has been ascertained that spares are available from the Stores Section attached to the Wksp. Repairs which are beyond the capacity of the Wksp will be reported to the CME of the Division, who, after consultation with the workshop officer concerned, will decide what action is to be taken.

9. To ensure smooth running of these Echelons of repair, it is necessary to classify every vehicle requiring repair in one of the following categories:-

CLASS I	1st Echelon repairs for which spares are available	- LAD
CLASS II	2nd Echelon repairs for which spares are available	- (ME Wksp (ME Platoon
CLASS III	Veh which require repair in 3rd line	- Inf Tps Wksp

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but not until it has been first ascertained that spares are available immediately.

6. Each LAD will maintain a Wksp journal on similar lines to that of the Mech Engineers Wksp. This journal will reflect work on hand at all times.

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Function of the Workshop

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CLASS I	1st Echelon repairs for which spares are available	-	LAD
CLASS II	2nd Echelon repairs for which spares are available	-	(ME Wksp (ME Platoon
CLASS III	Veh which require repair in 3rd line Wksps and which will be struck off unit charge	-	Inf Tps Wksp
CLASS IV	Vehicles worth evacuation but requiring complete overhaul in 4th line (Base) Wksps	-	RVP
CLASS V	Veh which are beyond profitable repair and recommended for breaking down for spares	-	RVP

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10. The procedure of the workshop immediately a vehicle is brought in, is for it to be received by the R and I (Receipts and Issues) Office where a receipt will be given to the unit concerned. It will then pass to the inspection for examination and classification, and will then be parked in either:-

(a) The "Awaiting Wksps" Park while every effort is being made to get the necessary spares

or

(b) The "Awaiting Evacuation" Park of the workshop.

If the equipment is classified BLR the driver and/or limber gunner will be returned to his Unit.

11. In the event of a vehicle being beyond local repair (BLR) i.e. Class III or IV a BLR certificate (completed specimen attached at Appx "E") will be prepared by the OC Wksp and forwarded to the CME. The CME will refer these certificates to the EME of the ELU for countersignature and distribution.

12. In every case the workshop officer will be responsible for the classification of any vehicle. When a vehicle is over Class II or unable to be completed within a reasonable time due to the non-availability of spares, he will retain the vehicle and distribute the BLR certificate as detailed in Para 11 above. The EME of the ELU will be responsible for forwarding the Unit's copy of the BLR certificate. On receipt of this the Unit will immediately arrange to have the vehicle struck off strength and make a demand for a replacement vehicle in the normal way through staff channels.

13. All vehicles accepted at any workshop will normally be dealt with in the following order - lightly damaged equipment before seriously damaged equipment - subject to spares availability, except for any priorities allotted by the CME of the Division.

14. The aforementioned procedure automatically controls the spares situation as repairs will not be carried out by units, but only by LADs and Workshops, where spares will be obtained from the Field Park Section. The Field Park Section will not issue spares to other units unless specifically ordered to do so.

15. Units not provided with a LAD will be based on workshops as detailed below;-

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gunner will be returned to his Unit.

11. In the event of a vehicle being beyond local repair (BLR) i.e. Class III or IV a BLR certificate (completed specimen attached at Appx "E") will be prepared by the OC Wksp and forwarded to the CME. The CME will refer these certificates to the EME of the HLU for countersignature and distribution.

12. In every case the workshop officer will be responsible for the classification of any vehicle. When a vehicle is over Class II or unable to be completed within a reasonable time due to the non-availability of spares, he will retain the vehicle and distribute the BLR certificate as detailed in Para 11 above. The EME of the HLU will be responsible for forwarding the Unit's copy of the BLR certificate. On receipt of this the Unit will immediately arrange to have the vehicle struck off strength and make a demand for a replacement vehicle in the normal way through staff channels.

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14. The aforementioned procedure automatically controls the spares situation as repairs will not be carried out by units, but only by LADs and Workshops, where spares will be obtained from the Field Park Section. The Field Park Section will not issue spares to other units unless specifically ordered to do so.

15. Units not provided with a LAD will be based on workshops as detailed below:-

S & T Coy Medical HQ	)	Mechanical Engineers Platoon.
D.F.P.		Mechanical Engineers . . . . . Workshops.

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APPENDIX 'C' TO ME/1A/1605/1
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MECHANICAL ENGINEERS WKSP PROCEDURE FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPS

RESPONSIBILITY

1. The wksp is a self-accounting and a self-administering unit under the officer commanding who is responsible for its Regtl and Technical Adm, including training, regimental and technical.
The O.C. Wksp is responsible to the CME.
Work Undertaken The repair capacity is a variable factor governed by:

(a) Availability of personnel and their technical ability.

(b) Availability of repair equipment suitable for any particular job.

(c) The amount of work in hand and the amount of work of higher priority outstanding.

(d) The maximum period (specified by the senior officers orders) which may be spent on any one repair job.

(e) The non-availability of stores.

(f) The amount of time specified as defined in para (d) may be varied provided that -

(i) The OC receives orders to do so from the CME,
or (ii) If he is satisfied on his own responsibility that the exigencies of the Service justify his action.

(g) The object must always be to achieve maximum output, and so to reduce backloading to a minimum; bearing in mind always that the worst conditions that can occur in Wksps is for Wksps to be fully committed to a few heavy repairs with the result that an accumulation of easier jobs awaiting labour occurs.

WKSP PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION

2. Repair work will be controlled by the use of the following (for details see following paras): -

(a) Wksp Indent AF G 1045 will be used for all

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their technical ability.

(b) Availability of repair equipment suitable for any particular job.

(c) The amount of work in hand and the amount of work of higher priority outstanding.

(d) The maximum period (specified by the senior officers orders) which may be spent on any one repair job.

(e) The non-availability of stores.

(f) The amount of time specified as defined in para (d) may be varied provided that -

(i) The OC receives orders to do so from the CME,
or (ii) If he is satisfied on his own responsibility that the exigencies of the Service justify his action.

(g) The object must always be to achieve maximum output, and so to reduce backloading to a minimum; bearing in mind always that the worst conditions that can occur in Wksps is for Wksps to be fully committed to a few heavy repairs with the result that an accumulation of easier jobs awaiting labour occurs.

WKSP PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION

2. Repair work will be controlled by the use of the following (for details see following paras): -

(a) Wksp Indent AF G 1045 will be used for all equipment incl Arty and Engineer Stores (see specimen) filled in - at Appx "G").

(b) A job card devised by OC Wksps (see specimen - filled in at Appx "H").

(c) Indent for Ord Stores AF G 994 (see specimen - filled in - at Appx"I"). For use by stores section or LADs. Internal demands within the Wksp will be submitted by AB 108 or job card.

(d) Temporary receipt AB 108 (see specimen - filled in - at Appx"J"). or duplicate copy of AF G 1045.

(e) Wksp Journal (daily statement of Wksps Activity) in conjunction with R & I Ledger (see specimen - filled in - At Appx"K").

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WKSP PROCEDURES DOCUMENTATION (CONTD.)

2. (f) Inspection reports AF G. 857A, AF G. 857B, etc (see specimen - filled in - at Appx. "L" .)

(g) Condemnation Certificate (see specimen - filled in - at Appx."E" .)

RECEIPT OF WORK.

3. Drivers of vehicles and/or limber gunners of artillery equipment will accompany their equipments to the Wksps at all times.

4. The unit or LAD representative and/or driver with equipment requiring repair will, on arrival at Wksp, report or be instructed to report to the R & I Stores (Receipt and Issue Stores), where he will hand in a written demand, signed by an officer or WO of the unit concerned. Normally this demand would be made on AF G. 1045. If unit is operational and no form is available, the R & I storeman will initiate an AF G. 1045 which will be signed by the unit representative, in order to provide continuity. Unit representative and/or driver will be directed to "In" inspection.

WKSP OFFICE.

5. The Wksp is controlled by the Wksp office staff which will normally consist of:-

(a) Officer IC Wksps.

(b) WO IC Wksps

(c) Wksp Office Clerks.

(d) Spares Progress Chasers.

In order to effect this control, the Wksp office staff will be responsible for the following: -

(a) Maint of Daily Statement of Wksp activities (R & I Ledger and Wksp Journal) containing details of work outstanding, in hand, awaiting spares, labour, or completed.

(b) Allocating work to the appropriate wksps sections for repair in accordance with the degree of priority decided by the OC Wksps subject to instructions by the CRE, and in accordance with stores and suitable personnel available, and not necessarily in accordance with the rotation in which the work was received by Wksps.

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is operational and no form is available, the R & T storeman will initiate an AF C. 1045 which will be signed by the unit representative, in order to provide continuity. Unit representative and/or driver will be directed to "In" inspection.

WKSP OFFICE.

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(a) Officer IC Wksps.

(b) WO IC Wksps

(c) Wksp Office Clerks.

(d) Spares Progress Chasers.

In order to effect this control, the Wksp office staff will be responsible for the following: -

(a) Maint of Daily Statement of Wksp activities (R & T Ledger and Wksp Journal) containing details of work outstanding, in hand, awaiting spares, labour, or completed.

(b) Allocating work to the appropriate wksps sections for repair in accordance with the degree of priority decided by the OC Wksps subject to instructions by the CME, and in accordance with stores and suitable personnel available, and not necessarily in accordance with the rotation in which the work was received by Wksps.

(c) Progressing work through Wksps and maintaining an even flow of repairs.

(d) Close liaison with stores section in connection with the allocation and progressing of stores.

(e) Records of different types of equipment requiring repair being kept in separate books. Jobs will be numbered consecutively, 1 - 999. After which a new series will commence and each Job No. will be prefixed by the letter denoting the type of equipment as per table below: -

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WKSP OFFICE. (CONT'D)

5. (e) (CONT'D)

A/ 'A' Vehs including tanks.

B/ 'B' Vehs and MCs.

C/ Armaments.

D/ Telecommunications.

I/ Instruments.

S/ Small Arms .

O/ Miscellaneous - Gen work.

R/ Engineer Equipment.

6. The WO IC Wksps will review all outstanding entries in the Wksps journal at least once every day to ensure that no work is overlooked, and that entries are maintained up to date.

One of the Wksps clerks will be responsible for maintaining these Wksps journals up to date from the wksp idents G. 1045 and the wksp progress chaser or WO IC Wksps. The Wksp journal will contain the following information: -

Column 1. - Unit Name.
2. - AF G. 1045 Number.
3. - Job No.
4. - WD No. or Registered No.
5. - Make, type (e.g. FEDFORD 3-ton GS 4 x 2)
6. - Repair required (brief particulars)
7. - Date "In"
8. - Date of completion.
9. - Signature of collecting representative.

PROGRESSING OF REPAIRS.

It will be neccessary for the officer IC Wksps aided by WO IC Wksps and progress chasers to work in close co-operation with each NCO IC Wksp Sec and officer IC Technical Stores Sec so that he is always familiar with the position of all work in wksps. He will be responsible for investigating all causes of delay, and hold-ups, and for arranging

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I/ Instruments.

S/ Small Arms .

O/ Miscellaneous - Gen work.

R/ Engineer Equipment.

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Column 1. - Unit Name.
2. - AF G. 1045 Number.
3. - Job No.
4. - WD No. or Registered No.
5. - Make, type (e.g. BEDFORD 3-ton GS 4 x 2)
6. - Repair required (brief particulars)
7. - Date "In"
8. - Date of completion.
9. - Signature of collecting representative.

PROGRESSING OF REPAIRS.

It will be neccessary for the officer IC Wksps aided by WO IC Wksps and progress chasers to work in close co-operation with each NCO IC Wksp Sec and officer IC Technical Stores Sec so that he is always familiar with the position of all work in wksps. He will be responsible for investigating all causes of delay, and hold-ups, and for arranging for the necessary action to eliminate any breaks in the progress of repairs.

COLLECTION OF REPAIR EQUIPMENTS.

7. On collection of the repaired equipment the unit or LAD repres--entative and/or driver collecting will sign in Column 9 of the workshops journal; at the same time, the Wksp Office will enter the repair in the appropriate page of the AB 412 or History Sheet of the equipment.

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DUTIES OF THE REME CAPTAIN ON A BRITISH LIAISON UNIT FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPS

1. The REME Capt is responsible for training Italian REME personnel in REME methods. To assist in this a British Training Team (on War Establishment MA/640/1) is attached to each BLU. The REME Officer is responsible for the administration of this Team.

2. The REME Capt should give the CME as much responsibility as that Officer is capable of exercising.

3. He should avoid visiting Units except in the company of the CME.

4. He should be the means of contact between the CME and higher REME authority regarding such matters as technical tools, technical equipment, third echelon assistance in repair and recovery, and backloading.

5. He should invariably transmit his views through the CME and serve as the shadow and Father Confessor of the CME.

6. He should transmit to the CME all departmental orders from higher authority.

7. He will at all times be the adviser on REME matters to the BLU Staff.

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3. He should avoid visiting Units except in the company of the CME.

4. He should be the means of contact between the CME and higher REME authority regarding such matters as technical tools, technical equipment, third echelon assistance in repair and recovery, and backloading.

5. He should invariably transmit his views through the CME and serve as the shadow and Father Confessor of the CME.

6. He should transmit to the CME all departmental orders from higher authority.

7. He will at all times be the adviser on REME matters to the BLW Staff.

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Appendix "E" to ME/1A/1605/1
dated 2 Feb 1945

Certificate of Condemnation

UNIT 1st Bn, 87 Inf Regt DATE 22 Feb 45 SERIAL NO. 23

The u/m has been backloaded to 638 L of C Workshops as HLR for reasons stated and should be struck off unit's strength and taken on charge by 11 Veh. Park Corps Veh Pk/ACP.

Item	WD or Re. No.	Reasons
FORD 3 Ton 4 X 4	1234567	Cracked Chassis

Signed Tenente SALVATORE

OC Capt. J. SMITH Wksps REME

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Bomb 3 Ton 4 x 4 1234567 Cracked Chassis

Signed Tenente SALVATORE

OC Capt. J. SMITH Wksps REME

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Dated 2 Feb 45

MECHANICAL ENGINEERS PLATOON WKSP PROCEDURE FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPS.

RESPONSIBILITY

1. The Wksp is a self-accounting and a self-administering unit under the officer commanding who is responsible for its Regtl and Technical Adm, including training, regimental and technical.

The OC Wksp is responsible to the CME.

The workshop will be responsible for the repair and replacement of vehicles and mechanical equipment of the S & T Company and the H.Q. and Medical Units in the Combat Group or any attached Medical Units.

Work Undertaken The repair capacity is a variable factor governed by :-

(a) Availability of personnel and their technical ability.

(b) Availability of repair equipment suitable for any particular job.

(c) The amount of work in hand and the amount of work of higher priority outstanding.

(d) The maximum period (specified by the senior officers orders) which may be spent on any one repair job.

(e) The non-availability of stores.

(f) The amount of time specified as defined in para (d) may be varied provided that -

(i) The OC receives orders to do so from the CME, or
(ii) If he is satisfied on his own responsibility that the exigencies of the Service justify his action.

(g) The object must always be to achieve maximum output, and so to reduce backloading to a minimum; bearing in mind always that the worst condition that can occur in Wksps is for Wksps to be fully committed to a few heavy repairs with the result that an accumulation of easier jobs awaiting labour occurs.

WKSP PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION

2. Repair work will be controlled by the use of the following (for details see following paras) :-

(a) Wksp Indent AF G.1045 will be used for all equipment incl Arty and Engineer Stores (see specimen filled in - at Appx "G").

(b) A job card devised by OC Wksps (see specimen - filled in - at Appx "H").

(c) Indent for Ord Stores AF G.994 (see specimen - filled in - at Appx "I").

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(c) The amount of work in hand and the amount of work of higher priority outstanding.

(d) The maximum period (specified by the senior officers orders) which may be spent on any one repair job.

(e) The non-availability of stores.

(f) The amount of time specified as defined in para (d) may be varied provided that -

(i) The OC receives orders to do so from the CME, or
(ii) If he is satisfied on his own responsibility that the exigencies of the Service justify his action.

(g) The object must always be to achieve maximum output, and so to reduce backloading to a minimum; bearing in mind always that the worst condition that can occur in Wksps is for Wksps to be fully committed to a few heavy repairs with the result that an accumulation of easier jobs awaiting labour occurs.

WKSP PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION

2. Repair work will be controlled by the use of the following (for details see following paras) :-

(a) Wksp Indent AF G.1045 will be used for all equipment incl Arty and Engineer Stores (see specimen filled in - at Appx "G").

(b) A job card devised by OC Wksps (see specimen - filled in - at Appx "H").

(c) Indent for Ord Stores AF G.994 (see specimen - filled in - at Appx "I"). For use by Stores section or LADS. Internal demands within the Wksp will be submitted by AB108 or job Card.

(d) Temporary Receipt AB 108 (see specimen - filled in - at Appx "J"), or duplicate copy of AF.G.1045.

(e) Wksp Journal (daily statement of Wksps Activity) in conjunction with R & I Ledger (see specimen - filled in - at Appx "K").

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WESP PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION (CONTD.)

2. (f) Inspection reports AF G. 857A, AF G. 857B, etc (see specimen - filled in - at Appx. "L" .)

(g) Condemnation Certificate (see specimen - filled in - at Appx."Z" .)

RECEIPT OF WORK.

3. Drivers of vehicles and/or limber gunners of artillery equipment will accompany their equipments to the Wksps at all times.

4. The unit or IAD representative and/or driver with equipment requiring repair will, on arrival at Wksp, report or be instructed to report to the R & I Stores (Receipt and Issue Stores), where he will hand in a written demand, signed by an officer or WO of the unit concerned. Normally this demand would be made on AF G. 1045. If unit is operational and no form is available, the R & I storeman will initiate an AF G. 1045 which will be signed by the unit representative in order to provide continuity. Unit representative and/or driver will be directed to "In" inspection.

WKSP OFFICE.

5. The Wksp is controlled by the Wksp office staff which will normally consist of:-

(a) Officer IC Wksps.

(b) WO IC Wksps

(c) Wksp Office Clerks.

(d) Spares Progress Chasers.

In order to effect this control, the Wksp office staff will be responsible for the following: -

(a) Maint of Daily Statement of Wksp activities (R & I Ledger and Wksp Journal) containing details of work outstanding, in hand, awaiting spares, labour, or completed.

(b) Allocating work to the appropriate wksps sections for repair in accordance with the degree of priority decided by the OC Wksps subject to instructions by the CME, and in accordance with correct and suitable personnel available, and not necessarily in accordance with the rotation in which the work was received by Wksps.

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(c) Progressing work through Wksps and maintaining an even flow of repairs.

(d) Close liaison with stores section in connection with the allocation and progressing of stores.

(e) Records of different types of equipment requiring repair being kept in separate books. Jobs will be numbered consecutively, 1 - 999. After which a new series will commence and each Job No. will be prefixed by the letter denoting the type of equipment as per table below: -

A/ 'A' Vehs
B/ 'B' Vehs and MCs.
C/ Miscellaneous - Gen work.
D/ Engineer Equipment.

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WKSP OFFICE (CONTD)

6. The WO IC Wksps will review all outstanding entries in the Wksps Journal at least once every day to ensure that no work is overlooked, and that entries are maintained up to date.

One of the Wksps clerks will be responsible for maintaining these Wksps journals up to date from the wksp indents G. 1045 and the wksp progress chaser or WO IC Wksps. The Wksp journal will contain the following information :-

Column 1. - Unit Name.
2. - AF G. 1045 Number
3. - Job No.
4. - WD No. or Registered No.
5. - Make, type (e.g. BEDFORD 3-ton GS 4 X 2)
6. - Repair required (brief particulars)
7. - Date "In".
8. - Date of completion.
9. - Signature of collecting representative.

PROGRESSING OF REPAIRS.

It will be necessary for the officer IC Wksps aided by WO IC Wksps and progress chasers to work in close co-operation with each NCO IC Wksp Sec so that he is always familiar with the position of all work in wksps. He will be responsible for investigating all causes of delay, and hold-ups, and for arranging for the necessary action to eliminate any breaks in the progress of repairs.

COLLECTION OF REPAIR EQUIPMENTS.

7. On collection of the repaired equipment the unit or driver collecting will sign in Column 9 of the workshops journal; at the same time, the Wksp Office will enter the repair in the appropriate page of the AB 412 or History Sheet of the equipment.

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9. - Signature of collecting representative.

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APPENDIX "Q"

R.A.O.C. / R.E. } **WORKSHOP INDENT**

(To be rendered in triplicate. E.R. Part I, 1932, para. 405, or E.R. Part I, 1935, para. 43 for T.A. will be cancelled with.)

R.A.O.C. / R.E.M.E.

Army Form G 1045
(Pads of 100.)

Unit's No. 112/3 Serial No. 22

Unit 1st Bn 67th Inf Regt

Station and Date 18 Feb 45 Commenced* 19 Feb Completed* 20 Feb 45

Job No.*	Designation of vehicle or stores quoting Regd. No. when available.	No.	Nature of Service and Authority	Summary of Costs, Repayments. £ s. d.
1	Ford 3 Ton 4 x 4	1	Repair Radiator	Labour including On-Costs
	WD 1234567		charge battery	Materials
				Contracts
				Travelling Exes.
				Carriage of Stores
				Total Cost

NOTE.—A separate form will be used for stores in each Vocabulary Section. *For R.A.O.C. or R.E.M.E. use only. † Delete inapplicable.

(Signed) [redacted]
O.C. Officer in charge of M.T.
Approved
*

O.C.
To note completion of service († and cost).
(Signed) 33[illegible]
O i/c Workshops Capt SMITH

Wt. 32053/32 1024 Pads 12/42 H.P. 51-5891

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Army Form G.1084 — **WORKSHOP REPAIR CARD** — APPENDIX "F" — Job No. :— 1

Unit :— 1st Bn 87 Inf Regt	Dates				W.D. No. :— 1234567	
Make :— Ford	In	19 Feb	Probable out	20 Feb	Engine No. :— 4185263	
Contract No. :— ———	"In" Inspected	19 Feb	Completed	20 Feb	Mileage :— Unknown	Hrs./Run ———
Classification :— 2	Started	19 Feb	Collected	21 Feb	E.F.C. To Date :— (Artillery only) ———	

Repairs Required	"Out" Inspection	Stores Required	Date Dem'd	Date Rec'd.
Radiator Repair,				
Charge battery		Replacement Battery	19th	19 Feb
Speedo,		Speedo, cable	19th	19 Feb

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Repairs Required	"Out" Inspection	Stores Required	Date Dem'd	Date Rec'd

"In" Inspected by :— Warrantalle Dobbie — W.O. or N.C.O. i/c — Dates 19 Feb — Craftsmen Employed :— Squad No 2.

Additional Repairs on Stripping Authorised by :— Capt Snooks — W.O. or N.C.O. i/c — 19 Feb

Total man-hours (where known) :— 4 Hours

"Out" Inspected and Passed Fit for issue by :— H. Dobbie — W.O. or N.C.O. i/c — 20 Feb — Repairs Completed :— 1/c Squad No 2 — N.C.O. i/c Sect.

Wt. 19145/2770. 1,500M. 7/44. L.C. 51-8902.

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APPENDIX "I"

INDENT FOR ORDNANCE STORES

ARMY FORM G. 994
(In Books of 150)

Indent No. 113/B Date 12 Feb Corps 2 CORPS

To be sent to To be collected To arrive by To be collected

I certify that the following articles are actually required to complete to authorised scale:

(a) ~~to meet first supply~~ (b) ~~To replace others lost through the exigencies of the campaign~~

(c) To replace others rendered unserviceable through the exigencies of the campaign.

Signed S.SHOOKS, Capt

Commanding W/Shops Stores Sect

Approved for issue

DADOS - BLU

For A.O.D. use only

ISSUE No.

Articles Required	Quantity	For A.O.D. use	Articles Required	Quantity	For A.O.D. use
Valves, exhaust	4				
Part No. ------					

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F.S.S. - A - 161 10,000 pads 12-42

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APPENDIX "J"

ALL SERVICES

JOB CARD No 1

List of Stores, Plant, Tools, Instruments, &c.

Issued to / Recnsitioned by: 1st Bn 87 Inf Regt

From: ---- Date: 19.2.45

Index or Cat. No.	Designation	Quantity
	Ford 3 Ton	
	4 X 4	1
	W. D. No 1234567	
	(Workshop Stamp)	

L. DOBILIONI

Capt Rank 19.2.45 Signature

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W O R K S H O P J O U R N A L

U N I T	AFC 1045 NO	JOB No	W.D. No	TYPE	REPAIRS REQUIRED	DATE "IN"	DATE COMPLETED
1st Bn 87 Inf Regt	22	1	1234567	FORD 3 Ton 4 X 4	Repair Radiator Charge Battery	19.2.45	20.2.45

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APPENDIX "K"

WORKSHOP JOURNAL

No.	TYPE	REPAIRS REQUIRED	DATE "IN"	DATE COMPLETED	SIGNATURE	
567	FORD 3 Ton 4 X 4	Repair Radiator Charge Battery	19.2.45	20.2.45	M. DOBILIO.	

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ARMY FORM G857A.
(Pads of 50).

TRACKED VEHICLE INSPECTION REPORT.

Unit 1st BN 87 Inf Regt — Vehicle Type & Mark FORD 3 Ton 4 X 4

Squadron ———— — W.D. No 1234567

Station ———— — Engine No 4185263

Total mileage to date 9462 7124 — Date of Issue 19.5.44

Mileage since last overhaul — Date of last overhaul 4.12.44

		Class S	A	B	C	Remarks
RECORDS.	1. A.B. 413., Memo of Exam.	/				SERVICEABLE
	2. Crew Maintenance Book.					
	3. Modifications outstanding.					
HULL.	4. Plating, Access Plates, Drains.					
	5. Doors, Hatches, Ports.	/				SERVICEABLE
	6. Bins, External Stowage.					
	7. Fire Fighting Equipment.					
TRACKS AND SUSPENSION	8. Tracks, L.H. and R.H.	/				REPLACE L.H. TRACK
	9. Idlers and Adjustments.					
	10. Sprockets.					
	11. Axles, Bogies, Wheels, Tyres.					
	12. Springs, Shock Absorbers.					
TURRET.	13. Hatches, Locks, Ports.	/				SERVICEABLE
	14. Stowage, Bins, Seats.					
	15. Hand and Power Traverse.					
EQUIPMENT.	16. Armament and Mounting.					
	17. S.A., Bomb Thrower.					
	18. Telescopes.					
	19. Periscopes.	/				SERVICEABLE
	20. Wireless, Intercomm.					
	21. Tools and Equipment.					
ELECTRICAL.	22. Lights, Switches, Fuses, etc.					
	23. Dynamo, Voltage Control.	/				SERVICEABLE
	24. Starter, Solenoid.					
	25. Batteries, Leads.					
FUEL SYSTEM.	26. Main Tanks, Gauges.					
	27. Aux. Tank, Controls.					
	28. Filter, Taps, Pipes, Pumps.	/				SERVICEABLE 3383

Inspected by MARESCHIALLO DORILLO Station W/S Date 19.2.45

Countersigned CAPITANO MACAU Station W/S Date 20.2.45

INSTRUCTIONS:—(I) Enter in the "Class" column against each item "S" denoting "Serviceable," "A"—"To be kept under observation," "B"—"Attention by unit," "C"—"Attention by R.E.M.E."

(II) Give details of "A," "B" and "C" items under "Remarks" column.

(III) Append lists of equipment deficiencies.

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		Class				Remarks
		S	A	B	C	
ENGINE.	29. Mountings, Manifolds, Fittings.					
	30. Starting Controls, Rigging.					
	31. Radiators, Fans, Water Pump.					
	32. Carburettors, Controls.					
	33. Ignition, Controls.					
	34. Oil Pumps, Filter, Coolers.					
	35. Governed Speed.					
TRANSMISSION.	36. Clutch, Adjustment, Wear.					
	37. Gearbox, Controls, Oil.					
	38. Steering, Brakes, Controls.					
	39. Road Brakes, Controls.					
	40. Air System, Pressure.					
	41. Hydraulic System.					
ROAD TEST.	42. Engine Performance.					
	43. Steering, Braking.					
	44. Instruments, Gauges.					

FOR E.M.E.'s INSPECTION.

1. **Unit Maintenance and Inspection.**

2. **Lubrication and Cleanliness.**

3. **Vehicle Records and History (A.B.413).**

4. **General Remarks.**

5. **Vehicle Classification.**

Inspected by ..... *Signed* ..... *E.M.E.*

Station ..... *Station* .....

Date ..... *Date* .....

Wt. 14254/478. 10,709 Pads. 6/43 D.F.W. 31/6046.

APPENDIX 'A' TO ME/1A/1605/1
DATED 2 FEB 45

DUTIES OF C.M.E.

C.M.E. DIVISIONAL

1. The CME is directly responsible to the Divisional Commander for the proper functioning of all ME services within the Division, and, departmentally to the DDME of the next higher formation.

2. His duties comprise :-

(a) Advice to and co-operation with the Divisional staff to ensure that his ME units are moved and located in proper relation to the tactical situation, to the anticipated workshop load, to the existing commitments of work, to the state of roads in relation to recovery and backloading, and to the supporting 3rd and 4th line REME units of the next higher formation.

(b) Constant review of the condition of equipment within the formation by inspections and other means in order :-

(i) To be in a position continually to advise the Commander as to the state of mechanical preparedness of his formation.

(ii) To be in a position to detect weaknesses in the way in which units use and maintain their equipment and to advise on methods of improvement

(iii) To be in a position to anticipate the need of the Division for 2nd, 3rd and 4th ech repairs and by doing so to be able to plan his 2nd ech repair and assembly replacement programme, to advise "Q" and "ORD" on requirements of assemblies, DDME of the next higher formation of the future 3rd, and 4th ech repair load, and "Q" of the replacement load necessary to meet the wastage.

(iv) To discover, as early as possible, incipient defects in equipment, which would not otherwise come to light until failure occurs.

(c) The direct command of both 2nd line workshops in the Division, Mech Engrs Wasp and Mech Engrs Platoon and the Tech control of LADs or other 1st line ME units and detachments in order that a universal policy is maintained throughout the division. This policy must be co-ordinated with the 3rd ech repair policy to the DDME of the next higher formation via the REME Capt of the ELU.

(d) The co-ordination and organisation of recovery both forward and on the Divisional axis. He must keep close and constant touch with the DDME of the

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(d) The co-ordination and organisation of recovery both forward and on the Divisional axis. He must keep close and constant touch with the DDME of the next higher formation on this subject so that the latter can reinforce him quickly or relieve him of part of his responsibilities, or clear his workshop by backloading.

(e) The seeking of defects in equipment and their investigation as far as possible with the facilities at his disposal. The prompt reporting of defects after investigation, together with sound proposals for their remedy.

(f) The general administration of all ME units under command including postings and promotions within such limitations as may be imposed by higher authority.

(g) The Technical Control of the Unit Transport Officer who is the adviser to the Unit Commander on preventable maintenance and condition of unit equipment.

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3. In general, the CME must do everything possible to improve the mechanical condition of the equipment of his formation, both by advising on unit operation and maintenance, and by ensuring the efficiency, and the efficient application of the ME units provided for recovery and repairs. His technical advice must at all times be at the disposal of his Commander, and must be framed in general conformity with the policy of his DDME.

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APPENDIX "B" TO ME/LA/1605/1
Dated 2 Feb 1945

WORKSHOP REPAIR ORGANISATION FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPS

Unit Maintenance

1. Maintenance in units as per the Task System already laid down.

2. The Unit Commander will be responsible for seeing that the daily maintenance of vehicles is carried out properly.

3. No repairs will be undertaken in Unit lines, but application will be made immediately a vehicle is in need of repair, to the unit LAD.

4.

Function of the LAD

5. The function of the LAD is to carry out 1st Echelon repairs, but not until it has been first ascertained that spares are available immediately.

6. Each LAD will maintain a Wksp journal on similar lines to that of the Mech Engineers Wksp. This journal will reflect work on hand at all times.

7. 1st Echelon repairs which are beyond the capacity of the LAD and all 2nd Echelon repairs will be sent to the Workshops in the Division.

Function of the Workshop

8. The function of the workshop is to carry out 2nd Echelon repairs, but not until it has been ascertained that spares are available from the Stores Section attached to the Wksp. Repairs which are beyond the capacity of the Wksp will be reported to the CME of the Division, who, after consultation with the workshop officer concerned, will decide what action is to be taken.

9. To ensure smooth running of these Echelons of repair, it is necessary to classify every vehicle requiring repair in one of the following categories:-

CLASS I	1st Echelon repairs for which spares are available	- LAD
CLASS II	2nd Echelon repairs for which spares are available	- (ME Wksp (ME Platoon
CLASS III	Veh which require repair in 3rd line Wksps and which will be struck off	- Inf Tps Wksp

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CLASS IV	Vehicles worth evacuation but requiring complete overhaul in 4th line (Base) Wksps	- RVP
CLASS V	Veh which are beyond profitable repair and recommended for breaking down for spares	- RVP

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10. The procedure of the workshop immediately a vehicle is brought in, is for it to be received by the R and I (Receipts and Issues) Office where a receipt will be given to the unit concerned. It will then pass to the inspection for examination and classification, and will then be parked in either:-

(a) The "Awaiting Wksps" Park while every effort is being made to get the necessary spares

or

(b) The "Awaiting Evacuation" Park of the workshop.

If the equipment is classified BLR the driver and/or limber gunner will be returned to his Unit.

11. In the event of a vehicle being beyond local repair (BLR) i.e. Class III or IV a BLR certificate (completed specimen attached at Appx "E") will be prepared by the OC Wksp and forwarded to the CME. The CME will refer these certificates to the EME of the BLU for countersignature and distribution.

12. In every case the workshop officer will be responsible for the classification of any vehicle. When a vehicle is over Class II or unable to be completed within a reasonable time due to the non-availability of spares, he will retain the vehicle and distribute the BLR certificate as detailed in Para 11 above. The EME of the BLU will be responsible for forwarding the Unit's copy of the BLR certificate. On receipt of this the Unit will immediately arrange to have the vehicle struck off strength and make a demand for a replacement vehicle in the normal way through staff channels.

13. All vehicles accepted at any workshop will normally be dealt with in the following order - lightly damaged equipment before seriously damaged equipment - subject to spares availability, except for any priorities allotted by the CME of the Division.

14. The aforementioned procedure automatically controls the spares situation as repairs will not be carried out by units, but only by LADs and Workshops, where spares will be obtained from the Field Park Section. The Field Park Section will not issue spares to other units unless specifically ordered to do so.

15. Units not provided with a LAD will be based on workshops as detailed below:-

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S & T Coy Medical HQ	}	Mechanical Engineers Platoon.
D.F.P.		Mechanical Engineers . . . . . Workshops.

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APPENDIX 'C' TO ME/1A/1605/1
DATED 2 FEB 45.

MECHANICAL ENGINEERS WKSP PROCEDURE FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPS

RESPONSIBILITY

1. The wksp is a self-accounting and a self-administering unit under the officer commanding who is responsible for its Regtl and Technical Adm, including training, regimental and technical.
The O.C. Wksp is responsible to the CME.
Work Undertaken The repair capacity is a variable factor governed by:

(a) Availability of personnel and their technical ability.

(b) Availability of repair equipment suitable for any particular job.

(c) The amount of work in hand and the amount of work of higher priority outstanding.

(d) The maximum period (specified by the senior officers orders) which may be spent on any one repair job.

(e) The non-availability of stores.

(f) The amount of time specified as defined in para (d) may be varied provided that -

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WKSP PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION

2. Repair work will be controlled by the use of the following (for details see following paras): -

(a) Wksp Indent AF C 1046 will be used for all

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(b) Availability of repair equipment suitable for any particular job.

(c) The amount of work in hand and the amount of work of higher priority outstanding.

(d) The maximum period (specified by the senior officers orders) which may be spent on any one repair job.

(e) The non-availability of stores.

(f) The amount of time specified as defined in para (d) may be varied provided that -

(i) The OC receives orders to do so from the CME,
or (ii) If he is satisfied on his own responsibility that the exigencies of the Service justify his action.

(g) The object must always be to achieve maximum output, and so to reduce backloading to a minimum; bearing in mind always that the worst conditions that can occur in Wksps is for Wksps to be fully committed to a few heavy repairs with the result that an accumulation of easier jobs awaiting labour occurs.

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2. Repair work will be controlled by the use of the following (for details see following paras): -

(a) Wksp Indent AF G 1045 will be used for all ocuipment incl Arty and Engineer Stores (see specimen) filled in - at Appx "G").

(b) A job card devised by OC Wksps (see specimen - filled in - at Appx "H").

(c) Indent for Ord Stores AF G 994 (see specimen - filled in - at Appx"I"). For use by stores section or LADs. Internal demands within the Wksp will be submitted by AB 108 or job card.

(d) Temporary receipt AB 108 (see specimen - filled in - at Appx"J"). or duplicate copy of AF G 1045.

(e) Wksp Journal (daily statement of Wksps Activity) in conjunction with R & I Ledger (see specimen - filled in - At Appx"K").

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WKSP PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION (CONTD.)

2. (f) Inspection reports AF G. 857A, AF G. 857B, etc (see specimen - filled in - at Appx. "L" .)

(g) Condemnation Certificate (see specimen - filled in - at Appx."E" .)

RECEIPT OF WORK.

3. Drivers of vehicles and/or limber gunners of artillery equipment will accompany their equipments to the Wksps at all times.

4. The unit or LAD representative and/or driver with equipment requiring repair will, on arrival at Wksp, report or be instructed to report to the R & I Stores (Receipt and Issue Stores), where he will hand in a written demand, signed by an officer or WO of the unit concerned. Normally this demand would be made on AF G. 1045. If unit is operational and no form is available, the R & I storeman will initiate an AF G. 1045 which will be signed by the unit representative, in order to provide continuity. Unit representative and/or driver will be directed to "In" inspection.

WKSP OFFICE.

5. The Wksp is controlled by the Wksp office staff which will normally consist of:-

(a) Officer IC Wksps.

(b) WO IC Wksps

(c) Wksp Office Clerks.

(d) Spares Progress Chasers.

In order to effect this control, the Wksp office staff will be responsible for the following: -

(a) Maint of Daily Statement of Wksp activities (R & I Ledger and Wksp Journal) containing details of work outstanding, in hand, awaiting spares, labour, or completed.

(b) Allocating work to the appropriate wksps sections for repair in accordance with the degree of priority decided by the OC Wksps subject to instructions by the CRE, and in accordance with stores and suitable personnel available, and not necessarily in accordance with the rotation in which the work was received by Wksps.

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(c) Progressing work through Wksps and maintaining an even flow of repairs.

(d) Close liaison with stores section in connection with the [illegible] ation and progressing of stores.

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(e) Records of different types of equipment requiring repair being kept in separate books. Jobs will be numbered consecutively, 1 - 999. After which a new series will commence and each Job No. will be prefixed by the letter denoting the type of equipment as per table below: -

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5. (c) (CONTD)

A/ 'A' Vehs including tanks.

B/ 'B' Vehs and MCs.

C/ Armaments.

D/ Telecommunications.

I/ Instruments.

S/ Small Arms .

C/ Miscellaneous - Gen work.

R/ Engineer Equipment.

6. The WO IC Wksps will review all outstanding entries in the Wksps journal at least once every day to ensure that no work is overlooked, and that entries are maintained up to date.

One of the Wksps clerks will be responsible for maintaining these Wksps journals up to date from the wksp indents G. 1045 and the wksp progress chaser or WO IC Wksps. The Wksp journal will contain the following information: -

Column 1. - Unit Name.
2. - AF G. 1045 Number.
3. - Job No.
4. - WD No. or Registered No.
5. - Make, type (e.g. BEDFORD 3-ton QS 4 x 2)
6. - Repair required (brief particulars)
7. - Date "In"
8. - Date of completion.
9. - Signature of collecting representative.

PROGRESSING OF REPAIRS.

It will be neccessary for the officer IC Wksps aided by WO IC Wksps and progress chasers to work in close co-operation with each NCO IC Wksp Sec and officer IC Technical Stores Sec so that he is always familiar with the position of all work in wksps. He will be responsible for investigating all causes of delay, and hold-ups, and for arranging for the necessary action to eliminate any breaks in the progress of repairs.

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Column 1. - Unit Name.
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3. - Job No.
4. - WD No. or Registered No.
5. - Make, type (e.g. BEDFORD 3-ton GS 4 x 2)
6. - Repair required (brief particulars)
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COLLECTION OF REPAIR EQUIPMENTS.

7. On collection of the repaired equipment the unit or LAD repres- -entative and/or driver collecting will sign in Column 9 of the workshops journal; at the same time, the Wksp Office will enter the repair in the appropriate page of the AB 412 or History Sheet of the equipment. 3376

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APPENDIX 'D' TO ME 1A/1605/1
DATED 2 Feb 1945

DUTIES OF THE REME CAPTAIN ON A BRITISH LIAISON UNIT FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPS

1. The REME Capt is responsible for training Italian RME personnel in REME methods. To assist in this a British Training Team (on War Establishment MA/640/1) is attached to each BLU. The REME Officer is responsible for the administration of this Team.

2. The REME Capt should give the CME as much responsibility as that Officer is capable of exercising.

3. He should avoid visiting Units except in the company of the CME.

4. He should be the means of contact between the CME and higher REME authority regarding such matters as technical tools, technical equipment, third echelon assistance in repair and recovery, and backloading.

5. He should invariably transmit his views through the CME and serve as the shadow and Father Confessor of the CME.

6. He should transmit to the CME all departmental orders from higher authority.

7. He will at all times be the adviser on REME matters to the BLU Staff.

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Appendix "E" to ME/1A/1605/1
dated 2 Feb 1945

Certificate of Condemnation

UNIT 1st Bn, 87 Inf Regt DATE 22 Feb 45 SERIAL NO. 23

The u/m has been backloaded to 638 L of C Workshops as BLR for reasons stated and should be struck off unit's strength and taken on charge by 11 Veh. Park Corps Veh Pk/ACP.

Item	WD or Rep No.	Reasons
FORD 3 Ton 4 X 4	1234507	Irrep Ch. Axle

Signed Tenente SALVATORE

OC Capt. J. SMITH Wksps REME

WS

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Signed Tenente SALVATORE

OC Capt. J. SMITH _____ Wksps
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APPENDIX "" TO ME/1A/1605/1
Dated 2 Feb 45

MECHANICAL ENGINEERS PLATOON WKSP PROCEDURE FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPS.

RESPONSIBILITY

1. The Wksp is a self-accounting and a self-administering unit under the officer commanding who is responsible for its Regtl and Technical Adm, including training, regimental and technical.

The OC Wksp is responsible to the CME.

The workshop will be responsible for the repair and replacement of vehicles and mechanical equipment of the S & T Company and the H.Q. and Medical Units in the Combat Group or any attached Medical Units.

Work Undertaken The repair capacity is a variable factor governed by :-

(a) Availability of personnel and their technical ability.

(b) Availability of repair equipment suitable for any particular job.

(c) The amount of work in hand and the amount of work of higher priority outstanding.

(d) The maximum period (specified by the senior officers orders) which may be spent on any one repair job.

(e) The non-availability of stores.

(f) The amount of time specified as defined in para (d) may be varied provided that -

(i) The OC receives orders to do so from the CME, or
(ii) If he is satisfied on his own responsibility that the exigencies of the Service justify his action.

(g) The object must always be to achieve maximum output, and so to reduce backloading to a minimum; bearing in mind always that the worst condition that can occur in Wksps is for Wksps to be fully committed to a few heavy repairs with the result that an accumulation of easier jobs awaiting labour occurs.

WKSP PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION

2. Repair work will be controlled by the use of the following (for details see following paras) :-

(a) Wksp Indent AF G.1045 will be used for all equipment incl Arty and Engineer Stores (see specimen filled in - at Appx "G").

(b) A job card devised by OC Wksps (see specimen - filled in - at Appx "H").

(c) Indent for Ord Stores AF G.994 (see specimen - filled in - at Appx "I"). For use by Stores section or LADS. Internal demands within the Wksp will be submitted by AB108 or job Card.

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(d) Temporary Receipt AB 108 (see specimen - filled in - at Appx "J"), or duplicate copy of AF.G.1045.

(e) Wksp Journal (daily statement of Wksps Activity) in conjunction with R & I Ledger (see specimen - filled in - at Appx "K").

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TEST PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION (CONTD.)

2. (f) Inspection reports AF G. 8574, AF G. 8578, etc (see specimen - filled in - at Appx. "L" .)

(g) Condemnation Certificate (see specimen - filled in - at Appx."E" .)

RECEIPT OF WORK.

3. Drivers of vehicles and/or linkmen gunners of artillery equipment will accompany their equipments to the Wksps at all times.

4. The unit or MAD representative and/or driver with equipment requiring repair will, on arrival at Wksp, report or be instructed to report to the R & I Stores (Receipt and Issue Stores), where he will hand in a written demand, signed by an officer or WO of the unit concerned. Normally this demand would be made on AF G. 1045. If unit is operational and no form is available, the R & I storeman will initiate an AF G. 1045 which will be signed by the unit representative, in order to provide continuity. Unit representative and/or driver will be directed to "In" inspection.

WKSP OFFICE.

5. The Wksp is controlled by the Wksp office staff which will normally consist of:-

(a) Officer IC Wksps.

(b) WO IC Wksps

(c) Wksp Office Clerks.

(d) Spares Progress Chasers.

In order to effect this control, the Wksp office staff will be responsible for the following: -

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(d) Close liaison with stores section in connection with the allocation and progressing of stores.

(e) Records of different types of equipment requiring repair being kept in separate books. Jobs will be numbered consecutively 337 upwards. After which a new series will commence and each Job No. will be prefixed by the letter denoting the type of equipment as per table below: -

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B/ 'B' Vehs and MCs.
C/ Miscellaneous - Gen work.
D/ Engineer Equipment.

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WKSP OFFICE (CONTD)

6. The WO IC Wksps will review all outstanding entries in the Wksps Journal at least once every day to ensure that no work is overlooked, and that entries are maintained up to date.

One of the Wksps clerks will be responsible for maintaining these Wksps journals up to date from the wksp indents G. 1045 and the wksp progress chaser or WO IC Wksps. The Wksp journal will contain the following information :-

Column 1. - Unit Name.
2. - AF G. 1045 Number
3. - Job No.
4. - WD No. or Registered No.
5. - Make, type (e.g. BEDFORD 3-ton GS 4 X 2)
6. - Repair required (brief particulars)
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PROGRESSING OF REPAIRS.

It will be necessary for the officer IC Wksps aided by WO IC Wksps and progress chasers to work in close co-operation with each NCO IC Wksp Sec so that he is always familiar with the position of all work in wksps. He will be responsible for investigating all causes of delay, and hold-ups, and for arranging for the necessary action to eliminate any breaks in the progress of repairs.

COLLECTION OF REPAIR EQUIPMENTS.

7. On collection of the repaired equipment the unit or driver collecting will sign in Column 9 of the workshops journal; at the same time, the Wksp Office will enter the repair in the appropriate page of the AB 412 or History Sheet of the equipment.

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APPENDIX "G"

†R.A.O.C. / R.E. 1.E. **WORKSHOP INDENT**

†R.A.O.C. / R.E.M.E.

Army Form G 1045
(Pads of 100.)

Unit's No. 112/B

Unit 1st Bn 67th Inf Regt

Station and Date 18 Feb 45

To be rendered in triplicate. E.R. Part 1, 1932, para. 405 or E.R. Part 2, 1935, para. 43 for T.A. will be complied with.

Commenced* 19 Feb

Completed* 20 Feb 45

Serial No. 22

Job No.*	Designation of vehicle or stores quoting Regd. No. when available.	No.	Nature of Service and Authority.	Summary of Costs‡ Repayments	£	s.	d.
1	Ford 3 Ton 4 X 4	1	Repair Radiator	Labour including On Cost*			
			charge battery	Materials			
	WD 1234567			Contracts			
				Travelling Exes.			
				Carriage of Stores			
				Total Cost			

NOTE.—A separate form will be used for stores in each Vocabulary Section. *For R.A.O.C. or R.E.M.E. use only. † Delete inapplicable.

(Signed) [redacted]
O.C. Officer in charge of M.T.
Approved .....
* .....

O.C. .....
To note completion of service (‡ and cost).
(Signed) .....
O i/c Workshops Capt SMITH

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W1. 32053/32 102M Pads 12/42 H.P. 51-5831

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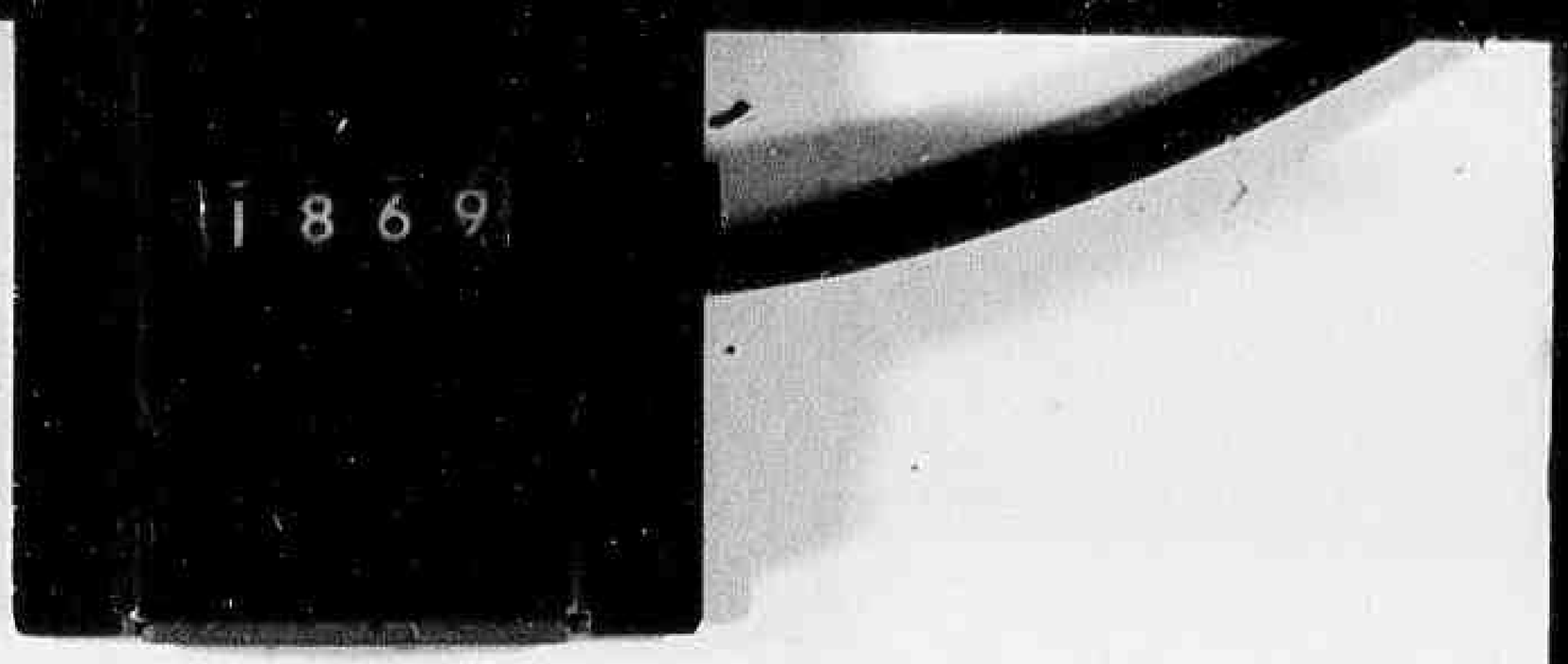
Army Form G.1084

WORKSHOP REPAIR CARD APPENDIX "H"

Job No. :— 1

Unit :— 1st Bn 87 Inf Regt	Dates				N.D. No. :— 1236587
Make :— Ford	In	19 Feb	Probable out	20 Feb	Engine No. :— 4185263
Contract No. :— ———	"In" Inspected	19 Feb	Completed	20 Feb	Mileage :— Unknown Hrs./Run ———
Classification :— 2	Started	19 Feb	Collected	20 Feb	E.F.C. To Date :— (Artillery only) ———

Repairs Required	"Out" Inspection	Stores Required	Date Dem'd	Date Rec'd.
Radiator Repair,				
Charge battery				
Speedo,		Replacement Battery	19th	19 Feb
		Speedo. cable	19th	19 Feb



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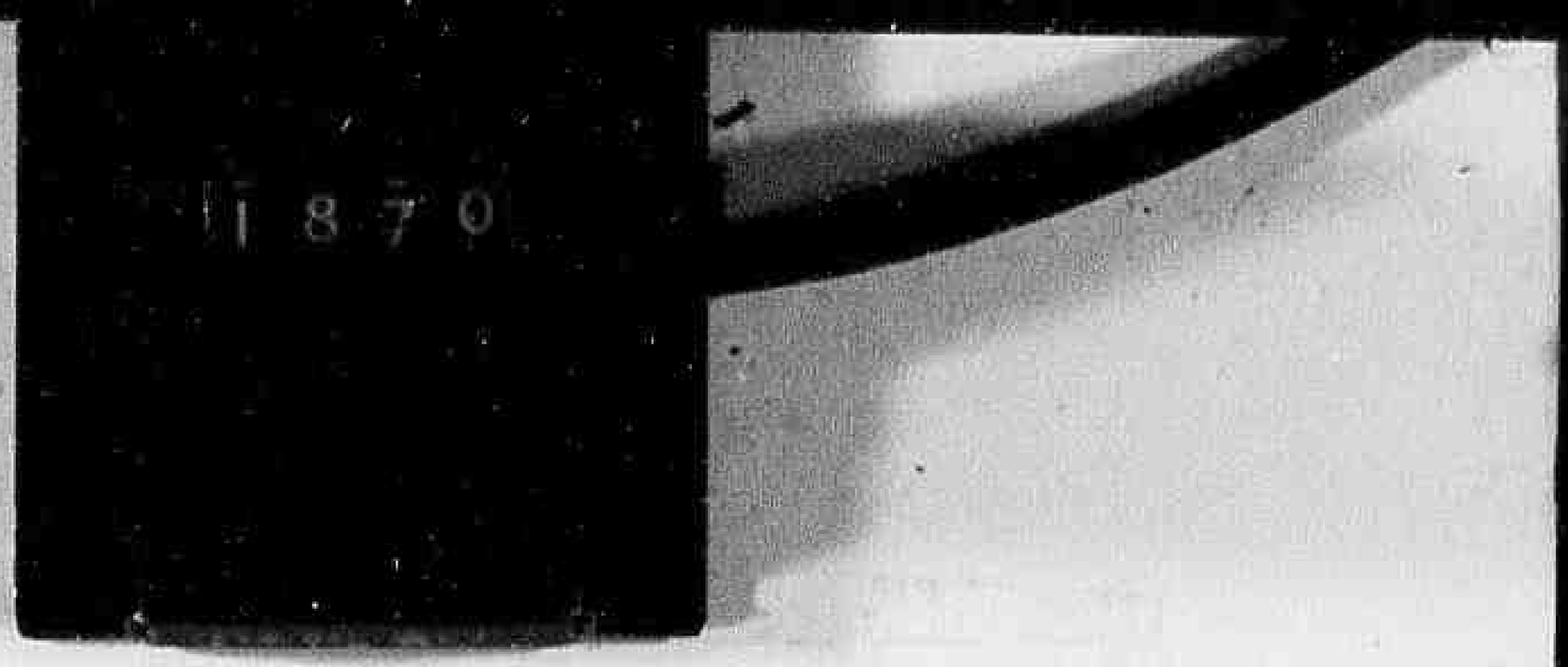
Repairs Required	"Out" Inspection	Stores Required	Date Dem'd	Date Rec'd

"In" Inspected by :— Varecchiallo Dobilio — W.O. or N.C.O. i/c — Dates 19 Feb — Craftsmen Employed :— Squad No 2.

Additional Repairs on Stripping Authorised by :— Capt Sucoka, — W.O. or N.C.O. i/c — 19 Feb — Total man-hours (where known) :— 4 Hours

"Out" Inspected and Passed Fit for Issue by :— V. Dobilio — W.O. or N.C.O. i/c — 20 Feb — Repairs Completed :— i/c Squad No 11 — N.C.O. i/c Sect.

Wt. 19145/2770. 1,500M. 7/44. L.C. 51-8902.



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APPENDIX -A-

INDENT FOR ORDNANCE STORES

ARMY FORM G. 994
(In Books of 100)

Indent No. 113/B Date 12 F(Corps [illegible]

To be sent to To be collected To arrive by To be collected

I certify that the following articles are actually required to complete to authorised scale:

~~(a) To make our supply (b) To replace others lost through the exigencies of the campaign~~

(c) To replace others rendered unserviceable through the exigencies of the campaign.

For A.O.D. use only

ISSUE No.

Signed S. [illegible], Capt

Approved for Issue

Commanding O/Cmdg 3rd Heavy Bty RAOC DADOS-3rd

Articles Required	Quantity	For A.O.D. use			Articles Required	Quantity	For A.O.D. use		
Valves, exhaust	4								
Part No. [illegible]									

P.S.H. - A - 181 10,000 pads 12/43

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APPENDIX "J"

ALL SERVICES

JOINT CARD No. 1

List of Stores, Plant, Tools, Instruments, &c.

Issued to / Requisitioned by: 1st Bn 87 Inf Regt

From: --- Date: 19.2.45

Index (or Cat.) No.	Designation	Quantity
	Ford 3 Ton	
	4 X 4	1
W.D.	No 1234567	
	(Workshop Stamp)	

L. DOBILLON — Signature

Capt — Rank — 19.2.45 — Date

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WORKSHOP JOURNAL

UNIT	AFG 1045 NO	JOB No	W.D. No	TYPE	REPAIRS REQUIRED	DATE "IN"	DATE COMPLETED
1st Bn 87 Inf Regt	22	1	1234567	FORD 3 Ton 4 X 4	Repair Radiator Charge Battery	19.2.45	20.2.45

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APPENDIX "K"

WORKSHOP JOURNAL

No	TYPE	REPAIRS REQUIRED	DATE "IN"	DATE COMPLETED	SIGNATURE	
7	FORD 3 Ton 4 X 4	Repair Radiator Charge Battery	19.2.45	20.2.45	M. DOBILIO.	

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APPENDIX "L"

ARMY FORM G857A.
(Pads of 50)

TRACKED VEHICLE INSPECTION REPORT.

Unit 1st Bn 87 Inf Regt — Vehicle Type & Mark FORD 3 Ton 4 X 4

Squadron — W.D. No. 1234567

Station — Engine No. 4185263

Total mileage to date 9462 — Date of Issue 19.5.44

Mileage since last overhaul 7124 — Date of last overhaul 4.12.44

		Class				Remarks
		S	A	B	C	
RECORDS.	1. A.F. 413., Memo of Exam. 2. Crew Maintenance Book. 3. Modifications outstanding.	/				SERVICEABLE
HULL.	4. Plating, Access Plates, Drains. 5. Doors, Hatches, Ports. 6. Bins, External Stowage. 7. Fire Fighting Equipment.	/				SERVICEABLE
TRACKS AND SUSPENSION	8. Tracks, L.H. and R.H. 9. Idlers and Adjustments. 10. Sprockets. 11. Axles, Bogies, Wheels, Tyres. 12. Springs, Shock Absorbers.	/				REPLACE L.H. TRACK
TURRET.	13. Hatches, Locks, Ports. 14. Stowage, Bins, Seats. 15. Hand and Power Traverse.	/				SERVICEABLE
EQUIPMENT.	16. Armament and Mounting. 17. S.A., Bomb Thrower. 18. Telescopes. 19. Periscopes. 20. Wireless, Intercomm. 21. Tools and Equipment.	/				SERVICEABLE
ELECTRICAL.	22. Lights, Switches, Fuses, etc. 23. Dynamo, Voltage Control. 24. Starter, Solenoid. 25. Batteries, Leads.	/				SERVICEABLE
FUEL SYSTEM.	26. Main Tanks, Gauges. 27. Aux. Tank, Controls. 28. Filter, Taps, Pipes, Pumps.	/				SERVICEABLE

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Inspected by MARESCHIALLO DOBILIO Station W/S Date 19.2.45

Countersigned CAPITANO MACAU Station W/S Date 20.2.45

INSTRUCTIONS:—(I) Enter in the "Class" column against each item "S" denoting "Serviceable," "A"—"To be kept under observation," "B"—"Attention by unit," "C"—"Attention by R.E.M.E."
(II) Give details of "A," "B" and "C" items under "Remarks" column.
(III) Append lists of equipment deficiencies.

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		Class				Remarks
		S	A	B	C	
ENGINE.	29. Mountings, Manifolds, Fittings.					
	30. Starting Controls, Rigging.					
	31. Radiators, Fans, Water Pump.					
	32. Carburettors, Controls.					
	33. Ignition, Controls.					
	34. Oil Pumps, Filter, Coolers.					
	35. Governed Speed.					
TRANSMISSION.	36. Clutch, Adjustment, Wear.					
	37. Gearbox, Controls, Oil.					
	38. Steering, Brakes, Controls.					
	39. Road Brakes, Controls.					
	40. Air System, Pressure.					
	41. Hydraulic System.					
ROAD TEST.	42. Engine Performance.					
	43. Steering, Braking.					
	44. Instruments, Gauges.					

FOR E.M.E.'s INSPECTION.

1. **Unit Maintenance and Inspection.**

2. **Lubrication and Cleanliness.**

3. **Vehicle Records and History (A.B.413).**

4. **General Remarks.**

5. **Vehicle Classification.**

Inspected by ..... *Signed* .....*E.M.E.*

Station ..... *Station* .....

Date ..... *Date* .....

Wt. 14051/470. 15,500 Pads. 6/43 D.P.W. 51-0910.

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Unit's No. 112/B

Unit 6th Bn 87 Inf Regt

Station and Date 18 Feb 45

R.A.O.C. / R.E.M.E. APPENDIX "C" WORKSHOP INDENT

(To be rendered in triplicate. K.R. Part 1, 1932, para. 405, or K.R. Part 3, 1935, para. 40 for T.A. will be complied with.)

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R.A.O.C. / R.E.M.E. Serial No. 22

Commenced* 19 Feb Completed* 20 Feb 45

Job No.*	Designation of vehicle or Stores quoting Regd. No. when available.	No.	Nature of Service and Authority.	Summary of Costs. †Repayments	£	s.	d.
1	Ford 3 Ton 4 X 4	1	Repair Radiator				
			Charge Battery	Labour including On-Costs			
	WD 1234567			Materials			
				Contracts			
				Travelling Exps.			
				Carriage of Stores			
				Total Cost			

NOTE.—A separate form will be used for stores in each Vocabulary Section. *For R.A.O.C. or R.E.M.E. use only. † Delete inapplicable.

(Signed) [redacted]
O.C. Officer in charge of M.T.
Approved
*

O.C. 3365
To note completion of service (‡ and cost).
(Signed)
O i/c Workshops Capt SMITH

Wt. 32053/32 1024m Pads 12/42 H.P. 51-5831

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WORKSHOP REPAIR CARD

APPENDIX "H" Job No :— 1

Unit :— 1st Bn 87 Inf Regt	Dates					W.D. No. :— 1234567	
Make :— Ford	In	19 Feb	Probable out	20 Feb		Engine No. :— 4185263	
Contract No. :— -----	"In" Inspected	19 Feb	Completed	20 Feb		Mileage :— Unknown	Hrs./Run ---
Classification :— 2	Started	19 Feb	Collected	20 Feb		E.F.C. To Date :— (Artillery only)	-----

Repairs Required	"Out" Inspection	Stores Required	Date Dem'd	Date Rec'd
Radiator Repair,				
Charge battery		Replacement Battery	19th	19 Feb
Speedo,		Speedo, cable	19th	19 Feb

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Repairs Required	"Out" Inspection	Stores Required	Date Dem'd	Date Rec'd.
20 Feb Sqd No 2				

"In" Inspected by :— Mareschialle Dobilio — W.O. or N.C.O. i/c — Dates 19 Feb

Craftsmen Employed :— Squad No. 2

Additional Repairs on Stripping Authorised by :— Capt Snooks, — W.O. or N.C.O. i/c — 19 Feb

Total man-hours (where known) :— 4 Hours

"Out" Inspected and Passed Fit for Issue by :— M. Dobilio — W.O. or N.C.O. i/c — 20 Feb

Repairs Completed :— 1/c Squad No 2 — N.C.O. i/c Sect.

Wt. 19145/2770. 1,500M. 7/44. E.C. 51-8902.

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APPENDIX "I"

INDENT FOR ORDNANCE STORES APPENDIX "I"

ARMY FORM G. 994
(In Books of 100)

Indent No. 113/B Date 19 F[illegible]

To be sent to To be collected Corps 5 Corps

To arrive by To be collected

I certify that the following articles are actually required to complete to authorised scale:

~~(a) To replace first supply. (b) To replace others lost through the exigencies of the campaign.~~

(c) To replace others rendered unserviceable through the exigencies of the campaign.

Signed S. SHOCKS, Capt

Commanding W/Shops Stores Sect

Approved for issue DADOS-5LU

For A.O.D. use only

ISSUE No.

Articles Required	Quantity	For A.O.D. use	Articles Required	Quantity	For A.O.D. use
Valves, exhaust	4				
Part No. ----					

P.S.S. — A.F. 161 10,000 pads 12-42

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APPENDIX "J"

ILL SERVICES

JOB CARD No 1

List of Stores, Plant, Tools, Instruments, &c.

Issued to 1st Bn 87 Inf Regt

Received by

From ---- Date 19.2.45

Index or Cat. No.	Designation	Quantity
	Ford 3 Ton	
	4 X 4	1
	W.D. No 1234567	
	(Workshop Stamp)	

L. DOBILIONI Signature
Capt Rank 19.2.45 Date

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W O R K S H O P J O U R N A L

U N I T	AFC 1045 NO	JOB No	W.D. No	TYPE	REPAIRS REQUIRED	DATE "IN"	DATE COMPLETED	
1st Bn 87 Inf Regt	22	1	1234567	FORD 3 Ton 4 X 4	Repair Radiator Charge Battery	19.2.45	20.2.45	

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APPENDIX "K"

WORKSHOP JOURNAL

No	TYPE	REPAIRS REQUIRED	DATE "IN"	DATE COMPLETED	SIGNATURE	
	FORD 3 Ton 4 X 4	Repair Radiator Charge Battery	19.2.45	20.2.45	M. DOBILIO.	

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APPENDIX "L" ARMY FORM C857A. (Pads of 50)

TRACKED VEHICLE INSPECTION REPORT.

Unit 1st Bn 87 Inf Regt — Vehicle Type & Mark FORD 3 Ton 4 X 4

Squadron —— — W.D. No 1234567

Station —— — Engine No 4185263

Total mileage to date 2462 — Date of Issue 12.5.44

Mileage since last overhaul 7124 — Date of last overhaul 4.12.44

		Class				Remarks
		S	A	B	C	
RECORDS.	1. A.B. 413., Memo of Exam. 2. Crew Maintenance Book. 3. Modifications outstanding.	/				SERVICEABLE
HULL.	4. Plating, Access Plates, Drains. 5. Doors, Hatches, Ports. 6. Bins, External Stowage. 7. Fire Fighting Equipment.	/				SERVICEABLE
TRACKS AND SUSPENSION	8. Tracks, L.H. and R.H. 9. Idlers and Adjustments. 10. Sprockets. 11. Axles, Bogies, Wheels, Tyres. 12. Springs, Shock Absorbers.	/				REPLACE L.H. TRACK
TURRET.	13. Hatches, Locks, Ports. 14. Stowage, Bins, Seats. 15. Hand and Power Traverse.	/				SERVICEABLE
EQUIPMENT.	16. Armament and Mounting. 17. S.A., Bomb Thrower. 18. Telescopes. 19. Periscopes. 20. Wireless, Intercomm. 21. Tools and Equipment.	/				SERVICEABLE
ELECTRICAL.	22. Lights, Switches, Fuses, etc. 23. Dynamo, Voltage Control. 24. Starter, Solenoid. 25. Batteries, Leads.	/				SERVICEABLE
FUEL SYSTEM.	26. Main Tanks, Gauges. 27. Aux. Tank, Controls. 28. Filter, Taps, Pipes, Pumps.	/				SERVICEABLE

Inspected by MARESCHIALLO DOMENICO W/S Date 19.2.45

Countersigned CAPRIANO MACAU Station W/S Date 20.2.45

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INSTRUCTIONS:—(I) Enter in the "Class" column against each item "S" denoting "Serviceable," "A"—"To be kept under observation," "B"—"Attention by unit," "C"—"Attention by R.E.M.E."

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4. **General Remarks.**

5. **Vehicle Classification.**

Inspected by ..... *Signed* .....*E.M.E.*

Station ..... *Station* .....

Date ..... *Date* .....

W1. 14231/470. 10,700 Pads. 6/40 L.P.W. (L.6619.

APPENDIX 'A' TO ME/1A/1605/1
DATED 2 FEB 45

DUTIES OF C.M.E.

C.M.E. DIVISIONAL

1. The CME is directly responsible to the Divisional Commander for the proper functioning of all ME services within the Division, and, departmentally to the DDME of the next higher formation.

2. His duties comprise :-

(a) Advice to and co-operation with the Divisional staff to ensure that his ME units are moved and located in proper relation to the tactical situation, to the anticipated workshop load, to the existing commitments of work, to the state of roads in relation to recovery and backloading, and to the supporting 3rd and 4th line REME units of the next higher formation.

(b) Constant review of the condition of equipment within the formation by inspections and other means in order :-

(i) To be in a position continually to advise the Commander as to the state of mechanical preparedness of his formation.

(ii) To be in a position to detect weaknesses in the way in which units use and maintain their equipment and to advise on methods of improvement.

(iii) To be in a position to anticipate the need of the Division for 2nd, 3rd and 4th ech repairs and by doing so to be able to plan his 2nd ech repair and assembly replacement programme, to advise "Q" and "ORD" on requirements of assemblies, DDME of the next higher formation of the future 3rd, and 4th ech repair load, and "Q" of the replacement load necessary to meet the wastage.

(iv) To discover, as early as possible, incipient defects in equipment, which would not otherwise come to light until failure occurs.

(c) The direct command of both 2nd line workshops in the Division, both Engrs Wasp and Mech Engrs Platoon and the Tech control of LADs or other 1st line ME units and detachments in order that a universal policy is maintained throughout the division. This policy must be co-ordinated with the 3rd ech repair policy to the DDME of the next higher formation via the REME Capt of the HLU.

(d) The co-ordination and organisation of recovery both forward and on the Divisional axis. He must keep close and constant [illegible]

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(b) Constant review of the condition of equipment within the formation by inspections and other means in order :-

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(iv) To discover, as early as possible, incipient defects in equipment, which would not otherwise come to light until failure occurs.

(c) The direct command of both 2nd line workshops in the Division (Mech Engrs Wasp and Mech Engrs Platoon and the Tech control of LADs or other 1st line ME units and detachments in order that a universal policy is maintained throughout the division. This policy must be co-ordinated with the 3rd ech repair policy to the DDME of the next higher formation via the REME Capt of the HLU.

(d) The co-ordination and organisation of recovery both forward and on the Divisional axis. He must keep close and constant touch with the DDME of the next higher formation on this subject so that the latter can reinforce him quickly or relieve him of part of his responsibilities, or clear his workshop by backloading.

(e) The seeking of defects in equipment and their investigation as far as possible with the facilities at his disposal. The prompt reporting of defects after investigation, together with sound proposals for their remedy.

(f) The general administration of all ME units under command including postings and promotions within such limitations as may be imposed by higher authority.

(g) The Technical Control of the Unit Transport Officer who is the adviser to the Unit Commander on preventable maintenance and condition of unit equipment.

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3. In general, the CME must do everything possible to improve the mechanical condition of the equipment of his formation, both by advising on unit operation and maintenance, and by ensuring the efficiency, and the efficient application of the ME units provided for recovery and repairs. His technical advice must at all times be at the disposal of his Commander, and must be framed in general conformity with the policy of his DME.

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APPENDIX "B" TO ME/LA/1605/1
Dated 2 Feb 1945

WORKSHOP REPAIR ORGANISATION FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPS

Unit Maintenance

1. Maintenance in units as per the Task System already laid down.

2. The Unit Commander will be responsible for seeing that the daily maintenance of vehicles is carried out properly.

3. No repairs will be undertaken in Unit lines, but application will be made immediately a vehicle is in need of repair, to the unit LAD.

4.

Function of the LAD

5. The function of the LAD is to carry out 1st Echelon repairs, but not until it has been first ascertained that spares are available immediately.

6. Each LAD will maintain a Wksp journal on similar lines to that of the Mech Engineers Wksp. This journal will reflect work on hand at all times.

7. 1st Echelon repairs which are beyond the capacity of the LAD and all 2nd Echelon repairs will be sent to the Workshops in the Division.

Function of the Workshop

8. The function of the workshop is to carry out 2nd Echelon repairs, but not until it has been ascertained that spares are available from the Stores Section attached to the Wksp. Repairs which are beyond the capacity of the Wksp will be reported to the CME of the Division, who, after consultation with the workshop officer concerned, will decide what action is to be taken.

9. To ensure smooth running of these Echelons of repair, it is necessary to classify every vehicle requiring repair in one of the following categories:-

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CLASS I	1st Echelon repairs for which spares are available	- LAD
CLASS II	2nd Echelon repairs for which spares are available	- (ME Wksp (ME Platoon
CLASS III	[illegible]	

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5. The function of the LAD is to carry out 1st Echelon repairs, but not until it has been first ascertained that spares are available immediately.

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CLASS II	2nd Echelon repairs for which spares are available	(ME Wksp (ME Platoon
CLASS III	Veh which require repair in 3rd line Wksps and which will be struck off unit charge	- Inf Tps Wksp
CLASS IV	Vehicles worth evacuation but requiring complete overhaul in 4th line (Base) Wksps	- RVP
CLASS V	Veh which are beyond profitable repair and recommended for breaking down for spares	- RVP

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10. The procedure of the workshop immediately a vehicle is brought in, is for it to be received by the R and I (Receipts and Issues) Office where a receipt will be given to the unit concerned. It will then pass to the inspection for examination and classification, and will then be parked in either:-

(a) The "Awaiting Wksps" Park while every effort is being made to get the necessary spares

or

(b) The "Awaiting Evacuation" Park of the workshop.

If the equipment is classified BLR the driver and/or limber gunner will be returned to his Unit.

11. In the event of a vehicle being beyond local repair (BLR) i.e. Class III or IV a BLR certificate (completed specimen attached at Appx "E") will be prepared by the CC Wksp and forwarded to the CME. The CME will refer these certificates to the EME of the BLU for countersignature and distribution.

12. In every case the workshop officer will be responsible for the classification of any vehicle. When a vehicle is over Class II or unable to be completed within a reasonable time due to the non-availability of spares, he will retain the vehicle and distribute the BLR certificate as detailed in Para 11 above. The EME of the BLU will be responsible for forwarding the Unit's copy of the BLR certificate. On receipt of this the Unit will immediately arrange to have the vehicle struck off strength and make a demand for a replacement vehicle in the normal way through staff channels.

13. All vehicles accepted at any workshop will normally be dealt with in the following order - lightly damaged equipment before seriously damaged equipment - subject to spares availability, except for any priorities allotted by the CME of the Division.

14. The aforementioned procedure automatically controls the spares situation as repairs will not be carried out by units, but only by LADs and Workshops, where spares will be obtained from the Field Park Section. The Field Park Section will not issue spares to other units unless specifically ordered to do so.

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15. Units not provided with a LAD will be based on workshops as detailed below:-

S & T Coy

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S & T Coy Medical HQ	}	Mechanical Engineers Platoon.
D.F.P.		Mechanical Engineers . . . . . Workshops.

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APPENDIX 'C' TO ME/1A/1605/1
DATED 2 FEB 45.

MECHANICAL ENGINEERS WKSP PROCEDURE FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPS

RESPONSIBILITY

1. The wksp is a self-accounting and a self-administering unit under the officer commanding who is responsible for its Regtl and Technical Adm, including training, regimental and technical.
The O.C. Wksp is responsible to the CME.

Work Undertaken The repair capacity is a variable factor governed by:

(a) Availability of personnel and their technical ability.

(b) Availability of repair equipment suitable for any particular job.

(c) The amount of work in hand and the amount of work of higher priority outstanding.

(d) The maximum period (specified by the senior officers orders) which may be spent on any one repair job.

(e) The non-availability of stores.

(f) The amount of time specified as defined in para (d) may be varied provided that -

(i) The CC receives orders to do so from the CME,
or (ii) If he is satisfied on his own responsibility that the exigencies of the Service justify his action.

(g) The object must always be to achieve maximum output, and so to reduce backloading to a minimum; bearing in mind always that the worst conditions that can occur in Wksps is for Wksps to be fully committed to a few heavy repairs with the result that an accumulation of easier jobs awaiting labour occurs.

WKSP PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION

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2. Repair work will be controlled by the use of the following (for details see following paras): -

(a) Wksp Indent AF G 1045

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(b) Availability of repair equipment suitable for any particular job.

(c) The amount of work in hand and the amount of work of higher priority outstanding.

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WKSP PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION

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2. Repair work will be controlled by the use of the following (for details see following paras): -

(a) Wksp Indent AF G 1045 will be used for all equipment incl Arty and Engineer Stores (see specimen) filled in - at Appx "G").

(b) A job card devised by CC Wksps (see specimen - filled in at Appx "H").

(c) Indent for Ord Stores AF C 994 (see specimen - filled in - at Appx"I"). For use by stores section or LADs. Internal demands within the Wksp will be submitted by AB 108 or job card.

(d) Temporary receipt AB 108 (see specimen - filled in - at Appx"J"). or duplicate copy of AF G 1045.

(e) Wksp Journal (daily statement of Wksps Activity) in conjunction with R & I Ledger (see specimen - filled in - At Appx"K").

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WKSP PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION (CONTD.)

2. (f) Inspection reports AF C. 857A, AF G. 857B, etc (see specimen - filled in - at Appx. "L" .)

(g) Condemnation Certificate (see specimen - filled in - at Appx."E" .)

RECEIPT OF WORK.

3. Drivers of vehicles and/or limber gunners of artillery equipment will accompany their equipments to the Wksps at all times.

4. The unit or LAD representative and/or driver with equipment requiring repair will, on arrival at Wksp, report or be instructed to report to the R & I Stores (Receipt and Issue Stores), where he will hand in a written demand, signed by an officer or WO of the unit concerned. Normally this demand would be made on AF C. 1045. If unit is operational and no form is available, the R & I storeman will initiate an AF C. 1045 which will be signed by the unit representative, in order to provide continuity. Unit representative and/or driver will be directed to "In" inspection.

WKSP OFFICE.

5. The Wksp is controlled by the Wksp office staff which will normally consist of:-

(a) Officer IC Wksps.

(b) WO IC Wksps

(c) Wksp Office Clerks.

(d) Spares Progress Censors.

In order to effect this control, the Wksp office staff will be responsible for the following: -

(a) Maint of Daily Statement of Wksp activities (R & I Ledger and Wksp Journal) containing details of work outstanding, in hand, awaiting spares, labour, or completed.

(b) Allocating work to the appropriate wksps as items for repair in accordance with the degree of priority decided by the OC Wksps subject to instructions by the CME, and in accordance with stores and suitable personnel available, and not necessarily in accordance with the rotation in which the work was received by Wksps.

(c) Progressing and chasing

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cerned. Normally this demand would be made on AF G. 1045. If unit is operational and no form is available, the R & I storeman will initiate an AF G. 1045 which will be signed by the unit representative, in order to provide continuity. Unit representative and/or driver will be directed to "In" inspection.

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(b) Allocating work to the appropriate wksp sections for repair in accordance with the degree of priority decided by the OC Wksps subject to instructions by the CME, and in accordance with stores and suitable personnel available, and not necessarily in accordance with the rotation in which the work was received by Wksps.

(c) Progressing work through Wksps and maintaining an even flow of repairs.

(d) Close liaison with stores section in connection with the allocation and progressing of stores.

(e) Records of different types of equipment requiring repair being kept in separate books. Jobs will be numbered consecutively, 1 - 999. After which a new series will commence and each Job No. will be prefixed by the letter denoting the type of equipment as per table below: -

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WKSP OFFICE. (CONTD)

5. (c) (CONTD)

A/ 'A' Vehs including tanks.

B/ 'B' Vehs and MCs.

C/ Armaments.

D/ Telecommunicat'ons.

I/ Instruments.

S/ Small Arms .

O/ Miscellaneous - Gen work.

R/ Engineer Equipment.

6. The WO IC Wksps will review all outstanding entries in the Wksps journal at least once every day to ensure that no work is overlooked, and that entries are maintained up to date.

One of the Wksps clerks will be responsible for maintaining these Wksps journals up to date from the wksp indents G. 1045 and the wksp progress chaser or WO IC Wksps. The Wksp journal will contain the following information: -

Column 1. - Unit Name.
2. - AF G. 1045 Number.
3. - Job No.
4. - WD No. or Registered No.
5. - Make, type (e.g. BEDFORD 3-ton QS 4 x 2)
6. - Repair required (brief particulars)
7. - Date "In"
8. - Date of completion.
9. - Signature of collecting representative.

PROGRESSING OF REPAIRS.

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C/ Miscellaneous - Gen work.

R/ Engineer Equipment.

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APPENDIX 'D' TO ME 1A/1605/1
DATED 2 Feb 1945

DUTIES OF THE REME CAPTAIN ON A BRITISH LIAISON UNIT FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPS

1. The REME Capt is responsible for training Italian REME personnel in REME methods. To assist in this a British Training Team (on War Establishment MA/640/1) is attached to each BLU. The REME Officer is responsible for the administration of this Team.

2. The REME Capt should give the CME as much responsibility as that Officer is capable of exercising.

3. He should avoid visiting Units except in the company of the CME.

4. He should be the means of contact between the CME and higher REME authority regarding such matters as technical tools, technical equipment, third echelon assistance in repair and recovery, and backloading.

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Appendix "E" to ME/1A/1605/1
dated 2 Feb 1945

Certificate of Condemnation

UNIT 1st Bn, 87 Inf Regt DATE 22 Feb 45 SERIAL NO. 23

The u/m has been backloaded to 638 L of C Workshops as BLR for reasons stated and should be struck off unit's strength and taken on charge by 11 Veh. Park Corps Veh Pk/ACP.

Item	WD or Rep No.	Reasons
FORD 3 Ton 4 X 4	1234567	Cracked Chassis

Signed Tenente SALVATORE

OC Capt. J. SMITH Wksps REME

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Field Channels

Signad Tenente SALVATORE

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APPENDIX "F" TO ME/1A/1605/1
Dated 2 Feb 45

MECHANICAL ENGINEERS PLATOON WKSP PROCEDURE FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPS.

RESPONSIBILITY

1. The Wksp is a self-accounting and a self-administering unit under the officer commanding who is responsible for its Regtl and Technical Adm, including training, regimental and technical.

The OC Wksp is responsible to the CME.

The workshop will be responsible for the repair and replacement of vehicles and mechanical equipment of the S & T Company and the H.Q. and Medical Units in the Combat Group or any attached Medical Units.

Work Undertaken The repair capacity is a variable factor governed by :-

(a) Availability of personnel and their technical ability.

(b) Availability of repair equipment suitable for any particular job.

(c) The amount of work in hand and the amount of work of higher priority outstanding.

(d) The maximum period (specified by the senior officers orders) which may be spent on any one repair job.

(e) The non-availability of stores.

(f) The amount of time specified as defined in para (d) may be varied provided that -

(i) The OC receives orders to do so from the CME, or
(ii) If he is satisfied on his own responsibility that the exigencies of the Service justify his action.

(g) The object must always be to achieve maximum output, and so to reduce backloading to a minimum; bearing in mind always that the worst condition that can occur in Wksps is for Wksps to be fully committed to a few heavy repairs with the result that an accumulation of easier jobs awaiting labour occurs.

WKSP PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION

2. Repair work will be controlled by the use of the following (for details see following paras) :-

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(d) Temporary Receipt AB 108 (see specimen - filled in - at Appx "J"), or duplicate copy of AF.G.1045.

(e) Wksp Journal (daily statement of Wksps Activity) in conjunction with R & I Ledger (see specimen - filled in - at Appx "K").

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WESP PROCEDURE DOCUMENTATION (CONTD.)

2. (f) Inspection reports AF G. 857A, AF G. 857B, etc (see specimen - filled in - at Appx. "L" .)

(g) Condemnation Certificate (see specimen - filled in - at Appx."E" .)

RECEIPT OF WORK.

3. Drivers of vehicles and/or limber gunners of artillery equipment will accompany their equipments to the Wkshp at all times.

4. The unit or IAD representative and/or driver with equipment requiring repair will, on arrival at Wksp, report or be instructed to report to the R & I Stores (Receipt and Issue Stores), where he will hand in a written demand, signed by an officer or WO of the unit concerned. Normally this demand would be made on AF A. 1045. If unit is operational and no form is available, the R & I storeman will initiate an AF G. 1045 which will be signed by the unit representative, in order to provide continuity. Unit representative and/or driver will be directed to "In" inspection.

WESP OFFICE.

5. The Wksp is controlled by the Wksp office staff which will normally consist of:-

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In order to effect this control, the Wksp office staff will be responsible for the following: -

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(c) Progressing work through Wksps and maintaining an over 3351 repairs.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ROME

Subject:- R.M.P.Is. - Translation.

FREEDOM 522

MI/3/4490

To:- MIE. 51 B.L.U.

30 Nov '44.

1. The suggestion that certain basic and important RMPIs should be published in 'Italian', made in your MIE.4 dated 15 Nov '44, addressed to HQ. MEDITERRANEAN, has been very carefully considered at this Directorate, but it is felt to be impracticable of adoption for the following reasons.

2. At least two interpreters with sound mechanical and electrical engineering experience would be required to do the actual translation. Even if these could be provided, the question of their accommodation, rations, etc at this Directorate presents certain difficulties.

3. The clerical, typing and reproduction facilities available, at present barely sufficient to meet our essential requirements, would have to be supplemented. It is extremely doubtful whether this additional equipment would be forthcoming.

4. The difficulty of deciding here from the point of view of the user, what instructions might be considered as "highly important" e.g. an 'operationally vital' instruction issued from here may affect equipment not held by you. This would entail maintaining a census of your Units equipment holdings.

5. Will you therefore investigate the possibility of making locally rough translation of applicable instructions you may require in Italian. If this is impossible, you might like to discuss the matter further with MIE (Tech) at this Directorate, offering concrete proposals as to method and facilities, but in present circumstances there is little likelihood of a workable system being evolved from our existing resources.

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