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Subject:- Italian Gruppi

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21 Feb 45

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA).
RCMS.
Tel: 489081 EXT 526

To: D.S.T., AFHQ

Ref your AFHQ/2070/1/S.T.2(b) dated 31st January 45.

1. It is considered that the publication of a short edition of a handbook on the "Physical Handling of P.O.L." would be useful to Italian Staff, Transport Officers, B.L.Us. and British Cadres but the proposed draft is much too long. Therefore, it is suggested that pages 6,7,8,9, and 10 be omitted. It is estimated that 2000 copies would be required.

2. In regard to accounting it is thought that no changes should be made at present. Re-organisation of ITI-ITI transport is being carried out and it might be advisable to introduce a system more in accord with the British system later on. At the moment accountancy control of POL drawn in bulk is done by Italian documentation.

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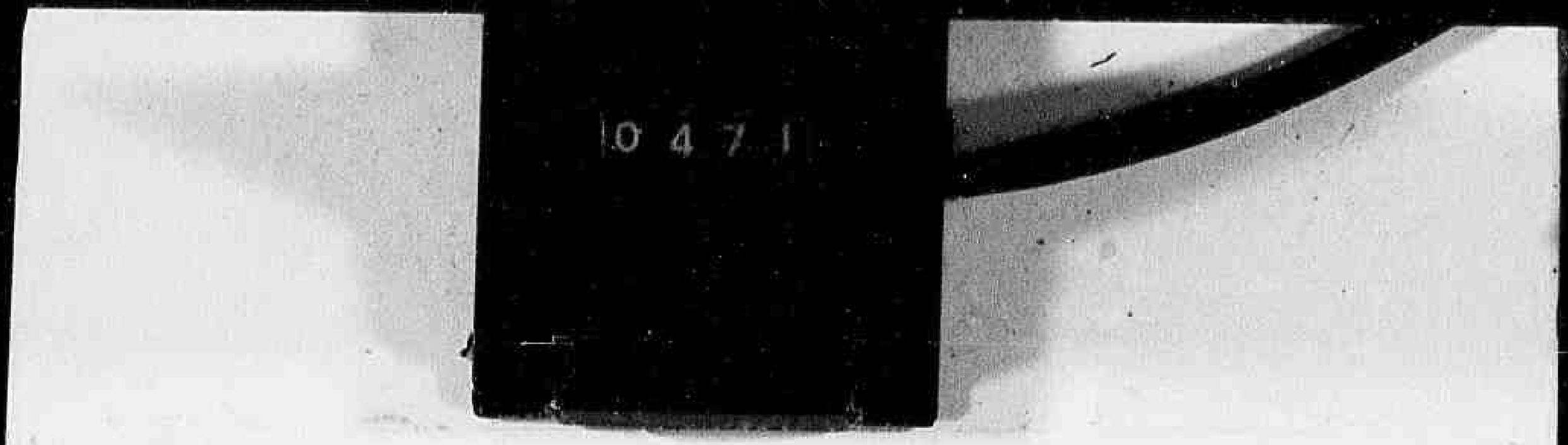
Lt. Col. RASC,
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA).



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From : MMLA

DATE - TIME

TO : MILAR 8 ARMY

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MMLA?

FOR MMLA 10 (.) REF YOUR MM 320 DATED 31 JAN (.) ISSUE NOT REPEAT NOT RESTRICTED TO COMBAT GROUPS (.) RESTRICTIONS ARE EXACTLY AS OUTLINED IN THIS HQ SIGNAL AG 2705 DATED 30 JAN

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PRECEDENCE Immediate

AUTHENTICATION Illegible

Int dist: ST,
Lt.Col. ROSS,
DMI,
Ministry of War.
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FROM: MMIA

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TO (FOR ACTION): 5 ARMY BR INCR FOR MMIA LO
8 ARMY
50,51,52 & 53 BLUs

TO(FOR INFO): AFHQ
PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO

REF NO: A02703

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SUBJECT IS ISSUE OF BRANDY TO ITALIAN TROOPS (.) BRANDY NOW AVAILABLE AT BASE AND MOVING FWD FOR ISSUE TO ITALIAN TROOPS (.) SCALE THREE CENTILITRES PER MAN (.) ISSUE WILL ONLY BE MADE ON AUTHORITY OF DIVISIONAL COMMANDER WHEN RECOMMENDED BY SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER AND WILL ONLY BE TO TROOPS OPERATING IN FORWARD AREAS UNDER ARDUOUS WEATHER CONDITIONS

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SUBJECT:- Ration Distribution Depots.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
MC/53/3

16 Jan 45.

Dirce. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

1. The personnel now operating the Railhead Depot at PALERMO are doing so solely for the maintenance of BR-ITI category troops and therefore cannot continue to be held against the ITI-ITI category.

Arrangements are being made for these personnel to be included in the War Establishment of the I.C.F.R.T.D., CESANO, thus transferring them to the BR-ITI category.

Effective this date they will cease to be held against the ceiling authorised for Commissariato personnel.

2. The Depot at ORTONA has been reported as included in the ITI-ITI category and thus held against the authorised Commissariato ceiling.

This is incorrect. The Depot should be operated within the BR-ITI category, by personnel of 209 Division Quartermaster Section.

Request this be rectified.

3. It is considered that there is an excessive number of Distribution Depots in the Naples Area, all of which are ITI-ITI category and count against the Commissariato ceiling.

Request you examine the possibility of closing the Depots at AVERSA, NOLA and SALERNO as early as possible since it would seem perfectly feasible for -

(i) Troops based on AVERSA to be based on CASERTA or AVELLINO
(ii) Troops based on NOLA to be based on NAPLES or AVELLINO
(iii) Troops based on SALERNO to be based on AVELLINO.

Please forward your recommendations as early as possible.

B.L. Pinkham

B.L. PINKHAM.
Lt.Col. RASC,
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).

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Copy to:- A/Q
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Hyde Sec.

Arranged with Maj Romano SHAEF
17 Jan
13:00

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Subject: Ration Scale for Italian Armed Forces.

To. A.Q.

I would like you to tell BLU (200) that a Letter of this nature was [illegible] that while it is being [illegible] representations are [illegible]

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) A C M F.
AQ/2- 18

3 Dec 44

A.P.M.G. for G4 (Br)

4 Dec.

1. (a) I keep on getting complaints from the Italians regarding what they consider the inadequacy of the present "Single Scale" ration.

(b) I fully appreciate that this whole matter was considered in detail last summer and that the C.C.S. have decided on the existing scale in the light of all the factors involved, e.g. availability of supplies, calorific value, etc. Moreover, I was informed by the Italians themselves that the present ration was better than they had under their own regime. On this basis I sent attached letter AQ/2 dated 11 Aug to A.Q., A.A.I.

2. However, in view of the complaints, I demanded from the Italians what I have been unable to secure hitherto, viz. a categorical statement of the rations issued to their troops pre-armistice. I have now received this and examined it in relation to the Single Scale ration.

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(b) A completely exact comparison is not possible, as the type of certain items issued (e.g. fruit, vegetables, nuts) varies according to what is available locally. The figures of relative calorific value thus vary. Nevertheless, I think that the Appendices give a fair comparative picture.

(c) The special parachutist ration, designed to give that type of soldier a higher ration scale than the normal soldier, need not be considered in the comparison.

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4. (a) It is understood that :-

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(ii) a ration with calorific value of not less than 3300 is necessary to maintain energy sufficient for a reasonably hard day's work and that a higher figure is required under arduous conditions of effort or weather. It is for this reason that increases to meet arduous conditions were authorised in your FX 52252 of 13 Nov.

(b) Annex "A" of AFHQ letter AG.400/105 D-O dated 22 Sept states that the "total calorific value of the ration (Italian) is 3290".

5. Taking all the above into account, App."A" and "B" appear to shew that the calorific value of the present single scale Italian ration is :-

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(a) lower than the pre-armistice scale -
on American data, by 445 calories,
on British " " 534 "

(b) actually less than the stated 3290 calories (see para 4(b) above):-
on American data, by 532 calories
" British " " 162 "

while being at the same time less bulky, though the Italian soldier particularly likes bulk and a "tight belt".

6. If my calculations are correct, two aspects arise -

(a) the general aspect as regards the adequacy of the ration for the Italian Army as a whole,

(b) the particular aspect of the Italian combat groups under hard training and (inevitably) hard conditions of living in winter due to lack of accomodation and clothing.

The general aspect is, I realise, a matter for the COS and I fancy that the Scale cannot now be changed.

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The matter, however, could be solved by making applicable to all combat groups under training the increases authorisable under your FX 52382 of 13 Nov. I consider that there is a case for this, particularly as authority for that special increase has already been given for FRIULI and CREMONA Combat Groups on arrival in the forward area. LEGNANO, FOLGORE and MANTOVA are or shortly will be doing equally intensive training under worse conditions of clothing and accomodation. I therefore suggest that the special increase be authorised for these 3 latter Groups also. There is no doubt that such an authorisation would cut down desertions and A.W.O.L. and raise the morale considerably, apart from giving greater energy to carry out the intensive training necessary, considering the short time available.

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Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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Subject: Ration Scale - Italians.

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q., A.M.G.
ROME
AG/2.

11 Aug 44

H.Q., A.M.I.

Ref your 1425/1/G1(2) dated 8 Aug.

1. My American Second-in-Command has prepared the attached memorandum for me. I agree with it.

2. There are six main points, as I see it, viz :-

(a) The Italian soldier on the new scale will be better fed than he was before we arrived.

(b) The ration is perfectly adequate for him to do his job.

(c) The majority of the Italian Army scores by the introduction of the new scale, which is a compromise to provide "the greatest good for the greatest number".

(d) The Allies must have one policy in this matter.

(e) In view of the world wide shortage of food, shipping considerations etc, the COS cannot authorise a higher scale.

(f) The people of the victorious Allies themselves have little to eat owing to the shortage.

3. (a) I can well understand commanders in the Field disliking a reduction of the Combat Scale. The Italians also will "play up" to this. But I do not see that we can alter the ration.

(b) I think our only policy can be to educate and explain to the Italians the reasons why the new Scale was decided on. If my remarks in para. 2 are properly explained not only in writing but also verbally to the Combat troops, and they are told that this reduction is part of the price they have to pay for Allied victory and for ITALY "earning her passage", such genuine dissatisfaction as there may be should cease.

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Major General,
Army Sub Commission (MMIA).

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMY SUB COMMISSION ACC
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

SPK/lh
10 August 1944

AQ 2

SUBJECT: Italian Army Rations.

TO: General Officer Commanding, MAIA.

In connection with the AAI letter 1025/1/Q1(2) on rations for the Italian Army, I would like to make the following comments:

1. The ration now given the Italian soldier comes from three sources.

a. The imported items (US).
b. The "Italian Purchase" items - bought by Ministry of War.
c. The "Cash Purchase" items purchased by the unit Commander locally from funds furnished him by the Italian Army on a daily basis of so many lire per man per day - this varies from 3 to 10 lire per man per day.

The items under "a" and "b" are laid down by the CCS. The items under "c" are what is available locally. The principal item under "b" is olive oil and this has been in short supply for several months, but certain stocks are now being made available and issues will be made on the priority of (1) to Italian troops in Army Areas including Corsica (2) Italian troops employed by the Allies in rear of Army Areas (3) other Italian troops.

2. Prior to the arrival of the Allied Armies in Italy the ration of the Italian soldier was on a local purchase basis. Only the items of canned meat and Biscuit were handled on a limited National basis. As the ration varied with the honesty and ability of each Italian Commander it is not possible to determine exactly the average amount of food furnished the Italian soldier. I am informed by Italian officers that the ration as set up under the old "B" Scale, when supplemented by the proper items under "b" and "c" of paragraph 1 above, was superior to anything to which the Italian soldier had previously been accustomed. The only complaint was that the Italians preferred more wheat elements, bread or pasta, to the meat and fish elements. I have been several Italian messes at meal times and the soldiers were well satisfied, at least as well satisfied as Allied soldiers who eat canned rations. I have yet to see a starving Italian soldier. Naturally, they might prefer some other item of diet, but they have not starved to death nor even been so undernourished that they could not work.

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3. The old "Combat" scale ration raised the living standard of the Italian soldier. Since he received all of the wheat he desired, there was no particular need to furnish him the "Cash purchase" part of the ration in substantial food available locally and the money went for such items as the Italian likes, but does not need. There are also some doubts as to whether items under "b" was furnished completely in some cases, and cases are known where only the olive oil was furnished as the Allied part of the ration was otherwise considered sufficient.

4. The new ration scale is actually a reduction of the "Combat" scale and an increase of the "B" scale. Supplemented with the two parts to the furnished by the Italians, the new scale, while still slightly below the desired amount of what, is adequate. There may be cases in the combat zone where the Italian parts of the ration cannot be furnished. However, local purchase of items is not a new system for the Italian, and unless they are forced to better themselves they will depend on the Allies for all the ration. This was never intended.

5. The effect of the "Combat" ration scale was to give the Italian solder more than he had ever had before, and he liked it. In this the Allies themselves encouraged the Italins and sympathised with him. It must be remembered that the Italian normally eats only two meals a day , and only one of these is hot. We have now trained him to a better world and when he is out back, as inevitably he must be, there is resentment. But he will be out back in the end for Italian economy cannot support the Italian on Allied standards - so the Italian soldier will be disappointed, resentful of the government which cannot maint his new standard of living, and resentful of the Allies, who simply cannot feed the worH on Allied standards. In fact the Italian taxpayer will never stand for its soldiers getting a new standard of food which must be taken from the already short supply available to civilians.

6. The effect of one Ally issuing additional items from national stock to Italian groups under its command, while the other Ally does not, would be disasterous, not only to morale but would place the Ally who did not make the issue on a bad basis with the Italians. Also, who can say that combat troops, or troops in the combat area, are entitled to more food than dock workers or truck drivers two hundred miles behind the fighting front. This argument plagued us when we had the two ration scales - the Commanders of labor units in the rear contending that their troops needed the same rations as troops in the combat zone. Actually, except for short and infrequent periods of exertion, combat troops do not burn up as much energy as troops laboring hour after hour every day on docks, road work,etc.

7. Suffice to say, if additional rations are given any troops, working for the Allies or purely on Italian work (which is nevertheless energy consuming) all trops must be given the same ration. Any other solution at this time would cause untold dissatisfaction.

8. I talked with our liaison officer with 5th Army where the Italian troops are on the new scale. He tells me that the only dissatisfaction with the new rations is that 5th Army are issuing their Italian troops additional food. A number of complaints about the ration have been investigated by him and he states that the complaints are unfounded and no Italian soldiers are suffering from malnutrition.

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9. I suggest, therefore, that no change be made in the ration, and that no additional food be furnished the Italians from any Allied stocks. To improve what is obviously a disturbing situation I would suggest (1) that the Allies cease trying to raise Italian standards of living and give no further moral support to the Italians on this basis, playing one Ally off against another and (2) that Allied Commanders insist (and supervise if necessary) that the Italian Commanders under their control secure, prepare and serve all of the food intended for the Italian soldier, evenk to the extention of assisting on purchasing and transportation where necessary.

10. We have people in the United States who are hungry, for one reason or another, and I cannot get excited about asking for more food to come from the United States. The mission of AMMIA is to make the best of what we have given us, and to force the Italians to do their part. No Italian soldier need be hungry or unable to do his work on account of malnutrition from lack of Allied food. I doubt that such is the case.

(sgd) CLAYTON F. KEHR
Colonel, Infantry.

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APPENDIX "A"

COMPARATIVE CALORIFIC VALUES IN RATION SCALES

BRITISH MINISTRY OF FOOD DATA

Commodity	Remarks	Calories per ounce	Typical Pre-Armistice Italian Scale			Present single scale	
			Weight Grams.	Ounces	Calories	Weight Ounces	Calories
Bread	If the Italian bread issue is transferred back to flour for comparison with the single ration issue, the corresponding flour issue would be(approx) 542 grams = 19.1 oz. = 2063 calories, an increase of 235 in the calory value of the Italian issue.	74	700	24.7	1828	-	-
Flour		108	-	-	-	12	1296
Dried Vegetables	Calculated as for dried peas.	83	-	-	-	2	166
Meat canned.	Calculated as for corned beef						
Cheese		Nil	--	.35	44	1	126
Sugar		120	15	.54	65	1	120
Macaroni	As for flour	108	-	-	-	3	324
Rice		112	-	-	-	1	112
Dehydrated Veg.	- Taken as for double weight of dried peas = 83 which may be issued in lieu.	166	-	-	-	1	166
Catsup or Tomato Paste		20	15	.54	11	1/2	10
Coffee or Coffee Sub		Nil	10	.35	-	1/2	-
Pepper		Nil	-	-	-	1/200	-
Fruit	Taken as a combination of apples (14) and Oranges(11)	13	-	-	-	4	52
Vegifresh	Taken on by weight of	7 1/2					

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Pepper		Nil	-	-	-	1/200	-
Fruit	Taken as a combination of apples (14) and Oranges(11)	13	-	-	-	4	52
Veg(fresh)	Taken on an average of 5 likely vegetables	7 1/2	-	-	-	8	60
Olive Oil		264	15	.54	142	1	264
Nuts	Taken as walnuts	156	-	-	-	1/2	78
Salt		Nil	20	.70	-	1/2	-
Wine		Nil	1/4 litre	-	-	1/2 litre	-
Pasta	As for flour	108	200	7.05	751	-	-
Pulses	As for dried peas	83	60	1.76	146	-	-
Total Daily calories of food issued				43 1/2	3462	39	2972
ADD: Cash grant of 5-10 lire per day according to locality.							say 156
TOTAL daily calories of food issued and bought					3462		3128

NOTE: The Italian soldiers ration has always been increased by extra-ordinary issues of "comfort rations" (chocolate, marmalade etc) under arduous conditions.

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APPENDIX "B"

COMPARATIVE CALORIFIC VALUES In RATION SCALES

AMERICAN DATA

(WASHINGTON RESEARCH COUNCIL, FOOD AND NUTRITIVE BOARD NOV 1943)

Commodity	Remarks	Calories per ounce	Typical pre-Armistice Italian scale.			Present single scale	
			Weight		Calories	Weight	Calories
			Grams	Ounces		Ounces	
Bread	See corresponding note in appendix A. 700 grams bread = 542 grams flour (approx) = 19.1 oz = 1929 calories(American figures) an increase of 101 calories in the value of the Italian issue.	74	700	24.7	1828	-	-
Flour		101	-	-	-	12	1212
Dried Vegetables	Calculated as for dried split peas	100 1/2	-	-	-	2	201
Meat canned	Calculated as for corned beef	62	200	7.05	437	3	186
Cheese		109	10	.35	38	1	109
Sugar		111	15	.54	60	1	111
Macaroni		102	-	-	-	3	306
Rice		99	-	-	-	1	99
Dehydrated Veg.		103	-	-	-	1	103
Catsup or Tomato paste		12	15	.54	6	1/2	6
Coffee or Coffee sub.		Nil	10	.35	-	1/2	-
Pepper		Nil	-	-	-	1/200	-
Fruit	Calculated as a combination of apples and oranges	13	-	-	-	4	52
Vegetables (fresh)	Calculated on average of 5 likely vegetables	8 1/4	-	-	-	8	66
Olive oil		256	18	.54	138	1	256
Nuts	Calculated as Walnuts	190	-	-	-	1/2	98
Salt		Nil	-	-	-	-	-

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Dehydrated Veg.		103	-	-	-	1	103
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Coffee or Coffee sub.		Nil	10	.35	-	1/2	-
Pepper		Nil	-	-	-	1/200	-
Fruit	Calculated as a combination of apples and oranges	13	-	-	-	4	52
Vegetables (fresh)	Calculated on average of 6 likely vegetables	8 1/4	-	-	-	8	66
Olive oil		256	15	.54	138	1	256
Nuts	Calculated as Walnuts	190	-	-	-	1/2	95
Salt		Nil	20	.70	-	1/2	-
Wine		Nil	1/4 litre	-	-	1/2 litre	-
Pasta	Calculated as Macaroni	102	200	7.05	719	-	-
Pulses	Calculated as dried split peas	100 1/2	50	1.76	177	-	-
TOTAL daily calories of Food issued				43 1/2	3403	1339	2802
ADD Cash grant of 3-10 lire per day according to locality.						say	156
TOTAL daily calories of food issued and bought					3403		2958

NOTE: The Italian soldier's ration has always been increased by extra-ordinary issues of "comfort rations" (chocolate, marmalade, etc) under arduous conditions.

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Subject: Supply of Italian Armed Forces (Army, Navy & Air).

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
AQ/3

9 Nov 44.

Herewith one copy of amendment to AFHQ letter AG 400/105 D-O, dated 22 Sep 44.

Please ensure all copies held by you are amended accordingly.

F. J. MOAKES, Col,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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R E S T R I C T E D

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 400/105 D-O

21 November 1944

SUBJECT: Supply of Italian Armed Forces (Army, Navy and Air).

TO : All Concerned.

Letter, this headquarters, file and subject as above, dated 22 September 1944, is amended as follows:

a. Paragraph 3a, line 7, change "M.TOUSA" to "MTOUSA".

b. Paragraph 5, change heading "Functions of AMIL" to read "Functions of Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, (AMIL)".

c. Paragraph 5c, change to read: "The entire resources of the Italian Army are available to all three categories of the Italian Army, thru AMIL, and will be allocated on an equitable basis. Headquarters AMIL will be responsible for control, issue and accounting of supplies so drawn from ITI-ITI Depots".

d. Paragraph 6b, lines 2 and 3, delete "in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia".

e. Paragraph 6g, line 3, delete "and 4d".

f. Paragraph 9e, first sentence, change to read "Monthly adjustments of supplies, other than Medical Stores, whereby ITI-ITI stocks will be reimbursed in kind, will be made by United States and British Armies".

g. Annex "A", paragraph 1c, delete all reference to matches.

h. Annex "A", paragraph 2, change to read: "The following items, to complete the ration, are to be procured by the Italian Army for all three categories listed in paragraph 1 above".

i. Annex "B", paragraph 3, line 2, change "M.TOUSA" to "MTOUSA".

j. Annex "C", paragraph 2, change second sentence to read: "Commanders within the Communications Zone/Line of Communications, Armies, the R.F and AAF/MTO are responsible that items made available to the Italian Army and Air Force are carefully screened and are in such condition as to be beyond economical repair for further use of United States or British military personnel or prisoners of war of the Allied Nations".

k. Annex "C", paragraph 2a, last line, change "paragraph 10 of basic letter" to read, "paragraph 12 of basic letter".

l. Annex "C", paragraph 2b, line 4, change "paragraph 10 of basic letter" to read, "paragraph 12 of basic letter".

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Ltr, AFHQ, AG 400/105 D-O,
21 November 1944 (Cont'd).

m. Annex "C", paragraph 2b (1) and (2), change to read:

(1) Such items are to be utilized for clothing and equipping the BR-ITI and US-ITI categories.

(2) Surplus items are to be utilized for clothing and equipping the ITI-ITI category.

n. Annex "E", paragraph 2c, change to read, "Requirements for US-ITI of items in 1 b and 1 c will be supplied by Commanding General, MTOUSA".

o. Annex "E", Paragraph 2, add a sub-paragraph d as follows: "Medical Stores will be supplied from captured enemy material, within availability, to all categories of the Italian Military Forces".

By command of General WILSON:

ALBERT W. KARR,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

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MESSAGE FORM

Date 100.29 1720 A

FROM : MGIA

TO : 51 PEU

32/1013 (.) PER 34 PEU FOR HOWARD MGIA (.) SUBJECT IS POL FOR MANTOVA MINE (.) AS PW-PEU MANTOVA ENTITLED TO DRAW FROM ALLIED PENCIL POINTS ON PRESENT TICH INCREASED WORK TICKETS (.) BUT REQUIRES ALLIED POINTS TO OUTSIDE UNDERSTOOD TO BE TARANTO OR BRINDISI (.) ARE YOU PROVIDING THEREFORE TO DRAW PCI-PEI POL AS REQUIRED ON LOCAL STOCKS AND IF SO HOW MUCH (.) CT HAVE YOU MADE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH DEFENCE (.) PLEASE CLARIFY POSITION (.) ON APPEAL ADDRESSED ADVA MANTOVA SHOULD DEFINITELY GO OVER TO SYSTEM OF SUPPLY FROM ALLIED POL POINTS

ORIGINATOR - RESTRICT

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MMIA

25 1630 .A.

TO : 51 BLU 52 BLU 53 BLU
54 BLU
PBS FOR MMIA LO

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CONFIDENTIAL

NO FURTHER QUANTITIES OF BISCUITS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ITALIAN OR ALLIED SOURCES FOR ISSUE TO THE GROUPPI DI COMBATTIMENTI AS TRAVELLING RATIONS (.) AT LEAST 5 DAYS BREAD WILL BE CARRIED PLUS 5 DAYS FLOUR TO MAINTAIN THEM (.)

PRECEDENCE ...IMPERATIVE...

AUTHENTICATION ...L.S. Cann Major.....LT.COL.

INTERNAL : SPEC SEC.
DIREZ. GEN. COMMISSARIATO,
ITALIAN WAR MINISTRY.

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S 35 dell'Istruzione sui collegamenti Vol. II
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Indicazioni d'urgenza o eventuali

(1) Mittente

(2) Da trasmettere alla stazione

(1) Indicazione e bollo del comando mittente.
(2) Indice della stazione destinataria o indirizzo del comando destinatario.
(3) Indice della stazione mittente.

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Le ore si contano sul meridiano medio dell'Europa Centrale e di seguito da una mezzanotte all'altra.

Ricevuto il _____ alle ore _____
dalla stazione (3) _____ trasmittente

C ROMA DA COSENZA 227 55 17/11 1300+=+=19

FROM DUE PUNTI M.M.I.A. LO MANTOVA GP TO DUE PUNTI M.M.I.A. NEM DUE PUNTI COMILIT CALABRIA RESTRICTED QI /-/ FOR ST/-/ REFERENCE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION PIDSLEY HOWARD OF 1(9 PLEASE INCREASE ALOTTMENT PETROL COMILIT CALABRIA FOR MONTH DECEMBRE BY 200 GALLONS /-/ REQUIRED TO COVER EXTRA CONSUMPITIONM THIS MONTH DUE TO MT COURSES FOR MANTOVA PERSONNEL /-/ FOR NOAKES ARRIVING EVENING 19+=

~~D.C~~ To note Dr Wright

ADS.T / Ref our conversation on above - What is the position

WP
18 Nov

+=+= TRS BONZANO DSP 227 0050161144RCV? PANI SCD

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SERVIZIO TELEGRAFICO MILITARE

Indirizzo (1) M.M.I.A.

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N. 2927 del Catal. 57

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(1) Dal destinatario per i telegrammi da consegnare a domicilio; dal telefonista per i telegrammi da trasmettere per telefono.

Bollo del comando della stazione destinataria o della stazione mittente.

Indice del collegamento. 962

Le ore si contano sul meridiano medio dell'Europa Centrale e di seguito da una mezzanotte all'altra.

Ricevuto il _____ alle ore _____

dalla stazione (3) O ROMA DA COSENZA 227 65 17/11 1300 19

smittente _____

FROM DUE PUNTI M.M.I.A. LC MANTOVA GP TC DUE PUNTI M.M.I.A. NEM DUE PUNTI COMILIT CALABRIA RESTRICTED QI /-/ FOR ST/-/ REFERENCE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION PIDSLEY HOWARD OF 1(9 PLEASE INCREASE ALOTTMENT PETROL COMILIT CALABRIA FOR MONTH DECEMBRE BT 200 GALLONS /-/ REQUIRED TC COVER EXTRA CONSUMPITIONM THIS MONTH DUE TO MT COURSES FOR MANTOVA PERSONNEL /-/ FOR NOAKES ARRIVING EVENING 19+=

To note

ADS.T Ref our conversation on above - What is the position

WP 18 Nov

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Consegnato al messaggero alle ore _____

Ora di recapito _____

(1) Telegramma, fonogramma, fototelegramma, fotofonogramma, marconigramma e fonomarconigramma

Primo tempo da piegare

Ordinativo 360 dell'1-10-1940-XVIII - (50.000 x 100)
Antonio Cordani - Cartotecnica e Legatoria - Roma

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FM : IGHQ

TO : 50, 51, 52, 53, 54 BRIG

16 1505 ..

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Confidential

50 BRIG signal SC/34 and 51 BRIG signal G5 both of 11. Nov refer (.) Disposition, schedules, instructions, will be included in monthly bids submitted this HQ by HQ District in which GROUP will be located after move formed (.) See this HQ Admin Instruction No 12 (.) Hospital supplies and disinfectants will be provided by release from Allied stocks at Base and will be available from Italian Medical Depots on demand through Italian Medical channels (.) All arrangements in hand by this HQ (.) Coop will be ordered forward by this HQ based on monthly bids referred to above at flat rate scale of 300 grammes per man/month for all purposes (.)

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATION /J.L. Cumming/ Lt.Col.

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MESSAGE FORM

TOO.10 1725 A

FROM : MEDA

TO: (1)50 BIAJ

INFO : (2) [illegible] (3) PBJ

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SE/1005(.) (2) FOR "J" (3) FOR MEDA LO (.) REFERENCE YOUR SE/6/12 TO MEDA DATED FIRST AND 97/5 TO MEDA DATED SEVENTH A297 TO DESPATCH DATED EIGHTH AND SE 298 TO DESPATCH DATED NINTH (.) DECISION AMONG POL TO BE CARRIED BY FRIDAY ON DEPARTURE AND PROVISION OF NECESSARY CONTAINERS RESPONSIBILITY 3 DESPATCH (.) DECISION EVENTUAL SECOND LINE POL HOLDER RESPONSIBILITY STAFF OF FORMATION TO WHICH YOU PROCEED (.)

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SUBJECT:- Rations.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
HE/62

Dirgn. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

Copy to:- Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. M.M.I.A.
50 HE
51 HE
52 HE
53 HE
54 HE

Special Section

1. Please ensure that, when units with Combat Groups move to their allotted locations, they will carry with them 7 days rations complete, plus travelling rations.

H.L. PERCEVAL.
Lt.Col. RASC,
ADST. Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).

HE/30

Who said so?

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SUBJECT :- Medical Comforts.

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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
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8 Nov 7 Nov 44.

Diror. Gen. Commissariato,
Italian War Ministry.

Your 11809/3/1 of 3 Nov 44 refers.

1. It is agreed that purchases of cognac may be made, under Ministry of War arrangements, to permit the issue of 3 centilitres per man to troops working in particularly arduous weather conditions.

2. Issues to troops should be controlled by vesting authority for issue in an officer of suitably high rank, e.g. Divisional Commander, who should be guided by the advice of his senior medical officer.

3. Main stocks should be concentrated at Naples and Bari, but in the case of the Gruppi Combattimenti sufficient cognac for two issues to full Gruppo strength may be held by each Gruppo Commander, adequate precautions being taken to prevent unauthorised access to such stocks.
Issues to Gruppo personnel will be replaced by demands submitted to Commissariato, Naples.

B. L. Percival

B.L. PERCIVAL.
Lt. Col. RAMC,
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).

BLP/Jo

Copy to:- DADST 50, 51, 52, 53 BLUs.
IG, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA),
NAPLES; BARI.

INTERNAL:- A/Q
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INTELLIGENCE FLASH

FROM : MECA

TO : MECA AO 53 (EAS

29 1635 ..

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Please state whether Field Bakery with you is functioning and has equipment or not (.) Paren Some Area _____ Paren (.)

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Authentication L Pinnell-Mason Lt.Col.
Capt.f

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(SR/87/T)

MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MMIA

TO : (1) 50 HLH

(2) 51 HLH
(3) 64 GARRISON

INFO : PRI FOR MMIA LO NAPLES

SE/402 (.) (3) FOR 52 AND 53 HLHS (.) ALL FOR DADES (.) PAREN ROME AIFA PAREN (.) WHP FIRST NOV ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPS DRAW POL EX US/BRITISH STOCKS (.) TRIP TICKETS (WORK TICKETS) MUST BE PRESENTED QUOTE ENTITLED TO DRAW POL FROM ALLIED MILITARY STOCKS UNQUOTE IN RED INK (.) AUTH ADJ "Q" (MAINT) FX 43166 OF 20 OCT (.) LETTER FOLLOWS

T00.30 1110 A

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AUTHENTICATION

LT. COL.

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A/G MMIA.
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SPEC SEC. MMIA.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MMIA

TO : (1) 50 BLU TOO. 271000A

INFO (2) 56 AREA (3) DIDTURKEM (4) AFHQ (5) 51 BLU
(6) PEG (7) AFHQ PET SEC.

ST400 (.) (1) AND (5) FOR DADET (2) (3) AND (4) FOR SP (6) FOR MMIA LO (.)
PAREN ROME AREA_____PAREN (.) IN REPLY TO IMPORTANT SIGNAL UNNUMBERED
DATED 21 (.) FIRST (.) YOUR POL FOR PERIOD ENDING 20 OCT GMA AT MEETING BLOCK -
PATTEAU MAPLES 11 OCT AGREED DOUBLING OF ORIGINAL ALLOCATION FOR SEVEN TO
TWENTY OCT WOULD SATISFY YOUR NEEDS SIGNAL G161 MMIA NAPLES TO ROME DATED
11 OCT RPTD 50 AND 51 BLUS REFERS (.) THE DOUBLE ALLOCATION WAS OBTAINED FOR
YOU SIGNAL T/T/10 MMIA ROME TO NAPLES DATED 13 OCT RPTD 50 AND 51 BLUS AND SIGNAL
PET 30/6/3 PET SEC TO CIP BENEVENTO DATED 13 OCT REFERS (.) NOT RPT NOT
THEREFORE UNDERSTOOD WHY YOU WERE SHORT IN PERIOD ENDING 20 OCT UNLESS YOU MEAN
CIP BENEVENTO HAD INSUFFICIENT STOCKS TO MEASURE NAPLES DAILY AUTHORIZED (.)
IF LATTER WAS THE TROUBLE PLEASE SAY SO AND WE CAN TAKE UP (.) SECOND (.)
YOUR POL FOR PERIOD COMMENCING 21 OCT GMA NOT RPT NOT OUT SEE T/07 DATED
19 OCT MMIA ROME TO PET SEC COPY TO YOU GMA DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOUR CALCULATION
AND ACTUAL ALLOCATION ARISES BECAUSE ALL POL TRANSACTIONS HERE CALCULATED IN
AMERICAN GALLONS BUT YOU APPARENTLY WORKING IN BRITISH GALLONS AND ALSO BECAUSE
BID BY THIS HQ FOR PERIOD 21 TO 30 OCT INCLUSIVE SEE LETTER QUOTED REFERRED
BY PET SEC TO INCLUDE THIRTY PERS (.) THIRD (.) PLEASE NOTE FOREGOING
DEMONSTRATES YOUR POL REQUIREMENTS RECEIVING CAREFUL ATTENTION THIS HQ AND
PET SEC (.) EXCEPTION TAKEN TO TERMS OF YOUR SIGNAL

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PAPIGEAU NAPLES 11 OCT AGREED DOUBLING OF ORIGINAL ALLOCATION FOR NINETEEN TO TWENTY OCT WOULD SATISFY YOUR NEEDS SIGNAL 8161 MMIA NAPLES TO ROME DATED 11 OCT RPTD 50 AND 51 BLUS REFERS (.) THE DOUBLE ALLOCATION WAS OBTAINED FOR YOU SIGNAL TFT/10 MMIA ROME TO NAPLES DATED 13 OCT RPTD 50 AND 51 BLUS AND SIGNAL PET 30/G/3 PET SEC TO CIP BENEVENTO DATED 13 OCT REFERS (.) NOT RPT NOT THEREFORE UNDERSTOOD WHY YOU WERE SHORT IN PERIOD ENDING 20 OCT UNLESS YOU MEAN CIP BENEVENTO HAD INSUFFICIENT STOCKS TO EXECUTE RELEASES DULY AUTHORISED (.) IF LATTER WAS THE TROUBLE PLEASE SAY SO AND WE CAN TAKE UP (.) SECOND (.) YOUR POL FOR PERIOD COMMENCING 21 OCT CNA NOT RPT NOT CUT SEE T/87 DATED 19 OCT MMIA ROME TO PET SEC COPY TO YOU CNA DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOUR CALCULATION AND ACTUAL ALLOCATION ARISES BECAUSE ALL POL TRANSACTIONS HERE CALCULATED IN AMERICAN GALLONS BUT YOU APPARENTLY WORKING IN BRITISH GALLONS AND ALSO BECAUSE BID BY THIS HQ FOR PERIOD 21 TO 30 OCT INCLUSIVE SEE LETTER QUOTED EXTENDED BY PET SEC TO INCLUDE THIRTY FIRST (.) THIRD (.) PLEASE NOTE FOREGOING DEMONSTRATES YOUR POL REQUIREMENTS RECEIVING CAREFUL ATTENTION THIS HQ AND PET SEC (.) EXCEPTION TAKEN TO TERM OF YOUR SIGNAL

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"S & T, MMBA.

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File S/T/ 9317

R.A.S.C. Training Depot

Programme No.... Italian Officers Supply and Transport Course.

Day No.	Date	0900 - 1000	1030 - 1120	1130 - 1220	1400 - 1450	1
1		Lecture. Opening Address. (a)	Lecture. Organisation of Transport Unit. (b)		Lecture. Road Movement & C (b)	
2		Demonstration. Road Movement & Convoy Control. (c)		Lecture. (b) Organization of Company & Platoon Vehicle Maintenance.	Lecture & Demonstration. The sixteen tasks. (a)	
3		Demonstration. Vehicle Maintenance. (c)	Lecture & Sand Table Exercise. Protection of Transport Company in Location & on the move. (d)			
4		Lecture. The Operational Task. (b)		Demonstration. The Rifle -"36" & "75" Grenades. (a)	Lecture. The Ammunition Technical (b)	
5		Lecture. The Ammunition System Operation of System. (b)	Lecture. Loading. (b)	Lecture. The Petrol System Technical. (d)	Operation of System. (b)	
6		Lecture. The Supply System Technical. (b)	Operation of System. (b)		Lecture. Water, Blankets & Anti-Gas reserves. (b)	
7		Demonstration & Sand Table Exercise Movement of troops by M.T. (d)	Lecture. Organisation of Base and lines of Communication - Control of Supply and Transport. (b)		Lecture. Replenishment of Non-R.A.S.C. Stores. (b)	

NOTE Students will report for the various periods as follows:

(a) "Clerks Wing" at rear of "C" Block.
(b) "Conference Room" "C" Block.
(c) "Driving & Maintenance Wing" at r

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R.A.S.C. Training Depot

No.... Italian Officers Supply and Transport Course.

1030 - 1120	1130 - 1220	1400 - 1450	1500 - 1550	1730 - 1830.
Lecture. Organization of Transport Unit. (b)		Lecture. Road Movement & Convoy Control. (b)		Lecture. Road Reconnaisance Reports. (b)
Convoy Control.	Lecture. (b) Organization of Company & Platoon Vehicle Maintenance	Lecture & Demonstration. The sixteen Tasks. (c)	Lecture. Vehicle Documentation. (c)	Practical. Driving & Maintenance for Platoon Officers. (c)
Lecture & Send Table Exercise. Protection of Transport Company in Location & on the move. (d)			Lecture. The Operational Task. (b)	Demonstration. The L.M.G. (Bren) (c)
l Task.	Demonstration. The Rifle -"36" & "75" Grenades. (d)	Lecture. The Ammunition System Technical (b)	Operation of System (b)	Practical. Driving & Maintenance for Platoon Officers. (c)
A System Driving. (b)	Lecture. The Petrol System Technical. (d)	Operation of System. (b)		Demonstration. The P.I.A.T. & T.S.M.G. (c)
tion Operation of System. (b)		Lecture. Water, Blankets & Anti-Gas reserves. (b)	Lecture. Movement of Troops by M.T. (b)	Practical. Driving & Maintenance for Platoon Officers. (c)
Lecture. Organization of Base and lines of Communication - Control of Supply and Transport. (b)		Lecture. Replenishment of Non-R.A.S.C. Stores. (b)	Revision. (b)	Course Disperses.

(a) "Clerks Wing" at rear of "C" Block.
(b) "Conference Room" "C" Block.
(c) "Driving & Maintenance Wing" at rear of "F" "K" Block.
(d) "Model Room" at rear of "H" Block.
(e) "Rifle Range.

...s periods as shown.

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R.A.S.C. Training Depot.

Programme - No.... Italian Army N.C.O's Driving and Maintenanc

Day No.	Date.	0830-0915	0915-1000	1030-1115	1115-1200	1330-1415	1415-1500	1500-
1		Lecture Opening Address	Lecture Introduction to a Transport Coy.	Lecture V E H I C L E D O C U M E N T I O N				Lectu Intro to Ve Mainte
2		Practical. R O A D M O V E M E N T.					Practical. V E H I C L E M A I (16 Tasks)	
3		Practical. V E H I C L E M A I N T E N A N C E. (16				Lecture. Effect of Stores & Equipment.	Lecture. Frost & Fire Precautions.	Lectu Camou Concea
4		Practical. V E H I C L E M A I N T E N A N C E. (16 Tasks)				Practical. V E H I C L E I N S P		
5		Practical. M O T O R C Y C L E M A I N T E N A N C E. (6 Tasks)				Demonstration. T O W I N G A N D R E C O V		
6		Practical. M O T O R C Y C L E M A I N T E N A N C E. (6 Tasks)						
7		Lecture & Demonstration. MOVEMENT OF TROOPS BY MOTOR TRANSPORT.	Revision.	Lecture. ROAD [illegible]		Practical. R O A D M O V E M E N T A N D C C O N T R O L.		

NOTES. (a) Petrol rocus in driving and maintenance [illegible] (b) At [illegible] (c) At [illegible]

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R.A.S.C. Training Depot.

Programme - No.... Italian Army N.C.O's Driving and Maintenance Course.

	1030-1115	1115-1200	1330-1415	1415-1500	1500-1545	1545-1630	1730-1830
	Lecture				Lecture	Lecture	Private
tion	V E H I C L E D O C U M E N T I O N				Introduction to Vehicle Maintenance.	Road Movement.	Study. (a)
nsport Coy.							

Practical.

V E M E N T.

Private Study. (a)

M A I N T E N A N C E. (16 Tasks)

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE (16 Tasks)

Lecture. Effects of Oil Stores & Accessories.

Lecture. Frost & Fire Precautions.

Lecture. Camouflage & Concealment.

Lecture. AB 406 & Vehicle Inspection.

Demonstration: Light Machine Gun (Breda) (b)

Practical.

M A I N T E N A N C E. (16 Tasks)

VEHICLE INSPECTIONS - AB 406

Demonstration. Dingo - "30" and "75" Cwt Trailer. (c)

Demonstration.

Revision.

Demonstration. P.I.A.T. and T.S.M.G. (b)

T O W I N G A N D R E C O V E R Y.

Practical.

M A I N T E N A N C E. (6 Tasks)

MOTOR CYCLE INSPECTIONS AB 406

Revision.

Private Study. (c)

Practical.

Revision.

Lecture.

ROAD MOVEMENT.

ROAD MOVEMENT AND CONVOY CONTROL.

Course Pioneers.

(b) At [illegible] (behind sheds)

(c) At [illegible] hour (½ hour of [illegible]).

All other periods at [illegible] and Maintenance [illegible] as [illegible].

R.A.S.C. TRAINING DEPOT.

SYLLABUS ITALIAN ARMY OFFICERS SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT COURSE.

1. OBJECT.

To train Officers of Italian second line companies (organized on British Establishments) for Italian formations which will be maintained from British sources.

2. DURATION.

Seven full working days of 5 x 50 minute periods, plus an evening period devoted mainly to practical driving and maintenance, and demonstrations of British weapons.

Total 42 periods.

3. OUTLINE.

The course is divided into three consecutive portions:-

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-do- (demonstration)	1.
-do- (practical)	3.
Protection - lectures and sand table exercise.	3.
Weapons - Demonstrations of LMG, PIAT, TSMG, Rifle and Grenades.	3.
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Ammunition replenishment - lectures.	4.
Petrol system - lectures.	3.
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Movement of troops by MT - lecture.	1.
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Total.	42.

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SYLLABUS ITALIAN ARMY NCOs DRIVING AND MAINTENANCE COURSE

1. OBJECT.

To train in British methods the NCOs of Italian second line companies organized on British Establishments.

2. DURATION.

Seven full working Days, each of eight 45 minute periods. In addition three evening periods - demonstrations of British weapons - LMG - Rifle - PIAT and Grenades.

Total 59 periods.

3. SYLLABUS.

Subject.	Periods.
Opening Address.	1.
Introduction to a transport company - lecture.	1.
Road movement - lectures.	2.
-do- Practical and Demonstrations.	8.
Vehicle documentation, maintenance and inspection - lectures,	6.
-do- Practical and Demonstrations.	27.
Platoon POL Stores and Accounting - lecture.	1.
Frost, Fire precautions - lecture.	1.
Camouflage and concealment - lecture. (Practical side covered during "Road Movement" outdoor periods).	1.
Weapons - demonstrations.	3.
Towing and Recovery - demonstrations.	3.
Movement of troops by MT - Lecture and Demonstration	2.
Revision.	3.
Total.	59.

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R.A.S.C. TRAINING DEPOT.

Precis (Italian): ORGANIZATION OF TRANSPORT COMPANY.

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1 Your unit is organized on lines similar to those of the British ROYAL ARMY SERVICE CORPS rather than on those of the Italian army.

2 This present British organization is one which has been introduced since the beginning of the present war. It will require some time to find by experiment the best way to organize your company, and to weld it into a smooth-working and efficient unit. It is for this reason that our experience, covering even small points, is being given to you; it may help you with suggestions, and save your time. That is the object of this present lecture.

3 Let us suppose, therefore, that you are an English R.A.S.C. major who has been placed in command of a transport company which has just been formed.
The general organization of his new command will, of course, be familiar to him to a very large extent. All R.A.S.C. transport units are formed from certain standard sub-units:-

(a) Company H.Q.
(b) Transport Platoons
(c) Relief Driver Increments
(d) Specialist Platoons
(e) Workshops Platoons

Each company will be formed from a given number of these sub-units, according to the task allotted to it.

4 Let us suppose that this particular company is composed of the following:

(a) One - Company HQ
(b) Three - Transport Platoons
(c) Three Relief Driver Increments
(d) Two - Specialist Platoons
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and that its task is to supply a Combat Group composed of one infantry brigade, with artillery, engineers, signals and other services.

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The company commander's first thought will be for the organization of his headquarters, which has four main tasks to perform:

(a) The control of the operational side of the company, i.e. of the vehicles and drivers.
(b) It is the channel for the receipt of orders from higher authority, and their transmission to the sub-units concerned.
(c) The administrative organization of the whole unit; rations, equipment, pay, hygiene; maintaining the necessary standard of training and discipline. In other words, every aspect of the company, its men, vehicles and equipment, which will make for efficiency.
(d) The provision for the personnel of Company HQ itself a local commander for administration and discipline, in the same way that the platoons of the company have their own local commander, or platoon officer.

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The transport platoon officers have very heavy responsibilities. They are responsible to their company commander for the platoon's operational side, the care and maintenance of vehicles, the discipline, efficiency and welfare of all their NCOs and men. They are further responsible for all vehicles, stores and equipment on charge to their platoons.

8 RELIEF DRIVER INCREMENTS.

Will not normally exist as separate sub-units, as they will be allotted to the transport platoons and function as a part of those platoons.

9 SPECIALIST PLATOONS. Responsible for the technical operation (receipt, control, distribution and accounting) of all stores and supplies distributed by the company. Its personnel must be experienced in handling food, petrol, ammunition and all other commodities which the unit may be called upon to transport.

10 WORKSHOPS PLATOON. May not in this case form an actual part of the company, but be detached to a little distance under higher control.

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ROAD MOVEMENT.

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3 Periods.

1. DEFINITION. Road movement means the ability of a unit or part of a unit to move along a given route without inconveniencing or endangering the other road users, and to arrive at the destination at the right time with the loads in good order and vehicles intact.

2. GENERAL. A tpt unit requires the highest standard of road movement. Primarily it is a question of well trained drivers but the officers and N.C.O's must reach an equally high standard in their own jobs in organising such movements and in supervising and controlling the operation in its every phase.

3. TYPES OF MOVEMENT. Road movement can be (a) Tactical
(b) Strategical

(a) Tactical Moves are those which are effected in the fwd op. zone. Personnel may be required to be deployed for battle either during or immediately after, the move. This requires a different disposition of the men and vehs in the column to guard against possible enemy attacks, even at the cost of admin - istration.

(b) Strategical Moves are those which take place to the rear of the op. zone. These comprise normal moves for the replenishment of supps etc.

4. METHODS OF MOVEMENT. Movement of a tpt unit may fall under one of two headings (a) an independent move of the unit (b) a move as part of a fmn and under the control of that fmn. In either case it will probably involve timed movement as laid down by higher authority.

5. MARCH TABLE. Particularly in fwd areas the available rds will be inadequate to deal with all the traffic wishing to use those rds. Higher authority will therefore exercise control over such rds by allotting definite times to different groups of essential tpt.

6. Types of moves of an individual unit,
(a) Individual vehs proceed independently. This method is very rarely used in a unit move, but may be necessary in case of emergency.
(b) Small gps of vehs, travelling together, with much larger spacing between each gp.
(c) As a continuous convoy,
Of the last two, the third simplifies control but is slower than the second.

7. SPEED. In military language this means the speed along a road allowing for small halts of not more than 10 minutes. This is expressed in miles in the hour abbreviated into m.i.h.

8. To maintain a given m.i.h. it is obvious that the leading vehicle must proceed at a speed in excess of the stated m.i.h. This higher speed is called the crawling speed and is expressed in m.p.h.

9. The speed (m.i.h.) of a convoy depends on the condition of the road, the types of vehs being used etc. Fmns will normally lay these down in Standing Orders and in such cases the given speed will always be maintained unless contrary orders are issued for a particular move.

The normal speed of a convoy is about 15 - 17½ m.i.h. during the day. The m.i.h. in the hours of darkness will naturally be much less. It will depend on what lights may be used, on the state of the roads, whether there will be a moon etc.

10. SPEED LIMITS. Speed limits for the various types of vehs will be laid down by fmns.

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. DENSITY. By density is meant the number of vehs (excl. m/cycles) on a given length of rd i.e. the distance between two vehs measuring from the radiator of one to the radiator of the other. Density is given in vehs to the mile (v.t.m.) and denotes the number of vehs to one mile of rd (a mile equals 1610 metres).

The density for moves depends on various factors and especially the like - lihood of an attack. As in the case of speed, the question of a fixed density will probably be laid down in fmn standing orders.

12. Normal densities for rd moves in Italy are:-

(a) on the open rd 17 v.t.m. = 90 metres between vehs.
(b) at halts 50 " " " "
(c) passing through towns the convoy is split up into gps of 10 vehs with a distance between vehs of 20 metres, and between gps of 100 metres.

13. Driver. In passing on the density to drvrs, it will be described as " so many metres between you and the veh in front".

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14 CALCULATIONS OF SPEED AND DENSITY. If one knows the number of vehicles in the convoy and the density it is possible to calculate the length of road occupied by the whole convoy. Thus if one knows the speed one can work out the time necessary for the convoy to pass a definite point. Knowing all these factors and having a road map available one can work out exactly the moment at which the head of the convoy will arrive at a point situated on that road and the moment at which the tail of the convoy will pass that point.

15 THE PRACTICAL MOVE OF A UNIT. The move of a unit requires a good knowledge of the main points given above. The rest is purely a question of good training and of common sense. To give a clearer picture of the actual procedure we will imagine now that your unit is operating in a certain sector of North Italy and that in consequence of a changed Order of Battle you and the other units comprising your Div., have to move to a destination some 100 miles away to work with a new formation.

16 You will probably first receive a warning order, a message which will tell you to be ready to move and which may give you some information of the time of the move and the destination. The Company Commander will inform all his sub units and the officers will get them ready for an early move.

17 When the Movement Order arrives the most important points to look for are:-

(a) The Starting Point, the route and the destination.
(b) The time of departure and the hour at which you arrive at your destination.
(c) The speed, the density and the halts (if any).
(d) Any admin orders regarding loads, feeding arrangements, action on arrival in the new area etc. These will depend on the task of your unit, on local conditions etc but will be clearly explained to you.

18 The Coy Comd must give the necessary orders as follows:-

(a) He will issue orders covering the Starting Point, starting time and order of march.
(b) Control during the move.
(c) Action on arrival at the destination, which will probably be the point at which the various units comprising the convoy move off independently to their individual locations. A destination of this type is called the Dispersal Point.
(d) He will run through all the points enumerated in para 17. Should time permit or it be felt order an immediate recce of the route to be taken.

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  (ii) Pace keeping
  (iii) Traffic control
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(i) Contact to be made with a representative of the advance party
(ii) Dispersal to the final destinations.

22 RECONNAISSANCE. This may be for obtaining information about the enemy, our own troops, the suitability of roads for M.T. new areas for occupation, etc.

23 Recce for information about the enemy is usually limited to finding whether specific roads or areas are clear. Precise orders are essential and should be framed as specific questions requiring a precise answer. Recce reports will be given in a standardised form.

24 For such a recce, a light car or 15cwt truck, with one or two M/Cs is the best. The car should be led by one m/c followed by the other, keeping visual touch but at sufficient distance to reduce the chances of all three being destroyed if contact is made with the enemy. Yor driving personnel will be ready for immediate action.

25 Recce regarding our own troops will often be necessary to find the locations of units we are supplying. This can be done by a car, a m/c, if tactically safe. If the situation is obscure or contact with the enemy likely, see previous para.

26 Convoy movement where possible will be preceded by a road recce. If time does not allow of this, recce will be made by hounds ahead of the convoy. Remember that there may be no maps and only bad ones and then the recce report will be the only information on roads the Coy Comd has.

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27 Coy and Pl Comds are responsible for the recce of rds which they are likely to have to use. For this advantage should be taken of halts and other opportunities. Daylight recce of rds to be used in dark is particularly important. When possible sub-unit comds should see rds by daylight.

28 The officer ordering the recce should receive a written report. This falls into two parts. The first is a summary of the main points, from which the officer can make his decision. The second shows the detailed results of the recce, usually in the form of a sketch map.

29 In a recce for suitability of rds for M.T. the following should be noted:-

(a) Bridges - number of traffic lines, weight limits, restrictions at entrance or exit.
(b) Covered stretches for halts.
(c) Whether country is flat or hilly, landmarks along the rd.
(d) Bottlenecks (those places where the normal flow of traffic will be restricted such as stretches of one way traffic, diversions, obstructions etc).
(e) Fords - depths, type of bottom, length, type of approaches.
(f) Level Crossings - one way - paved or not.
(g) Towns and inhabited localities - traffic restrictions - chance of detour.
(h) Roads - type and condition of surface, width, halting places off rd (if accessible) - points requiring traffic control - round abouts, halting places, cover etc.

30 ROADS. Rds are classified by letters as regards width and by figures as regards surface and foundations.

Width 'A' rds are those wide enough to take two streams of traffic.
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3. rds capable of taking horse tpt only.
4. rds capable of taking pack tpt only or bridle paths.

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31 POINTS TO BE NOTED BEFORE MAKING A RECCE.
The officer carrying it out should (a) obtain a map or maps of the area covered by the route to be recce'd (b) prepare a rough sketch of the proposed route to a scale of approx 1:500,000 (c) make certain that he is in possession of a note book and pencil before proceeding on the recce.

32 Example of a recce is shown at Apnx 'A'. This is an exact reproduction of Apnx iv on pages 40 & 41 of R230 Org Pamphlet No 5 except that Italian place names have been given instead of English.

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R.A.S.C. TRAINING DEPOT.

Precis; INTRODUCTION TO MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF VEHICLES.

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1. No machine made by man is immune from wear of its working parts and, ultimately from wearing out.

2. Systematic maintenance of a machine will, however, reduce wear to a minimum consistent with use, and will prevent the extra wear which arises from misuse or lack of maintenance. It is a fact that the wear caused by neglect is at a very much higher rate than that arising out of fair use.

3. This applies to military vehicles. These, and the goods which they carry, are an essential part of a battle, or a war. No efforts must ever be spared to keep vehicles in good mechanical condition and fit for use, and to keep them in this state for the longest possible time.

4. Of the many responsibilities falling upon the officers and NCOs of a transport company, this is the most important of all. In fact, it is absolutely vital.

5. MAINTENANCE.

The maintenance of military vehicles falls into three different stages:

(a) Regular daily care and adjustment.
(b) Regular full ispections to check the general condition and discover latent defects before they can develop seriously.
(c) Provision for the repair of defects.

The first stage is the maintenance of the vehicle by its driver; the second stage is divided between the transport platoon and the workshops platoon; the third is again divided between the platoon, in respect of smaller repairs, and the workshops platoon.

These stages are dealt with in detail below:

6. FIRST STAGE OF MAINTENANCE - DRIVER'S INSPECTION.

The system on which this is based is called "the 16 tasks". It has proved so valuable during the course of this present war that it is now the standard system for the whole of the British Army.

7. Briefly, the system is this: the whole of a mechanically-propelled vehicle is split up into 16 groups, covering motor, cooling system, carburation, fuel system, transmission, etc. These groups cover every part of the vehicle. 21

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When the daily task has been completed, the fact is entered on the vehicle documents, and any defect which the driver is unable to remedy is reported to his platoon office. A continuous record of the maintenance of every vehicle is, therefore, always available.

9. The maintenance of motor-cycles is carried out in the same way, except that these are covered by 6, and not 16, tasks.

10. SECOND STAGE OF MAINTENANCE - PERIODICAL INSPECTIONS.

A complete inspection of every vehicle is carried out twice every month, and the result recorded in the vehicle documents. These two inspections are equally spaced, so that each vehicle has a fortnightly inspection, in addition to that carried out by the driver in the course of his maintenance.

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11. One inspection is carried out by the workshops platoon responsible for the vehicle, and is a complete technical examination. The other is carried out by the officer of the platoon holding the vehicle on charge, or by a NCO detailed by him.

12. THIRD STAGE OF MAINTENANCE - REPAIRS.

This is the responsibility of the workshops platoon. It has the specialist personnel and equipment for this work, in addition to a certain stock of spare parts. If any repairs cannot be carried out in the workshops platoon owing to shortage of spares or the fact that the vehicle would be immobilized for too long a time, then the vehicle is evacuated rearwards and struck off charge of the company, and a replacement vehicle is demanded.

13. SUMMARY.

The result of this system is that every vehicle has a systematic daily check by the driver, a complete monthly inspection by the platoon and another monthly technical inspection by the workshops platoon.

14. The whole system is based on the daily maintenance by the driver. The necessary standard of driver-maintenance will not be achieved without the strictest supervision.

15. Maintenance within the platoon must be carefully organized, and the following has been found the best method:

(a) The driver's daily task is examined by the section corporal, who initials the entry in the vehicle record.

(b) The platoon officer and sergeant should examine each at least 6 vehicles daily to check that the task for the previous day has been properly carried out. This step is most essential.

(c) Disciplinary action should be taken without exception in every case of negligence by the driver or section corporal to carry out their particular obligations as outlined above.

16. A definite system must be laid down for the monthly platoon inspections. The NCOs of the transport platoon are not expected to be technical specialists; nevertheless, the most capable and experienced NCO available should be used for the monthly inspections. Similarly, the platoon officer should himself undertake every month a proportion of the inspections, in order to satisfy himself that the vehicle maintenance is being properly carried out. He should inspect not less than 10% of his platoon vehicles monthly.

17. VEHICLE DOCUMENTATION.

This subject will be covered in detail in a later lecture.

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PRACTICAL.

INTRODUCTION.

This is a practical lesson following on the lecture. The notes are intended as a guide to the correct correlation of the AB.406 and its application to any particular vehicle.

The main paragraphs of the periods correspond to the groups under which the Vehicle Inspection Report, AB.406, is divided, e.g. Engine, Transmission, Rear Axles etc.

The sub paras refer to the sub paras of the report, e.g. Engine, Cooling System, Fuel System, Wiring, Steering etc. etc.

The object of the Vehicle Inspection is to satisfy the inspecting officer that (a) Maintenance or the inspection is being carried out, (b) that the vehicle is fit for ACTIVE SERVICE.

PREPARATION.

(a) Vehicle thoroughly cleaned and engine warmed up.
(b) Vehicle on level ground - over gerage pit if possible.
(c) Kit and Equipment laid out on ground in front of vehicle.
(d) Bonnet opened or removed.
(e) Hood folded down.
(f) Front axle jacked up (for steering test).
(g) Floor boards removed.
(h) Battery vent plugs removed.
(i) Inspection lamp ready for use.
(j) Driver in line with dash on near side.

INSPECTION.

ENGINE.

1. Sump. Note speedometer reading.
Refer to oil change book and to previous inspection report for last oil change.
Record speedometer reading at which oil is to be changed again. If due, instruct the driver.

2. Engine. A. With engine stopped.

Does the starting handle engage correctly?
Is compression good on all cylinders?
Are all gas tight joints correct :-

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1. Sparking plug joints.

PREPARATION.

(a) Vehicle thoroughly cleaned and engine warmed up.
(b) Vehicle on level ground - over garage pit if possible.
(c) Kit and equipment laid out on ground in front of vehicle.
(d) Bonnet opened or removed.
(e) Tail board down.
(f) Front axle locked up (for steering test).
(g) Floor boards removed.
(h) Battery vent plugs removed.
(i) Inspection lamp ready for use.
(j) Driver in line with dash on near side.

INSPECTION.

ENGINE.

1. Garage. Note speedometer reading.
Refer to oil change book and to previous inspection report for last oil change.
Record speedometer reading at which oil is to be changed again. If due, instruct the driver.

2. Engine. A. With engine stopped.

Does the starting handle engage correctly?
Is compression good on all cylinders?
Are all gas tight joints correct :-

i. Sparking plug joints.
ii. Cylinder head joints.
iii. Inlet manifold joints.
iv. Exhaust manifold joints.
v. Cylinder test plugs.

Are engine bearers and mountings of auxiliaries tight?
Is oil level correct?
Examine oil, is it clean?
Is oil of correct type?
Are there any oil tight joints leaking?
Are there any dings in oil pipes?

B. With engine running.

Does engine start readily (i) by hand?
(ii) by starter?
Does engine run evenly? If not are all plugs firing?
Does it "Tick-over" correctly?
Does engine accelerate and decelerate correctly?

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Are air passages in carburetor free from dirt?
Is lubrication of fan and pump drive unit adequate.
Is condition of all hose joints, and flanged water connections good?
Are the fan and fan drive, pump and pump drive secure?

4. Fuel System.

What is the average s.p.g. as per A.D. 412, 3519 or A.F. C.I.?
Is this figure reasonable?
Are the fuel tanks, outlets and run and carburetter secure?
Are there leaks anywhere in the system?
Are pipes free from kinks?
Does petrol feed freely?
Do the carburetter controls operate correctly?
Are the control joints well lubricated?
Is pipe to air filter secure?
Does air filter need cleaning?
Is carburetter flange joint tight?
Are joints to cylinder and servo tight?

5. Governor System.

Is the seal on the governor intact?
Is the governor operating and controlling the engine at the correct speed?

6. Ignition System.

Are the mountings for the coil, contact breaker and distributer assembly secure?
Is the insulation of all leads in good condition, and free from rubbed or frayed portions?
Are all terminals clean and tight?
Are the contact breaker points clean?
Are sparking plug leads clean?
Are sparking plug gaps adjusted correctly? (See makers handbook).
Are distributer segments clean?

PART A.R.

7. Axles, Stub axles and Hubs.

Is there any play in the swivel pins?
Are the lubricators in good condition and all points well lubricated?
Are all nuts tight and split pinned?

8. Springs.

Are the holding down bolts and spring clips secure?
Are there any broken or rusty leaves?

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Are the swivel pins well lubricated?
Are the steering brackets and pivots secure?
Are all nuts tight and split pinned?

9 Steering.

Is the steering wheel secure?
Is there excessive backlash in the steering?
Is the steering box secure?
Is the oil level in the steering box correct?
Is there play in the steering rods and levers?
Are all nuts tight and split-pinned?

10. Road Wheels.

Is there end play or rim rock in the wheels?
Are wheel nuts tight?
Is split ring tight?
Is there any undue or irregular wear on the front tyres?

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Is thread serviceable and free from oil, dirt etc.?
Are pressures correct? (Including spare).
Are tyre valves secure?

Transmission.

12. Clutch and Clutch Control.

Is there requisite free movement on the clutch pedal?
Does the clutch withdraw and engage completely?
Is clutch pedal lever clear of floor boards when clutch is (a) engaged and (b) disengaged.
Is the return spring of the clutch pedal acting?
Are the lubricators in good condition?
Are all points lubricated?

13. Gear Box.

Is the reverse catch operating?
Do all gears engage easily?
Is the oil in the gear box at the correct level and of the correct type?
Are all nuts and bolts on the gear box and mountings tight?
Is the level plug tight?

14. Power take off.

Not included in Section Inspection.

15. Foot brake.

Is there the requisite slight free movement on the foot brake pedal?
Is the pedal free from the floor boards when in the "off" and "on" position?
Are all brackets tight?
Are all nuts and unions tight?

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Is the pedal free from the floor boards when in the "off" and "on" position?
Are all brackets tight?
Are all nuts and unions tight?
Are all working joints correctly lubricated?
If hydro system, is it free from air locks?
Are the gaitors in good order?
If hydraulic system, is system free from leaks? Is fluid level correct, is correct fluid being used?

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16. Hand Brake.

Is the hand brake lever secure?
Are the ratchet and pawl in good order?
Are all brackets tight?
Are all locking and adjusting nuts tight?
Are all joints and pins clean and lubricated?
Are the brake cam shafts lubricated?
Is the hand brake correctly adjusted?
Are brake shoes free from rubbing on drums?

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17. Shafts, joints, torque, winches, linkage.

Is there wear in the universal couplings?
Are the locking devices on the couplings secure?
Are the splines on the couplings lubricated?
Are all nuts and bolts tight?
Are the universal joint bushes lubricated?
Is there wear in the torque reaction [illegible] (On six wheelers).
Is the torque reaction well lubricated?

REAR AXLES.

18. Axles and hubs.

Are all nuts and bolts tight?
Are there any oil leaks?
Is the filler plug secure and is the oil level correct?
Are the spring mountings secure?
Are all brake supporting brake operation mechanism secure?
Is there any surplus oil near brake linings?

19. Springs.

Are the holding down bolts and spring clips secure?
Are there any broken or rusty leaves?
Are the shackle pins well lubricated, and with six wheelers bogie mounting?
Are the shackel brackets and rivets secure?
Are all nuts tight and split pinned?

19a. Road Wheels.

Are wheel nuts tight?
Is split ring right?

20. Tyres.

Is tread serviceable? Is it free from oil, [illegible], stones, nails etc.?
Are pressures (including spare) correct?
Is spare wheel securely mounted?
Are tyre valves secure?

GENERAL.

21. Chassis frame.

Are all frame and body fittings and brackets tight?
Are spring buffers in good condition?
Are step slings secure?
Are rivets attaching cross members to side members tight?

22. Body.

Are holding down bolts tight?
Are door or tailboard hinges secure and well lubricated?
Are all tailboard pins and chains serviceable?
Are floor boards serviceable?
Does tarp door open?
Are tool boxes clean, and serviceable?

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Are there any broken or faulty leaves?
Are the shackle pins well lubricated, and with six wheelers the bogie mounting?
Are the shackel brackets and rivets secure?
Are all nuts tight and split pinned?

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Is split ring right?

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Is spare wheel securely mounted?
Are tyre valves secure?

GENERAL.

21. Chassis Frame.

Are all frame and body fittings and brackets tight?
Are spring buffers in good condition?
Are stop slings secure?
Are rivets attaching cross members to side members tight?

22. Body.

Are holding down bolts tight?
Are door or tailboard hinges secure and well lubricated?
Are all tailboard pins and chains serviceable?
Are floor boards serviceable?
Does trap door open?
Are tool boxes clean, and serviceable?

23. Cab and Superstructure.

Do the doors open and close properly?
Can the windows be operated easily?
Are the windows in good order?
Is the canopy weather proof?
Are the eyelets, hooks and ropes in good order?
Are the inner, frame and the straps and fasteners of the driver's canopy in good condition?
Are mat, shovel, grease brackets serviceable?
Is the windscreen serviceable?

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24. Condition of tools and equipment.
Are the items of tools and equipment complete as enumerated in the A.B. 412?
Are the items serviceable?
Are delicate articles carefully stowed?
Are fire extinguishers in good order, filled with the correct fluid, correctly mounted, and when were they last tested?

25. Tyre pump.
If power driven, does drive engage correctly, and does give good pressure?
Are all pipes and unions tight and not leaking?
Is the rubber connection in good condition?

26. Electrical equipment.
Are the battery terminals clean, tight and smeared with Lanoline?
Is the battery in good order and the electrolyte level correct?
Is the battery box clean and dry?
Does the battery box hold the battery securely?
Do the lights, horn, windscreen wiper, trafficators, inspection lamp and other electrical devices work correctly?
Are the lamps properly timed?
Are all terminals (switchboard), dynamo and starter motor) clean and tight?
Are there any frayed leads?
Is spare fuse or fuse wire being carried?

27. Lubrication.
Are there any lubricators missing or oil ways clogged?
Are all parts of the vehicle properly lubricated?

28. Cleanliness.
Is the vehicle clean in all parts:-
Are the undersides of the engine, transmission, the axles clean?
Is the vehicle clean externally?

29. Remarks on road test.
(1) Does the engine pull well in all gears?
(2) Are there any signs of clutch slip?
(3) Is the acceleration and deceleration good?
(4) Does the engine respond to the ignition lever (if fitted). If not fitted is there excessive pinking under reasonable road conditions).
(5) Is the steering good?
(6) Is there any undue noise in the intermediate gears?
(7) Are the brakes operating efficiently?
(8) Is the driving clutch correctly adjusted?

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(5) Is the steering good?
(6) Is there any undue noise in the intermediate gears?
(7) Are the brakes operating efficiently?
(8) Is the driving mirror correctly adjusted?
(9) Are there any noises, rattles etc.?
(10) Is there undue vibration?
(11) Do the bridge drum or wheel hubs run hot?

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30. General condition.
Is the vehicle satisfactorily maintained?
Is it fit for ACTIVE SERVICE?

NOTE:- Initial remarks should be written in a note book carried for the purpose. When the inspection is completed the remarks should be transferred from the note book to the A.B. 406. The complete records of inspection will be thus kept clean.

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PROTECTION

PART I - GENERAL

1. INTRODUCTION

(a) "Every cond of a body of tps is at all times responsible for its protection; this applies equally to a div under a Major Gen as to a patrol under an NCO.

(b) Definition of Protection - All measures adopted by a cond to safeguard his cond against surprise and to conceal his disposition from the enemy.

(c) We may get some protection afforded by disposition of fighting troops - eg. by a mobile AFV escort or may even move along protected corridors.

(d) "The object of a cond of tps Unit will be to hold off the enemy while extricating itself and to avoid becoming engaged unnecessarily."

(e) "Any body of tps can be regarded as secure unless protection is furnished in all directions from which attack is possible, whether from the front, the flanks, the rear or the air."

(f) In the event of ground attack the object is to keep the enemy out of effective range of vehs.

(g) In the event of any attack, supreme effort and cond of nearest fighting tps should be info.

2. INFO.

Accurate and timely info is one of the most important means of protection. Info can be obtained in three ways -

(a) RECCE and subsequent dissemination of info to all concerned.
Remember "Time spent in RECCE is never wasted".

(b) Int info from enemy, obtained through PW's etc of all concerned.

(c) Obs and Sentries.
Air, Gd and ground sentries.
Patrols by day and by night.
All obs and sentries must be regularly relieved and be given definite and concise instns.

System of Alarms.

Info secured by (c) must be passed on to all concerned by a system of alarms which must be easily understood and, when received, all personnel must know exactly what they are to do. Examples of warnings:-

(i) AA in night - succession of short blasts on whistle and both arms raised above head and kept waved.
(ii) Air attack ended - two long blasts at interval of 5 secs.
(iii) General Alarm - succession of alternate long and short blasts.
(iv) General Gas Alarm -
(a) Gas other than spray - sound rattle ONLY.
(b) Gas spray - series of short blasts on whistle when aircraft is sighted and the word "Spray" shouted and passed on by mouth when Gas spray is detected.
(v) Gas Detectors - Detector Gas Spray } Used to detect:-

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(f) In the event of ground attack the object is to keep the enemy out of effective range of vehs.
(g) In the event of air attack, supervise offr and comd of nearest fighting tps should be info.

2. Info.
Accurate and timely info is one of the most important means of protection.
Info can be obtained in three ways:-

(a) R.O.C.S. and subsequent dissemination of info to all concerned.
Remember "Time spent in R.O.C. is weight off your mind".
(b) Int info from staff, obtained through Int rep of HQ concerned.
(c) Obs and Observation.
Air, Gd and ground sentries.
Patrols by day and by night.
All obs and sentries must be regularly relieved and be given definite and concise instns.

System of Alarms.
Info acquired by (c) must be passed on to all concerned by a system of alarms which must be easily understood and, when sounded, all personnel must know exactly what they are to do. Examples of warnings:-
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(ii) Air attack studd - two long blasts at intervals of 5 secs.
(iii) General Alarm - succession of alternate long and short blasts.
(iv) General Gas Alarm -
(a) Gas other than spray - frantic rattling of R.
(b) Gas spray - series of short blasts on whistle when aircraft are sighted and the word "Spray" should be passed on by mouth when Gas spray is detected.
(v) Gas Detectors - Detector Gas Spray, Detector Gas Ground, Detector Gas Individual, Detector paper on vehs } Used to detect:- Blister Gases.
Detector Paper Type "A" - Arsine.
(vi) Fire alarm - banging of improvised gong.

In cases where tps are dispersed over a large area, it will be necessary for each sub-unit to have its own system of alarm posts and when one post has raised the alarm, it will be taken up by the other posts in turn. It may be necessary to have a visual method (e.g. by flag - Amb) of passing on the alarm.

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3. FORMS OF ATTACK AND PROTECTION AGAINST THEM.

Type of Attack	Protection to be adopted
A. Attack from the air.	
(i) High altitude bombing	(a) Air sentries and alarm system. (b) Dispersion. (c) Protection - slit trenches and weapon pits as soon as possible.
(ii) Dive bombing and strafing by MG and cannon fire	(a) As above. (b) To be engaged by LMGs and rifle fire.
(iii) Incendiary bombing - not probably directed against bulk installations, but ammunition, petrol or fuel dumps.	(c) As above. (b) Organised fire parties and fire drill.
(iv) Reconnaissance flights as a preliminary to artillery or aerial bombardment.	(a) As above. (b) No action. Absolute concealment.
(v) Airborne attack.	(a) Early alarm. (b) Speed of action. (c) Fight on until the nearest fighting unit.
B. Land attack.	
(i) AFVs.	(a) Rapidly recce. (b) Protective dets. (c) Rd blocks where practicable, to be covered by fire from AFVs which must themselves be covered by rifle or MG fire.
(ii) Arty.	(a) Dispersion. (b) Protection - slit trenches and weapon pits as soon as possible. (c) Move to previously reconnoitred area. (d) Report.
(iii) Inf.	(a) Gen alarm. (b) Engage with LMG and rifle fire. (c) Report.
C. Gas Attack. From air or land.	(a) Gas sentries - gas alarm and detectors. (b) Each unit gas knowledge and ability to recognise gases and take proper action. (c) Civil aid against all war gases. (d) Care and use of gear. (e) Unit gas centre - two or four

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tps.

B. Land Attack.

(i) AFVs.

(a) Timely recce.
(b) Protective dets.
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(d) Report.

(iii) Inf.

(a) Gen alarm.
(b) Engage with LMG and rifle fire.
(c) Report.

C. Gas Attack.
From air or land.

(a) Gas sentries - gas alarm and detectors.
(b) Individual gas knowledge and ability to recognise gases and take immediate action.
(c) Strict discipline against all wrong gases.
(d) Care and use of gas.
(e) Anti-gas centre - try out Gas ground.

4. STANDING ORDERS.

It is essential that standing orders are laid down to cover as many emergencies as possible and that the action to be taken in every contingency is clearly stated. Personnel must be thoroughly practised in carrying out such orders.

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PART II - PROTECTION OF LOCATION.

1. Objectives.

(i) To allow the bulk of the force to rest or continue their normal duties in safety.
(ii) To prevent the enemy from obtaining info.
(iii) To give warning of an attack and to offer resistance.

2. Concealment.

Many air recce will be carried out by the aerial observer and his aerial camera. In both cases objects on the ground will be identified chiefly by virtue of their relative shape or colour. Colours as seen from an aeroplane are varying shades of black or white. Remember the darkest object to be seen on the ground is always a shadow. A dark object on a dark background will not show up nearly so obviously as a light object on a dark background, e.g. a white tent, an upturned face, a light coat etc.

(1) Selection of site, type of ground.
Make use of natural cover, trees, hedges, hillsides. You must consider your disposition as viewed from the air as well as from the ground. Try and make your vehs, supps, etc., merge into the texture of the natural background.
(2) Artificial Camouflage. Is used to blend the outline of vehs, stacks of supn, pet etc., into the natural background and to break up shadows. This can be done by the intelligent use of a garnished net. Remember that shadows move round with the sun.
(3) Dispersion during hours of daylight, all vehs, food stacks, personnel should be dispersed as far as possible, taking into consideration the type of ground and the cover it affords.
(4) Deception - practise the art of deception and avoid :-
(i) Regular lines or straight lines.
(ii) Reflections from shiny surfaces, windscreens, lamps, pet tins, etc.
(iii) Creation of tracks.
(a) Use existing tracks and make tracks follow natural contours of ground (e.g. ridges of fields, hedges, etc.)
(b) Make dummy tracks.
(c) Never let tracks end at a HQ or anywhere that would make a good bombing target.
(d) Lead tracks past area concerned.
(iv) Smoke from wood fires and lights.
(v) Unnecessary noise.
(vi) Unnatural use of camouflage - e.g. impression of a brush in the middle of a large open area.
(vii) Indiscriminate fire at aircraft - LMG crews and rifle recs must have definite orders about the ~~[illegible]~~ of fire which may differ with various situations. The vital importance of withholding the opening of fire until the aircraft is well within range must be stressed upon all ranks.

3. Morale.

A cmd is responsible for the morale of his tps and during periods of inactivity, maintenance of morale is a vitally important question. It is not enough for him to rely on [illegible]

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3. Morale.

A commander is responsible for the morale of his tps and during periods of inactive operations, this question is vitally important. It is his duty to set the example for his men.

4. Defence of Location.

The object of a defensive scheme is to provide the following:-

(a) Early warning of attack.
(b) Alert, and concentration of defensive positions.
(c) To prevent vital area being overrun, & that holding off the enemy.

5. Defensive Layout.

Based on the all round defence of a platoon location. The defence of a Company is in fact a cordon of platoon locations. The absence of one platoon will not, therefore, prejudice the defence of the remainder of the Company.

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6. Platoon Defence.

Involves the creation of:-

(a) A Platoon Command Post.
(b) Weapon pits - usually one per section.
(c) A mobile reserve under control of the Platoon Command Post.
(d) Vehicle drivers who should be kept as a last central reserve unless required to stand by vehicles in readiness to evacuate.

7. Platoon Command Post.

Normally staffed by Pl Sjt and a runner.

8. Weapon Pits.

One per section manned by the two men from the Relief Driver Increment (RDI) and controlled by the section Cpl. If the vehicles are likely to be evacuated, the section Cpl should accompany them, driving the vehicles of the senior driver who assumes command of the section post.

9. Mobile reserve.

Consists of the Platoon defence team, with their weapons, and all other non-driving personnel. Depending on the conditions it may be possible to withdraw some of the section weapons (LMG & PIAT) to strengthen the mobile reserve.

10. Siting of LMG.

LMGs suitably sited and concealed should form the main small arms det. Concealment from view is of the utmost importance, a 360 arc of fire may have to be sacrificed in favour of concealment.

By night. LMGs will be given area of fire covering their localities. A fd of fire from 100 to 200 yds will suffice. Guns will not normally fire on fixed lines.

By day. The majority of the LMGs should be sited so that each gun fulfils dual purpose wherever possible:-

(1) to cover the harbouring area with AA fire.
(2) to provide covering fire to PIATS located around the harbouring area.

The remaining LMGs should be held as a mob gun and so be available for increasing the volume of fire at any particular pt in the area.

11. Siting of PIAT.

The principal function of the PIAT is defence against armour fighting

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and controlled by the section Cpl. If the vehicles are likely to be evacuated, the section Cpl should accompany them, driving the vehicles of the senior driver who assumes command of the section post.

9. Mobile reserve.

Consists of the Platoon defence team, with their weapons, and all other non-driving personnel. Depending on the conditions it may be possible to withdraw some of the section weapons (LMG & PIAT) to strengthen the mobile reserve.

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The principal function of the PIAT is defence against armoured fighting vehicles. Because of its short range (about 110 metres) it may be necessary to site well forward to hold enemy tanks before they are in effective range of the Platoon vehicles. Effective concealment of its position is essential. It should be located within the arc of covering fire of the LMGs of the main portion defence, and to operate in conjunction with road blocks established on the most likely lines of approach to platoon location.

12. Company Defence Scheme.

(a) All round defence of Company HQ and Specialist Platoon on the same basis as the other Platoons.
(b) Individual Platoon defensive schemes are co-ordinated with over-lapping lines of fire to provide the maximum amount of internal support.
(c) The provision of a Company Mobile reserve from the personnel of the Specialist Platoon.
(d) A motor cyclist or runner from each Platoon to report to Company HQ on the sounding of the alarm for liaison duties.

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PART III - PROTECTION ON THE MOVE

1. CONCEALMENT.

(a) Mov can only be concealed by moving at night or in bad weather.
(b) Possible to deceive enemy by:-
  (i) Moving across country.
  (ii) Moving in daylight by a route calculated to mislead the enemy and completing the move at night.
  (iii) Moving at low density, well dispersed.

2. RECCE.

(a) Prior to the move
In addition to recce of route and destination, recce parties will be required to obtain infm about the enemy and our own tps.
(b) At Halts
Make full use of halts for recce.

3. ORDER OF MARCH - SUGGESTION FOR.

(a) Adv gd:-
  (i) Vang — 1st MC) in visual
  2nd MC) touch.
  (ii) Main Gd. — Spare veh - in case of breakdown and as rd block.

(b) Main body — In order of pls with def trucks and rifle secs spread out along the convoy.

(c) Breakdown det — (incl spare vehs).

(d) Rear gd. — Def truck or rifle sec.
Spare veh.
MC.

4. FLANK PROTECTION.

(a) By recce - lt vehs should always move wide of convoy and give warning by visual sigs.
(b) Picketting.
(c) AFV or inf escort as screen. Closest possible liaison must be maintained between RASC comd and comd of escorting tps.

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5. ACTION IF ATTACKED BY AIRCRAFT.

(a) High level attack - Halts to be of short duration. Increase dispersion if possible and keep on the move.

(b) Low level attack -
  (i) In close country with limited road space, density will be great and

(c) At halts
Make full use of halts for recce.

3. ORDER OF MARCH - SUGGESTION FOR.

(a) Adv gd:-
(i) Vang — 1st MC } in visual
2nd MC } touch.
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5. ACTION IF ATTACKED BY HOSTILE AC.

(a) High level attack - Likely to be of short duration. Increase dispersion if possible and keep on the move.

(b) Low level attack -
(i) In close country with limited road space, density will be great and traffic may have to keep moving. All LAAs in convoy must always be ready to open fire against AA and personnel not driving must open fire with personal weapons.
(ii) In open country - may be possible to halt dispersed - personnel leave vehs and open fire with all available weapons.

6. ACTION IF ATTACKED BY AFVs.

(a) On rds.
(i) Block rd with spare veh or concertina wire.
(ii) Dismount PIATs and LAAs.
(iii) Hold off enemy.
(iv) Convoy cond should try and extricate convoy by moving back or to a flank.

(b) In open country.
An organised protective det should be ready to hold the enemy off.

7. ACTION IF AMBUSHED/

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7. ACTION IF AMBUSHED.

Do not halt unless fire is by or rd blocked.
LMGs can reply to fire on the move.

8. ACTION IF ARMY FIRE IS PUT DOWN ON CONVOY.

Keep on the move and well spread out.

9. ACTION IF CONC OF GAS HAS TO BE PASSED THROUGH.

(a) Warn all personnel to don respirators (MC wearing respirator rides down convoy blowing horn).
(b) Reduce speed and spread out.

ACTION IN ABOVE EVENTUALITIES SHOULD BECOME A DRILL.

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R&S SCHOOL DEPT.

Precis (Italian): SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT ORGANIZATION IN MOUNTAINOUS AREAS.

Sep. 44. Precis No: _____.

1. OBJECT. To show the operation of the supply and transport system in the areas occupied by corps, division and the fighting troops.
2. LAYOUT. The complete system is shown as covering one brigade, but will be the same for the two formations into which the present Italian division will probably be divided.
3. RESPONSIBILITIES. The supply and transport organization must provide for:
   (a) Provision of the daily requirements of the various commodities.
   (b) Transport to carry above.
   (c) The creation of reserves to prepare for large attacks, etc., and to guard against unforeseen delays in the transportation of all supplies from the base.
4. TRANSPORT. Transport in the forward areas falls in three classes:
   (a) The transport of the fighting unit. This is named FIGHTING UNIT ECHELON. This is divided into two groups. GROUP A transport is that required operationally by the units and whose presence is necessary during the battle. It includes trucks carrying weapons, ammunition reserves, etc. Vehicles of this group remain with the unit.
   GROUP B is the portion of unit transport whose presence is not essential during battle. It is mainly administrative transport, and contains a part of the unit's reserves of ammunition, petrol, etc. This is normally withdrawn from units during battle, and concentrated under control of Brigade HQ. It is usually located near Brigade HQ.
   (b) The transport company itself, and is named SECOND LINE TRANSPORT. It is responsible for transport between [illegible] delivery is made to the fighting units, and the point at which it draws new supplies.
   (c) A pool of transport under command of Army (ARMY TRANSPORT POOL), which is responsible for the transport of supplies forward from the lines of communication terminal to the point at which the second line transport takes delivery.
5. RESERVES. Reserves are held at almost every link in the chain of supply which runs from the ports where goods reach a theatre of war to the extreme forward troops. These reserves held in the base and lines of communication areas are not dealt with in this lecture, which is intended to cover only the forward area.
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7. RAILHEAD MAINTENANCE AREA. This is the area surrounding (and including) the RH. Its purpose is to maintain the field formations (divisions, etc.) served from the terminal concerned. It will usually hold stocks of ammunit-

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7. MAIN ROAD MAINTENANCE AREA. This is the area surrounding (and including) the RH. Its purpose is to maintain the field formations (divisions, etc.) served from the terminal concerned. It will usually hold stocks of ammunition, petrol, supplies and other selected stores. This reserve will serve:

(a) As a reserve to ensure the maintenance of the fighting troops in the event of a breakdown of the lines of communication, or other emergency.

(b) As stocks which will be required during a period of intensive operations in order to supplement the normal daily receipt of commodities from the usual sources.

The reserve to be held by a MAIN ROAD MAINTENANCE AREA will be decided by the Army Commander.

8. FORWARD MAINTENANCE AREA. Established by Corps in the area. Their establishment has been normal during the course of the present campaign in Italy, but there may be circumstances in which they are not essential, or practicable. In general, they will be required in mobile operations when second line transport cannot draw usually, according to a time table, direct from the MAIN ROAD MAINTENANCE AREA.

9. Its primary object is to economise in transport. The pooling of transport behind second-line units (e.g. the ARMY TRANSPORT POOL) is only made possible by the existence of FORWARD MAINTENANCE AREAS which hold and adjust stocks of all kinds likely to be required, and available for early and selective transfer into second line transport units.

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10. Apart from acting as a reserve, the functions of FMA are:
    (a) To form a refilling area for the second line transport company, where condition permit, i.e. - when the running time for the transport company down to the FMA, having regard to by road and other factors, is not too great.
    (b) To control such units as transit and reception camps for (postal unit, personnel, prisoner of war transit camps, field cashier, salvage unit, etc . These will normally be centralised in FMA for ease of administration and defence, and for convenience of access by second-line transport on one journey. (Transport coy vehicles coming down to FMA to draw normally bring back mail and parcels for onward transmission, salvage and, in some cases, prisoners of war).
11. The reserve held in FMA is fixed by Corps, subject to approval by the army commander. The exact figures will depend upon anticipated requirements, but will usually not exceed the following scales:
    Petrol. . . . . 50 miles for the formations being served.
    Ammunition. . . About twice the amount held in second line transport.
    Rations . . . . 2 Days (preserved).
    Ordnance and other stores.
    Selected items for specific operations.
12. SECOND LINE RESERVE. The next reserve is that held by the transport company. Definite scales of the various commodities are held, but these are not necessarily kept on the vehicles. They may be dumped on the ground to enable vehicles to be used for other purposes. For the same reason, it is not possible in one company to allot platoons for the transport of definite commodities. Any vehicle in any company may have to carry, not only the normal loads of ammunition, petrol and supplies, but also troops, bridging equipment, construction materials or anything else which may be needed.
13. To a certain extent, therefore, the location of the second line transport company may function like a smaller FMA. If the distance is not greater than about 10 miles, front line unit vehicles may come here to collect their requirements. Otherwise, stores are sent further forward in second line vehicles.
14. UNIT RESERVES. Finally, every unit carries its own reserves of all commodities on a fixed scale. A portion of these will be carried in B GROUP as a battalion reserve. The remainder is held by companies, platoons and with the weapon.
15. CONTROL.

    Division. A branch of the divisional staff will be responsible for dealing with supply and transport matters. This branch will be the channel through which orders reach the transport company.

    Brigade. An officer of the transport service is attached to the headquarters of a brigade. His task is to act as a link between the units of the brigade and the transport company responsible for supplying that brigade.

    Transport Company. Under the company commander, the specialist platoon officer is responsible for the technical aspect of the unit . . . i.e. accounting, demanding, etc., for the commodities carried, and for providing the [illegible]

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16. OPERATION OF THE SYSTEM. The principle is that anything expended by a front line unit (i.e. a round of ammunition) is replaced from the unit reserve. The unit reserve is, in turn, replenished from the reserve held by the transport company, which replaces this from its own source of supply. The system is that each link in the chain operates almost automatically to keep full the reserve in front of it.

17. ALTERNATIVE SYSTEM. The system described in the foregoing page has assumed the establishment of a FMA, and that front line units will draw from the location of the transport company.

18. REPLENISHMENT BY SECOND LINE. If no FMA has been established, and the RAIL HEAD MAINTENANCE AREA is too far back, commodities required by the transport company are sent forward in the vehicles of the ARMY TRANSPORT POOL. They are handed over to the transport company at an agreed point known as REFILLING POINT. If conditions permit, the two lots of vehicles will arrive together and transfer loads tailboard to tailboard. If this is not possible, the ARMY TRANSPORT vehicles unload on to the ground and leave. The transport company vehicles arrive as soon as possible afterwards

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19. TRANSPORT UNIT LOCATION. Similarly, the distance between unit location and the fighting troops may be too great to enable collection to be made by the vehicles of GROUP A first-line transport, at the company location.

20. In this case, it will be necessary for the transport company to send forward the stores required. There is normally a separate POINT for each commodity, - i.e. AMMUNITION POINT, PETROL POINT, SUPPLY POINT.

21. AMMUNITION POINT. Will normally hold a fixed scale of ammunition. Empty vehicles, after issue of ammunition, are automatically replaced by full vehicles from the transport company location. When established, an AMMUNITION POINT is open continuously, 24 hours a day, since ammunition must always be available. Except in the case of artillery units, first-line units normally send their vehicles to AMMUNITION POINT to collect. Artillery units usually send a guide to lead our vehicles to the actual delivery point in the artillery unit location.

22. PETROL POINT. Holds a fixed amount of petrol and lubricants. Is normally open for a fixed period daily (usually about 2 hours), and unit first-line vehicles take delivery at the point.

23. SUPPLY POINT. Rations, etc., are sent up already prepared in detail loads for each unit. First-line units collect at this point in their own transport. As with petrol, SUPPLY POINTS are normally established at a fixed time daily, and are not open continuously.

24. DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BRITISH & ITALIAN ORGANIZATION.
The British second-line transport system covers for a larger formation, and there is therefore more than one transport company responsible for serving the formation concerned.

25. These are usually located together in an area known as the DIVISIONAL MAINTENANCE AREA (DMA), which functions on similar lines to the FORWARD MAINTENANCE AREA (FMA). Where possible, units draw at this point, and facilities will exist for dealing with salvage, loot, prisoners of war, etc.

26. It is likely that the Italian transport company location may function in the same way, i.e. - that detachments to deal with salvage, post, etc., may be attached, and that the company location may act as a divisional maintenance area.

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R.A.S.C. TRAINING DEPOT

Precis: AMMUNITION : TECHNICAL, HANDLING AND OPERATION OF SYSTEM.

Sep 44. Precis No.....

PART I - TECHNICAL.

1. DEFINITION.

Ammunition is a general name for all stores containing explosives, ranging from the heaviest artillery ammunition down to the smallest rifle cartridge or booby-trap mechanism.

It is usually divided into the following 5 main types:-

(a) Artillery ammunition.
(b) Small arms ammunition (SAA).
(c) Mines, grenades and mortar ammunition.
(d) Explosives for demolitions.
(e) Pyrotechnics, i.e. - coloured flares and signal cartridges.

2. ARTILLERY AMMUNITION.

Described by (a) calibre of the gun (b) the weight of the shell.

Artillery ammunition consists of four parts:
(a) The shell itself, which may be filled with explosives.
(b) The fuse, which is the mechanism that explodes the shell.
(c) The propellant, i.e. the means by which the shell is expelled from the gun.
(d) The primer (in quick-firing arm) / The tube (in breech-loading arm) — The means by which the propellant is ignited when firing the gun.

3. Ammunition is divided into two main types:
(a) Quick-firing (QF)
(b) Breech-loading (BL)

In QF ammunition, the propellant is contained in a brass cartridge case. This expands on firing, and seals the breech of the gun against the backward escape of the gas from the burning propellant.

In BL ammunition, the propellant is in silk bags, the gun contains its own special mechanism for sealing the breech against the escape of gas. 1312

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As the name "quick-firing" implies, this ammunition is ready for almost immediate firing. It is used in the smaller calibres of artillery weapons of ground use, and in

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There are two types of QF ammunition:-
(a) QF Fixed: All four parts are assembled in complete rounds, ready for immediate firing.
(b) QF Separate: For weapons designed to be fired with a variable charge of propellant. The best example of this is ammunition for the 25-pounder gun-howitzer, in which 4 fused shells are packed in one box, while another box contains eight propelling charges in brass cartridge cases, already fitted with primers.

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5. BREECH-LOADING AMMUNITION.

All parts are separate:

(a) The shell is unboxed. The orifice for inserting the fuse is plugged, and the driving band is protected by a rope ring (GRUMMET).
(b) The fuses are packed in sealed tins.
(c) The charges are contained in silk bags, boxed individually.
(d) Tubes are packed separately in boxes or tins.

6. IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The transport company is responsible, when supplying ammunition, for providing sufficient of each component to make up the complete number of rounds required.

7. Artillery weapons fall into three classes:

(a) Guns - a high-velocity flat-trajectory weapon.
(b) Howitzers - a low velocity, high-trajectory weapon. The angle of descent of the shell is nearly vertical, and enables targets behind cover to be attacked.
(c) Combined gun-howitzers. Many modern weapons (25-pounder, 4.5inch gun) are of this class, and can be used for either purpose.

8. It should be noted that there are guns and howitzers of the same calibre. Care must be taken not to confuse their respective ammunition.

9. EXPLOSIVES.

The following are the explosives commonly used for shell fillings. The nature of the filling is indicated by the colour of the shell, and other markings. The basis colour for a shell filled with high explosive is YELLOW.

(a) LYDDITE. Shell painted yellow.
(Not in very general use)
(b) AMATOL. Shell painted yellow, with green band.
(The standard British shell filling).
(c) T.N.T. As for AMATOL, but green band is marked TNT in black.
(Some shells, mortars and grenades).

All filled (as opposed to empty) shells are marked with a red ring around the nose. If this is a solid band, it denotes shells suitable for temperate climates only. Shells filled specially for tropical countries have a ring of red crosses. This applies to all shells, not only those filled with explosives.

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(b)	Gas.	Grey. The nature of the gas will be marked on the shell.
(c)	Solid shot.	Black shell, with white tip. Other types of shell designed for piercing armour are marked by two white rings around the nose (e.g. and armour-piercing HE shell).
(d)	Shrapnel.	Black, with red tip.
(e)	Star shell.	Black, with a white circle on the shell and, in the circle, a red star.

11. AMMUNITION PACKAGES.

Ammunition delivered by second-line transport companies is always in complete, sealed packages. There is no necessity for opening these, as all markings necessary for identification are shown on the outside of the boxes. With practice in handling, it becomes easy to recognise all types, even at night.

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12. The more important ammunition packages are as follows:-

(a)	B.L. Ammunition.	See para 5 above. It is important to remember that lorries must be loaded in complete rounds.
(b)	25 POUNDER.	4 shells and fuses in on box.) One 3-ton lorry 8 Propelling charges and primers) holds 184 in another box.) complete rounds.
(c)	ANTI TANK. ARTILLERY	Q.F. FIXED ammunition packed in metal boxes.
(d)	SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION.	Packed in tin-lined wooden boxes, labelled to show the contents. At night, they may be recognised by a system of raised letters and numerals on the box.
(e)	MORTAR BOMBS, GRENADES, &c.	Packed complete in boxes.
(f)	ANTI TANK MINES.	Mines and fuses in separate boxes.
(g)	EXPLOSIVES.	In tins or boxes.

PART II - CARE AND HANDLING

1. Ammunition has numerous safeguards against premature explosion, and is safe if handled properly. It must, however, be handled with care to avoid damage to the ammunition itself. The general principles are:-

(a) It should be kept dry.

(b) It should be protected from the direct rays of the sun, and from extremes of temperature.

(c) It should be kept clean. Damage to shells, cases, driving bands, etc. must be avoided.

2. PRINCIPLES OF STACKING AND LOADING.

The following types, given in their order of importance, should be separated from each other, and from all other types of ammunition.

(i) Chemical ammunition.
(ii) Phosphorus-filled smoke ammunition.
(iii) Explosives for demolitions.

Comparatively inert ammunition (such as small arms ammunition) may be used to 1311 separate stacks of the above types.

3. When stacking,

(a) Stacks should be not more than 3-feet high, and contain not more than 15 tons of ammunition (i.e. the loads of 5 3-ton lorries).

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(f) ANTI TANK MINES. Mines and fuzes to be stored separately.
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(c) It should be kept clean. Damage to shells, cases, driving bands, etc. must be avoided.

2. PRINCIPLES OF STACKING AND LOADING.

The following types, given in their order of importance, should be separated from each other, and from all other types of ammunition.

(i) Chemical ammunition.
(ii) Phosphorus-filled smoke ammunition.
(iii) Explosives for demolitions.

Comparatively inert ammunition (such as small arms ammunition) may be used to separate stacks of the above types. 1311

3. When stacking,

(a) Stacks should be not more than 3-feet high, and contain not more than 15 tons of ammunition (i.e. the loads of 5 3-ton lorries).

(b) Stacks should be built on dunnage (i.e. a firm flooring to keep the ammunition away from mud and surface water), and should be covered by tarpaulins, etc.

(c) The rope grummets on BL shells must be kept in position to protect the driving band.

(d) Fire precautions must be kept at a high degree of efficiency.

4. When loading,

(a) The load should be spread evenly over the floor of the vehicle. The vehicle must not be overloaded.

(b) Ammunition should be handled carefully. Containers should not be thrown about, or dropped from lorries, but should be lifted down. A strong plank of wood form the tailboard of the lorry to the ground is convenient for loading or unloading BL shells.

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5. SALVAGE. This is of great importance. Boxes in which ammunition is packed often cost almost as much as the ammunition itself, and are so strong that they can be used many times. Brass cartridge cases may be refilled several times.

The term "salvage", in effect, covers everything which remains after the round has been fired. All this should be returned for re-use

6. IMPORTANT NOTE. Live ammunition of any sort must never be returned in a load of salvage. If empty boxes are used for this, they must be marked clearly as containing live ammunition. The transport company commander is held personally responsible that this is carried out.

PART III - AMMUNITION REPLENISHMENT SYSTEM.

PRINCIPLES.

(a) Ammunition is passed automatically from rear to front to replace that expended in battle.

(b) In emergency, a fighting unit can draw ammunition from any point at which it is held.

OPERATION OF THE SYSTEM.

The situation assumed to exist for the purpose of this lecture is as follows: FORWARD MAINTENANCE AREA has been established in the corps area, and the transport company replenishes here. The transport company location is too far from B GROUP of the first-line units, so an AMMUNITION POINT has been established 15 miles forward of the transport company location.

AMMUNITION POINT.

An AMMUNITION POINT is a forward detachment of the second-line transport company. The location is selected by higher authority, which also orders the amount and types of ammunition to be held here. Once established, the AP remains open 24 hours a day until the need for it has passed. Its holding is maintained constantly at the required level by replenishment from the transport company.

The ammunition held at AP is normally kept in the lorries, and not dumped on the ground.

The operation of AP is the responsibility of the transport company. The normal procedure, on orders being received to open an AP, is for the company to carry out a reconnaissance of the location ordered, and select a suitable site. The following requirements should be borne in mind:

(a) Good traffic circuits. Roads wide enough for 2 vehicles to pass.
(b) Hard standing for the number of vehicles to be held at AP.
(c) Cover from air observation.

The officer in charge of AP is responsible for (i) marking the route to the AP from the actual point given by higher command in the order establishing the AP. This order is, of course, circulated to all units drawing ammunition from the company)

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6. AMMUNITION STATES.

Detailed accounts, supported by vouchers, are not required in respect of ammunition. In order that the transport company commander and higher command may be kept informed of the ammunition situation, a system of STATES showing the position at selected times of the day will be adopted by the transport company. One will be maintained in respect of the ammunition held centrally by Platoons and one for every AP at which ammunition

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in field. These will be consolidated into a Coy State by the specialist Platoon. These states will show the amounts of ammunition on hand, by natures and sub-varieties, and the amount required to complete the holding to the normal figure. The form of an ammunition state is shown in Appendix I to this precis.

7. REPLENISHMENT OF AMMUNITION.

(a) Artillery Units. Send demands to AP by motor-cyclist. (Note that three motor-cyclists are held in the Specialist Platoon of the transport company who may be detached to units for this purpose). The demand should, where possible, be made out in complete lorry loads.

On arrival at AP, the motor-cyclist reports to the report centre. The officer i/c AP will detail the necessary lorries to accompany the motor-cyclist back to the delivery point of the artillery regiment concerned.

8. He will obtain particulars of the route to be used, the location of the delivery point and the approximate time which the journey will require, and before he can expect his empty vehicles back. This is important, so that if a vehicle breaks down or becomes a casualty, he knows where to look for it.

9. (b) Infantry Units. Ammunition expended by units is replaced from the first-line reserve in GROUP "B". GROUP "B" vehicles are then sent down to AP, with a demand for the ammunition required. This is collected from the lorries of the AP.

10. DEMANDS. There is no official form of demand for ammunition, but written demands should be sent where possible. A verbal demand, however, must be accepted. Receipts will be obtained for all ammunition issued.

11. SALVAGE.

Units sending empty vehicles to collect ammunition should use them to send back ammunition salvage (see Part II, para 5). In the same way, vehicles of the transport company going forward to deliver ammunition should collect salvage at the delivery point before returning. Drivers should be trained to ask for salvage.

12. REPLENISHMENT OF A.P. AFTER ISSUE.

After delivery has been made at AP, empty vehicles will return to the transport company location. When they arrive, full vehicles will be sent up automatically to replace them. No demand is necessary for this purpose.

13. Vehicles from which more than half their load has been issued will be considered empty, and sent back in accordance with para 12 above. The officer i/c AP may, however, economise transport by making up the loads from other partially empty vehicles.

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PART IV. DAMPING PROGRAMME.

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PART IV. DUMPING PROGRAMME.

1. During the initial stages of a large- scale attack, the expenditure of artillery ammunition will be larger than can be replaced immediately through the normal operation of the ammunition system. Preparations for the attack must therefore include placing at the guns or at forward dumps sufficient ammunition to ensure that, after the initial expenditure, the normal ammunition reserves are still full.

2. Delivery of ammunition preparatory to an attack will almost invariably be limited to the hours of darkness.

3. This operation is known as a DUMPING PROGRAMME. Each such programme will involve varying factors, and therefore no standard programme can be prepared for use at all times.

4. The main factors to be considered in a dumping programme are:-

(a) The number of rounds per gun to be dumped.

(b) Transport available, subject to the maintenance of existing AMMUNITION POINTS. Transport will probably include the first-line transport of artillery regiments.

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(c) Factors of time and space:

(i) Total number of hours available; the number of hours of darkness available, if all or part of movement is limited to those hours.
(ii) Weather and state of roads.
(iii) Distance between delivery points and the RAIL HEAD at which the ammunition is received.
(iv) Restrictions on the use of routes; restriction on the use of lights in the forward areas.
(v) The state of preparedness of the ammunition-carrying units involved.

5 A warning order should be issued to all units concerned as soon as the necessity for a dumping programme becomes apparent.

6 The orders issued by higher authority for the dumping of ammunition will include the establishment of an AMMUNITION REGULATING CENTRE or CENTRES. The function of this is to regulate the flow of ammunition to the different delivery points, and to control the progress of the whole dumping programme.

7 REGULATING CENTRE must be located well forward on the main traffic routes, and in such a position that the officer or NCO in command of every group of ammunition vehicles arriving in the forward area can conveniently report for instructions.

8 REGULATING CENTRE will normally be staffed by:
(a) Officers from Div HQ (including an artillery officer for liaison work with the artillery regiments being served.)
(b) An officer from the transport company to control the marshalling of vehicles, traffic control, etc.
(c) Motor-cyclists to act as guides in the delivery area.
(d) Military police to assist in traffic control.

9 The routes between REGULATING CENTRE and the delivery points are normally fixed by higher authority, and traffic control and marking of the routes will be carried out by the military police. The transport company commander must, however, be prepared in emergency to reconnoitre and decide traffic circuits, if he should be ordered to do so.

10 A thorough reconnaissance of the routes chosen should, be carried out by every officer and NCO of the transport company who will be engaged in the dumping programme. It is essential that the motor-cyclists to be employed in guiding ammunition vehicles from regulating centre to the various delivery points should be familiar with the routes to be used, and should be able to find them in the dark, and usually without lights. Every opportunity should be taken to enable the routes to be reconnoitred in the day light before the programme begins.

11 Ammunition vehicles arriving at REGULATING CENTRE are marshalled as required, and taken forward by motor-cyclist to the delivery point.

12 If there is more than one delivery point for each artillery regiment, it may be necessary to form REGIMENTAL REGULATING CENTRES beyond the main REGULATING CENTRE. Vehicles are despatched from the regimental regulating centres to the various delivery points. After delivery, empty vehicles are assembled again at the regimental centre before being led out on to the main routes to the rear.

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14 The return control point is normally staffed by an officer of the transport company, with a staff which should include one or more motor-cyclists.

15 It may be convenient to establish a refreshment point on the return route so that drivers, after delivery, may obtain a hot drink and some food.

16 The following times may be taken as guides when making a dumping programme:

(a) It takes approx. 45 minutes to load a lorry with ammunition at rail head or a forward dump.

(b) It takes approx. 30 minutes to unload a lorry, or to transfer a load, tailboard to tailboard, to another lorry.

These times are for one lorry, but may be taken as timings for as many vehicles as can be loaded or unloaded simultaneously.

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APPENDIX 1.

AMMUNITION STATE. . . . .hrs 1944

. . . . . .(Name of Unit).

Platoon, Arm Point, etc.	Location.	Types of ammunition, as required.	Remarks

APPENDIX 11 - AMMUNITION LOAD TABLES.

The figures given represent the load of a 3-ton lorry.

ARTILLERY.

2 POUNDER.	960 rounds.	25 POUNDER.	184 rounds
37 MM.	1340 "	17 POUNDER.	106 "
6 POUNDER.	320 "	3 INCH M.10 SELF-PROP	126 "
75 MM	240 "	4.5 INCH.	85 "
105 MM	106 "	5.5 INCH	60 "
3 INCH HOWITZER - HE.	300 "	155 MM	45 "
ditto SMOKE	555 "	7.2 INCH HOWITZER	25 "
20 MM	8400 "	3.7 INCH HOWITZER	228 "
40 MM	960 "		

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MORTARS, ETC.

PIAT	894 "	2INCH BOMB THROWER	2042 "
MORTAR 2 INCH, HE	1764 "	REAR HOWITZER	960 "
ditto SMOKE	1854 "		
MORTAR 3INCH			

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ditto SMOKE	555 "	7.2 INCH HOWITZER	26 "
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MORTAR 2 INCH, HE	1764 "	REAR EMITTER	960 "
ditto SMOKE	1854 "	SMOKE DISCHARGER 4 INCH	960 "
MORTAR 3INCH, HE	456 "	GRENADE No. 75	2016 "
ditto SMOKE	420 "	MINES ANTI TANK Mk.IV	140 "
MORTAR 4.2 INCH, HE OR SMOKE	246 "	ditto Mk. V	580 "

SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION.

PISTOL .38 INCH	134,200 "	BROWNING .30 INCH	91,000 "
RIFLE .303 INCH	88,000 "	L.M.G. .5 INCH	30,000 "
SUB MACHINE GUN .45 INCH	106,800 "	BROWNING .50 INCH	20,800 "
L.M.G. .303	80,000 "	BESA 7.92 MM	56,250 "
SIGNAL PISTOL	50,000 "	BESA 15 MM	7,800 "

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APPENDIX III. SCALE OF RESERVES (ROUNDS PER GUN) IN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY

Field Regiment.

	H.E. & SMOKE	ARMOUR-PIERCING
First line	160 rpg	12 rpg
Second line	70 rpg (inc 7 Smoke)	5 rpg

Anti-Tank Regiment

	ARMOUR-PIERCING 6 POUNDER	17 POUNDER	3 INCH M.10 SELF PROPELLED
First line	96 rpg	90 rpg	90 rpg
Second line	48 rpg	36 rpg	36 rpg

Light Anti-Aircraft Regt.

	HIGH EXPLOSIVE	ARMOUR PIERCING
First line	264 rpg	48 rpg
Second line	120 rpg	24 rpg

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RASC TRAINING DEPOT.

Precis (Italian): PETROL - TECHNICAL & REPLENISHMENT IN FORWARD AREAS.
Sep. 44. Precis No.....

Part I - TECHNICAL.

1 RESPONSIBILITY.
The Transport Company is responsible for the provision of (i) petrol (ii) fuel for diesel engines (iii) lubricants (iv) kerosene and (v) anti-freeze fluids.

2 PETROLEUM PRODUCTS.
(a) Petrol.
Is divided into two types: (i) Aviation spirit, for aeroplanes.
(ii) M.T. spirit for mechanical transport.
There are various grades of petrol within each of these types, the grades being divided according to their OCTANE NUMBER, that is to say, its anti-knock or anti-detonation value. 100 OCTANE is the highest octane value.
The various grades can be identified by the colour of the petrol, and by the markings on the containers. This information is given below for the types of petrol in common use in the Italian theatre of war:

(i) Aviation Petrol. (marked AV)

GRADE.	COLOUR OF PETROL.	MARKING ON CONTAINERS.
100 Oct AV	Green	100 AV
87 Oct AV	Light Blue	87 AV

(ii) Petrol for Vehicles (marked MT).

87 Oct MT	Dark Blue	87 MT
80 Oct MT	Red	80 MT

80 Octane MT petrol will be used for all vehicles except certain armoured fighting vehicles with special engines, which use 87 Oct MT.

(b) Fuel for Diesel Engines.
This is known as DERV (Diesel-engined road vehicles), and must only be used for all engines of the compression-ignition type. It is easily distinguished from petrol by its smell, colour and the fact that, if agitated, a white froth appears on top of the fuel. The colour may vary from a light straw to dark brown. Containers of DERV are painted black, or have a black band around them. They are marked with one of the following:

D-A
D-B
D-X

(c) Lubricating Oils and Greases.

Various grades are in use by the army, as follows:
1. Oils for engines.

Grade.	Colour of package.	Description.
10HD	Yellow.	Engine oil, light.
30 HD	Grey	do medium.
		do heavy.

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2. Oils for gear-boxes.

Hypoid 80	Black, stencilled blue	High pressure gear oil, light.
Hypoid 90	Black, stencilled white	do. medium
C.600	Blue	Ordinary gear oil.

Containers are coloured as above, and marked with the grade of oil.

3. Greases.

No. 1	(No special colour for	Grease soft.
No. 2	(containers, but the	Grease, hard.
No. 3	(grade number will be	High melting-point grease.
No. 4	(marked on each tin	Special grease for water pumps.

(d) Kerosene. Normally supplied in 5-gallon drums, painted light grey, and marked with the letter "K".

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3 CONTAINERS IN WHICH PETROL & OILS ARE CARRIED.

A variety of containers is in use. These fall into two classes - returnable containers (which, after emptying, are sent back by the unit for refilling and re-issue) and expendable containers, which are used only once.

(a) Containers for petrol or DERV.

(i) Cylindrical welded 4-gallon Drum (Returnable).

Round drum of corrugated steel. Is very robust.
Approx. weight filled: M.T. petrol 36½ lbs. DERV 40. lbs.

(ii) Rectangular 4-gallon can (Returnable).

Metal containers with pressed joints.
Approx. weight filled: M.T. petrol 40 lbs. DERV 44 lbs.

(iii) JERRICAN 4-gallon Container (Returnable).

Tall, welded metal container with clip-type fastener.
Approx. weight filled: M.T. petrol 43½ lbs. DERV 47 lbs.

(iv) Barrels, returnable, 40 or 50 gallons.

Heavy steel welded barrels. Very strong, and easily repaired if damaged.

(v) JERRICAN 4-2 gallon Can (Returnable).

(b) Containers for DERV.

(c) Drums, 2[illegible] gallons (Returnable).

Thinned metal construction.

(c) Containers for lubricating Oils.

Drums, 4-gallon (Expendable).

Weight filled 51 lbs.

(d) Containers for Grease.

Grease is packed in expendable tins containing 7 lbs. (weight filled 8½ lbs), and in 2 lb wood kegs, (weight filled 3½ lbs), which are also expendable.

4 LOAD TABLES.

The figures given are in gallons, and represent the load of a 3-ton lorry.

	Petrol.	DERV.
Cylindrical 4-gallon drum	640	660
Rectangular 4-gallon can	640	660
Jerricans	640	612

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Heavy steel welded barrels. Very strong, and easily repaired if damaged.

(e) [illegible]-OAK 4-2 gallon Can (Returnable).

(b) Containers for DERV.

(i) Drums, [illegible] gallons (Returnable).

Pressed metal construction.

(c) Containers for Lubricating Oils.

Drums, 5-gallon (Expendable).

Weight filled 51 lbs.

(d) Containers for Grease.

Grease is packed in expendable tins containing 7 lbs. (weight filled 8½ lbs), and in 1 lb waxed kegs, (weight filled 3¼ lbs), which are also expendable.

4 LOAD TABLES.
The figures given are in gallons, and represent the load of a 3-ton lorry.

	Petrol.	DERV.
Cylindrical 4-gallon drum	640	660
Rectangular 4-gallon can	640	612
Jerrican	675	621
Drums, 40-gallons	720	-
Barrels, 50 gallons	750	-
Oil Drum, 5-gallon	-	660

Part II - STACKING AND MARKING.

1 STACKING.
Petrol stacks should be located not less than 150 feet from any occupied premises, public lines etc.
It is important in the forward areas that stacks should be small, and dispersed as widely as conditions allow, since they have proved very vulnerable to anti-personnel fragmentation bombs.
Since conditions vary so widely, it is not possible to give definite instructions on this point. In the case of a petrol dump in the transport company location, the company commander must strike a balance between these safety considerations and other factors such as space available, ease of access and administration, etc.
As a general guide, stacking on the basis of 3 3-ton loads to each stack is satisfactory, with an interval of 150 feet between stacks.

2 CONSTRUCTION OF STACKS.
The ground space should be cleared of vegetation and, if necessary, levelled. To keep the bottom row of containers clear of mud and surface water, each stack should

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be built on dunnage, i.e.- timber, bricks, concrete slabs, sand or any other material available locally. Ashes must never be used owing to their corrosive effect on petrol tins, nor must any sharp-edged material likely to puncture the tins. When constructing or breaking down stacks, personnel must never be permitted to stand on the lower rows of containers.

3 METHOD OF STACKING.

4-gallon cylindrical drums: The base of one tin is designed to fit into the top of another. Three layers are made in this way. The fourth layer is inset half a tin all round, and the fifth layer is flush with the fourth.

4-gallon rectangular cans: Stack on the long sides, with the filler cap to the top, and with the line of each layer of cans at right angles to the layer below. Not more than eight layers high.

Jerricans & American 5-gallon oil Drums: Stack upright, not more than 5 cans high. Stack on sides, with the filler cap uppermost. (If stacking upright, water collects in the hollow round the filler cap and corrodes the drums, contaminating the oil and causing rust.)

7-lb. Tins of grease: Stack (as in cases of 6 tins. Stack cases upright, not more than eight layers high.

28-lb. Kegs of grease: Stack upright, not more than five layers high, and dunnage (as a keg at each layer. Or may be stacked on sides (as 5-gallon oil drums), not more than eight h

NOTE. The maximum heights of stacks given above are designed to limit the weight on the bottom layers of stacks and avoid unnecessary damage. Other considerations (camouflage, etc.) will probably mean that stacks will have to be lower.

4 PROTECTION OF STACKS.

All stacks should be covered as a protection against wet weather, using any materials which may be available locally. Air spaces must be left between stacks and their covers to allow ventilation. Advantage should be taken of any natural cover, supplementing this with camouflage netting. In areas where attack by low-flying aircraft is likely, stacks should not be built in a straight line, but must be suitably staggered.

5 LOADING AND HANDLING OF PETROL.

Careless handling is the most prolific cause of leakage and loss. All personnel must be instructed in the need for care in this respect.

Containers must always be lifted down from a lorry, and never thrown or dropped.

The interior of lorries should be kept clean, and free from sharp projections which might puncture the cans.

Containers must be carefully loaded, stacked upright and packed tightly.

Drums and kegs must be bung-uppermost.

A layer of dunnage should be placed between layers of uncased tins.

Empty tins or other materials should be used to fill in any vacant spaces to prevent movement and damage to the containers.

6 CONTROL OF LEAKAGES.

A rigid system must exist for the detection of leaking containers at every stage of their storage and transport. These must be set aside when loading or unloading vehicles. Stacks should be examined regularly, and all leaking containers withdrawn. The contents of leaking containers must either be used immediately (placed in vehicle tanks) or decanted into clean, sound containers.

A daily record will be kept of leakages, showing details and number of leaking containers, the quantity

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28-lb. Kegs of grease

NOTE. The maximum heights of stacks given above are designed to limit the weight on the bottom layers of stacks and avoid unnecessary damage.
Other considerations (camouflage, etc.) will probably mean that stacks will have to be lower.

4 PROTECTION OF STACKS.
All stacks should be covered as a protection against wet weather, using any materials which may be available locally. Air spaces must be left between stacks and their covers to allow ventilation. Full advantage should be taken of any natural cover, supplementing this with camouflage netting. In areas where attack by low-flying aircraft is likely, stacks should not be built in a straight line, but must be suitably staggered.

5 LOADING AND HANDLING OF STORES.
Careless handling is the principle cause of leakage and loss. All personnel must be instructed in the need for care in this respect.
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7 FIRE PRECAUTIONS.
Very important in the case of petrol. Fire Orders should be issued, and known to all concerned, and an officer of the transport company detailed as Company Fire Officer.
The fire orders should deal (a) with precautions to prevent fire and (b) with action to be taken in the event of a fire.

8 Fire appliances should be dispersed through all petrol dumps. These will generally have to be improvised from materials available locally. Containers for sand (NOT WATER) are those most easily obtained.

9 A trench should be dug around the base of every petrol stack. It should extend all the way round it, about three feet from the base. The trench should be not less than 9 inches deep, and the earth piled outside the trench to make a retaining wall. This assists in slowing the spread of a fire, and isolating it to one stack.

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PART III - OPERATION OF THE SYSTEM.

1 PRINCIPLE.
The guiding principle of petrol replenishment is that, at the start of an operation or march, all vehicles are fully replenished and all reserves complete.

2 ABBREVIATION. POL (petrol, oil and lubricants) is the abbreviation which indicates all commodities including petrol in replenishment.

3 PROPORTION. Oils and greases are issued in proportion to the petrol, and vehicles should be loaded accordingly (i.e. per load of petrol having its corresponding amounts of oils and greases).
The actual proportions used in this theatre of war, expressed as percentages, are as follows:-

Petrol		82%
DIESEL		11%
Kerosene		3%
Lubricants:		
	[illegible]	0.02%
	[illegible]	2.12%
	[illegible]	0.50%
	[illegible]	0.40%
	[illegible]	0.60%
		4%

4 OPERATION OF SYSTEM.
Units of all arms of the service normally have as part of their first-line transport one or more vehicles for the carriage and distribution of POL within the unit. As POL is consumed by unit vehicles, it is replaced from this unit reserve. The unit POL vehicles in turn replenish from the second-line transport company.

5 Units are not required to indent in advance for petrol, but they will send a written demand in duplicate when drawing POL, and will give a receipt at the time of issue.

6 As far as possible, first line transport will draw from the location of the transport company. Where conditions make this impossible, the transport company will be ordered to establish a forward PETROL POINT (PP).
This petrol point operates on similar lines to the AMMUNITION POINT dealt with in a previous precis, except that, as replenishment is normally required only once daily, a PP will be open for a limited period daily only (usually about 2 hours). The amount to be held at each PP will be given by higher command when ordering the point.

7 Except as modified [illegible] procedure and responsibilities in a PP are the same as for [illegible].

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9 This involves keeping a record of cans issued to and returned by the units being served.

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11 ALTERNATIVE SYSTEM.
As is the case with ammunition, conditions may make the establishment of FMA impracticable. In such circumstances, the transport company will be replenished at a PETROL REFILLING POINT, where it will take over from the vehicles of the ARMY TRANSPORT POOL. The procedure is the same as for AMMUNITION REFILLING POINT (see precis on AMMUNITION).

12 PROTECTION AGAINST GAS.
Petroleum products are unaffected by contamination with gas, and the only precautions required to be taken to nullify the effects of gas attacks are:-
(a) To prevent contamination of personnel, as a result of handling packages.
(b) To prevent corrosion of containers.
Blister gases have no effect on metals, but if the containers are contaminated by liquid, they become dangerous to handle and must be decontaminated.
Measures must be adopted at all times to give the maximum possible protection against the effects of gases, especially blister gases.
ACTION NECESSARY AFTER EXPOSURE TO GAS.
All-metal containers can be made safe to handle by wiping with a rag soaked with petrol, or by covering with bleach paste, and leaving for 24 hours. The rags should be burnt.
Containers in cases should be removed from contaminated cases at the earliest opportunity and the cases burnt. Wooden cases can be rendered safe to handle by covering with bleach paste, but such cases should be burnt at the earliest opportunity.

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The Section of the FMA dealing with supplies will also include facilities for handling Ordnance and Engineering stores, EPI (Expeditionary Forces Institute, dealing with canteen goods), MPO (Military Forwarding Organization - dealing with parcels service), mail, salvage, etc., whilst a transit camp and prisoner of war cage will also be found in the vicinity.

3 LOAD AND MAINTENANCE AREA.

The section of the FMA dealing with supplies will normally be operated by a small Supply Issuing Unit known as a DMD (Detail Issue Depot). Responsible for issuing in BULK to second-line transport companies, and also issues in DETAIL to local units.

4 GENERAL PRINCIPLES.

(a) Supplies to be replenished daily at a time and place convenient to units.
(b) Forward units must have two days rations within easy reach; in addition, every man carries on him an emergency ration.
(c) Period of ration is normally midnight to midnight.

5 PROCEDURE AT FMA.

One days supplies are normally delivered daily by vehicles of the 2nd TRANSPORT PARK. These are unloaded at FMA to form commodity stocks.
Vehicles from each transport company proceed daily to FMA to collect bulk supplies, under arrangements made by higher command, who usually fix a routine drill for drawing bulk requirements.
The transport company draws in bulk the requirements for the formation which it is serving. This is known as GROUP BULK.

PROCEDURE AFTER COLLECTION AT FMA.

The next step for the transport company is to break down the bulk loads into a series of loads, each one representing a day's complete rations for one unit. This process is known as BREAKING BULK, and the place where it is carried out is known as BULK BREAKING POINT (BBP). It is normally effected in or very close to the location of the transport company.

BULK BREAKING POINT (BBP).

(a) Its location and layout are the responsibility of the transport company. It is normally operated by the Specialist Platoon.
(b) The question of concealment from the air must be considered when siting it.
(c) Commodities should be unloaded on arrival in the order in which they will be reloaded into vehicles, i.e. - tinned and canned goods, packed goods, fresh meat, bread. The heavier and non-perishable commodities will be loaded first into vehicles and distributed over the vehicles.
(d) Before breaking bulk commences, numbers are detailed to the various commodity stacks and given lists showing the quantities of each item to be issued to each unit.
(e) Before the arrival of the supplies, the place for breaking bulk should be prepared, shelters set up, dumage provided as a base for stacks and technical equipment (scales, butchers implements, etc.) made ready.

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(f) Sites should have hard ground suitable for vehicle standings. There should be a traffic circuit, suitably signposted, and with ENP notice at entrance and exit.

8. DELIVERY OF SUPPLIES TO UNITS.

After bulk has been broken, supplies remain in the transport company location until

(a) They are collected by the first-line vehicles in the location, or
(b) They are sent forward in transport company vehicles to a SUPPLY POINT.

9. SUPPLY POINT.

Operates in a similar way to PETROL POINTS. Location is selected by higher authority but detail layout is responsibility of the transport company. Delivery is made at SP to unit first-line vehicles. Alternatively, unit representatives may rendezvous there and guide second-line vehicles to unit locations. After delivery of supplies, second-line vehicles load salvage and return to their company location.

10. A SP should not be closed until the officer of the second-line company in charge is satisfied that delivery has been made to all units.

11. The supply vehicles also deliver mail, parcels, ordnance stores, etc., which are collected at RMA with supplies, and sorted at MSP into unit lots.

12. SEQUENCE OF OPERATIONS.

Will depend on local conditions, but might be:

(a) Transport company collects in bulk from RMA in early afternoon.
(b) Breaks bulk in late afternoon.
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Depending on the air situation, delivery may have to be made at night. Personnel concerned should be trained in doing this.

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(a) COMPANY SUPPLY OFFICER (Supply Captain in Specialist Platoon)

(i) Controls system of demand and issue of supplies to the units which his company serves, subject to the general supervision of the branch at Divisional HQ dealing with supplies and transport.

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(b) OFFICER OF SUPPLY SERVICES AT BRIGADE HQ.

(i) Is responsible to Brigade Commander for ascertaining and remedying any shortcomings in the supply services to that Brigade.

(ii) Gives assistance to the supply and transport branch of Divisional HQ.

(iii) Assists the Brigade staff in arranging replenishment of supplies, ammunition and petrol. If required, will assist in the selection of ammunition points, petrol points and supply points in the area of his Brigade.

(iv) Maintains personal liaison with the second-line transport company.

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(v) will forecast the requirements of his brigade, particularly for ammunition and petrol. In the case of anticipated abnormal requirements, he will send early warning to the second-line company and to the divisional RE supply branch.

(vi) will normally attend at supply points, petrol points, ammunition points, etc., to give any assistance required.

14. ACCOUNTING.

The full accounting procedure will be learned by the Company Supply Officer during his period of attachments to supply units after the conclusion of this present course. For the present, therefore, only a brief outline will be given of the indenting procedure.

On Day 'D'. (a) Unit prepares indent in duplicate for rations required three days ahead. This indent passed to Coy Supply Officer when collecting rations.

(b) Coy Supply Officer prepares in duplicate a document known as the FORMATION SUMMARY. This is a summary of the indents of the unit, showing the total number of rations required. In addition it shows these in terms of the actual amounts of the various commodities which will be issued by the FMA, and of which the Coy Supply Officer has a forecast.

(c) One copy of this FORMATION SUMMARY is passed to FMA as a demand for the issue of the rations on the following day.

On Day D + 1. (a) Coy Supply Officer proceeds with the necessary vehicles to FMA, where issues of supplies are made by the DID (see para 3 above). The Coy Supply Officer and DID agree the actual poundage of commodities for issue, and loading takes place. Coy Supply Officer signs a receipt for these commodities, and retains one copy of the FORMATION SUMMARY, endorsed by the DID as having been issued.

(b) The loaded vehicles return to the BHP. Meanwhile, the sergeant clerk in the Specialist Platoon has prepared on the back of each unit indent the actual quantities of the various commodities which are to be issued, and commodity lists for each stack. Bulk is broken under supervision of the Coy Supply Officer.

Day D + 2. (a) Delivery is made as described in paras 8 and 9. The load is checked off by a representative of the unit against the loading list on the back of the indent, who signs a receipt on the duplicate copy of the indent and gives it to the Coy Sup Offr. The Coy Sup Offr, in turn, certifies issue on the original copy of the unit indent, and gives this to the unit representative for retention.

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(b) On return to location after delivery, the Coy Sup Offr pins the receipted copies of the ration indents to the FORMATION SUMMARY.

Day D + 3. Rations are consumed.

15. PROTECTION OF SUPPLIES AGAINST GAS.

The possibility exist that gas may be used in this war. If this comes about, the responsibilities of the transport companies are two-fold. Firstly, to protect supplies against contamination by gas. Secondly, to ensure that no contaminated supplies are issued.

16. Protection of supplies involves covering against liquid gases, since most forms of supplies, except when packed in sacks or paper containers, are little likely to be affected by vapour, except that of LEWISITE.

17. The covering of supplies must be at all stages in their transit or handling. It is not enough, say for bulk to be broken in good cover, if supplies become contaminated whilst being unloaded from the lorry at BRP.

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18. The general principle in dealing with contaminated supplies is:

(1) Canned foods or those in glazed jars are not affected, but the exteriors should be decontaminated with rags soaked in petrol or paraffin.

(2) Goods in sacks, and meat, bread, fish, vegetables and fruit are unfit for issue if contaminated by liquid gas.

(3) Goods in wooden cases must be considered on their merits. The cases themselves cannot be decontaminated, and should be destroyed by burning. Contents should be emptied out, and weathered for 24 hours. If no smell is present and the taste is palatable, they should be safe for issue. (It must be remembered that the process of cooking will assist in restoring fitness for consumption.)

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PASC TRAINING PAMPHLET

PRECIS (TRAINING) EXAMPLES - ARMY AASC UNIT MTN & RESERVE CAMPING - WAR

Precis No ..... Dep 44.

PART I - BLANKETS

1. GENERAL

Blankets of the marching personnel of infantry battalions (on a scale of one per man) are carried by the transport companies serving formations, and are delivered as required when the infantry bivouac. (In practice, it has often been found that battalions prefer to make a vee available for this purpose on their first line transport, but it must be prepared to do this when called upon.)

2. CARRIAGE

One 3-ton lorry will carry 900 blankets if rolled lengthways in bundles of ten. But if issue and collection are frequent, it will be found more convenient when the transport situation permits, to use one vehicle for each battalion. However they are carried, it is desirable that blankets used by one battalion should be issued to it again.

3. DISTRIBUTION OF BLANKETS.

(a) When required, blankets are taken by the transport company to a central point (known as blanket point) in the billeting area, where, if carried in bulk, they are collected by unit first line transport. The provision of parties for loading and unloading is the responsibility of the infantry.

(b) If the blankets are carried in vehicles allotted to specific battalions and if conditions permit, then battalion guides are sent to Blanket Point and the vehicles guided to the delivery points of battalions. The detailed distribution of the blankets within the battalion is a battalion responsibility.

(c) Blankets are not usually required by a battalion which is marching or in close contact with the enemy. During the day Brigade HQ informs Division which battalions will require blankets and if possible suggests a suitable location for Blanket Point. Division then issues orders to the transport company, stating the time and place and whether the blanket lorries will remain in the Brigade area during the night. This latter is usually done if the battalions are due to move very early the next morning, otherwise blanket lorries will return to their company location for the night.

(d) Unless ordered by Division, blanket lorries do not remain with battalions during the day.

(e) Blankets are collected on the following morning under orders of Division, the procedure outlined above being reversed. Battalions will roll up blankets in bundles of ten before they are handed over

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PART II - ANTI - GAS EQUIPMENT AND RESERVE CLOTHING

1. PRINCIPLE.

Each unit carries in its first line transport a fixed scale of reserve clothing and equipment and anti-gas equipment, for the rapid replacement of that contaminated by gas. Similar second line and Corps reserves exist (in the same way that reserves of, say, petrol, are held in successive stages).

2. WHEN NO GAS ATTACKS ARE ANTICIPATED.

Second line reserves (i.e., those of the transport company) are not carried by the company, but are held in the Corps area under the control of Corps HQ.

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3. WHEN GAS ATTACK IS EXPECTED.

Second line reserves will be taken over and held by the transport company.

4. DISTRIBUTION.

(a) When the tactical situation demands, transport company vehicles carrying these reserves will be held near Divisional HQ. The purpose of this is two-fold. (i) vehicles are available for quick despatch, (ii) the Officer or NCO in charge of the vehicles can be quickly given instructions as to the order in which units are to be served.
(b) The transport company vehicles will be ordered to a central point(Clothing Point) within the area to be served. Units will collect here with their forward line transport, or send guides, whichever is the more practicable.
(c) If only a few units are to be served and the way in which vehicles are loaded permits, then vehicles may be ordered direct to units.

5. REPLENISHMENT OF SECOND LINE RESERVES.

Replenishment will be arranged by Corps HQ.

6. COLLECTION OF CONTAMINATED CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.

(a) All units are provided with gas-proof paper sacks in which to place contaminated clothing and equipment. These are passed to the second line transport company for transport to a mobile laundry or other decontamination centre. If these do not exist in forward areas, they will be handed over to Army Transport Pool Vehicles for disposal elsewhere.
(b) Sacks containing contaminated clothing must not be carried in vehicles normally used for the transport of supplies.
(c) Owing to operational conditions units may not be able to carry out the procedure in para 6 (a) above. In this case, the clothing or filled sacks will be dumped, and the dumps marked as containing gas-contaminated articles. The dumps will be cleared later under arrangements made by Divisional HQ.

PART III WATER.

1. GENERAL.

When a theatre of war, or any part of it, has an insufficient supply of water for men, animals and vehicles, an organization must be provided to meet the daily demand. This water is normally delivered to units in 4 gallon returnable containers.

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2. Water may be obtained from sources in the forward area, or may have to be brought in bulk along the lines of communication to RAIL HEAD.

3. Cans may be filled at RAIL HEAD, or water may be sent forward in water tank lorries of the RASC to FMA and filled there.

4. From FMA the delivery of the cans, their collection after use by units and, possibly, the refilling of the cans will be the responsibility of the second line transport company. This process will follow the organization for the delivery of supplies.

5. A daily scale of 1 gallon per man is usually allowed for drinking and cooking purposes.

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R.A.S.C. TRAINING DEPOT.

Precis (Italian): CAMOUFLAGE AND CONCEALMENT.

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1 Enemy air reconnaissance can be carried out either by air observers or by means of aerial photographs. In either case, objects on the ground are identified either by their shape or colour, or a combination of both. Colour: as seen from the air becomes gradations between black and white. Remember that the darkest object to be seen in a landscape is always a shadow.
A dark object on a dark background does not show up as clearly as a light object on the same background - e.g.- a light-coloured coat, face, or bright metal cans, etc.

2 CHOICE OF LOCATIONS FOR CONCEALMENT.
Use natural cover, such as woods, hedges, folds in the ground, trying always to visualise your position as it will appear from the air as well as to the ground observer. Try to disperse your vehicles, dumps, etc., so that they conform to, and merge in, the existing landscape.

3 ARTIFICIAL CAMOUFLAGE.
Used to merge vehicles, store dumps, etc., into the natural background of a locality, and to diminish the shadows. This can be done by the intelligent use of camouflage nets.
Remember that shadows change throughout the day, as the sun moves.

4 DISPERSION.
During daylight all vehicles, personnel, stores should be dispersed as much as possible, according to the type of country, the cover available and the controlling requirements of ease of control.

5 DECEPTION.
Practise deception, and avoid the following:
(a) Regular patterns or straight lines.
(b) Shine from smooth surfaces (windscreens, roof tops, etc.).
(c) Making tracks. Instead,-
(i) Use existing tracks, or fit new tracks into the pattern of the landscape by following hedges, etc.
(ii) After heavy traffic, do destroy the enemy.
(iii) Do not allow troops to lay at a headquarters or any other place which would be a vulnerable target to you. Extend them beyond your own area.
(d) Smoke by day, fire and lights by night.
(e) Unnecessary movement.
(f) The use of unnatural camouflage, such as the erection of a clump of bushes in a large, bare expanse.
(g) Uncontrolled fire against

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object on the same skyline - [illegible] metal cans, etc.

2 CHOICE OF LOCATIONS FOR CONCEALMENT.
Use natural cover, such as woods, hedges, folds in the ground, trying always to visualise your position as it will appear from the air as well as to the ground observer. Try to disperse your vehicles, dumps, etc., so that they conform to, and merge in, the existing landscape.

3 ARTIFICIAL CAMOUFLAGE.
Used to merge vehicles, store dumps, etc., into the natural background of a locality, and to diminish the shadows. This can be done by the intelligent use of camouflage nets.
Remember that shadows change throughout the day, as the sun moves.

4 DISPERSION.
During daylight all vehicles, personnel, stores should be dispersed as much as possible, according to the type of country, the cover available and the conflicting requirements of ease of control.

5 DECEPTION.
Practise deception, and avoid the following:
(a) Regular patterns or straight lines.
(b) Shine from smooth surfaces (windscreens, roof tops, etc.).
(c) Making tracks. Instead,-
(i) Use existing tracks, or fit new tracks into the pattern of the landscape by following hedges, etc.
(ii) Make dummy tracks to deceive the enemy.
(iii) Do not allow tracks to end at a headquarters or any other place which would be a vulnerable target to you. Extend them beyond your own area.
(d) Smoke by day, fire and lights by night.
(e) Unnecessary movement.
(f) The use of unnatural camouflage, such as the erection of a clump of bushes in a large, bare expanse.
(g) Uncontrolled fire against enemy aircraft. L.M.G. teams and riflemen must have definite orders on this point, the nature of which will, of course, depend on local conditions.

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6 CONCLUSION.
The points above are the basic principles of camouflage. With energy and intelligence, they can be applied equally well in an English countryside, the deserts of North Africa or a snow-covered Iceland plain.

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BASC TRAINING DEPOT

Precis (Italian)

MOVEMENT OF TROOPS BY MT.

1. Mov of dismtd tps may be carried out by air, rail or MT.
Advantages of air - speed, range.
Advantages of rail - comfort, economy, does not congest rds.
Advantages of MT - More flexible as regards DP, route and destination..
More suitable for tactical moves.
LECTURE DEALS WITH MOVES BY MT.

2. TYPES OF MOVE.

(a) Strategical - Takes place on the L of C and behind fighting area, e.g. withdrawal of exhausted units to a resting area or moving up of fresh tps from base camps to take up protective duties on the L of C. Is comparable to a rail move - ground protection effected by disposition of own tps - tech and adm considerations of first importance.

(b) Tactical - Takes place in fwd areas where tps may be required to debus at any time and engage the enemy. Tactical considerations of first importance. Transport orgn etc may have to be reorganised to conform with tactical requirements. Final destination may not be known and protection will be essential. Move may be from protected area or from bound to bound during an op. Such moves may have to be made at night.

3. TP CARRYING TRANSPORT.

There is now no special troop carrying transport in Italy. Specially equipped vehs or not coaches which can be used for no other purpose are a waste of tpt. The tpt pl which is the basis of the Italian Transport Coy is designed to carry 90 tons of mun, sup, stores, etc., or the dismtd personnel of an Inf bn. Consequently an all second-line transport units are general transport coys, any of them could be used for tp carrying. A transport coy of 3 pls is the most convenient organisation to lift an Inf bde.

4. AUTHORITIES INVOLVED.

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(ii) Appointing a colm cond.

(b) The Carrier Transport Coy. Responsible for:-
(i) Producing the required number of lorries.
(ii) Arriving at embussing pts at times and in the order detailed in the mov table.
(iii) Numbering all vehs serially.
(iv) Breakdown arrangements.
(v) Spare vehs.
(vi) March discipline.
(vii) Interior economy as far as the BASC unit is concerned.

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(c) The Carried. Responsible for:-
(i) Arrival at embussing pts as required in the mov table.
(ii) Forming up under cover at side of rd in veh parties at intervals previously arranged.
(iii) Rapid and orderly embussing.
(iv) Debussing.

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5. PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS.

The closest co-operation between the three parties concerned (para 4) is essential for the efficient performance of an embussing mov. Preliminary conference is normally held at which pts will be mutually agreed for inclusion in the Mov Table. Embussing pts must be fixed before the table can be issued, also debussing pts if possible. Warning order - early warning very important.

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Destination and route - units to be embussed - strength and composition of units and number of vehs required for each unit. Div into unit gps and parties. Method of embussing - direction vehs are to face. Times of embussing at each pt or time of passing a single starting pt. 1st Line Tpt. Routes to Embussing Pts. Stores to be carried. Spare vehs. Adv and rear parties (if any). Protection. Speed and density. Traffic Control (TC) points and feeding arrangements. Action of Transport coy after Debussing.

7. EMBUSSING AND DEBUSSING PTS - POINTS TO BE CONSIDERED.

(a) Proximity to camp in which tps to be carried are stationed.
(b) Cover from air recce and attack.
(c) Avoidance of defiles, bridges, narrow rds with ditches or hedges on both sides. There must be sufficient space to allow tps to form up in veh gps under cover and off the rd.

Actual ground recce of embussing pts should be carried out as early as possible before the move is due to take place by reps of both parties whenever circumstances allow. Selection of pts by map alone should not be relied upon.

(i) Simultaneous Method. Quick and easy to control but needs long stretch of concealed rd (700 yds for each bn). Difficult to conceal and makes good air target. If dispersed by, say coys, it can be used for a bn making use of available cover. For a bde it would be unwieldy and difficult to control.

(ii) Platform Method. Shorter length of rd used successively by a smaller number of vehs like a rly platform. Tps under concealment move up as required. Slower method but facilitates concealment - needs careful staff work and timing.

(iii) Dispersed embussing. For move of an inf bde or larger fmn. Several embussing pts at which either of the above methods may be used. Obviates initial marshalling of tps and unnecessary mov but complicates control. Requires careful timing if common Starting Point (SP) is to be used.

8. DETAILS OF EMBUSSING.

(a) Fmn to be embussed will be divided into unit gps.
(b) Vehs will be divided accordingly - each veh (except spare vehs) will be numbered.
(c) Leading veh of each gp will be marked by a distinctive flag.
(d) The pt at which leading veh of each gp is to be drawn up will be marked by a similar flag.
(e) Vehs will be drawn up in blocks of about 5 vehs (60-70 yds) - blocks dispersed according to available cover.
(f) Forming up of vehs must be done as quickly as possible - recce essential.
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9. CONVOY COLUMN AND CONTROL.

Coln Comd appointed for the move is the deciding authority on all matters. He and his offrs will be responsible for taking action in the event of tactical emergency, viz attack from the air, by AFVs, parachutists, crossing enemy minefields, etc.

He must consult the Transport Coy Comd on all matters affecting the proper working of the tpt. He should avoid interference in all technical matters.

The Transport Coy Comd during the move is responsible for tech control, march discipline, maintaining correct speed and density, dealing with breakdowns etc.

Coln Comd and Transport Coy Comd should travel in the same veh or in vehs closely following each other. He should also unit comds with their respective tpt comds.

/ after debussing,

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After returning, the Tp Cdr officer is still under control of the Bn or Unit concerned and will remain with that HQ until other orders are received, if not previously issued, or, if orders have been previously issued, until the Unit Road states that he considers the move completed.

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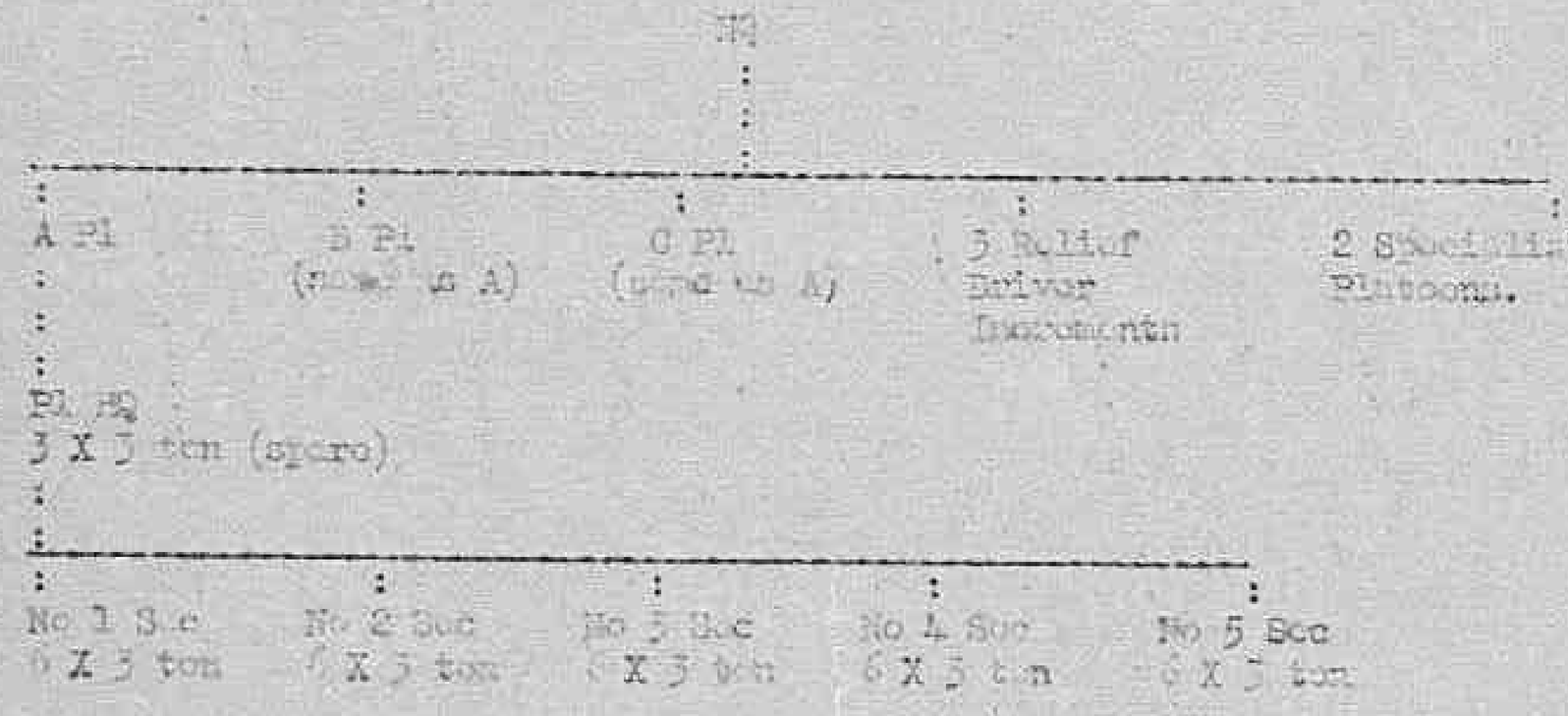
Suggested use of a transport Coy when loaded to lift an Inf Bde.



Each Pl lifts Stores personnel of an Inf Bn (415 men).
Each Sec'n - 4 of pl lifts dismtd personnel of an Inf Coy (92 men).
No 5 Sec of each pl will be responsible for carrying Coy stores and personnel from Bn HQ (22 men) and HQ Coy (25 men).

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APPENDIX "A"

SPECIMEN MARCH TABLE

APPENDIX ..... to ..... OPERATION ORDER No. .....

Serial No. (a)	Date (b)	Formation or Unit. (c)	Number of Vehicles. (d)	Place From (e)	Place To (f)	SP (g)	Time Pass SP (h)	Route (i)	Speed to SP (k)

SPECIMEN BIS TABLE.

APPENDIX ..... to ..... OPERATION ORDER NO. .....

Serial No. (a)	Unit Group Commander. (b)	Unit. (c)	Nos (or Lorry) Numbers (d)	Lds (or Lorry) Lds. Personnel (e)	Lds (or Lorry) Lds. Stores (f)	Total of Unit. (g)	Embussing Pt. (h)	Time due Embussing

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SPECIMEN MARCH TABLE

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APPENDIX ..... to ..... OPERATION ORDER No. .....

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Nos.	Places		SP	Time Past SP	Route	Speed to SP	Speed and Density during March		Dispersal Point.	Remarks.
	From	To					mih	vhm		
(b)	(c)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)

SPECIMEN BUS TABLE.

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Nos.	Bus (or Lorry) Numbers	Pts (or Lorry) Loads.		Total of Unit.	Embussing Pt.	Time Bus at Embussing Pt.	Route to Embussing Pt.	Time of Start	Remarks.
		Personnel	Stores						
(b)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)

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[illegible] ORGANIZATION IN THE FIELD.

Sec 14 Precis No.....

PART I - INTRODUCTORY

1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES.

Supply of material to forces in the field effected from:-

(a) The United Kingdom.
(b) The Empire and foreign countries.
(c) Local resources in theatre of operations.

2. PROCEDURE WITHIN THE THEATRE OF OPERATIONS.

The following chain of communications and depots will remain identical in principle wherever the forces are fighting. The organization, however, may vary in detail in different theatres of operations depending upon such factors as climate, topographical conditions, state of railways, roads, etc. Normal chain is therefore as follows:-

(a) A port, or ports of entry into the theatre.
(b) Base depots in the neighbourhood of such ports.
(c) Forward depots, if required, on or near the line of communication.
(d) Lines of Communication Railheads (already dealt with in other lectures)

PART II - FORWARD DEPOTS FROM RAILHEAD TO OTHER UNITS.

1. GENERAL.

War materials are composed of -
(a) Supplies - Food, forage and Petrol, Oil and Lubricants, e.g.
(b) Stores - Ordnance, Royal Engineers, Medical Stores, e.g.
Except in the case of Ammunition, and where a separate organization is established for their carriage, stores are transported with supplies.

2. SUPPLIES(EXCLUDING PETROL, OIL AND LUBRICANTS) AND ALLIED STORES.

(a) Supplies from overseas taken to two main installations i.e.
(i) All supplies excluding meat and fresh items to a Base Supply Depot (BSD).
(ii) All frozen and chilled meat, butter, etc to a Cold Storage Depot(CSD). These installations hold reserves of all commodities excepting in the case of bread and fresh items, when the tinned equivalent is held. They deal in bulk only.
(b) Supplies from local contractors are obtained from:-
(i) Contractors.

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(d) Line of Communication terminals (already dealt with in other lectures)

PART II - INWARD TRAFFIC FROM BASE TO L. OF C. TERMINALS.

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(b) Supplies from local contractors are obtained from:-
(i) Contractors.
(ii) War Department Farms.
Local cattle is slaughtered at a Field Butchery (Fd Bcry)
Fresh items(fruit and vegetables, etc) sent either to a Base Supply Depot(for onward transmission to forward troops) or to a Detail Issue Depot (DID).
(c) Bread is baked at a field bakery or mobile field bakery.
(d) Detail issues to units in the base and line of communications made by Detail Issue Depots which receive all supplies in bulk from above bulk installations, contractors, etc.
(e) Bulk issues for formations in advance of line of Communication terminal despatched daily by bulk installations, normally in sealed railway trucks, to a Base Marshalling Yard. At this yard trucks are joined by others from Base Ordnance Depots, NF Base Store Depots, Base Post Office, etc, and are made up into a Block Train which goes forward daily to Supply Railhead. At Supply Railhead there is normally a Railhead Supply Depot which will receive supplies in bulk from Block Train and will issue in bulk to Army Troops Columns and in detail to local units.
(f) A Forward Supply Depot may be established in vicinity of Supply Railhead.

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3. PETROL, OIL & LUBRICANTS.

(a) General aim is to distribute in bulk to maximum extent possible in non-operational areas and as far forward as possible in operational areas.

(b) Petrol in bulk (ex tanker ships) conveyed to the storage tanks of a Bulk Petroleum Storage Company (BPSC).

(c) 'BPSC' issues in bulk as follows:-

(i) By pipeline to a Base Petrol Filling Centre (BPFC)
(ii) By road or rail tankers to Petrol Supply Points (PSP)
(iii) By road or rail tankers to Base Marshalling Yard
(iv) Occasionally by pipeline along the Line of Communication to Line of Communication Terminal.

(d) 'BPFC' fills containers and sends to a Petrol Depot (PD)

(e) 'PDs' are depots holding stocks of packed Petrol Oil & Lubricants.

(f) Retail issue of Petrol Oil & Lubricants in base areas made by PdPs.

(g) Petrol can be taken forward to Line of Communication Terminal either in bulk (by rail or road tanker or pipeline) or cased in petrol trains made up at Base Marshalling Yard.

(h) At Petrol Railhead there is normally a Railhead Petrol Depot which will receive cased petrol in bulk from petrol train and will issue to Army Transport Columns and local units.

(i) If petrol arrives at Railhead in bulk it is normally taken over by a Mobile Petrol Filling Centre (MPFC) which fills returnable containers and sends to Railhead Petrol Depot (Unless petrol is taken forward further than PRH in bulk in which case the MPFC will be located not at PRH but further forward).

(j) A Forward Petrol Depot may be established in vicinity of Petrol Railhead.

4. AMMUNITION.

(a) Ammunition arriving from overseas taken to Base Ammunition Depots(BAD). This installation holds a reserve of all types needed in theatre of operations.

(b) Ammunition as required is sent from Base Ammunition Depots to Base Marshalling Yard and from thence to Ammunition Railhead to a [illegible] Railhead Ammunition Depot.

(c) Railhead Ammunition Depots keep a small reserve and issue to Army Transport Columns and local units.

(d) Mobile Ammunition Trains are also normally kept in reserve at the Marshalling yard in addition to the normal ammunition trains going forward to Ammunition Railhead.

(e) Forward Ammunition Depots may be established in vicinity of Railhead.

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(b) Normally the forward Field Ambulances will send their First Line transport to Casualty Clearing Stations for such stores, although on occasions, Second Line RASC may draw from Casualty Clearing Stations themselves and deliver forward to the Field Ambulance.

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RASC TRAINING DEPOT.

ORGANIZATION OF SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT SERVICES OF THE BRITISH ARMY

Precis No..... Oct 44.

1. STAFF.

There are three branches of the Staff:-

"G" (General Staff) Branch - controls operations, intelligence, etc.

"A" (Adjutant General) Branch - controls personnel, pay, discipline, etc.

"Q" (Quartermaster General) Branch - controls questions of supply and transport.

Each branch controls the corresponding services - for example "G" Branch controls the FIELD SECURITY POLICE. "A" Branch controls the Medical and Pay Services, and "Q" Branch controls the working of the Royal Army Service Corps and Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

2. EXERCISE OF CONTROL.

At every formation headquarters, in addition to the Staff representatives of "G", "A" and "Q", there are the heads of the various services, working under their corresponding branches of the Staff, and responsible to the Staff for the operation of their own services. In the case of the RASC, this is known as the DIRECTORATE OF SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT.

3. CORPS HQ.

Commander.

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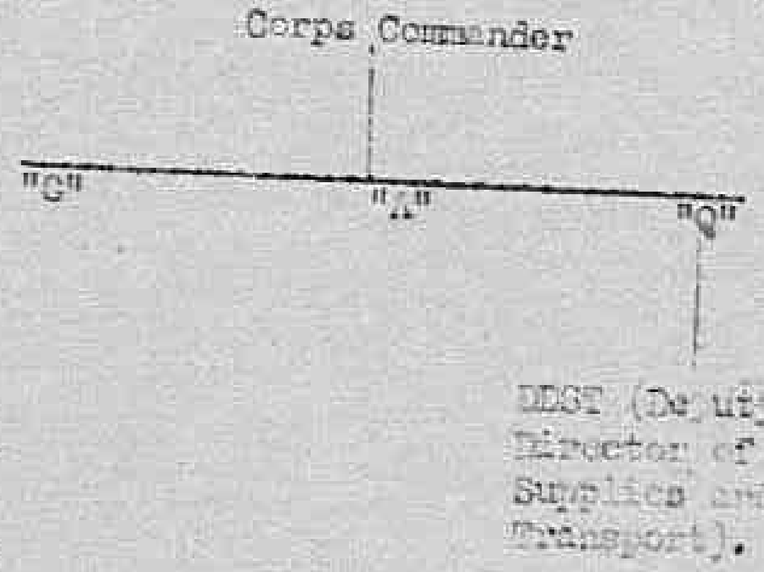

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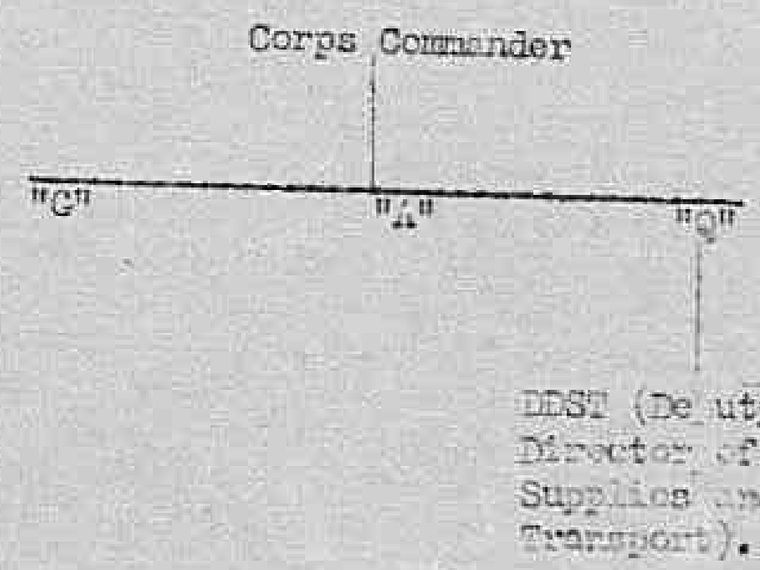

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4. DIVISIONAL HQ.

(i) At Divisional HQ the "A" and "Q" Branches of the staff are controlled by one Officer. The AAG/MG (Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General).

(ii) The head of the SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT DIRECTORATE is CRASC (Commander Royal Army Service Corps). He has three responsibilities:-

(a) To advise the Divisional Commander on technical matters connected with the operation of his service.

(b) To Command the RASC units within the Division and to be responsible to the Divisional Commander for their operation, administration and efficiency.

(c) To be responsible to the DST at Corps that the Supply and Transport Services within the Division are administered in accordance with the policy of the higher command, and with such technical instructions as may be issued by the DST.

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R.A.S.C. TRAINING DEPOT.

Precis: REPLENISHMENT OF NON-R.A.S.C. STORES IN FORWARD AREAS.

Sep 44. Precis No.....

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1. OBJECT.

To indicate the sources of supply which may be wanted by the Transport Company. These fall into three groups:-

(i) Non-operational stores (clothing, boots, equipment etc.).
(ii) Vehicles.
(iii) Spares for vehicles.

2. These all involve the ROYAL ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS, which is responsible for the provision of all major materials of war except those supplied by the R.A.S.C., and the ENGINEER SERVICES.

3. ORDNANCE ORGANIZATION IN A THEATRE OF WAR.

(i) In the Division. Controlled by the ASSISTANCE DIRECTOR OF ORDNANCE SERVICE (ADOS), at Div H.Q.
Each Div has its divisional ORDNANCE FIELD PARK (OFP), which functions as a forward reserve of ordnance stores.

(ii) In the Corps. Controlled by the DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ORDNANCE SERVICES (DDOS), at Corps HQ.
Each Corps has its CORPS ORDNANCE FIELD PARK (OFP).
Holds a reserve of vehicle spares and complete vehicles.

(iii) In the L. of C. and Base. Advanced Ordnance Depots (AODs) are established. Their various sections hold all Ordnance stores except complete vehicles.
Vehicles are held in a Vehicle Company (Veh Coy), forming an integral part of an AOD, and divided into the various VEHICLE PARKS, with one of its parks probably in the forward area.
Each VEHICLE PARK holds reserves of vehicles for issue, and also maintains a RETURNED VEHICLE PARK (RVP) to which vehicles beyond repair are evacuated by units.

4. CLOTHING AND GENERAL STORES.

Units pass indents through ADOS at Div HQ, who transmits them to AOD for supply through the normal transportation channels along the lines of communication.

On arrival at the L of C terminals (railhead or road head), stores are loaded with the supply vehicles of the ARMY TRANSPORT POOL up to FMA, and follow the normal channel for supplies to the units.

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Each Div has its divisional ORDNANCE FIELD PARK (OFP), which functions as a forward reserve of ordnance stores.

(ii) In the Corps. Controlled by the DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ORDNANCE SERVICES (DDOS), at Corps HQ.
Each Corps has its CORPS ORDNANCE FIELD PARK (OFP).
Holds a reserve of vehicle spares and complete vehicles.

(iii) In the L. of C. and Base. Advanced Ordnance Depots (AODs) are established. Their various sections hold all Ordnance stores except complete vehicles.
Vehicles are held in a Vehicle Company (Veh Coy), forming an integral part of an AOD, and divided into the various VEHICLE PARKS, with one of its parks probably in the forward area.
Each VEHICLE PARK holds reserves of vehicles for issue, and also maintains a RETURNED VEHICLE PARK (RVP) to which vehicles beyond repair are evacuated by units.

4. CLOTHING AND GENERAL STORES.

Units pass indents through ADOS at Div HQ, who transmits them to AOD for supply through the normal transportation channels along the lines of communication.

On arrival at the L of C terminals (railhead or road head), stores are taken with the supply vehicles of the ARMY TRANSPORT POOL up to FUA, and follow the normal channel for supplies to the units.

Urgent operational requirements may be issued form the Corps ORDNANCE FIELD PARK under authority of DDOS at Corps HQ.

5. VEHICLES.

A vehicle requiring repairs beyond the capacity of the transport company workshops is evacuated to the RETURNED VEHICLE PARK (RVP), and a demand is made through ADOS at Div HQ. This passes to DDOS at Corps and on to Army HQ., who arrange issue from the VEHICLE PARK.

The vehicles from VEHICLE PARK are sent forward via Corps OFP to the point at which they are handed to units (normally the Div OFP).

6. VEHICLE SPARES.

Indents are prepared by the officer of the Workshops Platoon, and are sent direct to the Corps OFP, where issues are made. Certain major assemblies (complete engines, etc.) may be controlled by Army HQ., but orders will exist in every formation as to this point.

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Subject:- Reserve of Rations.

Q 504/3

51 B.L.U.

1. Your Q 5/3 dated 20 Oct 44 refers.

2. The above quoted minute was not only impertinent but in addition was insubordinate. You appear to have overlooked that a minute addressed to H.Q. 56 Area is in fact addressed to the Area Commander. It is not polite to write the Commander " I can hardly credit that a delay of 10 days is necessary to make the decision ", apart from the officer responsible being insubordinate and running the risk of disciplinary action.

3. This is not the only case of impertinent communications being addressed by your unit to this H.Q. Your Signal Q 1/3 dated 19 Oct in connection with laundry contract is another case in point, and a separate minute has been addressed to you on this.

4. This H.Q. will not tolerate insubordination. Should there be a repetition, disciplinary action will be taken against the officer responsible.

5. It is not necessary for me to explain what you think was a delay. You might be interested to learn however that it was necessary to refer this matter to H.Q. 3 District and immediately a decision was given by that H.Q. you were notified (vide my minute Q 504/3 dated 21 Oct to S.T. copy to you).

In The Field.
22 Oct 44.

Lt Col,
AA & QMG,
HQ 56 Area.

MH

Copy to:- MMA, D.M.T., 3 Dist. } Copies are sent for information in view of copies of above quoted minute Q 5/3 being addressed to you.

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20 Oct 44

Q 1

To:- MMIA, Rome

and for infm 53 BLU

From:- MMIA LO, FOLGORE

MM S/Sec
FILE RE
Cam Recd 25/10/1

Subject - Fd Bakery

1. On 6 Oct 44 I wrote asking if a fd bakery, ovens and personnel, could be att from sdm tail to this fmn to form a bakery here.
2. Object - to avoid haul of bread from Naples, and to produce a better bread. Also to have a better check on flour ration.
3. To date I have had no reply.
4. DADST 53 BLU is of the opinion that a local fd bakery is the best solution and asks me to solicit a reply.

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J. H. Phillips
Col

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MILA

TO : FAS FOR MILA 10

INFO : MILA 10 50 MAT

25 1650 .A.

32/408 CONFIDENTIAL

In the near future mules will be arriving in the BENEVENTO Area for the FRIULI division (.) Karen Rome Area_____Fiaren (.) Please despatch to BENEVENTO consigned FRIULI Div as soon as possible from Italian Army stocks 5 Tons Ribben and 4 Tons balanced grain to be held available by FRIULI pending arrival of animls (.)

IMPORTANT

Precedence

Authentication S.B. Caine Major for Lt.Col.

Internal:- D.C.C. Italian War Ministry.
Spec Sec, MILA.

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(31/53/8)

MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MMIA

TO : FBS FOR MMIA LO

INFO: DADST 50 BLU
DADST 51 BLU

ST/410

CONFIDENTIAL

Increase rations on daily pack trains for the FRIULI and CREMONA Divisions until a 10 day maintenance is held (.) Paren Zone Area _____Paren (.) DADST 50 and 51 BLUs will inform MMIA LO NAPLES balance and amounts required by commodities to reach this target (.)

Precedence IMPORTANT

Authentication

Internal:- Spec Sec.

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

29/6.

DATE TIME
25 1805 A

FROM: MEA

TO: PHNOM

Rpts: HISTORY - PBS PARS MMIAG

AG 2065

RESTRICTED

ORTNG RITHDRAWAL OF SCHEDULED PBS MT IN MAPLES NOW REQUIRED FOR OTHER PURPOSES THE AVAILABLE 171-171 TPT CANNOT MEET DAILY COMMITMENT OF MOVING RATIONS FROM DEPOTS TO LOADING POINT FOR DAILY PACK TRAIN TO COMBAT GROUP (.) PARIN HOME AREA _____ PARIN (.) MAXIMUM TRK TRUCKS REQUIRED (.) ALTERNATIVES ARE EITHER TO TAKE COMBAT GROUP TRANSPORT WITH RESULTANT DELAY IN TRAINING AND RE-EQUIPING PROGRAM OR DISTRUBE TO LOAN TPT (.) REQUEST YOU DECIDE WHICH ALTERNATIVE TO BE USED.

Internal Dist:

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Special Section

PRECEDENCE Immediate

AUTHENTICATED [illegible] H.O.

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Subject:- Reserve Rations to be stored at Benevento. SECRET.

Military Mission Italian Army,
ROME.
ST/53/8
21 Oct 44.

MMIA TO NAPLES.

Copy to:- Italian War Ministry
Special Section
A/C MMIA
NAV. MMIA.

Reference our ST/53/8 dated 19 Oct 44.

1. Neither Friuli nor Cremona Divisions will leave concentration areas before 11th Nov 44.

2. Dates of the arrival of Mantova and Piceno Divisions will be signalled as soon as known.

[signature] Lt.Col. Staff Major

/s/ B.L. PERCEVAL.
Lt.Col. RASC,
ADMT, Military Mission Italian Army.

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(SC/53/8)

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MESSAGE FORM

From : MILA

To : FBI WDC MEXA LC

Info : MEXA LG SD MAT

RS.1232.4.

SC/SCA

CONFIDENTIAL

Arriving [illegible] from CIUDAD from 25 Oct one Italian ship 300 short aggrec strength 600 (600) (.) Number MERC AERA [illegible] guren (.) Additional personnel to be retained in this area (.) Numero sufficient rations are forwarded to maintain them (.) Italian War Ministry informed (.)

Procedure [illegible]

Authentication [illegible] for M.Gen.

Internal:- A/G MILA

Open Section, MILA. [illegible]

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Object:-Reserve Rations to be stored at Benevento SECRET

Military Mission Italian Army
ROME.
ST/53/8

MMIA LO Naples. 19 Oct 44.

Copy to:-Italian War Ministry;
Special Section;
A/Q MMIA;
Mov. MMIA.

1. It is probable that during the 1st week in November the Mantova Division will move into the St. Giorgio Benevento Area.

2. It is hoped before this move takes place that the Friuli Division already in the above area will have moved out, there may however be an overlap, but in any case this should not be for more than a week.

3. At a time subsequent to this, possibly about the middle of November, the Piceno Division will also move into this area, but as far as is known at present they will not move in until the Cremona Division has moved out, there should in this case be no overlapping.

4. For this purpose it will be necessary to arrange immediately for additional rations to be despatched to Benevento to be held as a reserve against such a contingency. - reference Para 2 above.

5. You will therefore arrange for a suitable lock up store to be obtained to house these rations at the most convenient place.

6. Italian Guards will be detailed for day and night duty on the premises.

7. The following rations based on a strength of 10,000 for 7 days , maintenance will be forwarded from Naples Bulk Depot:-

	lbs.		lbs.
Biscuits	51,500	Rice	4,375
Veg. Dehy.	4,375	Veg. Dried	8,750
Canned Meat or Fish	13,125	Tom. Catsup	2,191
Cheese	4,375	Coffee	2,191
Sugar	4,375	Pepper	22
Macaroni	13,125	Matches	10,000 Boxes
		Olive Oil	4,375
		Nuts	2,188
		Salt	2,191
		Wine	35,000 Litres

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		Olive Oil	4,375
		Nuts	2,188
		Salt	2,191
		Wine	35,000 Litres

Total = 53 tons approx. plus 35,000 litres wine.

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8. Movements MGIA have been requested to bid for rail transport in their current demand dated 19 October for period 30 October to 5 November.

9. In the meantime if any movement of rations can be arranged locally at Naples please inform this office in order that necessary adjustments can be made.

B.L. [illegible]
Lt.Col. RASC,
ADST, Military Mission Italian Army.

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By cg Date 10 6 01

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SUBJECT: Transit Camp.

MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
ROME
S/G/29/6
19 Oct 44.

Ministry of War.

1. You are authorised to form the Transit Camp included in the Order of Battle for Auxiliary Units of the Combat Groups in accordance with the establishment already passed to you.

2. As envisaged in the establishment the Camp will be capable of being used in three parts. Initially it will be divided into two, and established at Benevento and Vairano railheads.

3. Please inform MMIA of the unit's designation.

4. You will be informed as soon as possible of the arrangements to be made for the supply of this unit's equipment.

Major General
M M I A

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SUBJECT: Transit Camp.

MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
ROME
S/G/29/6
10 Oct 44

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Major General
M M I A

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

DATE TIME

18 [illegible] A

FROM: MKLA

TO: FREEDOM NFTD .PET SEC FREEDOM - PET SEC NAAC - DISTRIBEK

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AL 2035

FOR Q (MAINZ) (.) PAREN NUMR AREA _____ PAREN (.) REF

CONVERSATION BRIG NAPIER - COL PIDDLEY (.) UNDERSTAND ITALIAN

COMBAT GPS ARE PART ALLIED ORDER OF BATTLE (.) REQUEST YOU

INFORM PET SEC NAAC AND DISTRICT ACCORDINGLY SO THAT POL MAY BE

DRAWN FROM ANY ALLIED PMT POINT IN NORMAL MANNER

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Spec Sec.

PRECEDENCE Routine

AUTHENTICATED JJ-1 Col

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MESSAGE FORM

From : MMIA

To : (1) DADST 50 BLU
(2) DADST 51 BLU

10 1755 .A.

Infor PBS for MMIA
64 Garrison

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ST/377

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64 Garrison pass to 52 and 53 BLU (.) Paren Rome Area_____ Paren (.) Subject is maintenance of FRIULI AND CREMONA divs (.) Signal to MMIA if it is possible to maintain subject divs in similar manner as LEGHANO and FOLGORE (.) Namely each div receive a two day pakk alternate days (.) If feasible discuss with MMIA LO NAPLES and arrange accordingly (.)

Precedence

Authentication

Lt. Col.

IMPORTANT.

Internal:- Special Section.

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TOO 121745Z A.

FROM : MEXICO

TO : 90 MEXICO
31 MEXICO
GR GARRISON FOR 52 and 53 MEXICO

CONFIDENTIAL

EXP/D (.) PARTY HOPES ARISE PARTY (.) ENCLOSED TEXT BRITISH NOTE TENOR AFFECTED WILL NOT WELL BE USED BY ALL EMBASSY UNTIL IN ALL CHIEFS (.) GRAY DECLINED ACCEPTANCE (.)

REFERENCE

AUTHENTICATION

MR. LEE.

INFORMAL

REPEAD GRAY MEXICO.

A/O MEXICO.

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Subject :- Work Tickets Italian Vehs

"C" British Liaison Unit

Q 2

HQ M.M.I.A.
Chief of Staff CREMONA Gruppo
S.T.

Ref our MMIA LOs signal CR/12 dated 2 Oct and your reply SS 137 dated 4 Oct.

1. AFs C 3518 in the Original English forms and printed in Italian have been use in CREMONA Gruppo for some time past so that the Dvrs and petrol personnel are entirely familiar with them.

2. In view of the impending change of petrol supply from CIP to British Army Sources due to the inclusion of Gruppi on the British Order of Battle, it seems desirable to retain British Work Tickets since presumably Italian counterparts will NOT be sufficient authority to draw petrol at British points. Since many journeys are beyond the range of Veh tanks this will undoubtedly be necessary.

3. The Comd CREMONA Gruppo has expressed his desire to retain AFs C 3518 but the Director of Motorisation NAPLES has insisted on the use of ITALIAN Work Tickets

4. There seems ~~to be~~ little to be gained by changing to the Italian system at this stage and it is requested that G.M.I.A. be instructed to continue the use of the English Work Ticket for all Gruppi.

R. B. Kalch
Major.,
DAA & QMG.

Field
9 Oct 44
RBK/MWH

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(GT/93/2)

MESSAGE FORM

From : MGIA

To : 64 CAMELEON Hqtd Gendt RAAF Trg Depot Nola

GT/375

For MGIA IO D MAI (.) Exercise Rose Area Return (.) Confirm to this HQ and second addressee that six Officers and twenty four NCOs from Correspondents Coy of [redacted] Div will assemble at RAAF Trg Depot Nola pm 15 Oct 44 to commence seven day course 16 Oct 44 (.) Students to attend comprise following (.) Coy Commander one Supt from Coy HQ one Supt from Comp Pl three subalterns from Tpt Pls (.) Total six officers (.) CSM one Sgt and four Cpls from Coy HQ three Sgts from PLTs three Sgts and 12 Cpls from Tpt Pls (.) Total twenty four NCOs (.) [redacted] letter L1Q/A15/ADO of 8 Sept 44 contains instructions to Div Cond (.)

Precedence IMMEDIATE

Authentication [illegible] Lt.Col.

Informal:- Special Section

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MESSAGE FORM S/G/2916

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FROM: MEDA

To : 'B' HQ
HFTD: 60 DID

CONFIDENTIAL

ST/367

For DADST rpt DADST (.) Paren Rome Area_____Paren (.)
Composite platoon nucleus composed of ONE Captain ONE Subaltern
ONE Staff Sergeant TWO Sergeants FOUR clerks and THREE storemen
all of whom will be SUSSISTENZA personnel will assemble for
10 day course at 60 DID Torre Annunziata PM 16 Oct rpt PM 16
Oct to commence 17 Oct 44 (.) Report by signal 17 Oct that
personnel have reported (.) Your ST/G/12 dated 5 Oct refers (.)
ACK (.)

Precedence IMPORTANT

Authentication N A Peterson Lt. Col.

Internal: Special Section.

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TRAINING OF COMBAT GROUPS.

7 day course at R.A.S.C. Training Depot, HULL.

PROGRAMME.

TUPTIA.	19th Sep - 25th Sep. Incl.
CRICKOTA.	28th Sep - 4th Oct. Incl.
ENCHANO.	5th Oct - 11th Oct. Incl.
MOHAWK.	16th Oct - 22nd Oct. Incl.
MARTOVA.	23rd Oct - 30th Oct. Incl.
PICANO.	1st Nov - 7th Nov. Incl.

Courses to assemble p.m. day previous and disperse A.M. day after.

S.T. Forsyth.
M.M.T.A.
7 Oct 41.

ASI/

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Subject:- POL for Gruppi di Combattimento
Period 11-20 Oct 44 Inclusive.

(by hand)

M/87.

2 Oct 44.

Military Mission Italian Army.
ROME.
Tel: Rome 480061 ext 206.

To: AFHQ Ref. Sec., N.A.A.F.

5/6/2016

Copies: A - B - C Mills (for [redacted]).
MMIA LO, Bulgare Division
(for transmission to [redacted], 5 HQ).
MMIA LO, Naples.
Miran. Gen. Gallo Motorizzazione,
Italian War Ministry.
A/C MMIA.
Special Section MMIA.

1. Further to this HQ letter to you ref M/87 dated 20 Oct 44 copies to MMIA only.

2. Following are the requirements of POL for the Italian Gruppi now in training for release over the period 11 - 20 Oct 44 inclusive:-

Item	BRITISH DIVISIONS to be released by CCS [redacted]	GERMAN DIVISIONS to be released by CCS [redacted]	[redacted] DIVISIONS to be released by CCS [redacted]	[redacted] DIVISION to be released by CCS [redacted]
MT 80 in Barrels	935	383	509	283
AVG "	NIL	NIL	104	84
[redacted] "	26	12	19	9
SAE 30 "	22	10	15	7½
SAE 50 "	9	4	6	3
DEO and/or HYPOID 90 "	13	6	9	4½
GREASE 1/2 in lbs	528	240	393	195
GREASE 3/4 in lbs	100	50	75	128 50

3. Details of vehicle strengths and other notes in support of the above demands are enclosed for [illegible]

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Special Session 1674.

1. Further to this HQ letter to you ref T/87 dated 20 Oct 44 copies to HQs only.

2. Following are the requirements of POL for the Italian Cmpgd now in training for release over the period 11 - 20 Oct 44 inclusive:-

Item	[redacted] Division To be released by GHP [redacted].	[redacted] Division To be released by GHP [redacted].	[redacted] Division To be released by GHP [redacted].	[redacted] Division To be released by GHP [redacted].
MT 80 in Barrels	955	383	501	283
500 "	NIL	NIL	104	24
[redacted] "	28	12	19	9
[redacted] 30 "	22	10	15	7½
[redacted] 50 "	9	4	6	3
[redacted] and/or [redacted] 90 "	13	6	9	4½
[redacted] 1/2 in lbs	506	240	303	193
[redacted] 3/4 in lbs	100	50	75	30

3. Details of vehicle strengths and other notes in support of the above demands are contained in Appendix A to this letter.

4. The undersigned is visiting the Naples area in the coming week and will check up further with each Division. Right is reserved to modify any of the demands now submitted in the light of further elucidation.

5. It will be appreciated that the circumstances of these Divisions, which are carrying out an intensive re-equipment and re-training programme working against time, call for a more flexible handling of their POL allocations than is required for static formations.

Maj Hind. Q
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6. The use of CIP, Geneva for the supply of Lagoma and Bulgaro Divisions has been found to be impractical. You are therefore requested to authorize release for these two divisions by CIP, Naples. Arrangements for delivery to each Division will be worked out between the Divisional Staffs and MMA officer Naples.

7. Considerable difficulty has arisen in connection with the allocations for the period 1 - 10 Oct 44. In order to prevent a repetition of these difficulties over the next period with the consequent delays and delay to the rearmament programme, you are requested to act by telephone and/or Immediate signal to CIP Caserta and CIP Naples further on receipt of this letter. Please ensure that the allocation for each Division is commanded separately.

8. It is hoped as a result of the visit referred to in para 4 to take up with you on return ways and means of establishing a better procedure for the administration of POL for these formations than the present system of day-to-day allocations.

(O.L. PETERSEN).
Major RASC.
for Lt. Col.
AD/Q, MMA.

QCP/JED

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Copy to file G/30.

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Appendix "A" to MMTA HQ letter T/87 of 8 Oct 44.

Estimates of POL Requirements of Friuli - Cremona - Legnano - Folgore Divisions for Period 11 - 20 Oct 44 Inclusive.

Friuli Division (located at San Giorgio near Benevento).

Latest operating vehicle strength reported by A HQ to HQ MMTA in signal ST/16 dated 5 Oct 44 as follows:-

Type	Number operating as at 6 Oct 44.	Gallons required 11-20 Oct 44 inclusive at agreed Training Scales.
Motorcycles	68	3060
Wheeled Vehicles (MT 80)	203	9135
Half Tracked (MT 80)	NIL	NIL
Full Tracked (MT 80)	60	27000
Total MT 80 Required		39195 Gallons = 933 Barrels
All Types (Diesel)	NIL	NIL

Friuli Division are at present engaged in drawing their new W/E vehicles as fast as availability of vehicles and drivers permits. This will result in considerable increases in the current period in vehicle strengths as compared with foregoing figures for both Benzine and Diesel. Effect of this re-equipment will be checked up in detail by DADT, MMTA in Naples in coming week and supplementary bid if required for period 11 - 20 Oct 44 inclusive will be made on return. For present however, Benzine allocation as above will be sufficient and there are known to be certain Diesel stocks on hand.
Lubricants have been requested by the Friuli and Cremona Divisions (in their signal ST/4 dated 17 Sep 44 to HQ MMTA) in a special breakdown as stated below based on their particular problems, and the following requirements for the period 11 - 20 Oct 44 result:-

SAE 30	2½% of Fuel Gallonage	= 22 Barrels
SAE 50	1% " "	= 9 Barrels
C600 and/or Hypoid 90	1½% " "	= 13 Barrels
Grease 1 or 2	1½ lbs per 100 Gallons	= 588 lbs
Grease 3 or 4	'small quantity'	say 100 lbs
Kerosene	3% of Fuel Gallonage	= 28 Barrels

Cremona Division (located at Altavilla near Benevento).

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Cremona Division (located at Altavilla near Benevento).

Latest operating vehicle strength reported by B HLU to HQ MMIA in signal ST/13 dated 6 Oct 44 as follows:-

Type	Number operating as at 6 Oct 44.	Gallons required 11-20 Oct 44 inclusive at agreed Training Scales.
Motorcycles	72	3240
Wheeled Vehicles (MT 80)	165	7425
Half Tracked (MT 80)	NIL	NIL
Full Tracked (MT 80)	12	5400
Total MT 80 Required		16065 Gallons = 383 Barrels
All Types (Diesel)	NIL	NIL

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Lubricants (on same basis as for Friuli Division):-

SAE 30	2½% of Fuel Gallonage	=	10 Barrels
SAE 50	1% " "	=	4 Barrels
C600 and/or Hypoid 90	1½% " "	=	6 Barrels
Grease 1 or 2	1½ lbs per 100 Gallons	=	240 lbs
Grease 3 or 4	'small quantity'	say	50 lbs
Kerosene	3% of Fuel Gallonage	=	12 Barrels

Legnano Division (located at Piedimonte d' Alife in region of Capua).

Latest operating vehicle strength reported by O RLU to HQ MMIA in signal ST/2/11 dated 7 Oct 44 as follows:-

Type	Number Operating as at 6 Oct 44	Gallons required 11-20 Oct 44 inclusive at agreed Training Scales.
Motorcycles	213	9585
Wheeled Vehicles (MT 80)	263	11835
Full Tracked (MT 80)	1	450
Total MT 80 Required		21870 = 521 Gallons Barrels
Wheeled Vehicles (Diesel)	97	4365 = 104 Gallons Barrels

Lubricants (on same basis as for Friuli Division):-

SAE 30	2½% of Fuel Gallonage	=	15 Barrels
SAE 50	1% " "	=	6 Barrels
C600 and/or Hypoid 90	1½% " "	=	9 Barrels
Grease 1 or 2	1½ lbs per 100 Gallons	=393	lbs
Grease 3 or 4	'small quantity'	say 75	lbs 1280
Kerosene	3% of fuel gallonage	=	19 Barrels

Folgore Division (located east of Piedimonte d' Alife in region of Capua).

Latest operating vehicle strength reported by MMIA LO, Folgore Division in letter 35 dated 6 Oct 44 as follows:-

Type	Number on Strength as at 6 Oct 44	Gallons required 11-20 Oct 44 inclusive at agreed

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Type	Number on Strength as at 6 Oct 44	20 Oct 44 inclusive at agreed Training Scales
Motorcycles	213	9585
Wheeled Vehicles (MF 80)	263	11835
Full Tracked (MF 80)	1	450
Total MF 80 Required		21870 = 521 Gallons Barrels
Wheeled Vehicles (Diesel)	97	4365 = 104 Gallons Barrels

Lubricants (on same basis as for Friuli Division):-

SAE 30	2½% of Fuel Gallonage	= 15 Barrels
SAE 50	1% " "	= 6 Barrels
2600 and/or		
Hypoid 90	1½% " "	= 9 Barrels
Grease 1 or 2	1½ lbs per 100 Gallons	=393 lbs
Grease 3 or 4	'small quantity'	say 75 lbs
Kerosene	3% of fuel gallonage	= 19 Barrels

Folgore Division (located east of Piedimonte d' Alife in region of Capua).

Latest operating vehicle strength reported by MMIA LO, Folgore Division in letter G5 dated 6 Oct 44 as follows:-

Type	Number on Strength as at 6 Oct 44	Gallons required 11-20 Oct 44 inclusive at agreed Training Scales
Motorcycles	117	5265
Wheeled Vehicles (MF 80)	147	6615
Total MF 80 Required		11880 = 283 Gallons Barrels
Wheeled Vehicles (Diesel)	22	990 = 24 Gallons Barrels

Lubricants (on same basis as for Friuli Division):-

SAE 30	2½% of Fuel Gallonage	= 7½ Barrels
SAE 50	1% " "	= 3 Barrels
2600 and/or		
HYPOID 90	1½% " "	= ½ Barrels
Grease 1 or 2	1½ lbs per 100 Gallons	= 195 lbs
Grease 3 or 4	'small quantity'	say 30 lbs
Kerosene	3% of Fuel Gallonage	= 9 Barrels

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From: NMIA 09. 1615A.

To : G4 GARRISON

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For NMIA Info for G NZ (.) Paren Name Area _____ Paren (.)
Ops NZ/366 05 (.) Acknowledge and confirm that personnel assembled
BASC TO NMIA on 07 Oct (.)

Precedence PRIORITY

Authentication Lt.Col.

Internal:- Special Section

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FROM MMIA LO NAPLES

64 GARRISON

INFO MMIA LO LEGNANO DIVISION
MMIA LO FOLGORE DIVISION
MMIA

8116 STN/15B

Confirming telephone message to MMIA LO LEGNANO 061515A (.) Subject is Pol from Cip (.) Reference conversation Major GELARDI, Captain BAXTER, Marfisa of NAPLES Cip (.) It is imperative that a representative of each division be sent to NAPLES to witness loading of Pol for his Division onto rail cars (.) First loading due to start SUNDAY 8 October (.) Please instruct representatives to report to MMIA NAPLES Captain BAXTER for further instructions (.) This is the only solution otherwise Rail Movement is off

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ADVANCE COPY

FROM : MEGA

TO : S DEPTSTATE FOR MEGA LO

200. 07/1600 A

TOP/7 (.) EXCEPT (.) FOR YOUR FB 95 DATED 06 (.) EMBOFF ROME ARMA_____ FOR

BRIEF (.) OUR REMARKS REQUESTED BY EMBASSY FOR INFORMATION OF CHIEF OF

CARABINIERI NOW ASSIGNED AND TRAINED (.) PLEASE REPEAT REMARKS ABOVE EXCEPT

ON HAND OF MOST MODERN AND AVERAGE MATERIAL OBTAINED BY RECEIVING OR OCCU AND

POLICEMAN SCHOOL.

PROCEDENCE IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATION

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LT. COL.

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MESSAGE FORM

From : MGIA

To : 64 GARRISON. RPTD. RASC TO NOLA 05 15-5-2 .A.

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For MGIA LO for C MAU (.) Paren Rose Area Paren (.)
6 officers and 24 NCOs from Supply Company LEONARD Div will assemble RASC TO NOLA on Saturday 7 Oct to start 7 days course on Sunday 8 Oct (.) CADET C MAU to AUK

Precedence IMMEDIATE

Authentication M. Pennell Lt.Col.

Internal:- Special Section.

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FROM MMIA

TO "B" FLU 04 A 1215.

SS 137

CONFIDENTIAL

Your CR/12 of 2 Oct (.) PAREN ROME ARMA COMMAND_____PAREN (.)

Italian work tickets fr M.T. are in order and should continue (.)

PRECEDENCE Immediate

AUTHENTICATED Telegraph Branch

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : DELTA

TO : DELTA AO 2 DIRECTOR

5/5/86

DTG:03

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SEC/2 (.) REQUEST SPECIAL TECHNICAL TEAM MEMBERS ASSIGNED TO AIR AOG AND 442 AMW AT [illegible] BE RELEASED FROM DUTIES AND AVAILABLE NLT 2 DECEMBER OR EARLIER IF DATE OF PCS/ETS/RNLTD CHECK (.) NEEDED BY NO LATER THAN (.) STATE IF ANY MEMBER UNDER CONTROL OF THIS DOCUMENT IS EXCLUDED AND AVAILABLE (.) REPORT BY NO LATER THAN WHO COULD ARRANGE REPORT BY DATE

7/9/84

PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT

INFORMATION

ACTION

EXTERNAL

SPECIAL HANDLING

Maj Headquarters WP

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(92/93/2)

MESSAGE FORM

FROM : ROIA

TO : MADPP A ELU

92/356

DISCRET.

YUKI 92/11 (.) INFORM ROIA DESDIATEIX IP COMPOSITE

PLAZOON ESCHIMEL ARP ANTHRAT AT 60 DEG POINT

ANNUNCIATA GH WEDNESDAY GA DEC GA SEP (.)

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATION

Interzmli- base station, MIA.

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Subject : Reserve of Rations - Winter months.

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To :-
Q 57 Area
MEIA
CF

Ref : Q 501
Date : 29 Sep 44

1. It is considered probale that the road between BENEVENTO and this Unit will be blocked for some days on end during the winter months on account of snowfall.

2. Authy is therefore requested to hold 10 days reserve of the following items :-

(a) Hard rations
(b) Kerosene
(c) Wood fuel

3. Feeding strength is likely to average 50.

Field,
CE/G I

B W Nellans
Lieut.Colonel
General Staff
Commanding "B" Brit Ldais Unit

To
A D S T. Q. SS 2/10.

WP

Spec. Sec.

Noted.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 400/105 D-O

22 September 1944

SUBJECT: Supply of Italian Armed Forces (Army, Navy and Air)

TO : All Concerned

1. Object

The following comprises a combined and revised directive covering policies and instructions heretofore issued by this headquarters, governing the supply of Italian armed forces and is for the purpose of assisting the Italian Government in its responsibility for the feeding, clothing, arming, equipping and maintenance of the Italian armed forces, in furthering the war effort. It will supersede the following:

Letter, this headquarters, dated 9 January 1944, to Acting Deputy President, ACC, subject: "Supply Organization - Italian Military."

AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 2, dated 10 January 1944, subject: "Subsistence for Italian Army."

AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 36, dated 4 September 1944. (Sec.I)

Letter, this headquarters, dated 10 February 1944, to CinC AAI, Deputy President, ACC, and Deputy Vice-President, Army Sub-Commission, subject: "Disposal of Italian Army", and amendment thereto dated 15 April 1944.

Letter, this headquarters, dated 14 March 1944, to CinC AAI, subject: "Scale of Supply for Italian Army".

Letter, this headquarters, dated 14 May 1944, to CinC AAI, subject: "Single Ration Scale for Italian Military".

Letter, this headquarters, dated 21 April 1944, to CinC AAI, subject: "Organization for Supply of Effective Italian Troops".

2. Classification

For the purposes of this letter, the following abbreviations will have the meanings ascribed to them as shown:

BR - ITI	-	Italian armed forces under British command.
US - ITI	-	Italian armed forces under United States command.
ITI-ITI	-	Italian armed forces under command of the Theater Commander through the Italian War Ministry.

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3. Policy

a. All Italian armed forces will receive the same basic scale of supplies necessary for subsistence, i.e., food, clothing, medical supplies and fuel as laid down in Annexes to this letter.

BR-ITIS and US-ITIS will receive such additional equipment as may be considered necessary in order to permit them to fulfill their allotted tasks. Issues of this equipment will be controlled by this headquarters in the case of BR-ITIS and by the Commanding General, MTOUSA in the case of US-ITIS.

b. Only those classes of troops who are in fact effective will be supplied. An individual who is "in fact effective" is defined as one who is a bona fide member of the Italian armed forces, either officer, non commissioned officer, or other rank, duly enrolled or enlisted who is subject to the laws of war and the Geneva Convention, borne on the rolls of the Ministry concerned, and actually performing the duty to which assigned as shown by the official strength returns of the Ministry concerned. Security Police, [redacted], Fire Brigades, and Finance Guards are not included, as they are not military organizations in the above sense of the term. Their functions are essentially civilian in character and the control is maintained through the Allied Control Commission.

4. Supply Responsibility for the Italian Army and the Italian Air Force

a. The maintenance of BR-ITIS is a British responsibility.

b. The maintenance of US-ITIS is a United States responsibility.

c. The maintenance of ITI-ITIS is the responsibility of the Italian Government supplemented to the extent required by the United States and United Kingdom as authorized by the Combined Chiefs of Staff. This commitment is divided between the United States and the United Kingdom as follows:

Subsistence	- US
Clothing	- Joint US - UK
Medical Supply	- UK
Fuels	- UK

5. Functions of [redacted].

a. The Military Mission to the Italian Army is responsible to the Theater Commander for the coordination and supervision of supply to all categories of the Italian armed forces through the Italian Ministries.

b. When British or United States supplies are issued to ITI-ITIS in accordance with paragraph 4 c above, the senior United States Army officer of MMIA will supervise the supply of subsistence. The senior British officer and the senior United States Army officer will jointly supervise the supply of clothing. The senior British officer will supervise the supply of medical items. The procedure for handling POL is as prescribed in Annex D.

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c. The entire resources of the Italian Army are available to ITI-ITIS. ~~Any surplus will be available through MMIA to US-ITIS and BR-ITIS.~~ Headquarters MMIA will be responsible for control, issue and accounting of supplies so drawn from ITI-ITI Depots.

6. Responsibility of Italian Army for Supply

a. In meeting the responsibilities of distribution of supplies indicated in 4 a and 4 b above, the Italian War Ministry, by use of ITI-ITI forces will assist in the distribution of supply to US-ITI and BR-ITI categories of Italian armed forces, to the degree found necessary by the United States and British commanders concerned and in agreement with MMIA.

b. The Italian Army is responsible with certain minimum supervision by MMIA, for implementing and maintaining their own supply system ~~in Italy~~, Sicily and Sardinia for the ITI-ITI category of the Italian Army.

c. The Italian Army will accept responsibility for all ITI-ITI supplies made available for its use. Acceptance will include positive assurance on the part of the Italian Army that the supplies received will be issued on the scales announced and used only for the purpose intended and that they will not be bartered, sold, or otherwise disposed of.

d. The Italian Army, through MMIA, will be responsible for arranging transportation necessary for the movement of all supplies from the point of acceptance to warehouses and from warehouses to distribution or issue points. Essential transportation assistance will be furnished from the United States and British sources as agreed between the local commander and MMIA.

e. Shelter sufficient to house properly all supplies received will be provided by the Italian Army. The location of all the points of storage, including those in which supplies of Italian origin are stored, will be reported to MMIA and the commander of the Base Section or District concerned.

f. Supplies will be warehoused in accordance with recognized procedure which will insure safety from theft, pilferage, weather, damage or loss from insects or vermin, and permit inventory and distribution with ease and efficiency. Local base section and district commanders and other commanders concerned will give due consideration to the needs for Italian depot storage and facilities in order to accomplish the above.

g. The Italian Army will be responsible for the distribution and issue of all supplies on the scales and under the conditions contained in Annexes hereto, in accordance with 4 c ~~and 4 d~~ above.

h. The Italian Army will provide sufficient organizations of the proper type and strength with appropriate equipment to perform efficiently and expeditiously the duties referred to above, based on the quantity of supplies furnished from time to time for use of the Italian armed forces. 1270

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i. Personnel from MMIA will be authorized to inspect, require inventories to be made as necessary, and otherwise satisfy themselves that all supplies turned over to the Italian Army are received, warehoused, accounted for and issued in accordance with the intent of this directive.

7. Scale of Supply

a. Subsistence

(1) The Italian armed forces are subsisted on a single common ration scale shown in Annex "A". This scale will not be modified, amended or changed in any way for any category or group, without the prior approval of this headquarters.

(2) The provision of local grown commodities under par. 2 of Annex "A" for all categories of the Italian armed forces is the responsibility of the Italian Ministries. When found to be more expeditious to do so, United States or British commanders may purchase available resources of these ration components for the Italian Ministries, and receive cash repayment therefor by submitting properly signed vouchers through MMIA.

b. Clothing

(1) Clothing will be provided from the following sources in the order named and issued on the scale shown in Annex "B":

(a) Entire resources of Italian military clothing.

(b) Used clothing and individual equipment from Allied sources within the theater in accordance with the provisions of Annex "C".

(c) Shipments authorized by the Combined Chiefs of Staff for ITI-ITI, by War Department for US-ITI, and by The War Office for BR-ITI.

c. Fuel

(1) Coal -- All coal and coke requirements for BR-ITI and US-ITI will be submitted through channels to the respective Army, Base Section, or COC District for supply. Coal and coke requirements for ITI-ITI will be submitted through Italian Army channels through MMIA for screening and allocation.

(2) Petroleum products -- See Annex "D".

d. Medical Supplies -- See Annex "E".

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c. Transport

(1) Italian Army transportation will be allotted to all units in the Italian Army by MMIA in such manner as to afford the minimum use of Allied transportation.

(2) The Italian Ministry of War is responsible for maintenance of all Italian Army transportation. The Allied commanders concerned may give such assistance as is desirable in the maintenance of the transportation allocated to BR-ITIS or US-ITIS.

(3) MMIA is charged with the general supervision of maintenance, use and manner of operation of all Italian military transport, except in the combat zone, and more particularly in respect to transport provided by or for the ITI-ITIS.

8. Supply of Italian Navy

a. The theater policy is based on the decision of the Combined Chiefs of Staff that the British Royal Navy, being in command of the Italian Navy, is responsible for repairs, maintenance and supply of the Italian Navy.

(1) MMIA is designated as the agency to supervise the bulk distribution of rations furnished by the British Government for the Italian Navy.

(2) Where no Italian Army depots under MMIA control are accessible, the issue of subsistence in accordance with Annex "A", from United States Army or Navy or British Army stocks direct to Italian naval vessels is authorised to meet only minimum essential operational requirements of those Italian naval vessels operating from United States or British controlled ports. Replacement in kind will be made by MMIA, for the account of the Royal Navy, to United States Army or United States Navy, as applicable.

9. Medical

a. The Italian Medical services will maintain adequate medical hospitals and services for all the Italian armed forces.

b. Evacuation will be wherever practicable to Italian hospitals.

c. In an emergency personnel may be admitted to United States or British hospitals and will be subsisted the same as United States or British patients.

d. The Italian medical service personnel in Italian hospitals and all armed forces patients will be maintained as under:

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(1) Rations. From international ITI-ITI stocks provided by United States and controlled by MMIA.

(2) Medical Stores (Annex "E"). From international stocks provided by United Kingdom and controlled by MMIA.

c. Monthly adjustments, whereby ITI-ITI stocks will be reimbursed in kind, will be made by the United States and British Armies. Adjustments will be based on periodic reports covering number of US-ITI and BR-ITI patients for the period. Reports will be made by hospitals, as directed by MMIA.

10. Civilian Population

The policies set forth in this directive apply to the Italian armed forces only.

11. Cigarettes and Tobacco

Cigarettes or tobacco will be furnished from Italian sources and on the scale authorized by the Italian Army. None will be furnished from Allied sources.

12. Accounting

a. All supplies issued to the Italian armed forces of any of the three categories defined in paragraph 4, from intra-theater, United States, or British Army sources, will be reported to the Chief Accountant, ACC, through MMIA, and will be charged against the Italian Government in accordance with directives published by this headquarters. Issues so reported are chargeable to the Italian Government only when made as prescribed in this letter and will not be applicable to issues in excess of the scales herein prescribed unless approved by this headquarters. MMIA is charged with the duty of ensuring that only items correctly chargeable to the Italian Government are presented to the Chief Accountant, ACC.

b. Non-expendable supplies or stores and equipment furnished in accordance with paragraph 3 above, will be issued on a loan basis to be returned to the issuing agency when the mission is completed. No charge will be made to the Italian Government for such issues.

13. Review of Supply System

The review and supervision of the supply system will be the responsibility of this headquarters.

By command of General WILSON:

5 Incls:
Annex "A" to Annex "E"

R. H. CHRISTIE
Colonel, AGD
Acting Adjutant General

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ANNEX "A"

SUBSISTENCE SCALE - ITALIAN ARMY

1. The following items of the Italian ration are to be furnished as follows:

a. For U.S. commanded Italian troops, from U.S. sources

b. For British commanded Italian troops, from British sources

c. For Italian commanded Italian troops, from U.S. sources

Flour	12 oz.
Dried vegetables, ounces per ration	2 oz.
Meat, canned, or fish preserved	3 oz.
Cheese	1 oz.
Sugar	1 oz.
Macaroni	3 oz.
Rice	1 oz.
Vegetables, dehydrated	1 oz.
Catsup, or tomato paste	½ oz.
Coffee	½ oz.
Pepper	1/200
Matches, per 7 rations, box (small)	1 oz.
book, commercial type, on	2

2. The following items, to complete the ration, are to be procured by the Italian Army from all three categories listed in paragraph 1 above:

Fruit	¼ oz.
Vegetables, fresh	8 oz.
Olive Oil	1 oz.
Nuts	½ oz.
Salt	½ oz.
Wine, litre	½

3. The total caloric value of the ration is 3290.

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ANNEX "B"

CLOTHING SCALE, ITALIAN ARMY

1. The basic clothing and individual equipment scale for all categories of the Italian Army is as follows:

Blouse, Battle dress	ea	1
Trousers, Battledress	ea	1
Shirt, cotton	ea	2
Belt, web, waist	ea	1
Drawers, wool	ea	2
Undershirt, wool or pullover (1 pullover equals 2 undershirts, wool)	ea	2
Towel	ea	1
Cap, field	ea	1
Overcoat, or mackinaw	ea	1
Boots or shoes (2 prs authorized in winter if supplies permit)	pr	1
Socks	pr	3
Anklets, or leggins (when required)	pr	1
Sewing Kit, initial issue only	ea	1
Blankets, or comforter (1 comforter equals 2 blankets)	ea	2
Packcarrier (When required)	ea	1
Canteen (When required)	ea	1
Mess Kit (including fork, spoon and cup)	ea	1

2. Items made available under the provisions of Annex "C" will include all items of British scales of clothing and individual equipment and United States Tables of Equipment 21.

3. Addition to the scale will be as approved by AFHQ for BR-ITI and Commanding General, ~~NATOUSA~~ for US-ITI. Addition to the scale for ITI-ITI will be as approved by MMIA and dependent upon the available supply received in accordance with the provisions of Annex "C".

4. Field Jackets, wool shirts, wool caps, wool trousers, overcoats, mackinaws, wool, and battle dress will be dyed green prior to issue to the Italian Army and Italian Air Force.

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ANNEX "C"

Procedure for Utilization of Allied Military Clothing
for the Italian Army and Air Force

1. In order to eliminate the shipping into the theater of clothing from external sources for the Italian Army and Air Force, maximum use will be made of used clothing that is not suitable for further use of the Allied armies.

2. All items of clothing and individual equipment on British scales or U.S. Tables of Equipment will be considered as available for the use of the Italian Army. Commanders of Communication Zone, Armies, the RAF, AAF/MTO, and Districts are responsible that items made available to the Italian Army and Air Force are carefully screened and are in such condition as to be beyond economical repair for further use of United States or British military personnel or prisoners of war of the Allied nations.

a. Within the capabilities of military repair installations directly under the commanders named above, items considered suitable for the Italian Army and Air Force may be repaired, if necessary, for the purpose of issue in accordance with Annex "B" to authorized Italian units of the command. Accounting will be as prescribed in paragraph 10 of basic letter.

b. Items in excess of the repair facilities and ability of the British Army or the United States Army, will be delivered to Italian Army ITI-ITI repair installations and will be charged to the Italian Government in accordance with paragraph 10 of basic letter. No further accounting is required. Upon completion of repair, disposition will be as follows:

(1) Such items are to be utilized for clothing and equipping the ITI-ITI with the Italian Army.
(2) Surplus items will be made available by MMIA for clothing the BR-ITI and the US-ITI.

c. Distinctive buttons, insignia of rank, and all other insignia will be removed prior to transfer to Italian repair installations or depots.

d. MMIA is responsible that proper records are maintained by Italian repair installations and depots in order that the proper charges may be made to the Italian Government and a corresponding credit be given to the country of ownership. To the extent necessary to accomplish this, commanders will comply with the accounting and reporting procedure established by MMIA.

3. Supply, sale, donation, or transfer of military clothing to civilians is not authorized except when made available to ACC by MMIA. Items of clothing and shoes (boots) not suitable for the use of the Italian Army will be transferred to ACC by MMIA. Outer clothing will be dyed black by ACC prior to issue to civilians.

4. Rags and scraps originating from clothing and equipment in British or U.S. Army Depots will be offered to MMIA for the use of the Italian Army. Should the rags and scraps not be desired by the Italian Army, the rags and scraps will be disposed of as agreed by commanders named in paragraph 2 above, and ACC.

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ANNEX "D"

A. Italian Military Requirements for Petroleum Products

1. Italian formations serving with the Allied Armies will, if they are located in the Army areas, normally be supplied ex Rail/Road Head through their own maintenance channels. Italian army units serving with the Allied Armies in Army areas, and Italian units, and units diluted with Italians, which form a permanent part of the Allied Order of Battle, will be supplied as if they were Allied units, through the normal United States or British maintenance systems.

2. Italian army units not included in paragraph 1 above will be supplied with petroleum products as follows:

a. Requirements: The MMIA will be responsible for the collection and submission to AFHQ Petroleum Section, Rome Allied Area Command, of requirements for the Italian army exclusive of those formations and units included in paragraph 1 above. These requirements will be submitted so as to reach AFHQ Petroleum Section, Rome Allied Area Command by the 19th of the month preceding that in which delivery is required and will specify geographical areas in which the units are located. The basis on which all of the above requirements are predicted will be set out in detail.

b. AFHQ Petroleum Section, RAAC, will make monthly allocations authorizing release of approved quantities of petroleum products from the CIP for Italian army account in the respective areas concerned.

c. The CIP will deliver to the Italian army on a contractual basis, charging only the distribution cost (including any imposted Government taxes) but not including the cost of the petroleum product.

B. Italian Naval and Air Force Requirements

3. The Italian navy and air force will be issued such petroleum products as are not "common user" items, as directed by Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean and CinC Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, respectively. Such issues will be made direct from stocks under CinC Mediterranean and CinC MAAF control and not through CIP. ("Common user" items are defined as such Petroleum Products as are included in the North African Oil Slate).

4. Aircraft of the Italian Air Force, under the operational control of CinC MAAF will be issued with such petroleum products as they require, from stocks under the control of CinC MAAF. Records of such issues will be maintained and transmitted monthly to AFHQ Petroleum Section, Rome Allied Area Command.

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5. CinC Mediterranean and CinC MAAF will advise AFHQ Petroleum Section, RAAC of the requirements of the Italian navy and air force of "common user" petroleum products other than those covered by paragraph 4 above. Such requirements will be submitted to AFHQ Petroleum Section, RAAC by the 19th of the month preceding that in which delivery is requested, and will specify geographical areas in which release is required. Approved quantities will be included in the allocations authorized for the Italian army, and will be released to CIP as in 2, above.

6. CIP will maintain separate records of quantities received from Allied stocks and issued to:

a. civilian users
b. the three categories of the Italian army
c. Italian navy
d. Italian air force divided into that used by the Italian air force under British command, U.S. command, and Italian command, and will report such information monthly to AFHQ Petroleum Section, Rone Allied Area Command.

C. Transfer of Responsibility

7. Responsibilities established in this Annex with respect to particular agencies, i.e., Allied Military Government, Allied Central Mediterranean Force, Headquarters ACC, etc., in the event of transfer of, or assumption of responsibility by another agency will automatically be included in the transfer or assumption.

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ANNEX "E"

Medical Stores for Italian Armed Forces

1. Scales

a. Hospital Diet Items

Milk	6,200 lbs	Based on 13,000 patients for 10 days.
Rice	11,700 lbs	
Semolina or equivalent	3,000 lbs	
Butter or margerine	10,400 lbs	
Meat Extract	520 lbs	

b. Disinfectants and Miscellaneous Stores

Water Sterilizing Powder	15 lbs	Scale per 1,000 men per month.
Anti Mosquito Cream	375 lbs	
Taste Remover Tablets	250	
Izal	1 gal	
Fly catchers	480	
Prepared rat bait	1/2 lb	
AL 63	20 lbs	
Blocks fumigating	4	
Anti Mosquito Spray	20 gal	
Cresol	10 gal	
Methylated Spirits	5 gal	
Malariol	30 gal	
Paris Green	14 lbs	

c. Medical Stores

Standard scale of provision is 40 tons per 100,000 personnel per month. Itemized list omitted.

2. Provision for Medical Stores

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By command of General WILSON

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FOR DADST RPT DADST (.) MMIA SIGNAL ST/331 20 ASKED YOU TO PRESS FOR URGENT FORMATION OF COMPOSITE PLATOON NUCLEUS AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE (.) MMIA SIGNAL ST/339 26 ASKED YOU FOR PROGRESS REPORT ON FOREGOING (.) PLEASE HASTEN AND TREAT AS MOST URGENT (.)

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AUTHENTICATION B.L [illegible] LT.COL.

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AG 400/105 D-O

22 September 1944

SUBJECT: Supply of Italian Armed Forces (Army, Navy and Air)

TO : All Concerned

1. Object

The following comprises a combined and revised directive covering policies and instructions heretofore issued by this headquarters, governing the supply of Italian armed forces and is for the purpose of assisting the Italian Government in its responsibility for the feeding, clothing, arming, equipping and maintenance of the Italian armed forces, in furthering the war effort. It will supersede the following:

Letter, this headquarters, dated 9 January 1944, to Acting Deputy President, ACC, subject: "Supply Organization - Italian Military."

AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 2, dated 10 January 1944, subject: "Subsistence for Italian Army."

AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 36, dated 4 September 1944. (Sec.I)

Letter, this headquarters, dated 10 February 1944, to CinC AAI, Deputy President, ACC, and Deputy Vice-President, Army Sub-Commission, subject: "Disposal of Italian Army", and amendment thereto dated 15 April 1944.

Letter, this headquarters, dated 14 March 1944, to CinC AAI, subject: "Scale of Supply for Italian Army".

Letter, this headquarters, dated 14 May 1944, to CinC AAI, subject: "Single Ration Scale for Italian Military".

Letter, this headquarters, dated 21 April 1944, to CinC AAI, subject: "Organization for Supply of Effective Italian Troops".

2. Classification

For the purposes of this letter, the following abbreviations will have the meanings ascribed to them as shown:

BR - ITI - Italian armed forces under British command.
US - ITI - Italian armed forces under United States command.
ITI-ITI - Italian armed forces under command of the Theater Commander through the Italian War Ministry.

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3. Policy

a. All Italian armed forces will receive the same basic scale of supplies necessary for subsistence, i.e., food, clothing, medical supplies and fuel as laid down in Annexes to this letter.

BR-ITIS and US-ITIS will receive such additional equipment as may be considered necessary in order to permit them to fulfill their allotted tasks. Issues of this equipment will be controlled by this headquarters in the case of BR-ITIS and by the Commanding General, NATOUSA in the case of US-ITIS.

b. Only those classes of troops who are in fact effective will be supplied. An individual who is "in fact effective" is defined as one who is a bona fide member of the Italian armed forces, either officer, non commissioned officer, or other rank, duly enrolled or enlisted who is subject to the laws of war and the Geneva Convention, borne on the rolls of the Ministry concerned, and actually performing the duty to which assigned as shown by the official strength returns of the Ministry concerned. Security Police, [redacted], Fire Brigades, and Finance Guards are not included, as they are not military organizations in the above sense of the term. Their functions are essentially civilian in character and the control is maintained through the Allied Control Commission.

4. Supply Responsibility for the Italian Army and the Italian Air Force

a. The maintenance of BR-ITIS is a British responsibility.

b. The maintenance of US-ITIS is a United States responsibility.

c. The maintenance of ITI-ITIS is the responsibility of the Italian Government supplemented to the extent required by the United States and United Kingdom as authorized by the Combined Chiefs of Staff. This commitment is divided between the United States and the United Kingdom as follows:

Subsistence	- US
Clothing	- Joint US - UK
Medical Supply	- UK
Fuels	- UK

5. Functions of M.M.I.A.

a. The Military Mission to the Italian Army is responsible to the Theater Commander for the coordination and supervision of supply to all categories of the Italian armed forces through the Italian Ministries.

b. When British or United States supplies are issued to ITI-ITIS in accordance with paragraph 4 c above, the senior United States Army officer of MMIA will supervise the supply of subsistence. The senior British officer and the senior United States Army officer will jointly supervise the supply of clothing. The senior British officer will supervise the supply of medical items. The procedure for handling POL is as prescribed in Annex D.

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c. The entire resources of the Italian Army are available to ITI-ITIS. Any surplus will be available through MMIA to US-ITIS and BR-ITIS. Headquarters MMIA will be responsible for control, issue and accounting of supplies so drawn from ITI-ITI Depots.

6. Responsibility of Italian Army for Supply

a. In meeting the responsibilities of distribution of supplies indicated in 4 a and 4 b above, the Italian War Ministry, by use of ITI-ITI forces will assist in the distribution of supply to US-ITI and BR-ITI categories of Italian armed forces, to the degree found necessary by the United States and British commanders concerned and in agreement with MMIA.

b. The Italian Army is responsible with certain minimum supervision by MMIA, for implementing and maintaining their own supply system in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia for the ITI-ITI category of the Italian Army.

c. The Italian Army will accept responsibility for all ITI-ITI supplies made available for its use. Acceptance will include positive assurance on the part of the Italian Army that the supplies received will be issued on the scales announced and used only for the purpose intended and that they will not be bartered, sold, or otherwise disposed of.

d. The Italian Army, through MMIA, will be responsible for arranging transportation necessary for the movement of all supplies from the point of acceptance to warehouses and from warehouses to distribution or issue points. Essential transportation assistance will be furnished from the United States and British sources as agreed between the local commander and MMIA.

e. Shelter sufficient to house properly all supplies received will be provided by the Italian Army. The location of all the points of storage, including those in which supplies of Italian origin are stored, will be reported to MMIA and the commander of the Base Section or District concerned.

f. Supplies will be warehoused in accordance with recognized procedure which will insure safety from theft, pilferage, weather, damage or loss from insects or vermin, and permit inventory and distribution with ease and efficiency. Local base section and district commanders and other commanders concerned will give due consideration to the needs for Italian depot storage and facilities in order to accomplish the above.

g. The Italian Army will be responsible for the distribution and issue of all supplies on the scales and under the conditions contained in Annexes hereto, in accordance with 4 c and 4 d above.

h. The Italian Army will provide sufficient organizations of the proper type and strength with appropriate equipment to perform efficiently and expeditiously the duties referred to above, based on the quantity of supplies furnished from time to time for use of the Italian armed forces.

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i. Personnel from MMIA will be authorized to inspect, require inventories to be made as necessary, and otherwise satisfy themselves that all supplies turned over to the Italian Army are received, warehoused, accounted for and issued in accordance with the intent of this directive.

7. Scale of Supply

a. Subsistence

(1) The Italian armed forces are subsisted on a single common ration scale shown in Annex "A". This scale will not be modified, amended or changed in any way for any category or group, without the prior approval of this headquarters.

(2) The provision of local grown commodities under par. 2 of Annex "A" for all categories of the Italian armed forces is the responsibility of the Italian Ministries. When found to be more expeditious to do so, United States or British commanders may purchase available resources of these ration components for the Italian Ministries, and receive cash repayment therefor by submitting properly signed vouchers through MMIA.

b. Clothing

(1) Clothing will be provided from the following sources in the order named and issued on the scale shown in Annex "B":

(a) Entire resources of Italian military clothing.

(b) Used clothing and individual equipment from Allied sources within the theater in accordance with the provisions of Annex "C".

(c) Shipments authorized by the Combined Chiefs of Staff for ITI-ITI, by War Department for US-ITI, and by The War Office for BR-ITI.

c. Fuel

(1) Coal -- All coal and coke requirements for BR-ITI and US-ITI will be submitted through channels to the respective Army, Base Section, or COC District for supply. Coal and coke requirements for ITI-ITI will be submitted through Italian Army channels through MMIA for screening and allocation.

(2) Petroleum products -- See Annex "D".

d. Medical Supplies -- See Annex "E".

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c. Transport

(1) Italian Army transportation will be allotted to all units in the Italian Army by MMIA in such manner as to afford the minimum use of Allied transportation.

(2) The Italian Ministry of War is responsible for maintenance of all Italian Army transportation. The Allied commanders concerned may give such assistance as is desirable in the maintenance of the transportation allocated to BR-ITIS or US-ITIS.

(3) MMIA is charged with the general supervision of maintenance, use and manner of operation of all Italian military transport, except in the combat zone, and more particularly in respect to transport provided by or for the ITI-ITIS.

8. Supply of Italian Navy

a. The theater policy is based on the decision of the Combined Chiefs of Staff that the British Royal Navy, being in command of the Italian Navy, is responsible for repairs, maintenance and supply of the Italian Navy.

(1) MMIA is designated as the agency to supervise the bulk distribution of rations furnished by the British Government for the Italian Navy.

(2) Where no Italian Army depots under MMIA control are accessible, the issue of subsistence in accordance with Annex "A", from United States Army or Navy or British Army stocks direct to Italian naval vessels is authorised to meet only minimum essential operational requirements of those Italian naval vessels operating from United States or British controlled ports. Replacement in kind will be made by MMIA, for the account of the Royal Navy, to United States Army or United States Navy, as applicable.

9. Medical

a. The Italian Medical services will maintain adequate medical hospitals and services for all the Italian armed forces.

b. Evacuation will be wherever practicable to Italian hospitals.

c. In an emergency personnel may be admitted to United States or British hospitals and will be subsisted the same as United States or British patients.

d. The Italian medical service personnel in Italian hospitals and all armed forces patients will be maintained as under:

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(1) Rations. From international ITI-ITI stocks provided by United States and controlled by MMIA.

(2) Medical Stores (Annex "E"). From international stocks provided by United Kingdom and controlled by MMIA.

c. Monthly adjustments, whereby ITI-ITI stocks will be reimbursed in kind, will be made by the United States and British Armies. Adjustments will be based on periodic reports covering number of US-ITI and BR-ITI patients for the period. Reports will be made by hospitals, as directed by MMIA.

10. Civilian Population

The policies set forth in this directive apply to the Italian armed forces only.

11. Cigarettes and Tobacco

Cigarettes or tobacco will be furnished from Italian sources and on the scale authorized by the Italian Army. None will be furnished from Allied sources.

12. Accounting

a. All supplies issued to the Italian armed forces of any of the three categories defined in paragraph 4, from intra-theater, United States, or British Army sources, will be reported to the Chief Accountant, ACC, through MMIA, and will be charged against the Italian Government in accordance with directives published by this headquarters. Issues so reported are chargeable to the Italian Government only when made as prescribed in this letter and will not be applicable to issues in excess of the scales herein prescribed unless approved by this headquarters. MMIA is charged with the duty of ensuring that only items correctly chargeable to the Italian Government are presented to the Chief Accountant, ACC.

b. Non-expendable supplies or stores and equipment furnished in accordance with paragraph 3 above, will be issued on a loan basis to be returned to the issuing agency when the mission is completed. No charge will be made to the Italian Government for such issues.

13. Review of Supply System

The review and supervision of the supply system will be the responsibility of this headquarters.

By command of General WILSON:

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Annex "A" to Annex "E"

R. H. CHRISTIE
Colonel, AGD
Acting Adjutant General

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ANNEX "A"

SUBSISTENCE SCALE - ITALIAN ARMY

1. The following items of the Italian ration are to be furnished as follows:

a. For U.S. commanded Italian troops, from U.S. sources

b. For British commanded Italian troops, from British sources

c. For Italian commanded Italian troops, from U.S. sources

Flour	12 oz.
Dried vegetables, ounces per ration	2 oz.
Meat, canned, or fish preserved	3 oz.
Cheese	1 oz.
Sugar	3 oz.
Macaroni	1 oz.
Rice	1 oz.
Vegetables, dehydrated	½ oz.
Catsup, or tomato paste	½ oz.
Coffee	1/200
Pepper	1 oz.
Matches, per 7 rations, box (small)	2
book, commercial type, or	

2. The following items, to complete the ration, are to be procured by the Italian Army from all three categories listed in paragraph 1 above:

Fruit	4 oz.
Vegetables, fresh	8 oz.
Olive Oil	1 oz.
Nuts	½ oz.
Salt	½ oz.
Wine, litre	½

3. The total caloric value of the ration is 3290.

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ANNEX "B"

CLOTHING SCALE, ITALIAN ARMY

1. The basic clothing and individual equipment scale for all categories of the Italian Army is as follows:

Blouse, Battle dress	ea	1
Trousers, Battledress	ea	1
Shirt, cotton	ea	2
Belt, web, waist	ea	1
Drawers, wool	ea	2
Undershirt, wool or pullover (1 pullover equals 2 undershirts, wool)	ea	2
Towel	ea	1
Cap, field	ea	1
Overcoat, or mackinaw	ea	1
Boots or shoes (2 prs authorized in winter if supplies permit)	pr	1
Socks	pr	3
Anklets, or leggins (when required)	pr	1
Sewing Kit, initial issue only	ea	1
Blankets, or comforter (1 comforter equals 2 blankets)	ea	2
Packcarrier (When required)	ea	1
Canteen (When required)	ea	1
Mess Kit (including fork, spoon and cup)	ea	1

2. Items made available under the provisions of Annex "C" will include all items of British scales of clothing and individual equipment and United States Tables of Equipment 21.

3. Addition to the scale will be as approved by AFHQ for BR-ITI and Commanding General, NATOUSA for US-ITI. Addition to the scale for ITI-ITI will be as approved by MMIA and dependent upon the available supply received in accordance with the provisions of Annex "C".

4. Field Jackets, wool shirts, wool caps, wool trousers, overcoats, mackinaws, wool, and battle dress will be dyed green prior to issue to the Italian Army and Italian Air Force.

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ANNEX "C"

Procedure for Utilization of Allied Military Clothing
for the Italian Army and Air Force

1. In order to eliminate the shipping into the theater of clothing from external sources for the Italian Army and Air Force, maximum use will be made of used clothing that is not suitable for further use of the Allied Armies.

2. All items of clothing and individual equipment on British scales or U.S. Tables of Equipment will be considered as available for the use of the Italian Army. Commanders of Communication Zone, Armies, the RAF, AAF/MTO, and Districts are responsible that items made available to the Italian Army and Air Force are carefully screened and are in such condition as to be beyond economical repair for further use of United States or British military personnel or prisoners of war of the Allied nations.

a. Within the capabilities of military repair installations directly under the commanders named above, items considered suitable for the Italian Army and Air Force may be repaired, if necessary, for the purpose of issue in accordance with Annex "B" to authorized Italian units of the command. Accounting will be as prescribed in paragraph 10 of basic letter.

b. Items in excess of the repair facilities and ability of the British Army or the United States Army, will be delivered to Italian Army ITI-ITI repair installations and will be charged to the Italian Government in accordance with paragraph 10 of basic letter. No further accounting is required. Upon completion of repair, disposition will be as follows:

(1) Such items are to be utilized for clothing and equipping the ITI-ITI with the Italian Army.
(2) Surplus items will be made available by MMIA for clothing the BR-ITI and the US-ITI.

c. Distinctive buttons, insignia of rank, and all other insignia will be removed prior to transfer to Italian repair installations or depots.

d. MMIA is responsible that proper records are maintained by Italian repair installations and depots in order that the proper charges may be made to the Italian Government and a corresponding credit be given to the country of ownership. To the extent necessary to accomplish this, commanders will comply with the accounting and reporting procedure established by MMIA.

3. Supply, sale, donation, or transfer of military clothing to civilians is not authorized except when made available to ACC by MMIA. Items of clothing and shoes (boots) not suitable for the use of the Italian Army will be transferred to ACC by MMIA. Outer clothing will be dyed black by ACC prior to issue to civilians.

4. Rags and scraps originating from clothing and equipment in British or U.S. Army Depots will be offered to MMIA for the use of the Italian Army. Should the rags and scraps not be desired by the Italian Army, the rags and scraps will be disposed of as agreed by commanders named in paragraph 2 above, and ACC.

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ANNEX "D"

A. Italian Military Requirements for Petroleum Products

1. Italian formations serving with the Allied Armies will, if they are located in the Army areas, normally be supplied ex Rail/Road Head through their own maintenance channels. Italian army units serving with the Allied Armies in Army areas, and Italian units, and units diluted with Italians, which form a permanent part of the Allied Order of Battle, will be supplied as if they were Allied units, through the normal United States or British maintenance systems.

2. Italian army units not included in paragraph 1 above will be supplied with petroleum products as follows:

a. Requirements: The MMIA will be responsible for the collection and submission to **AFHQ Petroleum Section,** Rome Allied Area Command, of requirements for the Italian army exclusive of those formations and units included in paragraph 1 above. These requirements will be submitted so as to reach AFHQ Petroleum Section, Rome Allied Area Command by the 19th of the month preceding that in which delivery is required and will specify geographical areas in which the units are located. The basis on which all of the above requirements are predicted will be set out in detail.

b. AFHQ Petroleum Section, RAAC, will make monthly allocations authorizing release of approved quantities of petroleum products from the CIP for Italian army account in the respective areas concerned.

c. The CIP will deliver to the Italian army on a contractual basis, charging only the distribution cost (including any imposted Government taxes) but not including the cost of the petroleum product.

B. Italian Naval and Air Force Requirements

3. The Italian navy and air force will be issued such petroleum products as are not "common user" items, as directed by Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean and CinC Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, respectively. Such issues will be made direct from stocks under CinC Mediterranean and CinC MAAF control and not through CIP. ("Common user" items are defined as such Petroleum Products as are included in the North African Oil Slate).

4. Aircraft of the Italian Air Force, under the operational control of CinC MAAF will be issued with such petroleum products as they require, from stocks under the control of CinC MAAF. Records of such issues will be maintained and transmitted monthly to AFHQ Petroleum Section, Rome Allied Area Command.

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5. CinC Mediterranean and CinC MAAF will advise AFHQ Petroleum Section, RAAC of the requirements of the Italian navy and air force of "common user" petroleum products other than those covered by paragraph 4 above. Such requirements will be submitted to AFHQ Petroleum Section, RAAC by the 19th of the month preceding that in which delivery is requested, and will specify geographical areas in which release is required. Approved quantities will be included in the allocations authorized for the Italian army, and will be released to CIP as in 2, above.

6. CIP will maintain separate records of quantities received from Allied stocks and issued to:

a. civilian users
b. the three categories of the Italian army
c. Italian navy
d. Italian air force divided into that used by the Italian air force under British command, U.S. command, and Italian command, and will report such information monthly to AFHQ Petroleum Section, Rome Allied Area Command.

C. Transfer of Responsibility

7. Responsibilities established in this Annex with respect to particular agencies, i.e., Allied Military Government, Allied Central Mediterranean Force, Headquarters ACC, etc., in the event of transfer of, or assumption of responsibility by another agency will automatically be included in the transfer or assumption.

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ANNEX "E"

Medical Stores for Italian Armed Forces

1. Scales

a. Hospital Diet Items

Milk	6,200 lbs	Based on 13,000 patients for 10 days.
Rice	11,700 lbs	
Semolina or equivalent	3,000 lbs	
Butter or margerine	10,400 lbs	
Meat Extract	520 lbs	

b. Disinfectants and Miscellaneous Stores

Water Sterilizing Powder	15 lbs	Scale per 1,000 men per month.
Anti Mosquito Cream	375 lbs	
Taste Remover Tablets	250	
Izal	1 gal	
Fly catchers	480	
Prepared rat bait	1/2 lb	
AL 63	20 lbs	
Blocks fumigating	4	
Anti Mosquito Spray	20 gal	
Cresol	10 gal	
Methylated Spirits	5 gal	
Malariol	30 gal	
Paris Green	14 lbs	

c. Medical Stores

Standard scale of provision is 40 tons per 100,000 personnel per month. Itemized list omitted.

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c. Requirements for US-ITI will be handled by Commanding General, SOS NATOUSA.

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SUBJECT IS ATTACHMENT OF ITALIAN SERVICE PERSONNEL TO CO NEO (.)

IT IS NOW REQUIRED THAT NEW PERSONAL REFERENCES BE SENT ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO PROCURE REQUIRED SERVICE PERSONNEL FOR TRAINING (.) DEBUT WITH ITALIAN GROUP IS PLANNED FOR 3RD APRIL (.)

MONTHLY REPORT ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH CO NEO HOWEVER IN ORDER THAT HE MAY GIVE 48 HOURS NOTICE OF ABILITY TO TAKE IN ATTACHMENT (.)

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SUBJECT IS ATTACHMENT OF ITALIAN SUPPLY PERSONNEL TO G HQ (.)

IT IS NOW REQUESTED THAT DUE PERSONNEL DEFICIENCIES IN FIRST ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO FURNISH REQUIRED SUPPLY PERSONNEL FOR TRAINING (.) CONFER WITH ITALIAN GROUP IS PRESENTLY AND WILL ADVISE THIS HQ (.) MEANWHILE FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS MADE WILL BE DISCUSSED IN ANNEXED TWX HQ TO GIVE 48 HOURS NOTICE OF ABILITY TO TAKE UP ATTACHMENT (.)

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URGENT YOU PRESS FOR FORMATION OF OCEOCITE PLATOON NUCLEUS AS RAPIDLY AS
POSSIBLE AND NOTIFY THIS HQ WHEN IT IS READY TO PROCEED ON ATTACHMENT (.)
NUCLEUS COMPRISES ONE CAPTAIN, ONE SURVIVER, ONE STAFF SERGEANT, TWO
SERGEANTS, FOUR CORPS AND THREE STRONGMEN, ALL OF WHOM SHOULD BE
SUBSISTENCE PERSONNEL FOR PREFERENCE

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YOUR 92/7 AGX (.) PARRY ROAD AREA_____FARGO (.) GO DDD ENDORSE (.)

URGENT YOU PRESS FOR FORMATION OF COMPOSITE PLATOON NUCLEUS AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE AND NOTIFY THIS HQ WHEN IT IS READY TO PROCEED ON ATTACHMENT (.) NUCLEUS COMPRISES ONE CAPTAIN, ONE SUBALTERN, ONE STAFF SERGEANT, TWO SERGEANTS, FOUR CLERKS AND FIVE DRIVERS, ALL OF WHOM SHOULD BE SUBSISTENZA PERSONNEL FOR PREFERENCE

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OGGETTO: Addestramento personale delle "compagnie trasporti e rifornimenti". Training personnel for Transport Coys and Refilling Points.

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I.= L'addestramento delle compagnie in oggetto - il cui compito è il rifornimento viveri, munizioni, carburanti e lubrificanti alle divisioni - sarà effettuato con le seguenti modalità:
1° tempo: formazione degli istruttori presso depositi delle forze armate anglo-americane;
2° tempo: addestramento delle compagnie presso le divisioni, a cura degli istruttori.

II.= CORSI PER LA FORMAZIONE DEGLI ISTRUTTORI:
a) - per comando co., pl.trasporto e pl.officina:

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AL COMANDO 1°RAGGRUPP.AUTORIZZATO = P.M. 155
AL MINISTERO GUERRA:
DIREZ.GEN.PERSON.LE UFFICIALI = SEDE
DIREZ.GEN.LEVA SOTTUFF.TRUPPA = SEDE
DIREZ.GEN.SERV.COMMISSARIATO = SEDE
ALLO S.M.R.E. = UFF.ORD.E MOB. = SEDE
ALLO S.M.R.E. = UFF.SERVIZI = SEDE
ALLO S.M.R.E. = UFF.SEGR.PERS. = SEDE
ALLO S.M.R.E. = UFFICIO TRASPORTI = SEDE

e, per conoscenza:
ALLA M.M.I.A.
Sottocommissione per l'Esercito - Roma

o
o o

I.= L'addestramento delle compagnie in oggetto - il cui compito è il rifornimento viveri, munizioni, carburanti e lubrificanti alle divisioni - sarà effettuato con le seguenti modalità:
1° tempo: formazione degli istruttori presso depositi delle forze armate anglo-americane;
2° tempo: addestramento delle compagnie presso le divisioni a cura degli istruttori.

II.= CORSI PER LA FORMAZIONE DEGLI ISTRUTTORI:
a) - per comando gr., pl.trasporto e pl.officina:
Vi parteciperanno:
- 6 ufficiali (1 maggiore commissario - 3 capitani automobilisti - 1 capitano commissario - 1 tenente amministrazione).
- 24 sottufficiali (20 automobilisti - 4 sussistenza - 1 artiglieria)

per ciascuna compagnia.
Durata: giorni 7 lavorativi.
Località: Nola - presso deposito inglese R.A.C.

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Inizio 1° corso (div.Friuli): presumibilmente 12 corrente. Riserva conferma data.
I corsi successivi seguiranno con intervallo di un giorno tra corso e corso e nell'ordine: div.Cremona - Mantova - Piceno - Nembo - 1° raggr.mot.

b) - Per i plotoni specializzati:
Vi parteciperanno:
- 3 ufficiali (1 cap.commissario - 1 cap.sussistenza - 1 ten.art.)
- 4 sergenti (1 automobilista - 2 sussistenza - 1 art.)
- 6 soldati scritturali
- 5 soldati magazzinieri

per ciascuna compagnia.
Durata: 7 giorni lavorativi.
Località ed epoca: riserva di ordini.
I corsi si succederanno ad intervallo di un giorno l'uno dall'altro e nell'ordine di precedenza stabilito alla lettera a).

III) = Scelta del personale:
Dovrà essere tratto dall'arma di artiglieria - dal corpo automobilistico (o carristi e provenienti da unità motorizzate) - dal corpo di commissariato e dalla sussistenza.
La quasi totalità del personale (ufficiali compresi) dovrà essere in grado di guidare gli automezzi.
In particolare:
- il maggiore comandante della compagnia deve essere possibilmente di commissariato e nello stesso tempo elemento energico;
- il più anziano dei due capitani dei plt. specializzati deve avere ottima conoscenza dei servizi di commissariato ed essere elemento energico.

IV) = Ufficiale superiore di collegamento:
Sarà inviato a Nola col 1° corso e vi rimarrà con funzioni di collegamento, per tutto il periodo dei corsi quale organo di coordinamento. Dovrà conoscere e parlare la lingua inglese. Designazione e avviamento a cura ufficio segreteria e personale di questo S.M.

V) = Interpreti:
Per il funzionamento dei corsi di Nola dovranno essere inviati sul posto, per l'inizio del 1° corso, tre interpetri, a cura dell'ufficio segreteria e personale di questo S.M., preferi-

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VI) = Il personale comunque inviato ai corsi dovrà avere al seguito telo da tenda - 1 coperta - stoviglie. Gli ufficiali dovranno avere anche il lettino da campo. Per i corsi di Nola gli ufficiali consumeranno alla mensa inglese; i sottufficiali riceveranno il vitto a cura del deposito R.A.C.

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VII) = In relazione al fabbisogno del personale da inviare ai corsi, ed alla situazione organica delle singole Grandi Unità, i comandi militari competenti estenderanno le ricerche a tutti i corpi direttamente dipendenti e segnaleranno alle competenti Direzioni Generali del Ministero guerra, col mezzo più rapido, le eventuali deficienze, dandone conoscenza a questo S.M. (uffici: addestramento - servizi - ord.e mob.).

VIII) = Spostamento ai corsi:
A cura dei comandi militari interessati: diretti accordi con le corrispondenti delegazioni trasporti.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi).

Per copia conforme:
IL COLONNELLO IN SERV.S.M.CAPO UFFICIO
(Ferrari Giovanni)

Ferrari

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(Alessandro Santi).

Per copia conforme:
IL COLONNELLO II° SERV. S.M. CAPO UFFICIO
(Ferrari Giovanni)

Ferrari

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Col Pidsley ST/93/1.

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TRAINING OF COMMISSARIATO COMPANIES FOR GRUPPI COMBATTIMENTI.

file 5/6/19/6

1. 6 Courses of 7 Days for 6 Officers - General Duties) To be held at
24 NCOs - D&M, Convoy Control &c) RASC T.D. NOLA.

Thus giving training to approx 50% of officers and NCOs in the companies.

2. Attachments to British Depots for Composite Platoon personnel - By DST.

3. Training for Unit Quartermasters - By DADST with ELU.
Short course of lectures, with notes and diagrams. 5 days will do and allow time for visits to DIDs etc.

4. Continuation training to be supervised by DADST - ELU.

5. Driver training to be within Divisional arrangements. Vehicles being made available (Maj HEAD) - DADST - ELU to supervise.

6. M of W to attach -

1 Major to be coordinator and supervisor
3 other officers as interpreters -

to RASC T.D. NOLA for duration of courses.

M of W asked for names to be given to NOLA immediately.

7. M of W to attach 5 vehicles, with drivers, to RASC T.D. if possible. If not, DST to arrange.

8. DST asked for 1 RASC officer to be sent to NOLA for duration of courses as opposite number to the Italian coordinating officer.

9. DST asked for 6 NCO driver maintenance instructors to be attached to RASC T.D. NOLA to instruct Italian NCO courses.

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Second course. Cremona Div to start 22 Sep. Assembles 21 Sep. Disperses 29 Sep.
Third Course. C.I.L. to start 2 Oct. Assembles 1st Oct. Disperses 8 Oct.
Fourth course. C.I.L. to start12 Oct. Assembles 11 Oct. Disperses 18 Oct.
Fifth &
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Fifth &
Sixth courses Dependent on arrival and concentration of remaining Divisions, as are all other courses.

11. Officers to attend courses:

Company Commander	1	
HQs Company - Capt	1	
Composite Platoon - Capt	1	(Platoon Commander)
Transport Platoons- Subs	3	(Platoon Commanders)
	6	

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12. NCOs to attend courses:

Coy HQ

CSM	1
Sgts	1
Cpls	4

Relief Dvr Increments

Sgts	3

Transport Platoons (3)

Sgts	3
Cpls	12
	24

13. This will leave the following in the Coy to run it while Officers & NCOs are away on course. -

HQ 1 Captain 1 CQMS 1 Admn Cpl.
1 Subaltern 1 Sgt

Transport Pls. 1 Sgt (Admin)
1 Cpl (MT)

14. Composite Pl personnel to serve attachments to British Depots and installations. -

Captain	1
Subalterns	1
Staff Sergt	1
Sergts	2
Clerks	4
Storemen	3
	12

Suggest 7 to 10 days attachment to include DID, Pet. Depot, visits to Amman Depot; preparation and loading of a pack train if possible. Method of indenting etc.
Same approx starting dates as other courses.

15. All ranks to be medically inspected before joining courses and proceed with blankets, small kit and eating utensils, etc.

16. Comdt RASC T.D. will arrange accommodation, messing etc.

17. Comdt RASC T.D? will prepare training syllabus and programmes to include précis notes for composite platoon personnel to keep for reference and continuation training.

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18. ADST visiting DST AFHQ Friday 1 Sep to discuss final details. Will visit RASC T.D. while there. Return Sunday. Issue written instructions on Monday to H of W and all concerned.

19. Maj Fieldman has been given general plan verbally.

20. DADST for Friuli BLU should see ADST before taking up his job.

B.L.P.

B.L.PERCEVAL.
Lt.Col, RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Comm, (MMIA).

Aug. 44.
BLP/dvw

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ARMY FORM C 2124 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 7/1

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FROM (A) PBS MMIA LO — Originator — Date-Time of Origin. 31/2031 — Office Date Stamp: Spec Sec.

For Action.

MMIA HQ FOR ADST AND SPECIAL SECTION

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

III DISTRICT AND 57 AREA FOR GSD, 64 GARRISON FOR DAAQMG

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No.

STN/33 AND 7781 (.) SECRET (.) SUBJECT IS RATIONS FOR CONCENTRATION IN VAIRANO AREA (.) YOUR ST/53/10 OF 29 AUGUST 44 AND TELEPHONES 31 AUGUST 44 (.) CONTACTED 64 GARRISON AND MADE RECCE ACCOMPANIED BY NAPLES COMMISSARIATO 30 AUGUST 44 (.) 64 GARRISON STATE ITI TROOPS WILL BE LOCATED FROM S ANGELO TO ALIFE TO PIEDIMONTE AND FURTHER EASTWARDS IF NECESSARY (.) GOOD PREMISES FOR RATIONS ISSUE DEPOT LOCATED AT PIEDIMONTE NAMELY LA CHIUSA BUILDING BELONGING TO SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE (.) THIS BUILDING REQUISITIONED ON 30 AUGUST 44 BY NAPLES COMMISSARIATO THROUGH ITILIAN CHANNELS (.) PIEDIMONTE ALSO ONLY PLACE IN CAMP AREA ABLE TO COPE WITH BREADMAKING IN VOLUME REQUIRED (.) PIEDIMONTE 18 MILES OF AVERAGE ROAD FROM VAIRANO RAILHEAD AND ABOUT 30 MILES OF DIFFICULT ROAD FROM SPARANISE (RT ICXRA ?) UNDERSTAND USE OF SPARANISE OBLIGATORY AND WILL ARRANGE TRANSIT DUMP AS INSTRUCTED (.) MEANWHILE WILL INITIATE STOCK UP OF PIEDIMONTE BY ROAD FROM NAPLES BORROWING TEMPORARILY THE BLOCKED LORRIES AS AGREED (.) PLEASE ADVISE DETAILS OF RAIL SPACE ALLOCATION AS SOON AS FIXED (.) FOREGOING AGREED 64 GARRISON BY TELEPHONE 31 AUGUST 44 FOR POINTS THAT EFFECT THEM

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1. Pars 1 to 4/Q seen. WP

2 ~~Has ADST seen.~~ Yes

3 Presume Italians know. Yes

Not Used

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SECRET

Army Sub Commission, MMIA.
H.Q., A.C.C.

RCME.

T.S./G/29/4
11 Aug 44.

SUBJECT: Composite Platoon for Italian Combat Groups.

To: G (SD) HQ AAI.

The following paragraphs are suggested for inclusion in the above establishment:

"These platoons, which form part of the Company, comprise the specialist personnel for ammunition, supply and petrol duties.

One platoon is sufficient to meet the internal requirements of a Combat Group. The other is provided in order to be allotted to the higher formation under whom the Group is employed to increment the Allied Services maintaining the Group."

tvs.JAD.
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Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Ordinamento

SECRET lib
SEGRETO G/29/16

n° 6017 /Ord. di prot. P.M. 151, 31 agosto 1944

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AL COMANDO DEL CORPO ITALIANO DI LIBERAZIONE
(Rif.f° n° 810/Ord. dell'8 c.m.)

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO GUERRA - Gabinetto
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
ALLA DELEGAZIONE "A" ALLO S.M.R.E.
AL COMANDO MILITARE PUGLIA E LUCANIA
ALL'ISPETTORATO ARTIGLIERIA
ALLO S.M.R.E. - UFFICIO OPERAZIONI
ALLO S.M.R.E. - UFFICIO SERVIZI

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P.M. 67

OGGETTO: costituzione e mobilitazione III gruppo c.c. da 57/50 del 184° reggimento artiglieria.-

SUB: Mobilization of 3rd Group of 184th ART. Regt.

Nei riguardi del gruppo c.c. da 57/50, costituito presso il 184° reggimento artiglieria con personale tratto dai reggimenti 183° - 184° fanteria e 184° artiglieria e con materiale ceduto dagli A.A., si determina :

- Nominativo: III gruppo c.c. da 57/50 del 184° rgt.art."Nembo".
- Centro di mobilitazione: dep. 47° rgt.art. di. - Copertino.
- Formazione:
  - 1 comando di gruppo
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- Organici: risultano dall'unito specchio.
- Data di costituzione :
- Data di mobilitazione : } 5 agosto 1944.-

AL COMANDO MILITARE PUGLIA E LUCANIA
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- Data di mobilitazione : }

P. c. c.
IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(Guido Chiavarino)

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

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HEADQUARTERS
21 AUG 1944
A. C. C.

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All.to al n° 6017 /Uff. Sel C1/3/4a

FORMAZIONI PROVVISORIE DI GUERRA PER I GRUPPI C.C. DA 57/50 (V/11° - III/154°)

Ciascun gruppo comprende:
- 1 comando di gruppo
- 3 (o 4) batterie c.c. da 57/50

COMANDO DI GRUPPO

Attività	Sottuff.	Truppa	Ufficiali servizio	Ufficiali (1)	Automezzi uso comune	Totale
Com/te del gruppo (T.Col.o Magg.)	1					
Aiutante maggiore in 2°	1					
Ufficiali per incarichi vari	2					
Ufficiale medico	1					
Sottufficiali di maggiorità		1				
Sottufficiale ai rifornimenti		1				
Sottufficiale automobilista		1				
Graduato di maggiorità		1				
Scritturali e dattilografi		2				
Specialisti per le trasmissioni :						
- sottufficiali						
- marconisti (1)		4				
- telefonisti e guardafili (2)		8				
Motociclisti		2				
Automobilisti e conduttori		5				
Graduato aiutante di sanità		1				
Attendenti staffetta		5				
Militari per servizi vari		1				
	5	30	1	1	2	2

(1) - Per il funzionamento di 2 stazioni radio R F L.

(2) - Per il funzionamento di 1 centralino a 6 linee e 3 stazioni telefoniche.

(3) - Cross-carriers e anche autocarri inglesi da 3 tons.

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Com/te del gruppo (T.Col.o magg.)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aiutante maggiore in 2ª	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ufficiali per incarichi vari	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ufficiale medico	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sottufficiali di maggiorità	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Sottufficiale ai rifornimenti	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Sottufficiale automobilista	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Graduato di maggiorità	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Scritturali e dattilografi	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Specializzati per le trasmissioni :							
- sottufficiali	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
- marconisti (1)	-	-	4	-	-	-	-
- telefonisti e guardiafili (2)	-	-	8	-	-	-	-
Motociclisti	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
Automobilisti e conduttori	-	-	5	1	1	2	-
Graduato aiutante di sanità	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Attendenti staffette	-	-	4	-	-	-	-
Militari per servizi vari	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
	5	4	30	1	1	2	2

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S.M.R.E. * UFF. ORD. e MOB. *

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BATTERIA DA 57/50

Comprende:
- 1 comando di batteria
- 3 sezioni da 57/50

Comando di batteria

	Personale			Automezzi				Armi	
	Ufficiali	Sottuff.	Truppa	Autovet-ture	Autoc. tor	Trattori (1)	Moto	Mitragl.	Moschetti
Comandante (capitano),	1								
Sottocomandante (tenente)	1								
Sottufficiali di contabilità,		1							
Sottuff. ai rifornimenti		1							
Graduato di contabilità			1						
Specialisa.per le trasmissioni:									
- muratori (1)			2						
- telefonisti e guardifili (2)			4						
Portaferiti			2						
Operaio per batteria			1						
Motociclista			1						
Autoveicolisti			5				1		
Attendenti			2						
Militari per servizi vari (3)			6						
Totale comando di btr.	2	2	24	-	3	1	1	3	-

Sezione da 57/50

Comandante(subalterno)	1							
Sottuff. capi pezzo		1						
Serventi			10					
Autoveicolisti			2					
Motociclista			1					
Attendente			1					
Totale sezione da 57/50	1	1	14	-	-	2	1	8	2
TOTALE BTR.(Comando e 3 sez.)	5	5	66	-	3	7	4	27	6
RIEPILOGO GRUPPO SU TRE BATTERIE									
Comando di gruppo	5	4	30	1	2	1	2	-	-
3 batterie c.c. da 57/50	15	24	198	-	9	21	12	81	18
TOTALE GRUPPO SU TRE BATTERIE	20	28	228	1	11	22	14	81	18
RIEPILOGO GRUPPO SU 4 BATTERIE									
Comando di gruppo	5	4	30	1	2	1	2	-	-
4 batterie c.c. da 57/50	20	32	264	-	12	28	16	108	24
TOTALE GRUPPO SU 4 BATTERIE	25	36	294	1	14	29	18	108	24

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Graduato di sanità	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Specialista per le trasmissioni:									
- marconisti (1)	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
- telefonisti e guardafili (2)	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Portaferiti	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operaio per batteria	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motociclista	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Automobilisti	-	-	5	-	2	-	-	1	-
Attendenti	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Militari per servizi vari (3)	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totale comando di btr.	2	2	24	-	3	1	1	3	-
Sezione da 57/50									
Comandante (subalterno)	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Sottuff. capi pezzo	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Serventi	4	4	10	-	-	2	-	4	-
Automobilisti	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	-
Motociclista	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Attendente	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totale sezione da 57/50	2	2	14	-	-	2	1	8	2
TOTALE MTR. (Comando e 1 sez.)	5	5	66	-	3	7	4	27	6
RIPILOGO GRUPPO DI TRE BATTERIE									
Comando di gruppo	5	4	30	1	2	1	2	-	-
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TOTALE GRUPPO DI 4 BATTERIE	25	20	294	1	14	29	18	108	24

(1) - Per il funzionamento di 1 stazione radio R P 2.
(2) - Per il funzionamento di 2 stazioni telefoniche.
(3) - 2 cuochieri, 1 magazziniere, 1 barbiere, 1 sarto, 1 calzolaio.
(4) - Bren-carriers o anche autocarri inglesi da 3 tonn.
(5) - Di riserva.

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UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Ordinamento

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nº 6008 /Ord. di prot. P.M. 151, 12 agosto 1944

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(Alessandro Santi)

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COPIA N° 2

COMPAGNIA TRASPORTI PER GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO

su :

- Comando
- 3 plotoni trasporti (ciascuno su 5 sezioni) (1)
- 1 nucleo autieri di riserva
- 1 plotone misto.-

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(1)- I plotoni trasporti potranno essere ridotti od aumentati in dipendenza delle funzioni assegnate al gruppo di combattimento, della situazione e del terreno sul quale opera il gruppo stesso.-

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C O M A N D O

	Personale			Mezzi								Armi	
	Ufficiali	Sottuff/li	Truppa	Autovetture.	Autocarri 15 CWT	Autocarri 3 T.	Trattori 15 CWT	Autoofficina.	Autocarro soccorso	Motocicli	Fucili mitragl.	Fucili anticarro
- Comandante (maggiore)	1											
- Uff/li del comando	3			3	(1) 2	(2) 4	(3) 1	1	1	5	2	2
- Sottuff. di amm/zione		1										
- Sottuff. di vett/mento		1										
- Sergenti		2										
- Militari per servizi vari			25(4)									
- Autieri			17(5)									
Totale comando..	4	4	42	3	2	4	1	1	1	5	2	2

N O T E:

(1)- Per nuclei F.M.

(2)- Di cui 1 di riserva e 3 per trasporto cuochi, bagaglio e carburante

(3)- Per trasporto acqua

(4)- 2 cap.magg. automobilisti, 1 cap.magg. di amministrazione, 2 cap.magg. addetti ai nuclei F.M., 2 attendenti, 1 barbiere, 1 calzolaio, 1 mecca

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- Sottuff. di vett/mento												
- Sergenti		2										
- Militari per servizi vari			25(4)									
- Autieri			17(5)									
Totale comando..	4	4	42	3	2	4	1	1	1	5	2	2

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(5)- Di cui 2 attendenti autieri e 5 motociclisti.-

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PLOTONI TRASPORTI

	Personale			Mezzi						
	Ufficiali	Sott/li	Truppa	Autovetture	Autocarri 15 CWT	Autocarri 3 Tonn.	Trattori 15 CWT	Motocicli	Fucili mitragliat.	Fucili anticarro
- Comandante (subalterno)	1			1	(1) 1	(2) 31	(3) 1	3	6	6
- Sergenti		2(4)								
- Cap.magg. e soldati			12(5)							
- Autieri			35(6)							
Totale.....	1	2	47	1	1	31	1	3	6	6
Totale 3 plotoni.....	3	6	141	3	3	93	3	9	18	18

N O T E:

(1)- Per nuclei F.M.-

(2)- 1 autocarro per trasporto cuochi e bagaglio e 30 per normale impiego.-

(3)- Per trasporto acqua.-

(4)- 1 sergente addetto al plotone, 1 sergente addetto all'amministrazione.-

(5)- 5 caporal maggiori addetti alle sezioni - 1 scritturale - 3 per nucleo

- Comandante (subalterno)	1			1	1	31	1	3	6	6
- Sergenti		2(4)								
- Cap.magg. e soldati			12(5)							
- Autieri			35(6)							
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(5)- 5 caporal maggiori addetti alle sezioni - 1 scritturale - 3 per nucleo F.M. - 2 cuochi - 1 meccanico.-

(6)- 1 attendente autiere - 5 autieri meccanici - 2 motociclisti - 27 autieri addetti agli autoveicoli.-

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NUCLEO AUTIERI DI RISERVA

	Personale		
	Uff/li	Sottuff.	Truppa
- Comandante (sergente)		1	
- Autieri			15
Totale.....	-	1	15

PLOTONE MISTO

	Personale			Mezzi		
	Ufficiali.-	Sottufficiali	Truppa	Autovetture	Autocarri 3 T.	Motocicli.-
- Capitani	2(1)			3	2	6
- Subalterni di sussistenza	1					
- Sergenti di maggiorità		1				
- Sergenti		4				
- Caporali e soldati per servizi vari			22(2)			
- Autieri			7(3)			
- Motociclisti			-			
- Meccanici			-			
- Aggregati per serv.munizioni			3(4)			
Totale.....	3	5	32	3	2	6

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PLOTONE MISTO

	Personale			Mezzi		
	Ufficiali.-	Sottufficiali	Truppa	Autovetture	Autocarri 3 T.	Motocicli.-
- Capitani	2(1)			3	2	6
- Subalterni di sussistenza	1					
- Sergenti di maggiorità		1				
- Sergenti		4				
- Caporali e soldati per servizi vari			22(2)			
- Autieri			7(3)			
- Motociclisti			-			
- Meccanici			-			
- Aggregati per serv.munizioni			3(4)			
Totale.....	3	5	32	3	2	6

N O T E:

(1)- 1 di arma combattente ed 1 di sussistenza.-

(2)- Di cui: 1 cap.magg. macellaio, 2 cap.magg. scritturali, 5 caporali magazzinieri viveri, 4 scritturali, 2 macellai - 7 soldati addetti alla distribuzione viveri, 1 cuoco.-

(3)- Di cui: 3 attendenti autieri, 2 conducenti autoveicoli, 2 motociclisti per servizio di collegamento.

(4)- 1 cap.magg. magazziniere per munizioni, 2 magazzinieri per munizioni.-

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RIEPILOGO GENERALE

	Personale			Mezzi							Armi di reparto	
	Ufficiali	Sottuffi-ciali	Truppa	Autovetture.-	Autocarri 15 CWT	Autocarri 3 Tonn.	Trattori 15 CWT	Autocarri Officina	Autocarri soccorso	Motocicli	Fucili mitragliat.	Fucili anticarro.
- Comando	4	4	42	3	2	4(1)	1	1	1	5	2	2
- 3 Plotoni trasporto	3	6	141	3	3	93(2)	3	-	-	9	18	18
- 1 Nucleo autieri di riserva	-	1	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- 1 Plotone misto	3	5	32	3	-	2(3)	-	-	-	6	-	-
Totale compagnia trasporti per gruppo di combattimento	10	16	230	9	5	99	4	1	1	20	20	20

N O T E:

(1)- Di cui: 1 di riserva e 3 per trasporto cuochi, bagaglio e carburante.-

(2)- Di cui: 90 per normale impiego [illegible] e 3 per trasporto cuo-

- 3 Plotoni trasporto	3	6	141	3	3	93(2)	3	-	-	9	18	18
- 1 Nucleo autieri di riserva	-	1	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- 1 Plotone misto	3	5	32	3	-	2(3)	-	-	-	6	-	-
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N O T E:

(1)- Di cui: 1 di riserva e 3 per trasporto cuochi, bagaglio e carburante.-

(2)- Di cui: 90 per normale impiego (~~100 effettivi normalmente~~) e 3 per trasporto cuochi e bagaglio.-

(3)- Per trasporto bagaglio.-

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SUBJECT:- Gruppi di Combattimenti

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1605/50/51/G(SDL)

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10 Aug 44.

1. The attached ST letter ST/52 dated 4 Aug 44, is forwarded to you for the necessary action.

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SUBJECT:- Formation of Gruppi di Combattimenti

HQ. A.A.I., C.M.F.
ST/52

4 Aug 44

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Reference 1605/50/57/G(SD1) dated 30 Jul 44.

1. It is considered that the Comp Tpt Coy with each Gruppo should consist of :-

1 HQ	WE	II/262/2
3 Tpt Pls	WE	II/263/2
1 RDI	WE	II/267/2
1 Wksps (Sec 2)	WE	II/268/2
2 Comp Pls	WE	II/266/2

This will then allow sufficient RASC personnel in the Comp Pls to provide an increment, as required, for the Corps Units on L of C. By this means the increment, being a part of the Gruppo, will always be available for use with whatever formation the Gruppo is attached.

2. These figures have been based on the Units in the Gruppo being on British WE and holdings as to vehicles, and details as given in Appx "A" to 1605/50/57/G(SD1) dated 28 Jul 44 as to personnel and arms.

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3. The three Gen Tpt Coys approved will provide adequate 3rd Line for the six Gruppi.

4. In addition, the equivalent of a Section of a British Fd Wky should be provided and could also be part of this Coy. It is known that such Sections already exist in the Italian Army.

Why take bread forward?

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Brigadier,
DDST.

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Commissariato Company
for
Pocket Division (Italian)

1. This unit could comprise the following:

Sub Unit	Officers	ORs
HQ Coy	4	45
Relief Driver Increment	-	16
Composite Platoon	3	37
Transport Platoons (3, each of 1 Officer and 49 ORs)	3	147
	10	245

2. Transport Platoons can be reduced or increased dependent upon the role allotted to the Division, L of C situation and type of terrain.

3. The suggested organisation is in accordance with Italian practice and should present little difficulties as regards training and operations.

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5/ Jul, 44.
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HQ AUTORIPARTO PESANTE
per Div.Ftr. (Piccolo).

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel.

Comandante (C.C.)	Major	1
Capetano	Captains	2
Subalterno	Subaltern	1
	Total Officers	4
Maresciallo	C.S.M.	1
Furiere	C.Q.M.S.	1
Sergente	SGTS.	2
	Total W.Os & Sgts	4
Caporali Maggiori	Cpls.	5
Soldati operoi	Ptes	20
Conduttori	Drivers	16
~~(xxx)~~	Total Rank & File	41
	Total Other Ranks	45
	Total all Ranks	49

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by duties

M.T. Corporals	2
Administration Cpl	1
Cpls i/c L.M.G. Detachments	2
Privates for duty as:-	
Batmen/C. Mess	2
Barber	1
Cobbler	1
Mechanic	1
Blacksmith	1
Carpenter	1
Electrician	1
Upholsterer	1
Shoreman	1
Cooks	2
Clerks	2
Sanitary	1
Water	1
L.M.G. Dets.	4

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Total W.Os & Sgts 4

Caporali Maggiori	Cpls.	5
Soldati operoi	Ptes	20
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Mechanic	1
Blacksmith	1
Carpenter	1
Electrician	1
Upholsterer	1
Storeman	1
Cooks	2
Clerks	2
Sanitary	1
Water	1
L.M.G. Dets.	4
Drivers for duty as:-	
Batmen Drivers	2
Motorcyclists	5
Driver/Mechanic	2
Drivers i/c	7

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(iii) Transport.

M/Cycles, solo	5
Cars 2 Seater	2
Cars 4 Seater	1
Trucks 15 cwt (LRC)	2
Lorries 3 Ton (Cooks, Baggage, Petrol)	3
Trailer 15 cwt water	1
Workshop Lorry	1
Spare Lorry	1
B/Down Lorry	1

(iv) Weapons

Pistols	6	(Officers & Senior NCOs).
Machine Carbines	7	(Sgts & M/Cyclists).
Rifles	36	
L.M.Gs.	2	
A/Tk Rifle or P.I.A.T.	2	(Dependent on role allotted to Division)

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Machine Carbines	7 (Sgts & M/Cyclists).
Rifles	36
L.M.Gs.	2
A/Tk Rifle or P.I.A.T.	2 (Dependent on role allotted to Division)

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AUTORIPARTO PESANTE

Relief Driver. Increment.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

(i) Personnel.

Serg. Maggiore	Sgt.	1
Conduttori	Dvrs.	15

(ii) Weapons.

Machine Carbine	1
Rifles	15

AUTOREPARTE PESANTE

SPECIALIST PLATOON
for
SUSSISTENZA

COMPOSITE PLATOON.

This platoon, which forms a part of the Company, comprises the specialist personnel for ammunition, supply and petrol duties, and the capacity of the platoon is sufficient to meet the requirements of an infantry brigade group or similar formation.

(i) Personnel

Captains		2
Subalterns		1
	Total officers.....	3
Staff Sergeant (a)		1
Sergeant (b)		3
	Total S/Sgts & Sgts...	4
Corporals		3
Drivers i/c		7
Privates		13
Cooks		1
	Total Rank & File.....	29
	Total ORs.	34
	Total all ranks.....	37
Attached (c)		
Storeman, Ammunition (Corporal)		1
Storeman, ammunition		2
	Total all ranks, incl attached.....	40

(ii) Distribution of rank & File by trades and duties.

Tradesmen:-	
Butchers (Incl 1 Corpl)	3
Clerks (incl 2 Cpls)	6
Storemen, supplies (L/Cpls)	5
Cooks	3
Total Tradesmen.....	17
Non tradesmen:-	
Drivers i/c for duty as:-	
Batmen/Drivers	3
Drivers of Vehicles	2
Motorcyclists (for liaison duties)	3
Supply issuers	

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	Total S/Sgts & Sgts...	5
Corporals		3
Drivers i/c		7
Privates		18
Cooks		1
	Total Rank & File.....	29
	Total ORs.	34
	Total all ranks.....	37

Attached (c)

Storeman, Ammunition (Corporal)		1
Storeman, ammunition		2
		3
	Total all ranks, incl attached.....	40

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Cooks		3
	Total Tradesmen.....	17
Non tradesmen:-		
Drivers i/c for duty as:-		
Batmen/Drivers		3
Drivers of Vehicles		2
Motorcyclists (for liaison duties)		3
Supply issuers		7
	Total non tradesmen...	15

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(iii) Transport

Cars 2 Seater	3	
Motorcycles, solo	6	
Lorries, 3 Ton	2	

(iv) Weapons

Pistols	6	(Officers & M/Cyclists)
Rifles	31	

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AUTOSEZIONE PESANTE

WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

(i) Personnel.

Detail		HQ	1-5 Sections each	Total Platoon (5 Section)
Comandante Subalterno		1		1
Serg. Maggiore	Sgts.	2		2
Caporali	Cpls.		1	5
Soldati, operai	Ptes.	7		7
Conduttori	Dvrs.	5	6	35
				50

(ii) Distribution of Other Ranks by duties.

Serg. Maggiore	Sgts. i/c Platoon.	1	
	Administration	1	(Could be Opl. Maggiore)
Caporali	Cpls. i/c Sections	5	
Soldati, operai	Privates for duty as:-		
	Clerk	1	
	L.M.G. Det.	3	(Incl. one man trained in W/Duties
	Cooks	2	
	Mechanic	1	
Conduttori	Drivers for duty as:-		
	Batman/Driver	1	
	Driver Mechanics	5	
	Motorcyclists	2	
	Drivers i/c Vehicles	27	

(iii) Transport.

Motorcycles, solo	3	(Sgt i/c Pl. & M/Cyclists)
Cars 2 Seater	1	
Truck 15 cwt for L.M.G.	1	
Lorries 3 Ton Task	30	(6 each section)
Lorries 3 Ton Cooks & Baggage	1	
Trailer 15 cwt, water	1	

(iv) Arms.

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(ii) Distribution of Other Ranks by duties.

Serg. Maggiore	Sgts. i/c Platoon.	1	
	Administration	1	(Could be Cpl. Maggiore)
Caporali	Cpls. i/c Sections	5	
Soldati, operai	Privates for duty as:-		
	Clerk	1	
	L.M.G. Det.	3	(Incl. one man trained in W/Dutie
	Cooks	2	
	Mechanic	1	
Conduttori	Drivers for duty as:-		
	Batman/Driver	1	
	Driver/Mechanics	5	
	Motorcyclists	2	
	Drivers i/c Vehicles	27	

(iii) Transport.

Motorcycles, solo	3	(Sgt i/c Pl. & M/Cyclists)
Cars 2 Seater	1	
Truck 15 cwt for L.M.G.	1	
Lorries 3 Ton Task	30	(6 each section)
Lorries 3 Ton Cooks & Baggage	1	
Trailer 15 cwt, water	1	

(iv) Arms.

Pistol	1	
Machine carbines	3	
L.M.G.	6	(HQ & Sections 1 each)
A/Tk Rifle or PIAT	6	(HQ & Sections 1 each) Dependent upon role allotted to Div.
Rifles	46	

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SUMMARY.

PERSONNEL.

	N.C.Os.			Other Ranks		
alterns	Maresciallo	Furiere	Sergente	Caporal Magg.	Soldato	Conduttore
1	1	1	2	5	20	16
-	-	-	1	-	-	15
1	-	-	5	4	21	7
3	-	-	6	15	21	105
5	1	1	14	24	62	143
				245		

WEAPONS

rbines	Rifles	L.M.G.	A/Tk Rifle or PIAT.
	36	2	2
	15	-	-
	31	-	-
	138	18	18
	220	20	20

VEHICLES.

ter.	Cars 4 Seater.	M/C.	Truck 15 cwt.	Truck 3 Ton Domestic.	Truck 3 Ton Task.	W/Shop.	Stores.	B/Down.
	1	5	2	3	-	1	1	1
	-	6	-	2				
	-	9	3	3	90			
	1	20	5	8	90 ø	1	1	1

ø 10% Spare vehicles should be added.

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SUMMARY.

PERSONNEL.

	Officers			N.C.Os.				Other
	Majors	Captains	Subalterns	Maresciallo	Furiere	Sergente	Caporal Magg.	Soldati
HQ	1	2	1	1	1	2	5	20
R.D.I.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Composite Pl.	-	2	1	-	-	5	4	21
Transport Pls. (3)	-	-	3	-	-	6	15	21
Totals	1	4	5	1	1	14	24	62
Total		10						245

WEAPONS

	Pistols	Machine Carbines	Rifles	L.M.G.	A/Tk Rifle or PIAT.
HQ	6	7	36	2	2
R.D.I.	-	1	15	-	-
Composite Pl.	6	-	31	-	-
Transport Pls. (3)	3	9	138	18	18
	15	17	220	20	20

VEHICLES.

W/Trailer	Cars 2 Seater.	Cars 4 Seater.	M/C.	Truck 15 cwt.	Truck 3 Ton Domestic.	Truck
1	2	1	5	2	3	
	3	-	6	-	2	
3	3	-	9	3	3	
4	8	1	20	5	8	

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SUMMARY.

PERSONNEL.

	N.C.Os.				Other Ranks	
	Maresciallo	Furiere	Sergente	Caporal Magg.	Soldato	Conduttore
	1	1	2	5	20	16
	-	-	1	-	-	15
	-	-	5	4	21	7
	-	-	6	15	21	105
	1	1	14	24	62	143
				245		

WEAPONS

Rifles	L.M.G.	A/Tk Rifle or PIAT.
36	2	2
15	-	-
31	-	-
138	18	18
220	20	20

VEHICLES.

Cars 4 Seater.	M/C.	Truck 15 cwt.	Truck 3 Ton Domestic.	Truck 3 Ton Task.	W/Shop.	Stores.	B/Down.
1	5	2	3	-	1	1	1
-	6	-	2				
-	9	3	3	90			
1	20	5	8	90 ø	1	1	1

ø 10% Spare vehicles should be added.

TOP SECRET. 6

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Commissariato Company
for
Pocket Division (Italian)

1. This unit would comprise the following:

Sub Unit	Officers	ORs
HQ Coy	4	45
Relief Driver Increment	-	16
Composite Platoon	3	37
Transport Platoons (3, each of 1 Officer and 49 ORs)	3	147
	10	245

2. Transport Platoons can be reduced or increased dependent upon the role allotted to the Division, L of C situation and type of terrain.

3. The suggested organisation is in accordance with Italian practice and should present little difficulties as regards training and operations.

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Lt.Col, RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Comm, ACC.

29 Jun, 44.
BP/DW

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HQ AUTOTRAIN PESANTE
DOT Div. Tpt. (Piccolo).

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel.

Comandante (O.C.)	Major	1
Capotani	Captains	2
Subalterni	Subaltern	1
	Total Officers	4
Maresciallo	C.S.M.	1
Furiere	C.Q.M.S.	1
Sergenti	Sgts.	2
	Total W.Os & Sgts	4
Caporali Maggiori	Cpls.	5
Soldati operai	Pte	20
Conduttori	Drivers	16
	Total Rank & File	41
	Total Other Ranks	45
	Total all Ranks	49

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by duties

M.T. Corporals	2
Administrative Cpl	1
Cpls i/c M.M.G. Detachments	2
Privates for duty as:-	
Batman/O. Mess	2
Barber	1
Cobbler	1
Mechanic	1
Blacksmith	1
Carpenter	1
Electrician	1
Upholsterer	1
Storeman	1
Cooks	2
Clerks	2
Sanitary	1
Water	1

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Furiere	G.S.M.S.	1
Sergenti	SGTS.	2
	Total W.Os & Sgts	4
Caporali Maggiori	Cpls.	5
Soldati operai	Pnrs	20
Conduttori	Drivers	16
	Total Rank & File	41
	Total Other Ranks	4
	Total all Ranks	45

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by duties

M.T. Corporals	2
Administrative Cpl	1
Cpls i/c L.M.G. Detachments	2
Privates for duty as:-	
Batman/O. Mess	2
Barber	1
Cobbler	1
Mechanic	1
Blacksmith	1
Carpenter	1
Electrician	1
Upholsterer	1
Storeman	1
Cooks	2
Clerks	2
Sanitary	1
Water	1
L.M.G. Dets.	4
Drivers for duty as:-	
Return Drivers	2
Motorcyclists	5
Driver/Mechanic	2
Drivers i/c	7

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(iii) Transport.

M/Cycles, solo	5
Cars 2 Seater	2
Cars 4 Seater	1
Trucks 15 cwt (LRC)	2
Lorries 3 Ton (Cooks, Baggage, Petrol)	3
Trailer 15 cwt water	1
Workshop Lorry	1
Spares Lorry (M.T. Stores)	1
B/Down Lorry	1

(iv) Weapons

Pistols	6 (Officers & Senior NCOs).
Machine Carbines	7 (Sgts & M/Cyclists).
Rifles	36
L.M.Gs.	2
A/Tk Rifle or P.I.A.T.	2 (Dependent on role allotted to Division)

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Pistols	6 (Officers & Senior NCOs).
Machine Carbines	7 (Sgts & M/Cyclists).
Rifles	36
L.M.Gs.	2
A/Tk Rifle or P.L.A.T.	2 (Dependent on role allotted to Division)

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AUTORIPARTO PESANTE

Relief Driver Instrument.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

(i) Personnel.

Serg. Maggiore	Sgt.	1
Conduttori	Dvrs.	15

(ii) Weapons.

Machine Carbine	1
Rifles	15

AUTOMOTIVE PERSONNEL

SPECIALIST PLATOON
for
SUSSISTENZA

COMPOSITE PLATOON.

This platoon, which forms a part of the Company, comprises the specialist personnel for ammunition, supply and petrol duties, and the capacity of the platoon is sufficient to meet the requirements of an infantry brigade group or similar formation.

(i) Personnel

Captains		2
Subalterns		1
	Total officers.....	3
Staff Sergeant (a)		1
Sergeant (b)		4
	Total S/Sgts & Sgts...	5
Corporals		3
Drivers i/c		7
Privates		18
Cooks		4
	Total Rank & File.....	32
	Total ORs.	40
	Total all ranks.....	43
Attached (c)		
Storeman, Ammunition (Corporal)		1
Storeman, ammunition		2
		3
	Total all ranks, incl attached.....	46

(ii) Distribution of rank & File by trades and duties.

Tradesmen:-	
Butchers (Incl 1 Corpl)	3
Clerks (incl 2 Cpls)	6
Storemen, supplies (1/Cpls)	5
Cooks	3
Total Tradesmen.....	17
Non tradesmen:-	
Drivers i/c for duty as:-	
Batman/Drivers	3
Drivers of Vehicles	2
Interpreters (for liaison duties)	3

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Corporals		5
Drivers i/c		7
Privates		18
Cooks		1
	Total Rank & File.....	31
	Total ORs.	36
	Total all ranks.....	37

Attached (c)

Storeman, Ammunition (Corporal)	1
Storeman, ammunition	1
	2

Total all ranks, incl attached..... 40

(ii) Distribution of rank & File by trades and duties.

Tradesmen:-

Butchers (Incl 1 Corpl)	3
Clerks (incl 2 Cpls)	6
Storemen, supplies (L/Cpls)	5
Cooks	1
Total Tradesmen.....	15

Non tradesmen:-

Drivers i/c for duty as:-

Batman/Drivers	3
Drivers of Vehicles	2
Motorcyclists (for liaison duties)	3
Supply issuers	7
Total non tradesmen...	15

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(iii) Transport

Cars 2 Seater	3
Motorcycles, solo	6
Lorries, 3 Ton	2

(iv) Weapons

Pistols	6 (Officers & M/Cyclists)
Rifles	31

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AUTOSEZIONE PESANTE

WAR ESTABLISHMENT.
(TRANSPORT PLATOON).

(i) Personnel.

Detail		HQ	1-5 Sections each	Total Platoon (5 Section)
Comandante Subalterno		1		1
Serg. Maggiore	Sgts.	2		2
Caporali	Cpls.		1	5
Soldati, operai	Ptes.	7		7
Conduttori	Dvrs.	5	6	35
				50

(ii) Distribution of Other Ranks by duties.

Serg. Maggiore	Sgts. i/c Platoon.	1	
	Administration	1	(Could be Cpl. Maggiore)
Caporali	Cpls. i/c Sections	5	
Soldati, operai	Privates for duty as:-		
	Clerk	1	
	L.M.G. Det.	3	(Incl. one man trained in W/Duties)
	Cooks	2	
	Mechanic	1	
Conduttori.	Drivers for duty as:-		
	Batman/Driver	1	
	Driver/Mechanics	5	
	Motorcyclists	2	
	Drivers i/c Vehicles	27	

(iii) Transport.

Motorcycles, solo	3	(Sgt i/c Pl. & M/Cyclists)
Cars 2 Seater	1	
Truck 15 cwt for L.M.G.	1	
Lorries 3 Ton Task	30	(6 each section)
Lorries 3 Ton Cooks & Baggage	1	
Trailer 15 cwt. water	1	

(iv) Arms.

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(ii) Distribution of Other Ranks by duties.

Serg. Maggiore	Sgts. i/c Platoon.	1	
	Administration	1	(Could be Cpl. Maggiore)
Caporali	Cpls. i/c Sections	5	
Soldati, operai	Privates for duty as:-		
	Clerk	1	
	L.M.G. Det.	3	(Incl. one man trained in W/Dutie
	Cooks	2	
	Mechanic	1	
Conduttori	Drivers for duty as:-		
	Batman/Driver	1	
	Driver/Mechanics	5	
	Motorcyclists	2	
	Drivers i/c Vehicles	27	

(iii) Transport.

Motorcycles, solo	3	(Sgt i/c Pl. & M/Cyclists)
Cars 2 Seater	1	
Truck 15 cwt for L.M.G.	1	
Lorries 3 Ton Task	30	(6 each section)
Lorries 3 Ton Cooks & Baggage	1	
Trailer 15 cwt, water	1	

(iv) Arms.

Pistol	1	
Machine carbines	3	
L.M.G.	6	(HQ & Sections 1 each)
A/Tk Rifle or PIAT	6	(HQ & Sections 1 each) Dependent upon role allotted to Div.
Rifles	46	

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AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORT

SPECIALIST PLATOON
for
SUSSISTENCE

COMPOSITE PLATOON.

This platoon, which forms a part of the Company, comprises the specialist personnel for ammunition, supply and petrol duties, and the capacity of the platoon is sufficient to meet the requirements of an infantry brigade group or similar formation.

(i) Personnel

Captains			
Subalterns			
Staff Sergeant	(a)	Total officers.....	3
Sergeant	(b)		1
		Total S/Sgts & Sgts...	4
Corporals			7
Drivers i/c			18
Privates			1
Cooks			1
		Total Rank & File.....	28
		Total ORs.	32
		Total all ranks.....	36
Attached	(c)		
Storeman, Ammunition (Corporal)			1
Storeman, ammunition			2
			3
		Total all ranks, incl attached.....	40

(ii) Distribution of rank & File by trades and duties.

Tradesmen:-	
Butchers (Incl 1 Corpl)	3
Clerks (incl 2 Cpls)	6
Storemen, supplies (L/Cpls)	5
Cooks	1
Total Tradesmen.....	15
Non tradesmen:-	
Drivers i/c for duty as:-	
Batmen/Drivers	
Drivers of Vehicles	3
Motorcyclists (One Platoon Section)	2

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Sergeant	(b)	
	Total S/Sgts & Sgts...	4
Corporals		5
Drivers i/c		7
Privates		18
Cooks		1
	Total Rank & File.....	35
	Total ORs.	39
	Total all ranks.....	43
Attached	(c)	
Storeman, Ammunition (Corporal)		1
Storeman, ammunition		2
		3
	Total all ranks, incl attached....	46

(ii) Distribution of rank & File by trades and duties.

Tradesmen:-	
Butchers (Incl 1 Corpl)	3
Clerks (incl 2 Cpls)	6
Storeman, supplies (L/Cpls)	5
Cooks	1
Total Tradesmen.....	15
Non tradesmen:-	
Drivers i/c for duty as:-	
Batmen/Drivers	3
Drivers of Vehicles	2
Motorcyclists (for liaison duties)	3
Supply Issuers	7
Total non tradesmen...	15

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(iii) Transport

Cars 2 Seater	3
Motorcycles, solo	6
Lorries, 3 Ton	2

(iv) Weapons

Pistols	6 (Officers & M/Cyclists)
Rifles	31

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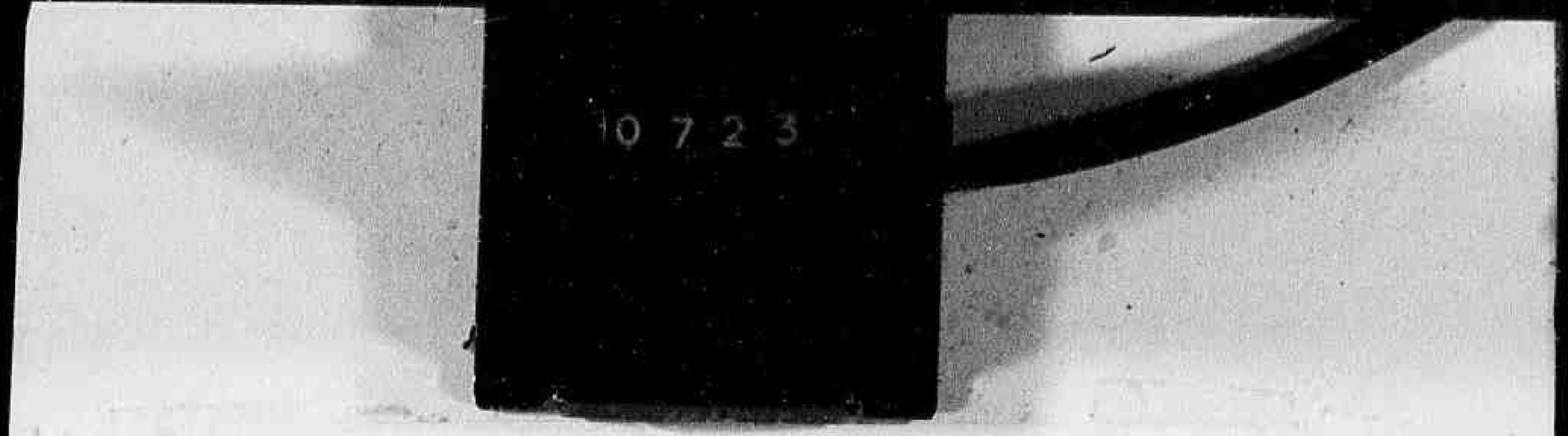

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AUTOSEZIONE PESANTE

WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

(TRANSPORT PLATOON).

(i) Personnel.

Detail		HQ	1-5 Sections each	Total Platoon (5 Section)
Comandante Subalterno		1		1
Serg. Maggiore	Sgts.	2		2
Caporali	Cpls.		1	5
Soldati, operai	Ptes.	7		7
Conduttori	Dvrs.	5	6	35
				50

(ii) Distribution of Other Ranks by duties.

Serg. Maggiore	Sgts. i/c Platoon.	1	
	Administration	1	(Could be Cpl. Maggiore)
Caporali	Cpls. i/c Sections	5	
Soldati, operai	Privates for duty as:-		
	Clerk	1	
	L.M.G. Det.	3	(Incl. one man trained in W/Duties)
	Cooks	2	
	Mechanic	1	
Conduttori.	Drivers for duty as:-		
	Batman/Driver	1	
	Driver/Mechanics	5	
	Motorcyclists	2	
	Drivers i/c Vehicles	27	

(iii) Transport.

Motorcycles, solo	3	(Sgt i/c Pl. & M/Cyclists)
Cars 2 Seater	1	
Truck 15 cwt for L.M.G.	1	
Lorries 3 Ton Task	30	(6 each section)
Lorries 3 Ton Cooks & Baggage	1	
Trailer 15 cwt, water	1	

(iv) Arms.

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(ii) Distribution of Other Ranks by duties.

Serg. Maggiore	Sgts. i/c Platoon.	1	
	Administration	1	(Could be Cpl. Maggiore)
Caporali	Cpls. i/c Sections	5	
Soldati, operai	Privates for duty as:-		
	Clerk	1	
	L.M.G. Det.	3	(Incl. one man trained in W/Duties)
	Cooks	2	
	Mechanic	1	
Conduttori	Drivers for duty as:-		
	Batman/Driver	1	
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	Motorcyclists	2	
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Cars 2 Seater	1	
Truck 15 cwt for L.M.G.	1	
Lorries 3 Ton Task	30	(6 each section)
Lorries 3 Ton Cooks & Baggage	1	
Trailer 15 cwt, water	1	

(iv) Arms.

Pistol	1	
Machine carbines	3	
L.M.G.	6	(HQ & Sections 1 each)
A/Tk Rifle or PTAT	6	(HQ & Sections 1 each) Dependent upon role allotted to Div.
Rifles	46	

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SUMMARY.

PERSONNEL.

	Officers			N.C.Os.				
	Majors	Captains	Subalterns	Marechallo	Furiers	Sergents	Caporal Maggs.	Sol
HQ	1	2	1	1	1	2	5	2
R.D.I.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
Composite Pl.	-	2	1	-	-	5	4	
Transport Pls (3)	-	-	3	-	-	6	15	
Totals	1	4	5	1	1	14	24	
Total		10						245

WEAPONS

	Pistols	Machine Carbines	Rifles	L.M.Gs.	A/Tk rifles or PIAT.
HQ	6	7	36	2	2
R.D.I.	-	1	15	-	-
Composite Pl.	6	-	31	-	-
Transport Pls (3)	3	9	138	18	18
	15	17	220	20	20

VEHICLES

W/Trailers	Cars 2 Seater.	Cars 4 Seater.	M/C.	Truck 15 cwt.	Truck 3 Ton Demestic.	T
1	2	1	5	2	3	
3	3	-	6	-	2	
	3	-	9	3	3	
4	8	1	20	5	6	

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SUMMARY.

PERSONNEL.

H.C.Os.				Other Ranks	
Maresciallo	Furiere	Sergente	Caporal Magg.	Soldato	Cavalrtore
1	1	2	5	20	16
–	–	1	–	–	15
–	–	5	4	21	7
–	–	6	15	21	105
1	1	14	24	62	143
				245	

WEAPONS

Rifles	L.M.G.	~~A/Tk Rifles~~ or PIAT.
36	2	2
15	–	–
31	–	–
138	18	18
220	20	20

VEHICLES.

Cars 4 Seater.	M/C.	Truck 15 cwt.	Truck 3 Ton Domestic.	Truck 3 Ton Tank.	W/Shop.	Stores.	R/Down.
1	5	2	3	–	1	1	1
–	6	–	2				
–	9	3	3	20			
1	20	5	8	20 ø	1	1	1

ø 10% Spare vehicles should be added.

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Subject:- Concentration of FRIULI Div

Army Sub Commission (AMLA)
HQ ACC
ROME
TS/SD/30
8 Aug 44

S.M.R.E.

Confirming conversation Lt.Col. Re - Major Phillips.

A.A.I. have been asked to release the undermentioned units and to order them to concentrate in the FRIULI Div Concentration Area San GIORGIO by 30 Aug.

52 Artiori Coy
5 Artieri Coy
13 Artieri di Arresto Coy

Maj Gen.
Army Sub Commission.

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TOP SECRET

Subject:- Concentration of FRIULI Div

Army Sub Commission (USFA)
HQ ACC
ROME
TS/61/30
7 Aug 44

AAI

1. SIFES has asked for the following Engineer coys to be released in order that they can form the Engineer units required for the FRIULI Div :-

52 Artieri Coy
5 Artieri Coy
13 Artieri di Arresto Coy

2. If you agree any arrangements please be made for these coys to be moved to the Div concentration area San GIORGIO so as to arrive on or before 30 Aug.

Maj Gen
Army Sub Commission

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SUBJECT:- FRIULI Div

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
HQ. A.C.C.
ROME
S/SD/30
31 Jul 44

SMRE

Confirming conversation General BATTISTI - Colonel PIRSLEY of 31 July.

1. It is confirmed that Infantry Bns of the FRIULI Division shall be completed by the inclusion of 2 Battalions of GRANATIERI from SARDINIA.

2. The strength of these two Bns as incorporated in the FRIULI Div will be reduced to those men who are considered essential and suitable for the Division's role.

3. The remaining men required for these two Battalions and for the rest of the Division are to be obtained from Patriot volunteers and others called up.

4. SMRE will let MMIA know at once the approximate strength of the Bns coming from SARDINIA for whom shipping is required.

AHC

Major General
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
- Sezione Ordinamento -

SEGRETO
Urgente

N° 5580 /Ord.

P.M.151, 1 agosto 1944

OGGETTO: Divisione "Friuli".-

ARMY SUB COMMISSION (MMIA) HQ ACC

R O M A

Riferimento foglio S/SD/30 del 31.7.44.-

La forza dei due reggimenti granatieri esistenti in Sardegna, escludendo i militari di classe anziana da inviare in congedo, raggiunge la cifra di 1.700 u.-

Tenuto conto:

- di eventuali altri elementi, oltre i militari di classe anziana, da inviare in congedo per cause varie;
- della opportunità di non lasciare in Sardegna militari aventi diritto al congedo, che graverebbero sulla forza vettovagliata,

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Sorti)

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ARMY SUB COMMISSION (MEDIA) HQ ACC

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Riferimento foglio S/SD/30 del 31.7.44.-

La forza dei due reggimenti granatieri esistenti in Sardegna, escludendo i militari di classe anziana da inviare in congedo, raggiunge la cifra di 1.700 u.-

Tenuto conto:

- di eventuali altri elementi, oltre i militari di classe anziana, da inviare in congedo per cause varie;
- della opportunità di non lasciare in Sardegna militari aventi diritto al congedo, che graverebbero sulla forza vettovagliata,

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TOP SECRET

SUBJECT : Formation of Gruppi di Combattimenti

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.
1605/50/57/G(SD1)

30 Jul 44

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Reference this HQ 1605/50/57/G(SD1) dated 28 Jul 44.

1. Herewith at Appendix 'A' are the Minutes of the meeting held at this HQ on 29 Jul 44.

2. Please acknowledge receipt on the attached form.

for Brigadier,
G(SD & T).

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TOP SECRET

Appendix 'A' to 1605/50/57/G(SD)
dated 30 Jul 44

Minutes of Meeting held at HQ AAI
at 1100 hrs 29 Jul 44

Chairman :-	Brig	Stayner	G(SD & T)
Present :-	Brig	Cardale	RE
	Brig	Ritchie	Q
	Col	Pidsley	MGRA
	Lt-Col	Bain	ST
	Lt-Col	Crittall	REME
	Lt-Col	Ingledew	G(SD)
	Lt-Col	Jamieson	Med
	Lt-Col	MacKay	Q(AE)
	Lt-Col	McLean	Q
	Lt-Col	Scott	Postal
	Lt-Col	Wulliamy	X
	Maj	Balloch	RA
	Maj	Dawtry	A
	Maj	Goldberg	G(Trg)
	Maj	Golardi	Ord
	Maj	Jacques	G(SD)
	Maj	Jennings	G(SD)
	Maj	Morgan	G(SD)
	Capt	Graham	G(SD)
	Capt	McNeill	Pro

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(b) Speed in the formation of the groups is considered essential.

(c) The subject is to be treated as "Top Secret" pending the receipt of the approval, of the formation, from the Combined Chiefs of

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	Brig Ritchie	RE
	Col Pidsley	Q
	Lt-Col Bain	MMIA
	Lt-Col Crittall	ST
	Lt-Col Ingledew	REME
	Lt-Col Jamieson	G(SD)
	Lt-Col MacKay	Med
	Lt-Col McLean	Q(AE)
	Lt-Col Scott	Q
	Lt-Col Vulliamy	Postal
	Maj Balloch	X
	Maj Dawtry	RA
	Maj Goldberg	A
	Maj Golardi	G(Trg)
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(d) In the first instance it is the intention to form two groups.

2. Col Pidsley (MMIA) explained the layout proposed for the groups. 1218

3. The organisation shown at Appendix 'A' to 1605/50/57/G(SD1) dated 28 Jul 44 was agreed in principle with the addition of the normal section of CCRR, one post office, one MMCU and one sanitary sec, for each group.

4. The meeting then considered the question of the Italian maintenance units as shown in the provisional Order of Battle at Appendix 'B' to 1605/50/57/G(SD1) dated 28 Jul 44.

5. Brig Ritchie (DQMG) stated that, in effect, the introduction of a group into the line amounted to the addition of a number of personnel to corps strength to be maintained. In many cases this would not require extra personnel for maintenance but where this was necessary, the need would be met either by the formation of appropriate Italian units or by the strengthening of existing British units by the addition of Italian elements. The method to be adopted in doubtful cases is to be discussed with MMIA by the services concerned.

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6. The following decisions were reached on the provisional Order of Battle of Army and GHQ Troops :

(a) HQ Units — MMLA consider that the number can be reduced if necessary to one HQ per three groups.

(b) Engrs — Three fd pk coys only are required.

(c) ST — Three gen tpt coys and one MAC needed; remaining units to be discussed with MMLA.

(d) Med — Following to be substituted for units proposed :-

One gen hosp (1200 beds)
One gen hosp (600 beds)
Two gen hosps (200 beds)
Six 100 bed expansions
One adv depot med stores

(e) Ord — Amended to :-

One mob laundry coy
Four mob bath units

Increments to be discussed with MMLA.

(f) REME — Increments to be discussed with MMLA.

(g) Pro — Agreed.

(h) Misc — Two transit camps to be substituted for one CRU; otherwise agreed.

7. Col Vulliamy (X) raised the question of British sigs increments and it was agreed that this should be discussed by X with MMLA.

8. The Chairman read the draft of a letter prepared by the CGS for the Commander-in-Chief. The draft was agreed unanimously and the meeting then closed.

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Appendix "A" to MCIA HQ letter T/87 of 8 Oct 44.

Estimates of POL Requirements of Friuli - Cremona - Lognano - Folgore Divisions for Period 11 - 20 Oct 44 Inclusive.

Friuli Division (located at San Giorgio near Benevento).

Latest operating vehicle strength reported by A HLU to HQ MCIA in signal ST/16 dated 5 Oct 44 as follows:-

Type	Number operating as at 6 Oct 44.	Gallons required 11-20 Oct 44 inclusive at agreed Training Scales.
Motorcycles	68	3060
Wheeled Vehicles (MT 80)	203	9135
Half Tracked (MT 80)	NIL.	NIL
Full Tracked (MT 80)	60	27000
Total MT 80 Required		39195 Gallons = 933 Barrels
All Types (Diesel)	NIL.	NIL

Friuli Division are at present engaged in drawing their new W/E vehicles as fast as availability of vehicles and drivers permits. This will result in considerable increases in the current period in vehicle strengths as compared with foregoing figures for both Benzine and Diesel. Effect of this re-equipment will be checked up in detail by DADT, MCIA in Naples in coming week and supplementary bid if required for period 11 - 20 Oct 44 inclusive will be made on return. For present however, Benzine allocation as above will be sufficient and there are known to be certain Diesel stocks on hand.

Lubricants have been requested by the Friuli and Cremona Divisions (in their signal ST/4 dated 17 Sep 44 to HQ MCIA) in a special breakdown as stated below based on their particular problems, and the following requirements for the period 11 - 20 Oct 44 result:-

SAE 30	2½% of Fuel Gallonage	= 22 Barrels
SAE 50	1% " "	= 9 Barrels
C600 and/or Hypoid 90	1½% " "	= 13 Barrels
Grease 1 or 2	1½ lbs per 100 Gallons	= 588 lbs
Grease 3 or 4	'small quantity'	say 100 lbs
Kerosene	3% of Fuel Gallonage	= 28 Barrels

Cremona Division (located at Altavilla near Benevento).

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Half Tracked (MT 80)	NIL.	9135
Full Tracked (MT 80)	60	NIL
		27000
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All Types (Diesel)	NIL.	NIL

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Cremona Division (located at Altavilla near Benevento).

Latest operating vehicle strength reported by B HLU to HQ MMIA in signal ST/13 dated 6 Oct 44 as follows:-

Type	Number operating as at 6 Oct 44.	Gallons required 11-20 Oct 44 inclusive at agreed Training Scales.
Motorcycles	72	3240
Wheeled Vehicles (MT 80)	165	7425
Half Tracked (MT 80)	NIL	NIL
Full Tracked (MT 80)	12	5400
Total MT 80 Required		16065 Gallons = 383 Barrels
All Types (Diesel)	NIL	NIL

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Lubricants (on same basis as for Friuli Division):-

SAE 30	2½% of Fuel Gallonage	=	10 Barrels
SAE 50	1% " "	=	4 Barrels
C600 and/or Hypoid 90	1½% " "	=	6 Barrels
Grease 1 or 2	1½ lbs per 100 Gallons	=	240 lbs.
Grease 3 or 4	'small quantity'	say	50 lbs
Kerosene	3% of Fuel Gallonage	=	12 Barrels

Legnano Division (located at Piedimonte d' Alife in region of Capua).

Latest operating vehicle strength reported by C RLU to HQ MMIA in signal ST/2/41 dated 7 Oct 44 as follows:-

Type	Number Operating as at 6 Oct 44	Gallons required 11-20 Oct 44 inclusive at agreed Training Scales.
Motorcycles	213	9585
Wheeled Vehicles (MT 80)	263	11835
Full Tracked (MT 80)	1	450
Total MT 80 Required		21870 = 521 Gallons Barrels
Wheeled Vehicles (Diesel)	97	4365 = 104 Gallons Barrels

Lubricants (on same basis as for Friuli Division):-

SAE 30	2½% of Fuel Gallonage	=	15 Barrels
SAE 50	1% " "	=	6 Barrels
C600 and/or Hypoid 90	1½% " "	=	9 Barrels
Grease 1 or 2	1½ lbs per 100 Gallons	=	393 lbs
Grease 3 or 4	'small quantity'	say	75 lbs
Kerosene	3% of fuel gallonage	=	19 Barrels

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Folgore Division (located east of Piedimonte d' Alife in region of Capua).

Latest operating vehicle strength reported by MMIA LO, Folgore Division in letter G dated 6 Oct 44 as follows:-

Type	Number on Strength as at 6 Oct 44.	Gallons required 11-20 Oct 44 inclusive at agreed Training Scales.

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		agreed Training Scales.
Motorcycles	213	9585
Wheeled Vehicles (MT 80)	263	11835
Full Tracked (MT 80)	1	450
Total MT 80 Required		21870 = 521 Gallons Barrels
Wheeled Vehicles (Diesel)	97	4365 = 104 Gallons Barrels

Lubricants (on same basis as for Friuli Division):-

SAE 30	2½% of Fuel Gallonage	= 15 Barrels
SAE 50	1% " "	= 6 Barrels
3600 and/or Hypoid 90	1½% " "	= 9 Barrels
Grease 1 or 2	1½ lbs per 100 Gallons	=393 lbs
Grease 3 or 4	'small quantity'	say 75 lbs
Kerosene	3% of fuel gallonage	= 19 Barrels

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Folgore Division (located east of Piedimonte di Alife in region of Capua).

Latest operating vehicle strength reported by MMIA LO, Folgore Division in letter G5 dated 6 Oct 44 as follows:-

Type	Number on Strength as at 6 Oct 44.	Gallons required 11-20 Oct 44 inclusive at agreed Training Scales.
Motorcycles	117	5265
Wheeled Vehicles (MT 80)	147	6615
Total MT 80 Required		11880 = 283 Gallons Barrels
Wheeled Vehicles (Diesel)	22	990 = 24 Gallons Barrels

Lubricants (on same basis as for Friuli Division):-

SAE 30	2½% of Fuel Gallonage	= 7½ Barrels
SAE 50	1% " "	= 3 Barrels
3600 and/or HYPOID 90	1½% " "	= 4½ Barrels
Grease 1 or 2	1½ lbs per 100 Gallons	= 195 lbs
Grease 3 or 4	'small quantity'	say 30 lbs
Kerosene	3% of Fuel Gallonage	= 9 Barrels

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MESSAGE FORM.

From: NOLA

09. 1614 Z.

To : CG. CARIBBEAN

SI/372

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For NOLA 10 for C FLT (.) Paren Base Area _____ Parem (.)
Our SI/366 05 (.) Acknowledge and confirm that personnel assembled
BASO TO NOLA on 07 Oct (.)

Precedence

Authentication

Lt.Col.

Internal- Special Section

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FROM MMIA LO NAPLES

64 GARRISON

INFO MMIA LO LEGNANO DIVISION
MMIA LO FULGORE DIVISION
MMIA

8116 STN/15B

M.M.I.A. FILE REF 061530 7A

S/Sgt 29/6. 30

Copy passed SY

Confirming telephone message to MMIA LO LEGNANO 061515A (.) Subject is Pol from Cip (.) Reference conversation Major GELARDI, Captain BAXTER, Marfisa of NAPLES Cip (.) It is imperative that a representative of each division be sent to NAPLES to witness loading of Pol for his Division onto rail cars (.) First loading due to start SUNDAY 8 October (.) Please instruct representatives to report to MMIA NAPLES Captain BAXTER for further instructions (.) This is the only solution otherwise Rail Movement is off

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MEDA

TO 2 DIRECTOR FOR MEDA IO

DOC. 07/1000 A

TEXT (.) REURTT (.) HUT YOUR FB 95 DATED 06 (.) PAPER RUNS AREA_____

For

PAPER (.) OUR REPLY REQUIRED BY DEPARTS FOR TEXAS FRIDAY IN ORDER TO

COORDINATING NOT ASSEMBLED AND TRAINED (.) PLEASE TELEGRAPH AMOUNT ESTATE

ON HAND OF EACH FUEL AND AVERAGE MONTHLY CONSUMPTION BY HEATING OR COOKING AND

FOLLOWING SCHOOL

PROCEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATION

Lt. Col.

INTERNAL

SPECIAL HANDLING

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MESSAGE FORM

From : NOLA

To : 64 GARRISON. RPTD. RADC TD NOLA 05 15-5-2 .A.

ST/366 RESTRICTED

For NOLA LO for C HLH (.) Prvsn Rcnn Area_____Prvsn (.)
6 Officers and 24 NCOs from Supply Company LEGION Div will assemble RADC TD NOLA on Saturday 7 Oct to start 7 days course on Sunday 8 Oct (.) DADGT C HLH to ADK

Precedence IMMEDIATE

Authentication M L Penn Lt.Col.

Internal:- Special Section.

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FROM MAIA

TO "F" BLU 04 A 1215.

SS 137 CONFIDENTIAL

Your CR/12 of 2 Oct (.) PAREN ROME AREA COMMAND_____PAREN (.)

Italian work tickets fr M.T. are in order and should continue (.)

PRECEDENCE Immediate

AUTHENTICATED DLLeghorn
Maja

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FROM : NEA

TO : DAMEMB A ZULU

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SUBJECT.

XXXX 82/11 (.) IMPOSE NEA RESTRICTION IF CONCUR

PLEASE ADVISE. CAN ARRANGE AT NO EXTRA

APPROPRIATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF DET OR TDY (.)

PRECEDENCE: IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATION: L.W.Dot-1.

Internal- Room 10638, NEA.

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Subject : Reserve of Rations - Winter months.

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To :-
Q 57 Area
IEMIA
GE"

S/Spec
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Ref : Q 501
Date : 29 Nov 44

1. It is considered probale that the road between BENEVENTO and this Unit will be blocked for some days on end during the winter months on account of snowfall.

2. Authy is therefore requested to hold 10 days reserve of the following items :-

(a) Hard rations
(b) Kerosene
(c) Wood fuel

3. Feeding strength is likely to average 50.

Field,
GE/G I

B N McMurtrie
Lieut.Colonel
General Staff
Commanding "B" Brit Mais Unit

To
ADST. Q. SS 2/10.

Spec. Sec.
Noted.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 400/105 D-O

22 September 1944

SUBJECT: Supply of Italian Armed Forces (Army, Navy and Air)

TO : All Concerned

1. Object

The following comprises a combined and revised directive covering policies and instructions heretofore issued by this headquarters, governing the supply of Italian armed forces and is for the purpose of assisting the Italian Government in its responsibility for the feeding, clothing, arming, equipping and maintenance of the Italian armed forces, in furthering the war effort. It will supersede the following:

Letter, this headquarters, dated 9 January 1944, to Acting Deputy President, ACC, subject: "Supply Organization - Italian Military."

AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 2, dated 10 January 1944, subject: "Subsistence for Italian Army."

AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 36, dated 4 September 1944. (Sec.I)

Letter, this headquarters, dated 10 February 1944, to CinC AAI, Deputy President, ACC, and Deputy Vice-President, Army Sub-Commission, subject: "Disposal of Italian Army", and amendment thereto dated 15 April 1944.

Letter, this headquarters, dated 14 March 1944, to CinC AAI, subject: "Scale of Supply for Italian Army".

Letter, this headquarters, dated 14 May 1944, to CinC AAI, subject: "Single Ration Scale for Italian Military".

Letter, this headquarters, dated 21 April 1944, to CinC AAI, subject: "Organization for Supply of Effective Italian Troops".

2. Classification

For the purposes of this letter, the following abbreviations will have the meanings ascribed to them as shown:

BR - ITI	-	Italian armed forces under British command.
US - ITI	-	Italian armed forces under United States command.
ITI-ITI	-	Italian armed forces under command of the Theater Commander through the Italian War Ministry.

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Ltr, AFHQ, AG 400/105 D-O, 22 Sept 1944

3. Policy

a. All Italian armed forces will receive the same basic scale of supplies necessary for subsistence, i.e., food, clothing, medical supplies and fuel as laid down in Annexes to this letter.

BR-ITIS and US-ITIS will receive such additional equipment as may be considered necessary in order to permit them to fulfill their allotted tasks. Issues of this equipment will be controlled by this headquarters in the case of BR-ITIS and by the Commanding General, ~~MATOUSA~~ in the case of US-ITIS.

b. Only those classes of troops who are in fact effective will be supplied. An individual who is "in fact effective" is defined as one who is a bona fide member of the Italian armed forces, either officer, non commissioned officer, or other rank, duly enrolled or enlisted who is subject to the laws of war and the Geneva Convention, borne on the rolls of the Ministry concerned, and actually performing the duty to which assigned as shown by the official strength returns of the Ministry concerned. Security Police, ~~Carabinieri~~, Fire Brigades, and Finance Guards are not included, as they are not military organizations in the above sense of the term. Their functions are essentially civilian in character and the control is maintained through the Allied Control Commission.

4. Supply Responsibility for the Italian Army and the Italian Air Force

a. The maintenance of BR-ITIS is a British responsibility.

b. The maintenance of US-ITIS is a United States responsibility.

c. The maintenance of ITI-ITIS is the responsibility of the Italian Government supplemented to the extent required by the United States and United Kingdom as authorized by the Combined Chiefs of Staff. This commitment is divided between the United States and the United Kingdom as follows:

Subsistence	- US
Clothing	- Joint US - UK
Medical Supply	- UK
Fuels	- UK

5. Functions of ~~M.M.I.A.~~

a. The Military Mission to the Italian Army is responsible to the Theater Commander for the coordination and supervision of supply to all categories of the Italian armed forces through the Italian Ministries.

b. When British or United States supplies are issued to ITI-ITIS in accordance with paragraph 4 c above, the senior United States Army officer of MMIA will supervise the supply of subsistence. The senior British officer and the senior United States Army officer will jointly supervise the supply of clothing. The senior British officer will supervise the supply of medical items. The procedure for handling POL is as prescribed in Annex D.

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c. The entire resources of the Italian Army are available to ITI-ITIS. ~~Any surplus will be available through MMIA to US-ITIS and BR-ITIS.~~ Headquarters MMIA will be responsible for control, issue and accounting of supplies so drawn from ITI-ITI Depots.

6. Responsibility of Italian Army for Supply

a. In meeting the responsibilities of distribution of supplies indicated in 4 a and 4 b above, the Italian War Ministry, by use of ITI-ITI forces will assist in the distribution of supply to US-ITI and BR-ITI categories of Italian armed forces, to the degree found necessary by the United States and British commanders concerned and in agreement with MMIA.

b. The Italian Army is responsible with certain minimum supervision by MMIA, for implementing and maintaining their own supply system ~~in Italy~~, Sicily and Sardinia for the ITI-ITI category of the Italian Army.

c. The Italian Army will accept responsibility for all ITI-ITI supplies made available for its use. Acceptance will include positive assurance on the part of the Italian Army that the supplies received will be issued on the scales announced and used only for the purpose intended and that they will not be bartered, sold, or otherwise disposed of.

d. The Italian Army, through MMIA, will be responsible for arranging transportation necessary for the movement of all supplies from the point of acceptance to warehouses and from warehouses to distribution or issue points. Essential transportation assistance will be furnished from the United States and British sources as agreed between the local commander and MMIA.

e. Shelter sufficient to house properly all supplies received will be provided by the Italian Army. The location of all the points of storage, including those in which supplies of Italian origin are stored, will be reported to MMIA and the commander of the Base Section or District concerned.

f. Supplies will be warehoused in accordance with recognized procedure which will insure safety from theft, pilferage, weather, damage or loss from insects or vermin, and permit inventory and distribution with ease and efficiency. Local base section and district commanders and other commanders concerned will give due consideration to the needs for Italian depot storage and facilities in order to accomplish the above.

g. The Italian Army will be responsible for the distribution and issue of all supplies on the scales and under the conditions contained in Annexes hereto, in accordance with 4 c ~~and 4 d~~ above.

h. The Italian Army will provide sufficient organizations of the proper type and strength with appropriate equipment to perform efficiently and expeditiously the duties referred to above, based on the quantity of supplies furnished from time to time for use of the Italian armed forces.

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i. Personnel from MMIA will be authorized to inspect, require inventories to be made as necessary, and otherwise satisfy themselves that all supplies turned over to the Italian Army are received, warehoused, accounted for and issued in accordance with the intent of this directive.

7. Scale of Supply

a. Subsistence

(1) The Italian armed forces are subsisted on a single common ration scale shown in Annex "A". This scale will not be modified, amended or changed in any way for any category or group, without the prior approval of this headquarters.

(2) The provision of local grown commodities under par. 2 of Annex "A" for all categories of the Italian armed forces is the responsibility of the Italian Ministries. When found to be more expeditious to do so, United States or British commanders may purchase available resources of these ration conponents for the Italian Ministries, and receive cash repayment therefor by submitting properly signed vouchers through MMIA.

b. Clothing

(1) Clothing will be provided from the following sources in the order named and issued on the scale shown in Annex "B":

(a) Entire resources of Italian military clothing.

(b) Used clothing and individual equipment from Allied sources within the theater in accordance with the provisions of Annex "C".

(c) Shipments authorized by the Combined Chiefs of Staff for ITI-ITI, by War Department for US-ITI, and by The War Office for BR-ITI.

c. Fuel

(1) Coal -- All coal and coke requirements for BR-ITI and US-ITI will be submitted through channels to the respective Army, Base Section, or COC District for supply. Coal and coke requirements for ITI-ITI will be submitted through Italian Army channels through MMIA for screening and allocation.

(2) Petroleum products -- See Annex "D".

d. Medical Supplies -- See Annex "E".

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c. Transport

(1) Italian Army transportation will be allotted to all units in the Italian Army by MMIA in such manner as to afford the minimum use of Allied transportation.

(2) The Italian Ministry of War is responsible for maintenance of all Italian Army transportation. The Allied commanders concerned may give such assistance as is desirable in the maintenance of the transportation allocated to BR-ITIS or US-ITIS.

(3) MMIA is charged with the general supervision of maintenance, use and manner of operation of all Italian military transport, except in the combat zone, and more particularly in respect to transport provided by or for the ITI-ITIS.

8. Supply of Italian Navy

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b. For British commanded Italian troops, from British sources

c. For Italian commanded Italian troops, from U.S. sources

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Dried vegetables, ounces per ration	2 oz.
Meat, canned, or fish preserved	3 oz.
Cheese	1 oz.
Sugar	1 oz.
Macaroni	3 oz.
Rice	1 oz.
Vegetables, dehydrated	1 oz.
Catsup, or tomato paste	1 oz.
Coffee	½ oz.
Pepper	½ oz.
Matches, per 7 rations, box (small)	1/200
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Olive Oil	1 oz.
Nuts	½ oz.
Salt	½ oz.
Wine, litre	½

3. The total caloric value of the ration is 3290.

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Towel	ea	1
Cap, field	ea	1
Overcoat, or mackinaw	ea	1
Boots or shoes (2 prs authorized in winter if supplies permit)	pr	1
Socks	pr	3
Anklets, or leggins (when required)	pr	1
Sewing Kit, initial issue only	ea	1
Blankets, or comforter (1 comforter equals 2 blankets)	ea	2
Packcarrier (When required)	ea	1
Canteen (When required)	ea	1
Mess Kit (including fork, spoon and cup)	ea	1

2. Items made available under the provisions of Annex "C" will include all items of British scales of clothing and individual equipment and United States Tables of Equipment 21.

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ANNEX "C"

Procedure for Utilization of Allied Military Clothing
for the Italian Army and Air Force

1. In order to eliminate the shipping into the theater of clothing from external sources for the Italian Army and Air Force, maximum use will be made of used clothing that is not suitable for further use of the Allied Armies.

2. All items of clothing and individual equipment on British scales or U.S. Tables of Equipment will be considered as available for the use of the Italian Army. Commanders of Communication Zone, Armies, the RAF, AAF/MTO, and Districts are responsible that items made available to the Italian Army and Air Force are carefully screened and are in such condition as to be beyond economical repair for further use of United States or British military personnel or prisoners of war of the Allied nations.

a. Within the capabilities of military repair installations directly under the commanders named above, items considered suitable for the Italian Army and Air Force may be repaired, if necessary, for the purpose of issue in accordance with Annex "B" to authorized Italian units of the command. Accounting will be as prescribed in paragraph 10 of basic letter.

b. Items in excess of the repair facilities and ability of the British Army or the United States Army, will be delivered to Italian Army ITI-ITI repair installations and will be charged to the Italian Government in accordance with paragraph 10 of basic letter. No further accounting is required. Upon completion of repair, disposition will be as follows:

(1) Such items are to be utilized for clothing and equipping the ITI-ITI with the Italian Army.
(2) Surplus items will be made available by MMIA for clothing the BR-ITI and the US-ITI.

c. Distinctive buttons, insignia of rank, and all other insignia will be removed prior to transfer to Italian repair installations or depots.

d. MMIA is responsible that proper records are maintained by Italian repair installations and depots in order that the proper charges may be made to the Italian Government and a corresponding credit be given to the country of ownership. To the extent necessary to accomplish this, commanders will comply with the accounting and reporting procedure established by MMIA.

3. Supply, sale, donation, or transfer of military clothing to civilians is not authorized except when made available to ACC by MMIA. Items of clothing and shoes (boots) not suitable for the use of the Italian Army will be transferred to ACC by MMIA. Outer clothing will be dyed black by ACC prior to issue to civilians.

4. Rags and scraps originating from clothing and equipment in British or U.S. Army Depots will be offered to MMIA for the use of the Italian Army. Should the rags and scraps not be desired by the Italian Army, the rags and scraps will be disposed of as agreed by commanders named in paragraph 2 above, and ACC.

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ANNEX "D"

A. Italian Military Requirements for Petroleum Products

1. Italian formations serving with the Allied Armies will, if they are located in the Army areas, normally be supplied ex Rail/Road Head through their own maintenance channels. Italian army units serving with the Allied Armies in Army areas, and Italian units, and units diluted with Italians, which form a permanent part of the Allied Order of Battle, will be supplied as if they were Allied units, through the normal United States or British maintenance systems.

2. Italian army units not included in paragraph 1 above will be supplied with petroleum products as follows:

a. Requirements: The MMIA will be responsible for the collection and submission to **AFHQ Petroleum Section**, Rome Allied Area Command, of requirements for the Italian army exclusive of those formations and units included in paragraph 1 above. These requirements will be submitted so as to reach AFHQ Petroleum Section, Rome Allied Area Command by the 19th of the month preceding that in which delivery is required and will specify geographical areas in which the units are located. The basis on which all of the above requirements are predicted will be set out in detail.

b. AFHQ Petroleum Section, RAAC, will make monthly allocations authorizing release of approved quantities of petroleum products from the CIP for Italian army account in the respective areas concerned.

c. The CIP will deliver to the Italian army on a contractual basis, charging only the distribution cost (including any imposted Government taxes) but not including the cost of the petroleum product.

B. Italian Naval and Air Force Requirements

3. The Italian navy and air force will be issued such petroleum products as are not "common user" items, as directed by Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean and CinC Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, respectively. Such issues will be made direct from stocks under CinC Mediterranean and CinC MAAF control and not through CIP. ("Common user" items are defined as such Petroleum Products as are included in the North African Oil Slate).

4. Aircraft of the Italian Air Force, under the operational control of CinC MAAF will be issued with such petroleum products as they require, from stocks under the control of CinC MAAF. Records of such issues will be maintained and transmitted monthly to AFHQ Petroleum Section, Rome Allied Area Command.

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5. CinC Mediterranean and CinC MAAF will advise AFHQ Petroleum Section, RAAC of the requirements of the Italian navy and air force of "common user" petroleum products other than those covered by paragraph 4 above. Such requirements will be submitted to AFHQ Petroleum Section, RAAC by the 19th of the month preceding that in which delivery is requested, and will specify geographical areas in which release is required. Approved quantities will be included in the allocations authorized for the Italian army, and will be released to CIP as in 2, above.

6. CIP will maintain separate records of quantities received from Allied stocks and issued to:

a. civilian users
b. the three categories of the Italian army
c. Italian navy
d. Italian air force divided into that used by the Italian air force under British command, U.S. command, and Italian command, and will report such information monthly to AFHQ Petroleum Section, Rome Allied Area Command.

C. Transfer of Responsibility

7. Responsibilities established in this Annex with respect to particular agencies, i.e., Allied Military Government, Allied Central Mediterranean Force, Headquarters ACC, etc., in the event of transfer of, or assumption of responsibility by another agency will automatically be included in the transfer or assumption.

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ANNEX "E"

Medical Stores for Italian Armed Forces

1. Scales

a. Hospital Diet Items

Milk	6,200 lbs	Based on 13,000 patients for 10 days.
Rice	11,700 lbs	
Semolina or equivalent	3,000 lbs	
Butter or margarine	10,400 lbs	
Meat Extract	520 lbs	

b. Disinfectants and Miscellaneous Stores

Water Sterilizing Powder	15 lbs	Scale per 1,000 men per month.
Anti Mosquito Cream	375 lbs	
Taste Remover Tablets	250	
Izal	1 gal	
Fly catchers	480	
Prepared rat bait	1/2 lb	
AL 63	20 lbs	
Blocks fumigating	4	
Anti Mosquito Spray	20 gal	
Cresol	10 gal	
Methylated Spirits	5 gal	
Malariol	30 gal	
Paris Green	1/4 lbs	

c. Medical Stores

Standard scale of provision is 40 tons per 100,000 personnel per month. Itemized list omitted.

2. Provision for Medical Stores

a. 30 days reserve calculated on the above-mentioned scales will be held under arrangements of agencies having a supply responsibility.

b. Demands based on maintaining a maximum stock of one month's requirements will be submitted by MMLA to AFHQ for BR-ITI and ITI-ITI by the 20th of each month for requirements 4 months ahead, e.g., demands due 20 September will relate to February 1945.

c. Requirements for US-ITI will be ~~handled~~ by Commanding General, ~~SOS NATOUSA~~. MTOUSA.

d. Medical stores will be supplied from captured enemy material, wither available, to all categories of the Italian Military Forces.

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To : B BLU 27 1758 .A.

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FOR DADST RPT DADST (.) MMIA SIGNAL ST/331 20 ASKED YOU TO PRESS FOR URGENT FORMATION OF COMPOSITE PLATOON NUCLEUS AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE (.) MMIA SIGNAL ST/339 26 ASKED YOU FOR PROGRESS REPORT ON FOREGOING (.) PLEASE HASTEN AND TREAT AS MOST URGENT (.)

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AG 400/105 D-O

22 September 1944

SUBJECT: Supply of Italian Armed Forces (Army, Navy and Air)

TO : All Concerned

1. Object

The following comprises a combined and revised directive covering policies and instructions heretofore issued by this headquarters, governing the supply of Italian armed forces and is for the purpose of assisting the Italian Government in its responsibility for the feeding, clothing, arming, equipping and maintenance of the Italian armed forces, in furthering the war effort. It will supersede the following:

Letter, this headquarters, dated 9 January 1944, to Acting Deputy President, ACC, subject: "Supply Organization - Italian Military."

AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 2, dated 10 January 1944, subject: "Subsistence for Italian Army."

AFHQ Administrative Memorandum Number 36, dated 4 September 1944. (Sec.I)

Letter, this headquarters, dated 10 February 1944, to CinC AAI, Deputy President, ACC, and Deputy Vice-President, Army Sub-Commission, subject: "Disposal of Italian Army", and amendment thereto dated 15 April 1944.

Letter, this headquarters, dated 14 March 1944, to CinC AAI, subject: "Scale of Supply for Italian Army".

Letter, this headquarters, dated 14 May 1944, to CinC AAI, subject: "Single Ration Scale for Italian Military".

Letter, this headquarters, dated 21 April 1944, to CinC AAI, subject: "Organization for Supply of Effective Italian Troops".

2. Classification

For the purposes of this letter, the following abbreviations will have the meanings ascribed to them as shown:

BR - ITI - Italian armed forces under British command.
US - ITI - Italian armed forces under United States command.
ITI-ITI - Italian armed forces under command of the Theater Commander through the Italian War Ministry.

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3. Policy

a. All Italian armed forces will receive the same basic scale of supplies necessary for subsistence, i.e., food, clothing, medical supplies and fuel as laid down in Annexes to this letter.

BR-ITIS and US-ITIS will receive such additional equipment as may be considered necessary in order to permit them to fulfill their allotted tasks. Issues of this equipment will be controlled by this headquarters in the case of BR-ITIS and by the Commanding General, NATOUSA in the case of US-ITIS.

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Subsistence	- US
Clothing	- Joint US - UK
Medical Supply	- UK
Fuels	- UK

5. Functions of M.M.I.A.

a. The Military Mission to the Italian Army is responsible to the Theater Commander for the coordination and supervision of supply to all categories of the Italian armed forces through the Italian Ministries.

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c. The entire resources of the Italian Army are available to ITI-ITIS. Any surplus will be available through MMIA to US-ITIS and BR-ITIS. Headquarters MMIA will be responsible for control, issue and accounting of supplies so drawn from ITI-ITI Depots.

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e. Shelter sufficient to house properly all supplies received will be provided by the Italian Army. The location of all the points of storage, including those in which supplies of Italian origin are stored, will be reported to MMIA and the commander of the Base Section or District concerned.

f. Supplies will be warehoused in accordance with recognized procedure which will insure safety from theft, pilferage, weather, damage or loss from insects or vermin, and permit inventory and distribution with ease and efficiency. Local base section and district commanders and other commanders concerned will give due consideration to the needs for Italian depot storage and facilities in order to accomplish the above.

g. The Italian Army will be responsible for the distribution and issue of all supplies on the scales and under the conditions contained in Annexes hereto, in accordance with 4 c and 4 d above.

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i. Personnel from MMIA will be authorized to inspect, require inventories to be made as necessary, and otherwise satisfy themselves that all supplies turned over to the Italian Army are received, warehoused, accounted for and issued in accordance with the intent of this directive.

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(1) The Italian armed forces are subsisted on a single common ration scale shown in Annex "A". This scale will not be modified, amended or changed in any way for any category or group, without the prior approval of this headquarters.

(2) The provision of local grown commodities under par. 2 of Annex "A" for all categories of the Italian armed forces is the responsibility of the Italian Ministries. When found to be more expeditious to do so, United States or British commanders may purchase available resources of these ration components for the Italian Ministries, and receive cash repayment therefor by submitting properly signed vouchers through MMIA.

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(c) Shipments authorized by the Combined Chiefs of Staff for ITI-ITI, by War Department for US-ITI, and by The War Office for BR-ITI.

c. Fuel

(1) Coal -- All coal and coke requirements for BR-ITI and US-ITI will be submitted through channels to the respective Army, Base Section, or COC District for supply. Coal and coke requirements for ITI-ITI will be submitted through Italian Army channels through MMIA for screening and allocation.

(2) Petroleum products -- See Annex "D".

d. Medical Supplies -- See Annex "E".

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c. Transport

(1) Italian Army transportation will be allotted to all units in the Italian Army by MMIA in such manner as to afford the minimum use of Allied transportation.

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Towel	ea	1
Cap, field	ea	1
Overcoat, or mackinaw	ea	1
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Socks	pr	3
Anklets, or leggins (when required)	pr	1
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ANNEX "C"

Procedure for Utilization of Allied Military Clothing
for the Italian Army and Air Force

1. In order to eliminate the shipping into the theater of clothing from external sources for the Italian Army and Air Force, maximum use will be made of used clothing that is not suitable for further use of the Allied Armies.

2. All items of clothing and individual equipment on British scales or U.S. Tables of Equipment will be considered as available for the use of the Italian Army. Commanders of Communication Zone, Armies, the RAF, AAF/MTO, and Districts are responsible that items made available to the Italian Army and Air Force are carefully screened and are in such condition as to be beyond economical repair for further use of United States or British military personnel or prisoners of war of the Allied nations.

a. Within the capabilities of military repair installations directly under the commanders named above, items considered suitable for the Italian Army and Air Force may be repaired, if necessary, for the purpose of issue in accordance with Annex "B" to authorized Italian units of the command. Accounting will be as prescribed in paragraph 10 of basic letter.

b. Items in excess of the repair facilities and ability of the British Army or the United States Army, will be delivered to Italian Army ITI-ITI repair installations and will be charged to the Italian Government in accordance with paragraph 10 of basic letter. No further accounting is required. Upon completion of repair, disposition will be as follows:

(1) Such items are to be utilized for clothing and equipping the ITI-ITI with the Italian Army.
(2) Surplus items will be made available by MMIA for clothing the BR-ITI and the US-ITI.

c. Distinctive buttons, insignia of rank, and all other insignia will be removed prior to transfer to Italian repair installations or depots.

d. MMIA is responsible that proper records are maintained by Italian repair installations and depots in order that the proper charges may be made to the Italian Government and a corresponding credit be given to the country of ownership. To the extent necessary to accomplish this, commanders will comply with the accounting and reporting procedure established by MMIA.

3. Supply, sale, donation, or transfer of military clothing to civilians is not authorized except when made available to ACC by MMIA. Items of clothing and shoes (boots) not suitable for the use of the Italian Army will be transferred to ACC by MMIA. Outer clothing will be dyed black by ACC prior to issue to civilians.

4. Rags and scraps originating from clothing and equipment in British or U.S. Army Depots will be offered to MMIA for the use of the Italian Army. Should the rags and scraps not be desired by the Italian Army, the rags and scraps will be disposed of as agreed by commanders named in paragraph 2 above, and ACC.

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ANNEX "D"

A. Italian Military Requirements for Petroleum Products

1. Italian formations serving with the Allied Armies will, if they are located in the Army areas, normally be supplied ex Rail/Road Head through their own maintenance channels. Italian army units serving with the Allied Armies in Army areas, and Italian units, and units diluted with Italians, which form a permanent part of the Allied Order of Battle, will be supplied as if they were Allied units, through the normal United States or British maintenance systems.

2. Italian army units not included in paragraph 1 above will be supplied with petroleum products as follows:

a. Requirements: The MMIA will be responsible for the collection and submission to **AFHQ Petroleum Section,** Rome Allied Area Command, of requirements for the Italian army exclusive of those formations and units included in paragraph 1 above. These requirements will be submitted so as to reach AFHQ Petroleum Section, Rome Allied Area Command by the 19th of the month preceding that in which delivery is required and will specify geographical areas in which the units are located. The basis on which all of the above requirements are predicted will be set out in detail.

b. AFHQ Petroleum Section, RAAC, will make monthly allocations authorizing release of approved quantities of petroleum products from the CIP for Italian army account in the respective areas concerned.

c. The CIP will deliver to the Italian army on a contractual basis, charging only the distribution cost (including any imposted Government taxes) but not including the cost of the petroleum product.

B. Italian Naval and Air Force Requirements

3. The Italian navy and air force will be issued such petroleum products as are not "common user" items, as directed by Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean and CinC Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, respectively. Such issues will be made direct from stocks under CinC Mediterranean and CinC MAAF control and not through CIP. ("Common user" items are defined as such Petroleum Products as are included in the North African Oil Slate).

4. Aircraft of the Italian Air Force, under the operational control of CinC MAAF will be issued with such petroleum products as they require, from stocks under the control of CinC MAAF. Records of such issues will be maintained and transmitted monthly to AFHQ Petroleum Section, Rome Allied Area Command.

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5. CinC Mediterranean and CinC MAAF will advise AFHQ Petroleum Section, RAAC of the requirements of the Italian navy and air force of "common user" petroleum products other than those covered by paragraph 4 above. Such requirements will be submitted to AFHQ Petroleum Section, RAAC by the 19th of the month preceding that in which delivery is requested, and will specify geographical areas in which release is required. Approved quantities will be included in the allocations authorized for the Italian army, and will be released to CIP as in 2, above.

6. CIP will maintain separate records of quantities received from Allied stocks and issued to:

a. civilian users
b. the three categories of the Italian army
c. Italian navy
d. Italian air force divided into that used by the Italian air force under British command, U.S. command, and Italian command, and will report such information monthly to AFHQ Petroleum Section, Rear Allied Area Command.

C. Transfer of Responsibility

7. Responsibilities established in this Annex with respect to particular agencies, i.e., Allied Military Government, Allied Central Mediterranean Force, Headquarters ACC, etc., in the event of transfer of, or assumption of responsibility by another agency will automatically be included in the transfer or assumption.

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ANNEX "E"

Medical Stores for Italian Armed Forces

1. Scales

a. Hospital Diet Items

Milk	6,200 lbs	Based on 13,000 patients for 10 days.
Rice	11,700 lbs	
Semolina or equivalent	3,000 lbs	
Butter or margerine	10,400 lbs	
Meat Extract	520 lbs	

b. Disinfectants and Miscellaneous Stores

Water Sterilizing Powder	15 lbs	Scale per 1,000 men per month.
Anti Mosquito Cream	375 lbs	
Taste Renover Tablets	250	
Izal	1 gal	
Fly catchers	480	
Prepared rat bait	1/2 lb	
AL 63	20 lbs	
Blocks fumigating	4	
Anti Mosquito Spray	20 gal	
Cresol	10 gal	
Methylated Spirits	5 gal	
Melariol	30 gal	
Paris Green	14 lbs	

c. Medical Stores

Standard scale of provision is 40 tons per 100,000 personnel per month. Itemized list omitted.

2. Provision for Medical Stores

a. 30 days reserve calculated on the above-mentioned scales will be held under arrangements of agencies having a supply responsibility.

b. Demands based on maintaining a maximum stock of one month's requirements will be submitted by MMIA to AFHQ for BR-ITI and ITI-ITI by the 20th of each month for requirements 4 months ahead, e.g., demands due 20 September will relate to February 1945.

c. Requirements for US-ITI will be handled by Commanding General, SOS NATOUSA.

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SERVICE IS ATTACHMENT OF ITALIAN SERVICE PERSONNEL TO SO DET (.)

IT IS NOW REPORTED THAT DET PERSONNEL DEPARTING IN FIRST ITALIAN

CONVOY IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE RETURN SERVICE PERSONNEL FOR

TRAINING (.) ALSO WITH ITALIAN GROUP IS PRESENT AND WILL ASSIST THEM (.)

MEANWHILE ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH SO DET COMD IN ADVANCE THIS

HQ TO GIVE 48 HOURS NOTICE OF ABILITY TO SAIL BY AIRCRAFT (.)

REQUEST CONFIRMATION

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YOUR #29412 DEPT NUMB OF 17 (.) PARA THREE READ [redacted] MUST (.)

SERVICE IS ATTACHMENT OF ITALIAN SUPPLY PERSONNEL TO CO DEF (.)

IT IS NOW REQUIRED THAT OUR PERSONNEL REPRESENTED IN FIRST ITALIAN

COMBAT GROUP IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED SUPPLY PERSONNEL FOR

TRAINING (.) DEPT WITH ITALIAN GROUP IS PRESENT AND WILL ADVISE THIS HQ (.)

MEANWHILE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH CO DEF GROUP IN ANCONA THIS

HQ TO GIVE 48 HOURS NOTICE OF ABILITY TO TAKE OVER ATTACHMENT (.)

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POSSIBLE AND NOTIFY THIS HQ WHEN IT IS READY TO PROCEED ON ATTACHMENT (.)
NUCLEUS COMPRISES ONE CAPTAIN, ONE SURGEON, ONE STAFF SERGEANT, TWO
SERGEANTS, FOUR CLERKS AND TIDAR SINGLES, ALL OF WHOM SHOULD BE
SUBSISTENZA PERSONNEL FOR PURPOSES

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URGENT YOU PRESS FOR FORMATION OF CO-POSITE PLATOON NUCLEUS AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE AND NOTIFY THIS HQ WHEN IT IS READY TO PROCEED ON ATTACHMENT (.) NUCLEUS COMPRISES ONE CAPTAIN, ONE LIEUTENANT, ONE STAFF SERGEANT, TWO SERGEANTS, FOUR CLERKS AND THREE STENOS, ALL OF WHOM SHOULD BE SUBSISTENCE PERSONNEL FOR PREFERENCE

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STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO
Ufficio Addestramento
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n°322 prot. A/15 P.M.151, 2 settembre 1944.

OGGETTO: Addestramento personale delle "compagnie trasporti e rifornimenti".

AL COMANDO MILITARE CAMPANIA = P.M.120
AL COMANDO MILITARE CALABRIA = P.M.114
AL COMANDO MILITARE PUGLIE E LUC. = P.M. 57
AL COMANDO CORPO ITAL.LIBERAZ. = P.M.155
AL COMANDO DIVISIONE FRIULI = P.M. 79
AL COMANDO DIVISIONE CREMONA = P.M. 64
AL COMANDO DIVISIONE MANTOVA = P.M.104
AL COMANDO DIVISIONE PICENO = P.M. 92
AL COMANDO DIVISIONE NEMBO = P.M.145
AL COMANDO 1°RAGGRUPP.MOTORIZZATO = P.M.155
AL MINISTERO GUERRA:
DIREZ.GEN.PERSONALE UFFICIALI = SEDE
DIREZ.GEN.L'VA SOTTUFF.TRUPPA = SEDE
DIREZ.GEN.SERV.COMMISSARIATO = SEDE
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e, per conoscenza:
ALLA M.M.I.A.
Sottocommissione per l'Esercito - Roma

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I.= L'addestramento delle compagnie in oggetto - il cui compito è il rifornimento viveri, munizioni, carburanti e lubrificanti alle divisioni - sarà effettuato con le seguenti modalità:
1° tempo: formazione degli istruttori presso depositi delle forze armate anglo-americane;
2° tempo: addestramento delle compagnie presso le divisioni, a cura degli istruttori.

II.= CORSI PER LA FORMAZIONE DEGLI ISTRUTTORI:
a) - per comando cp., pl.trasporto e pl.officina:

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AL COMANDO 1°RAGRUPP.AUTOCARRETTO = P.M. 155
AL MINISTERO GUERRA:
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DIREZ.GEN.LEVA SOTTUFF.TRUPPA = SEDE
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II.= CORSI PER LA FORMAZIONE DEGLI ISTRUTTORI:
a) - per comando gr., pl.trasporto e pl.officina:
Vi parteciperanno:
- 6 ufficiali (1 maggiore commissario - 3 capitani automobilisti - 1 capitano commissario - 1 tenente amministrazione).
- 24 sottufficiali (20 automobilisti - 4 sussistenza - 1 artiglieria)
per ciascuna compagnia.
Durata: giorni 7 lavorativi.
Località: Nola - presso deposito inglese P.A.C.

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Inizio 1° corso (div.Friuli): presumibilmente 12 corrente. Riserva conferma data.
I corsi successivi seguiranno con intervallo di un giorno tra corso e corso e nell'ordine: div.Cremona - Mantova - Piceno - Nembo - 1° raggr.mot.

b) - Per i plotoni specializzati:
Vi parteciperanno:
- 3 ufficiali (1 cap.commissario - 1 cap.sussistenza - 1 ten.art.)
- 4 sergenti (1 automobilista - 2 sussistenza - 1 art.)
- 6 soldati scritturali
- 5 soldati ragazzinieri

per ciascuna compagnia.
Durata: 7 giorni lavorativi.
Località ed epoca: riserva di ordini.
I corsi si succederanno ad intervallo di un giorno l'uno dall'altro e nell'ordine di precedenza stabilito alla lettera a).

III) = Scelta del personale:
Dovrà essere tratto dall'arma di artiglieria - dal corpo automobilistico (o carristi e provenienti da unità motorizzate) - dal corpo di commissariato e dalla sussistenza.
La quasi totalità del personale (ufficiali compresi) dovrà essere in grado di guidare gli automezzi.
In particolare:
- il maggiore comandante della compagnia deve essere possibilmente di commissariato e nello stesso tempo elemento energico;
- il più anziano dei due capitani dei plt. specializzati deve avere ottima conoscenza dei servizi di commissariato ed essere elemento energico.

IV) = Ufficiale superiore di collegamento:
Sarà inviato a Nola col 1° corso e vi rimarrà con funzioni di collegamento, per tutto il periodo dei corsi quale organo di coordinamento. Dovrà conoscere e parlare la lingua inglese. Designazione e avviamento a cura ufficio segreteria e personale di questo S.M.

V) = Interpreti:
Per il funzionamento dei corsi di Nola dovranno essere inviati sul posto, per l'inizio del 1° corso, tre interpetri, a cura dell'ufficio segreteria e personale di questo S.M., preferi-

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VI) = Il personale comunque inviato ai corsi dovrà avere al seguito telo da tenda - 1 coperta - stoviglie. Gli ufficiali dovranno avere anche il lettino da campo. Per i corsi di Nola gli ufficiali consumeranno alla mensa inglese; i sottufficiali riceveranno il vitto a cura del deposito R.A.C.

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VII) = In relazione al fabbisogno del personale da inviare ai corsi, ed alla situazione organica delle singole Grandi Unità, i comandi militari competenti estenderanno le ricerche a tutti i corpi direttamente dipendenti e segnaleranno alle competenti Direzioni Generali del Ministero guerra, col mezzo più rapido, le eventuali deficienze, dandone conoscenza a questo S.M. (uffici: addestramento - servizi - ord.e mob.).

VIII) = Spostamento ai corsi:
A cura dei comandi militari interessati: diretti accordi con le corrispondenti delegazioni trasporti.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi).

Per copia conforme:
IL COLONNELLO II SEZ. S.M.-CAPO UFFICIO
(Ferrari Giovanni)

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Per copia conforme:
IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO (Renzi Giovanni)

STATO MAGGIORE DELL'ESERCITO - Ufficio Addestramento

Col. Pidsley ST/93/1. 15

TRAINING OF COMMISSARIATO COMPANIES FOR GRUPPI COMBATTIMENTI.

Ltr 3/6/44

1. 6 Courses of 7 Days for 6 Officers - General Duties) To be held at
24 NCOs - D&M, Convoy Control &c) RASC T.D. NOLA.

Thus giving training to approx 50% of officers and NCOs in the companies.

2. Attachments to British Depots for Composite Platoon personnel - - By DST.

3. Training for Unit Quartermasters - By DADST with BLU. Short course of lectures, with notes and diagrams. 5 days will do and allow time for visits to DIDs etc.

4. Continuation training to be supervised by DADST - BLU.

5. Driver training to be within Divisional arrangements. Vehicles being made available (Maj HEAD) - DADST - BLU to supervise.

6. M of W to attach -

1 Major to be coordinator and supervisor
3 other officers as interpreters -

to RASC T.D. NOLA for duration of courses.

M of W asked for names to be given to NOLA immediately.

7. M of W to attach 6 vehicles, with drivers, to RASC T.D. if possible. If not, DST to arrange.

8. DST asked for 1 RASC officer to be sent to NOLA for duration of courses as opposite number to the Italian coordinating officer.

9. DST asked for 6 NCO driver maintenance instructors to be attached to RASC T.D. NOLA to instruct Italian NCO courses.

10. First course. Friuli Div to start 12 Sep 1944. Assembles 11 Sep. Disperses 19 Sep.
Second course. Cremona Div to start 22 Sep. Assembles 21 Sep. Disperses 29 Sep.
Third Course. C.I.L. to start 2 Oct. Assembles 1st Oct. Disperses 8 Oct.
Fourth course. C.I.L. to start12 Oct. Assembles 11 Oct. Disperses 18 Oct.
Fifth &
Sixth courses Dependent on arrival and concentration of remaining Divisions, as are all other courses.

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11. Officers to attend courses:

Company Commander	1	
HQs Company - Capt	1	
Composite Platoon - Capt	1	(Platoon Commander)
Transport Platoons- Subs	5	(Platoon Commanders)
	6	

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12. NCOs to attend courses:

Coy HQ		
	CSM	1
	Sgts	1
	Cpls	4
Relief Dvr Increments		
	Sgts	3
Transport Platoons (3)		
	Sgts	3
	Cpls	12
		24

13. This will leave the following in the Coy to run it while Officers & NCOs are away on course. -

HQ 1 Captain, 1 Subaltern, 1 CQMS, 1 Sgt, 1 Admn Cpl.

Transport Pls. 1 Sgt (Admin), 1 Cpl (MT)

14. Composite Pl personnel to serve attachments to British Depots and installations. -

Captain	1
Subalterns	1
Staff Sergt	1
Sergts	2
Clerks	4
Storemen	3
	12

Suggest 7 to 10 days attachment to include DID, Pet. Depot, visits to Asmn Depot; preparation and loading of a pack train if possible. Method of indenting etc.
Same approx starting dates as other courses.

15. All ranks to be medically inspected before joining courses and proceed with blankets, small kit and eating utensils, etc.

16. Comdt RASC T.D. will arrange accommodation, messing etc.

17. Comdt RASC T.D? will prepare training syllabus and programmes to include précis notes for composite platoon personnel to keep for reference and continuation training.

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	1 Subaltern	1 Sgt	1 Admn Cpl.
Transport Pls.		1 Sgt (Admin)	
		1 Cpl (MT)	

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18. ADST visiting DST AFHQ Friday 1 Sep to discuss final details, will visit RASC T.D. while there. Return Sunday. Issue written instructions on Monday to H of W and all concerned.

19. Maj Fieldman has been given general plan verbally.

20. DADST for Friuli BLU should see ADST before taking up his job.

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B.L.PERCEVAL.
Lt.Col, RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Comm, (MMIA).

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ARMY FORM C 213 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 7/1

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FROM (A) PBS MMIA LO — Originator — Date-Time of Origin. 31621 — Office Date Stamp — Spec Sec

for Action.

MMIA HQ FOR ADST AND SPECIAL SECTION

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

III DISTRICT AND 57 AREA FOR GSD, 64 GARRISON FOR DAAQMG

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No.

STN/33 AND 7781 (.) SECRET (.) SUBJECT IS RATIONS FOR CONCENTRATION IN VAIRANO AREA (.) YOUR ST/53/10 OF 29 AUGUST 44 AND TELEPHONES 31 AUGUST 44 (.) CONTACTED 64 GARRISON AND MADE RECCE ACCOMPANIED BY NAPLES COMMISSARIATO 30 AUGUST 44 (.) 64 GARRISON STATE ITI TROOPS WILL BE LOCATED FROM S ANGELO TO ALIFE TO PIEDIMONTE AND FURTHER EASTWARDS IF NECESSARY (.) GOOD PREMISES FOR RATIONS ISSUE DEPOT LOCATED AT PIEDIMONTE NAMELY LA CHIUSA BUILDING BELONGING TO SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE (.) THIS BUILDING REQUISITIONED ON 30 AUGUST 44 BY NAPLES COMMISSARIATO THROUGH ITILIAN CHANNELS (.) PIEDIMONTE ALSO ONLY PLACE IN CAMP AREA ABLE TO COPE WITH BREADMAKING IN VOLUME REQUIRED (.) PIEDIMONTE 18 MILES OF AVERAGE ROAD FROM VAIRANO RAILHEAD AND ABOUT 30 MILES OF DIFFICULT ROAD FROM SPARANISE (RT ICXRA ?) UNDERSTAND USE OF SPARANISE OBLIGATORY AND WILL ARRANGE TRANSIT DUMP AS INSTRUCTED (.) MEANWHILE WILL INITIATE STOCK UP OF PIEDIMONTE BY ROAD FROM NAPLES BORROWING TEMPORARILY THE BLOCKED LORRIES AS AGREED (.) PLEASE ADVISE DETAILS OF RAIL SPACE ALLOCATION AS SOON AS FIXED (.) FOREGOING AGREED 64 GARRISON BY TELEPHONE 31 AUGUST 44 FOR POINTS THAT EFFECT THEM

1. Pars 1a A/Q seen.

2 Has ADST seen Yes

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VAIRANO AREA (.) YOUR ST/53/10 OF 29 AUGUST 44 AND TELEPHONES 31 AUGUST 44 (.) CONTACTED 64 GARRISON AND MADE RECCE ACCOMPANIED BY NAPLES COMMISSARIATO 30 AUGUST 44 (.) 64 GARRISON STATE ITI TROOPS WILL BE LOCATED FROM S ANGELO TO ALIFE TO PIEDIMONTE AND FURTHER EASTWARDS IF NECESSARY (.) GOOD PREMISES FOR RATIONS ISSUE DEPOT LOCATED AT PIEDIMONTE NAMELY LA CHIUSA BUILDING BELONGING TO SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE (.) THIS BUILDING REQUISITIONED ON 30 AUGUST 44 BY NAPLES COMMISSARIATO THROUGH ITILIAN CHANNELS (.) PIEDIMONTE ALSO ONLY PLACE IN CAMP AREA ABLE TO COPE WITH BREADMAKING IN VOLUME REQUIRED (.) PIEDIMONTE 18 MILES OF AVERAGE ROAD FROM VAIRANO RAILHEAD AND ABOUT 30 MILES OF DIFFICULT ROAD FROM SPARANISE (RT ICXRA ?) UNDERSTAND USE OF SPARANISE OBLIGATORY AND WILL ARRANGE TRANSIT DUMP AS INSTRUCTED (.) MEANWHILE WILL INITIATE STOCK UP OF PIEDIMONTE BY ROAD FROM NAPLES BORROWING TEMPORARILY THE BLOCKED LORRIES AS AGREED (.) PLEASE ADVISE DETAILS OF RAIL SPACE ALLOCATION AS SOON AS FIXED (.) FOREGOING AGREED 64 GARRISON BY TELEPHONE 31 AUGUST 44 FOR POINTS THAT EFFECT THEM

1. Pass to A/Q seen. WP. 1/9

2 ~~Has ADST seen.~~ Yes

3 Presume Italians know. Yes.

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SUBJECT: Composite Platoon for Italian Combat Groups.

Army Sub Commission, MMIA.
H.Q., A.C.C.

RCME.

T.S./G/296
12 Aug 44.

To: G (SD) HQ AAI.

The following paragraphs are suggested for inclusion in the above establishment:

"These platoons, which form part of the Company, comprise the specialist personnel for ammunition, supply and petrol duties.

One platoon is sufficient to meet the internal requirements of a Combat Group. The other is provided in order to be allotted to the higher formation under whom the Group is employed to increment the Allied Services maintaining the Group."

Major General.
Army Sub Comm, A.C.C.

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Ordinamento

SECRET
SEGRETO G/29/16

nº 6017 /Ord. 61 prot. P.M. 151, 24 agosto 1944

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AL COMANDO DEL CORPO ITALIANO DI LIBERAZIONE
(Rif.to nº 812/Ord. dell'8 c.m.)

e, per conoscenza:
AL MINISTERO GUERRA - Gabinetto
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE
ALLA DELEGAZIONE "A" PRESSO S.A.C.M.E.D.
AL COMANDO MILITARE PUGLIA E LUCANIA
ALL'ISPETTORATO ARTIGLIERIA
ALLO S.M.E.R.A. - UFFICIO OPERAZIONI
ALLO S.M.E.R.A. - UFFICIO SERVIZI

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Dem Recd 12/8/44

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OGGETTO: costituzione e mobilitazione III gruppo c.c. da 57/50 del 184° reggimento artiglieria.-

SUB: Mobilization of 3rd Group of 184th ART. Regt.

Nei riguardi del gruppo c.c. da 57/50, costituito presso il 184° reggimento artiglieria con personale tratto dai reggimenti 183° - 184° fanteria e 184° artiglieria e con materiale ceduto dagli A.A., si determina :

- Nominativo: III gruppo c.c. da 57/50 del 184° rgt.art."Nembo".
- Centro di mobilitazione: dep. 47° rgt.art. df. - Copertino.
- Formazione:
  - 1 comando di gruppo
  - 4 btr. c.c. da 57/50 (7ª - 8ª - 9ª - 10ª).
- Organici: risultano dall'unito specchio.
- Data di costituzione :
- Data di mobilitazione : } 5 agosto 1944.-

R.M.S. - Uffic. Gen. Pers. Ufficiali

Data lacer. 17/8/44

ALLA DELEGAZIONE "A" DELLO S.M.R.E.
AL COMANDO MILITARE PUGLIA E BASILICATA
ALL'ISPETTORATO ARTIGLIERIA
ALLO S.M.R.E. - UFFICIO OPERAZIONI
ALLO S.M.R.E. - UFFICIO SERVIZI

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- Organici: risultano dall'unito specchio.
- Data di costituzione : } 3 agosto 1944.-
- Data di mobilitazione : }

P. c. c.
IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(Guido Chiavarino)

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

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21 AUG 1944
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All. n. 1 f° 6017 (ord. 443 C1/B/4)

FORMAZIONI PROVVISORIE DI GUERRA PER I GRUPPI C.A. DA 97/30 (V/21° - XXI/154°)

Ciascun gruppo comprende:
- 1 comando di gruppo
- 3 (o 4) batterie c.a. da 97/35

COMANDO DI GRUPPO

	Personale			Autocarreggiati			
	ufficiali	sottuff.	truppa	autovetture	autocarri (1)	motoc. con side-car	totale
Com/te del gruppo (T.Col.o Magg.)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aiutante maggiore in 1^	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ufficiali per incarichi vari	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ufficiale medico	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sottufficiali di maggiorità	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Sottufficiale ai rifornimenti	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Sottufficiale automobilista	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Furiere di maggiorità	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Scritturali e dattilografi	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Specialisti per le trasmissioni:							
- sottufficiali	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
- marescialli (1)	-	-	4	-	-	-	-
- telefonisti e guardafili (2)	-	-	8	-	-	-	-
Motociclisti	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
Automobilisti e conduttori	-	-	5	1	1	2	-
Graduato aiutante di sanità	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Attendenti staffette	-	-	5	-	-	-	-
Militari per servizi vari	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
	5	4	30	1	1	2	2

(1) - Per il funzionamento di 2 stazioni radio R e P.

(2) - Per il funzionamento di 1 centralino a 6 linee e 3 stazioni telefoniche.

(3) - Rimorchiano o anche autocarri ingl.i da 3 tons.

S. M. E. UFF. ORD. e MOB.

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TTA^7 A DA 57/50

Comprende:
- 1 comando di batteria
- 3 sezioni da 57/50

Comando di batteria

Comandante (capitano),
Sottocomandante (tenente)
Sottufficiali di contabilità,
Sottuff. ai rifornimenti
Graduato di contabilità
Specialisti per le trasmissioni:
- meccanici (1)
- telefonisti e guardifili (2)
Portaferiti
Operaio per batteria
Motociclista
Automobilisti
Attendenti
Militari per servizi vari (3)

Totale comando di btr.

Sezione da 57/50
Comandante (subalterno)
Sottuff. capi pezzo
Serventi
Automobilisti
Motociclista
Attendente

Totale sezione da 57/50

TOTALE BTR. (Comando e 3 sez.)

RIEPILOGO GRUPPO DI TRE BATTERIE
Comando di gruppo
3 batterie c.c. da 57/50

TOTALE GRUPPO DI TRE BATTERIE

RIEPILOGO GRUPPO DI 4 BATTERIE
Comando di gruppo
4 batterie c.c. da 57/50

TOTALE GRUPPO DI 4 BATTERIE

Personale			Automezzi				Armi	
ufficiali	sottuff.	truppa	trattore tipo	autod. tipo	rimorchi (4)	oto	cannoni mitr.	mitragl.
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-
-	-	5	-	1	(5)2	-	-	-
-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	2	24	-	3	1	1	3	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
-	-	10	-	-	-	-	4	2
-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-
-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-
-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	2	14	-	-	2	1	8	2
5	8	66	-	3	7	4	27	6
5	4	30	1	2	1	2	-	-
15	24	198	-	9	21	12	81	18
20	28	228	1	11	22	14	81	18
5	4	30	1	2	1	2	-	-
25	32	264	-	12	28	16	108	24
25	36	294	1	14	29	18	108	24

(1) - Per il funzionamento di 1 stazione radio R F 2.
(2) - Per il funzionamento di 2 stazioni telefoniche.
(3) - 2 cuochi, 1 magazziniere, 1 barbiere, 1 sarto, 1 calzolaio.
(4) - Bren-carriers e anche autocarri inglesi da 3 tons.
(5) - Di riserva.

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SEGRETO

nº 6008 /Ord. di prot. P.M. 151, 12 agosto 1944

OGGETTO: Organici provvisori orientativi della compagnia trasporti per gruppo di combattimento (copia nº 2).-

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C. ROMA

Come d'intesa verbale col maggiore Dobbs di codesta Sottocommissione, si trasmettono gli organici provvisori orientativi della "compagnia trasporti" per il gruppo di combattimento - copia 2 - compilati secondo gli accordi presi tra il ten.col. Percival e il ten.col. Aloia di questo Stato Maggiore.-

Si rimane in attesa della definitiva approvazione del comando alleato per poter procedere alla stampa degli organici suddetti ed alla distribuzione ai comandi interessati.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

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SEGRETO

COPIA N° 2

COMPAGNIA TRASPORTI PER GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO

su :

- Comando
- 3 plotoni trasporti (ciascuno su 5 sezioni) (1)
- 1 nucleo autieri di riserva
- 1 plotone misto.-

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(1)- I plotoni trasporto potranno essere ridotti od aumentati in dipendenza delle funzioni assegnate al gruppo di combattimento, della situazione e del terreno sul quale opera il gruppo stesso.-

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C O M A N D O

	Personale			Mezzi								Armi	
	Ufficiali	Sottuff/li	Truppa	Autovetture.	Autocarri 15 CWT	Autocarri 3 T.	Trattori 15 CWT	Autoofficina.	Autocarro soccorso	Motocicli	Fucili Mitragl.	Fucili anticarro
- Comandante (maggiore)	1			3	(1) 2	(2) 4	(3) 1	1	1	5	2	2
- Uff/li del comando	3											
- Sottuff. di amm/zione		1										
- Sottuff. di vett/mento		1										
- Sergenti		2										
- Militari per servizi vari			25(4)									
- Autieri			17(5)									
Totale comando..	4	4	42	3	2	4	1	1	1	5	2	2

N O T E:

(1)- Per nuclei F.M.

(2)- Di cui 1 di riserva e 3 per trasporto cuochi, bagaglio e darburante

(3)- Per trasporto acqua

(4)- 2 cap.magg. automobilisti, 1 cap.magg. di amministrazione, 2 cap.magg. addetti ai nuclei F.M., 2 attendenti, 1 barbiere, 1 calzolaio, 1 meccanico, 1 fabbro ferraio, 1 falegname, 1 elettricista, 1 tappezziere, 1

- Comandante (maggiore)	1												
- Uff/li del comando	3			3	2	4	1	1	1	5	2	2	
- Sottuff. di amm/zione		1											
- Sottuff. di vett/mento		1											
- Sergenti		2											
- Militari per servizi vari			25(4)										
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(5)- Di cui 2 attendenti autieri e 5 motociclisti.-

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PLOTONI TRASPORTI

	Personale			Mezzi							
	Ufficiali	Sott/li	Truppa	Autovetture	Autocarri 15 CWT	Autocarri 3 Tonn.	Trattori 15 CWT	Motocicli	Fucili mitragliat.	Fucili anticarro
- Comandante (subalterno)	1			1	(1) 1	(2) 31	(3) 1	3	6	6
- Sergenti		2(4)								
- Cap.magg. e soldati			12(5)							
- Autieri			35(6)							
Totale.....	1	2	47	1	1	31	1	3	6	6
Totale 3 plotoni.....	3	6	141	3	3	93	3	9	18	18

N O T E:

(1)- Per nuclei F.M.-

(2)- 1 autocarro per trasporto cuochi e bagaglio e 30 per normale impiego.-

(3)- Per trasporto acqua.-

(4)- 1 sergente addetto al plotone, 1 sergente addetto all'amministrazione.-

(5)- 5 caporal maggiori addetti alle sezioni - 1 scritturale - 3 per nuclei

					(1)	(2)	(3)			
- Comandante (subalterno)	1			1	1	31	1	3	6	6
- Sergenti		2(4)								
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(3)- Per trasporto acqua.-

(4)- 1 sergente addetto al plotone, 1 sergente addetto all'amministrazione.-

(5)- 5 caporal maggiori addetti alle sezioni - 1 scritturale - 3 per nucleo F.M. - 2 cuochi - 1 meccanico.-

(6)- 1 attendente autiere - 5 autieri meccanici - 2 motociclisti - 27 autieri addetti agli autoveicoli.-

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NUCLEO AUTIERI DI RISERVA

	Personale		
	Uff/li	Sottuff.	Truppa
- Comandante (sergente)		1	
- Autieri			15
Totale.....	-	1	15

PLOTONE MISTO

	Personale			Mezzi		
	Ufficiali.-	Sottufficiali	Truppa	Autovetture	Autocarri 3 T.	Motocicli.-
- Capitani	2(1)			3	2	6
- Subalterni di sussistenza	1					
- Sergenti di maggiorità		1				
- Sergenti		4				
- Caporali e soldati per servizi vari			22(2)			
- Autieri			7(3)			
- Motociclisti			-			
- Meccanici			-			
- Aggregati per serv.munizioni			3(4)			
Totale.....	3	5	32	3	2	6

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PLOTONE MISTO

	Personale			Mezzi		
	Ufficiali.-	Sottufficiali	Truppa	Autovetture	Autocarri 3 T.	Motocicli.-
- Capitani	2(1)			3	2	6
- Subalterni di sussistenza	1					
- Sergenti di maggiorità		1				
- Sergenti		4				
- Caporali e soldati per servizi vari			22(2)			
- Autieri			7(3)			
- Motociclisti			-			
- Meccanici			-			
- Aggregati per serv.munizioni			3(4)			
Totale.....	3	5	32	3	2	6

N O T E:

(1)- 1 di arma combattente ed 1 di sussistenza.-

(2)- Di cui: 1 cap.magg. macellaio, 2 cap.magg. scritturali, 5 caporali magazzinieri viveri, 4 scritturali, 2 macellai - 7 soldati addetti alla distribuzione viveri, 1 cuoco.-

(3)- Di cui: 3 attendenti autieri, 2 conducenti autoveicoli, 2 motociclisti per servizio di collegamento.

(4)- 1 cap.magg. magazziniere per munizioni, 2 magazzinieri per munizioni.-

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RIEPILOGO GENERALE

	Personale			Mezzi								Armi
	Ufficiali	Sottufficiali	Truppa	Autovetture.-	Autocarri 15 CWT	Autocarri 3 Tonn.	Trattori 15 CWT	Autocarri Officina	Autocarri soccorso	Motocicli	Fucili mitragliat.	Fucili anticarro.
- Comando	4	4	42	3	2	4(1)	1	1	1	5	2	2
- 3 Plotoni trasporto	3	6	141	3	3	93(2)	3	-	-	9	18	18
- 1 Nucleo autieri di riserva	-	1	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
- 1 Plotone misto	3	5	32	3	-	2(3)	-	-	-	6	-	-
Totale compagnia trasporti per gruppo di combattimento	10	16	230	9	5	99	4	1	1	20	20	20

N O T E:

(1)- Di cui: 1 di riserva e 3 per trasporto cuochi, bagaglio e carburante.-

(2)- Di cui: 90 per normale impiego [illegible] e 3 per trasporto cuochi e bagaglio.-

– Comando	4	4	42	3	2	4(1)	1	1	1	5	2	2
– 3 Plotoni trasporto	3	6	141	3	3	93(2)	3	–	–	9	18	18
– 1 Nucleo autieri di riserva	–	1	15	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
– 1 Plotone misto	3	5	32	3	–	2(3)	–	–	–	6	–	–
Totale compagnia trasporti per gruppo di combattimento	10	16	230	9	5	99	4	1	1	20	20	20

N O T E:

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(2)– Di cui: 90 per normale impiego [illegible] e 3 per trasporto cuochi e bagaglio.–

(3)– Per trasporto bagaglio.–

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S.M.R.E. UFF. ORG. A.R.S.

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SUBJECT:- Gruppi di Combattimenti

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.
1605/50/57/G(SDI)

Army Sub Commission, ACC - Copy No 1.

10 Aug 44.

1. The attached ST letter ST/52 dated 4 Aug 44, is forwarded to you for the necessary action.

2. Copies of the ME's referred to can be supplied on application if they are NOT already in your possession.

3. Please acknowledge receipt on the attached form.

for Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

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SUBJECT:- Formation of Gruppi di Combattimenti

HQ. A.A.I., C.M.F.
ST/52

4 Aug 44

G(SD) thro' Q

Reference 1605/50/57/G(SD1) dated 30 Jul 44.

1. It is considered that the Comp Tpt Coy with each Gruppo should consist of :-

1 HQ	WE	II/262/2
3 Tpt Pls	WE	II/263/2
1 RDI	WE	II/267/2
1 Wksps (Ser 2)	WE	II/268/2
2 Comp Pls	WE	II/266/2

This will then allow sufficient RASC personnel in the Comp Pls to provide an increment, as required, for the Corps Units on L of C. By this means the increment, being a part of the Gruppo, will always be available for use with whatever formation the Gruppo is attached.

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2. These figures have been based on the Units in the Gruppo being on British WE and holdings as to vehicles, and details as given in Appx "A" to 1605/50/57/G(SD1) dated 28 Jul 44 as to personnel and arms.

3. The three Gen Tpt Coys approved will provide adequate 3rd Line for the six Gruppi.

4. In addition, the equivalent of a Section of a British Fd Bky should be provided and could also be part of this Coy. It is known that such Sections already exist in the Italian Army.

Why take bread forward?

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Brigadier,
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Commissariato Company
for
Pocket Division (Italian)

1. This unit would comprise the following:

Sub Unit	Officers	ORs
HQ Coy	4	45
Relief Driver Increment	-	16
Composite Platoon	3	37
Transport Platoons (3, each of 1 Officer and 49 ORs)	3	147
	10	245

2. Transport Platoons can be reduced or increased dependent upon the role allotted to the Division, L of C situation and type of terrain.

3. The suggested organisation is in accordance with Italian practice and should present little difficulties as regards training and operations.

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HQ AUTORIPARTO PESANTE
per Div.Ftr. (Piccolo).

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel.

Comandante (O.C.)	Major	1
Capetano	Captains	2
Subalterno	Subaltern	1
	Total Officers	4
Maresciallo	C.S.M.	1
Furiere	C.Q.M.S.	1
Sergente	SGTS.	2
	Total W.Os & Sgts	4
Caporali Maggiori	Cpls.	5
Soldati operoi	Ptes	20
Conduttori	Drivers	16
~~(iii)~~	Total Rank & File	41
	Total Other Ranks	45
	Total all Ranks	49

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by duties

M.T. Corporals	2
Administration Cpl	1
Cpls i/c L.M.G. Detachments	2
Privates for duty as:-	
Batmen/O. Mess	2
Barber	1
Cobbler	1
Mechanic	1
Blacksmith	1
Carpenter	1
Electrician	1
Upholsterer	1
Storeman	1
Cooks	2
Clerks	2
Sanitary	1
Water	1
L.M.G. Dets.	4

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Caporali Maggiori	Cpls.	5
Soldati operoi	Ptes	20
Conduttori	Drivers	16

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Total Rank & File	41
Total Other Ranks	42
Total all Ranks	49

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by duties

M.T. Corporals	2
Administrative Cpl	1
Cpls i/c L.M.G. Detachments	2
Privates for duty as:-	
Batmen/O. Mess	2
Barber	1
Cobbler	1
Mechanic	1
Blacksmith	1
Carpenter	1
Electrician	1
Upholsterer	1
Storeman	1
Cooks	2
Clerks	2
Sanitary	1
Water	1
L.M.G. Dets.	4
Drivers for duty as:-	
Batmen Drivers	2
Motorcyclists	5
Driver/Mechanic	2
Drivers i/c	7

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(iii) Transport.

M/Cycles, solo	5
Cars 2 Seater	2
Cars 4 Seater	1
Trucks 15 cwt (LMG)	2
Lorries 3 Ton (Cooks, Baggage, Petrol)	3
Trailer 15 cwt water	1
Workshop Lorry	1
Spare Lorry	1
B/Down Lorry	1

(iv) Weapons

Pistols	6	(Officers & Senior NCOs).
Machine Carbines	7	(Sgts & M/Cyclists).
Rifles	36	
L.M.Gs.	2	
A/Tk Rifle or P.I.A.T.	2	(Dependent on role allotted to Division)

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Machine Carbines	7 (Sgts & M/Cyclists).
Rifles	36
L.M.Gs.	2
A/Tk Rifle or P.I.A.T.	2 (Dependent on role allotted to Division)

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AUTORIPARTO PESANTE

Relief Driver Increment.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

(i) Personnel.

Serg. Maggiore	Sgt.	1
Conduttori	Dvrs.	15

(ii) Weapons.

Machine Carbine	1
Rifles	15

AUTOREPARTE PESANTE

SPECIALIST PLATOON
for
SUSSISTENZA

COMPOSITE PLATOON.

This platoon, which forms a part of the Company, comprises the specialist personnel for ammunition, supply and petrol duties, and the capacity of the platoon is sufficient to meet the requirements of an infantry brigade group or similar formation.

(i) Personnel

Captains		2
Subalterns		1
	Total officers.....	3
Staff Sergeant (a)		1
Sergeant (b)		5
	Total S/Sgts & Sgts...	6
Corporals		5
Drivers i/c		7
Privates		18
Cooks		1
	Total Rank & File.....	29
	Total CRs.	32
	Total all ranks.....	35
Attached (c)		
Storeman, Ammunition (Corporal)		1
Storeman, ammunition		4
	Total all ranks, incl attached.....	40

(ii) Distribution of rank & File by trades and duties.

Tradesmen:-	
Butchers (Incl 1 Corpl)	3
Clerks (incl 2 Cpls)	6
Storemen, supplies (L/Cpls)	5
Cooks	3
Total Tradesmen.....	17
Non tradesmen:-	
Drivers i/c for duty as:-	
Batmen/Drivers	3
Drivers of Vehicles	2
Motorcyclists (for liaison duties)	3
Supply issuers	7

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Corporals		2
Drivers i/c		3
Privates		7
Cooks		18
		1
	Total Rank & File.....	29
	Total CRs.	4
	Total all ranks.....	37

Attached (c)

Storeman, Ammunition (Corporal)		1
Storeman, ammunition		2
		3
	Total all ranks, incl attached.....	40

(ii) Distribution of rank & File by trades and duties.

Tradesmen:-

Butchers (Incl 1 Corpl)	3
Clerks (incl 2 Cpls)	6
Storemen, supplies (L/Cpls)	5
Cooks	3
Total Tradesmen.....	14

Non tradesmen:-

Drivers i/c for duty as:-

Batmen/Drivers	3
Drivers of Vehicles	2
Motorcyclists (for liaison duties)	3
Supply issuers	7
Total non tradesmen...	15

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(iii) Transport

Cars 2 Seater	3
Motorcycles, solo	6
Lorries, 3 Ton	2

(iv) Weapons

Pistols	6	(Officers & M/Cyclists)
Rifles	31	

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AUTOSEZIONE PESANTE

WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

(i) Personnel.

Detail		HQ	1-5 Sections each	Total Platoon (5 Section)
Comandante Subalterno		1		1
Serg. Maggiore	Sgts.	2		2
Caporali	Cpls.		1	5
Soldati, operai	Ptes.	7		7
Conduttori	Dvrs.	5	6	35
				50

(ii) Distribution of Other Ranks by duties.

Serg. Maggiore	Sgts. i/c Platoon.	1	
	Administration	1	(Could be Cpl. Maggiore)
Caporali	Cpls. i/c Sections	5	
Soldati, operai	Privates for duty as:-		
	Clerk	1	
	L.M.G. Det.	3	(Incl. one man trained in W/Duties)
	Cooks	2	
	Mechanic	1	
Conduttori	Drivers for duty as:-		
	Batman/Driver	1	
	Driver/Mechanics	5	
	Motorcyclists	2	
	Drivers i/c Vehicles	27	

(iii) Transport.

Motorcycles, solo	3	(Sgt i/c Pl. & M/Cyclists)
Cars 2 Seater	1	
Truck 15 cwt for L.M.G.	1	
Lorries 3 Ton Task	30	(6 each section)
Lorries 3 Ton Cooks & Baggage	1	
Trailer 15 cwt, water	1	

(iv) Arms.

(ii) Distribution of Other Ranks by Grades.

Serg. Maggiore	Sgts. i/c Platoon.	1	
	Administration	1	(Could be Cpl. Maggiore)
Caporali	Cpls. i/c Sections	5	
Soldati, operai	Privates for duty as:-		
	Clerk	1	
	L.M.G. Det.	3	(Incl. one man trained in W/Duties)
	Cooks	2	
	Mechanic	1	
Conduttori	Drivers for duty as:-		
	Batman/Driver	1	
	Driver/Mechanics	5	
	Motorcyclists	2	
	Drivers i/c Vehicles	27	

(iii) Transport.

Motorcycles, solo	3	(Sgt i/c Pl. & M/Cyclists)
Cars 2 Seater	1	
Truck 15 cwt for L.M.G.	1	
Lorries 3 Ton Task	30	(6 each section)
Lorries 3 Ton Cooks & Baggage	1	
Trailer 15 cwt, water	1	

(iv) Arms.

Pistol	1	
Machine carbines	3	
L.M.G.	6	(HQ & Sections 1 each)
A/Tk Rifle or PIAT	6	(HQ & Sections 1 each) Dependent upon role allotted to Div.
Rifles	46	

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SUMMARY.

PERSONNEL.

	Officers			N.C.Os.				Ors
	Majors	Captains	Subalterns	Maresciallo	Furiere	Sergente	Caporal Maggs.	Soldi
HQ	1	2	1	1	1	2	5	20
R.D.I.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Composite Pl.	-	2	1	-	-	5	4	21
Transport Pls. (3)	-	-	3	-	-	6	15	21
Totals	1	4	5	1	1	14	24	62
Total		10						245

WEAPONS

	Pistols	Machine Carbines	Rifles	L.M.G.	A/Tk Rifle or PIAT.
HQ	6	7	36	2	2
R.D.I.	-	1	15	-	-
Composite Pl.	6	-	31	-	-
Transport Pls. (3)	3	9	138	18	18
	15	17	220	20	20

VEHICLES.

W/Trailer.	Cars 2 Seater.	Cars 4 Seater.	M/C.	Truck 15 cwt.	Truck 3 Ton Domestic.	Tru
1	2	1	5	2	3	
	3	-	6	-	2	
3	3	-	9	3	3	
4	8	1	20	5	8	

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SUMMARY.

PERSONNEL.

N.C.Os.			Other Ranks		
Maresciallo	Furiere	Sergente	Caporal Magg.	Soldate	Conduttore
1	1	2	5	20	16
-	-	1	-	-	15
-	-	5	4	21	7
-	-	6	15	21	105
1	1	14	24	62	143
			245		

WEAPONS

Rifles	L.M.G.	A/Tk Rifle or PIAT.
36	2	2
15	-	-
31	-	-
138	18	18
220	20	20

VEHICLES.

Cars	4 Seater.	M/C.	Truck 15 cwt.	Truck 3 Ton Domestic.	Truck 3 Ton Task.	W/Shop.	Stores.	B/Dom.
1		5	2	3	-	1	1	1
-		6	-	2				
-		9	3	3	90			
1		20	5	8	90 ø	1	1	1

ø 10% Spare vehicles should be added.

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Commissariato Company
for
Pocket Division (Italian)

1. This unit would comprise the following:

Sub Unit	Officers	ORs
HQ Coy	4	45
Relief Driver Increment	-	16
Composite Platoon	3	37
Transport Platoons (3, each of 1 Officer and 49 ORs)	3	147
	10	245

2. Transport Platoons can be reduced or increased dependent upon the role allotted to the Division, L of C situation and type of terrain.

3. The suggested organisation is in accordance with Italian practice and should present little difficulties as regards training and operations.

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EQ AUTOSUPPORTO PESANTE
per Div.Fan. (Piccolo).

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel.

Comandante (O.C.)	Major	1
Capetani	Captains	2
Subalterni	Subaltern	1
	Total Officers	3
Maresciallo	C.S.M.	1
Furiere	C.Q.M.S.	1
Sergenti	SGTS.	2
	Total W.Os & Sgts	4
Caporali Maggiori	Cpls.	5
Soldati operai	Pte	20
Conduttori	Drivers	16
(iii)	Total Rank & File	41
	Total Other Ranks	45
	Total all Ranks	48

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by duties

M.T. Corporals	2
Administrative Cpl	1
Cpls i/c L.M.G. Detachments	2
Privates for duty as:-	
Batmen/O. Mess	2
Barber	1
Cobbler	1
Mechanic	1
Blacksmith	1
Carpenter	1
Electrician	1
Upholsterer	1
Storeman	1
Cooks	2
Clerks	2
Sanitary	1
Water	1
L.M.G. Pair	4

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Caporali Maggiori	Cpls.	5
Soldati operai	Pte	20
Conduttori	Drivers	16

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Total Rank & File	47
Total Other Ranks	2
Total all Ranks	49

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by duties

M.T. Corporals	2
Administrative Cpl	1
Cpls i/c L.M.G. Detachments	2
Privates for duty as:-	
Batman/O. Mess	2
Barber	1
Cobbler	1
Mechanic	1
Blacksmith	1
Carpenter	1
Electrician	1
Upholsterer	1
Storeman	1
Cooks	2
Clerks	2
Sanitary	1
Water	1
L.M.G. Detn.	4
Drivers for duty as:-	
Batman Drivers	2
Motorcyclists	5
Driver/Mechanic	2
Drivers i/c	7

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(iii) Transport.

M/Cycles, solo	5
Cars 2 Seater	2
Cars 4 Seater	1
Trucks 15 cwt (LAD)	2
Lorries 3 Ton (Cooks, Baggage, Petrol)	3
Trailer 15 cwt water	1
Workshop Lorry	1
Spares Lorry (M.T. Stores)	1
R/down Lorry	1

(iv) Weapons

Pistols	6	(Officers & Senior NCOs).
Machine Carbines	7	(Sgts & M/Cyclists).
Rifles	36	
L.M.Gs.	2	
A/Tk Rifle or P.L.A.T.	2	(Dependant on role allotted to Division)

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Pistols	7	(Sgts & M/Cyclists).
Machine Carbines	36	
Rifles	2	
L.M.Gs.	2	(Dependent on role allotted to Division)
A/Tk Rifle or P.L.A.T.		

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AUTORIPARTO PESANTE

Relief Driver: Increment.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

(i) Personnel.

Serg. Maggiore	Sgt.	1
Conduttori	Dvrs.	15

(ii) Weapons.

Machine Carbine	1
Rifles	15

AUTOMATIC WEAPONS

SPECIALIST PLATOON
for
SUBSISTENCE

COMPOSITE PLATOON.

This platoon, which forms a part of the Company, comprises the specialist personnel for ammunition, supply and petrol duties, and the capacity of the platoon is sufficient to meet the requirements of an infantry brigade group or similar formation.

(i) Personnel

Captains			2
Subalterns			2
		Total officers.....	4
Staff Sergeant	(a)		1
Sergeant	(b)		4
		Total S/Sgts & Sgts...	5
Corporals			7
Drivers i/c			18
Privates			1
Cooks			25
		Total Rank & File.....	29
		Total ORs.	34
		Total all ranks.....	38
Attached	(c)		
Storeman, Ammunition (Corporal)			1
Storeman, ammunition			2
			3
		Total all ranks, incl attached.....	41

(ii) Distribution of rank & File by trades and duties.

Tradesmen:-	
Butchers (Incl 1 Corpl)	3
Clerks (incl 2 Cpls)	6
Storemen, supplies (L/Cpls)	5
Cooks	3
Total Tradesmen.....	17
Non tradesmen:-	
Drivers i/c for duty as:-	
Batmen/Drivers	3
Drivers of Vehicles	2

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Staff Sergeant	(a)	1
Sergeant	(b)	1
Total S/Sgts & Sgts...		2
Corporals		3
Drivers i/c		7
Privates		18
Cooks		1
Total Rank & File.....		29
Total ORs.		31
Total all ranks.....		27

Attached	(c)	
Storeman, Ammunition (Corporal)		1
Storeman, ammunition		1
		2
Total all ranks, incl attached....		40

(ii) **Distribution of rank & File by trades and duties.**

Tradesmen:-	
Butchers (Incl 1 Corpl)	3
Clerks (incl 2 Cpls)	6
Storemen, supplies (L/Cpls)	5
Cooks	3
Total Tradesmen.....	17
Non tradesmen:-	
Drivers i/c for duty as:-	
Batmen/Drivers	3
Drivers of Vehicles	2
Motorcyclists (for liaison duties)	3
Supply issuers	7
Total non tradesmen...	15

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(iii) **Transport**

Cars 2 Seater	3
Motorcycles, solo	6
Lorries, 3 Ton	2

(iv) **Weapons**

Pistols	6 (Officers & M/Cyclists)
Rifles	31

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(a) Clerk .....

(b) 1 Sergt Clerk, 1 Sergt Clerical in supplies, 1 Sergt Butcher,
1 Sergt for Ammunition.

(c) Attached from the equivalent of R.A.O.C. for stores and
Require technical knowledge of ammunition for
maintenance duties.

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AUTOSEZIONE PESANTE

WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

(TRANSPORT PLATOON).

(i) Personnel.

Detail		HQ	1-5 Sections each	Total Platoon (5 Section)
Comandante Subalterno		1		1
Serg. Maggiore	Sgts.	2		2
Caporali	Cpls.		1	5
Soldati, operai	Ptes.	7		7
Conduttori	Dvrs.	5	6	35
				50

(ii) Distribution of Other Ranks by duties.

Serg. Maggiore	Sgts. i/c Platoon.	1	
	Administration	1	(Could be Cpl. Maggiore)
Caporali	Cpls. i/c Sections	5	
Soldati, operai	Privates for duty as:-		
	Clerk	1	
	L.M.G. Det.	3	(Incl. one man trained in W/Duties)
	Cooks	2	
	Mechanic	1	
Conduttori	Drivers for duty as:-		
	Batman/Driver	1	
	Driver/Mechanics	5	
	Motorcyclists	2	
	Drivers i/c Vehicles	27	

(iii) Transport.

Motorcycles, solo	3	(Sgt i/c Pl. & M/Cyclists)
Cars 2 Seater	1	
Truck 15 cwt for L.M.G.	1	
Lorries 3 Ton Task	30	(6 each section)
Lorries 3 Ton Cooks & Baggage	1	
Trailer 15 cwt, water	1	

(iv) Arms.

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(ii) Distribution of Other Ranks by duties.

Serg. Maggiore	Sgts. i/c Platoon.	1	
	Administration	1	(Could be Cpl. Maggiore)
Caporali	Cpls. i/c Sections	5	
Soldati, operai	Privates for duty as:-		
	Clerk	1	
	L.M.G. Det.	3	(Incl. one man trained in W/Duties)
	Cooks	2	
	Mechanic	1	
Conduttori	Drivers for duty as:-		
	Batman/Driver	1	
	Driver/Mechanics	5	
	Motorcyclists	2	
	Drivers i/c Vehicles	27	

(iii) Transport.

Motorcycles, solo	3	(Sgt i/c Pl. & M/Cyclists)
Cars 2 Seater	1	
Truck 15 cwt for L.M.G.	1	
Lorries 3 Ton Task	30	(6 each section)
Lorries 3 Ton Cooks & Baggage	1	
Trailer 15 cwt, water	1	

(iv) Arms.

Pistol	1	
Machine carbines	3	
L.M.G.	6	(HQ & Sections 1 each)
A/Tk Rifle or PIAT	6	(HQ & Sections 1 each) Dependant upon role allotted to Div.
Rifles	46	

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SUMMARY.

PERSONNEL.

	Officers			N.C.Os.				
	Majors	Captains	Subalterns	Marescialle	Furiere	Sargents	Caporal Magg.	Soldi
HQ	1	2	1	1	1	2	5	20
R.D.I.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Composite Pl.	-	2	1	-	-	5	4	21
Transport Pls. (3)	-	-	3	-	-	6	15	21
Totals	1	4	5	1	1	14	24	62
Total		10						248

WEAPONS

	Pistols	Machine Carbines	Rifles	L.M.G.	~~A/Tk Rifle~~ or PIAT.
HQ	6	7	36	2	2
R.D.I.	-	1	15	-	-
Composite Pl.	6	-	31	-	-
Transport Pls. (3)	3	9	138	18	18
	15	17	220	20	20

VEHICLES.

W/Trailer.	Cars 2 Seater.	Cars 4 Seater.	M/C.	Truck 15 cwt.	Truck 3 Ton Demestic.	Tru
1	2	1	5	2	3	
	3	-	6	-	2	
3	3	-	9	3	3	
4	8	1	20	5	8	

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Col. PIDSLEY.

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SUMMARY.

PERSONNEL.

M.C.Co.				Other Ranks:		
Marescialle	Furiere	Sergente	Caporal Magg.	Soldato	Conduttore	
1	1	2	5	20	16	
-	-	1	-	-	15	
-	-	5	4	21	7	
-	-	6	15	21	105	
1	1	14	24	62	143	
				245		

WEAPONS.

Rifles	L.M.G.	~~A/Tk Rifle~~ or PIAT.
36	2	2
15	-	-
31	-	-
138	18	18
220	20	20

VEHICLES.

M/C.	4 Seater.	Truck 15 cwt.	Truck 3 Ton Domestic.	Truck 3 Ton Tank.	W/Shop.	Stores.	R/Dom.
1	5	2	3	-	1	1	1
-	6	-	2				
-	9	3	3	20			
1	20	5	8	20 ø	1	1	1

ø 10% Spare vehicles should be added.

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Subject:- Concentration of FRIULI Div

Army Sub Commission (MMLA)
HQ ACC
ROME
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8 Aug 44

S.M.R.E.

Confirming conversation Lt.Col. Re - Major Phillips.

A.A.I. have been asked to release the undermentioned units and to order them to concentrate in the FRIULI Div Concentration Area San GIORGIO by 30 Aug.

52 Artieri Coy
5 Artieri Coy
13 Artieri di Arresto Coy

R.H.P.L.

Maj Gen.
Army Sub Commission.

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Subject:- Concentration of FRIULI Div

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
HQ ACC
ROME
TS/CD/30
7 Aug 44

AAI

1. SHAEF has asked for the following Engineer coys to be released in order that they can form the Engineer units required for the FRIULI Div :-

52 Artieri Coy
5 Artieri Coy
13 Artieri di Arresto Coy

2. If you agree any arrangements please be made for these coys to be moved to the Div concentration area San GIORGIO so as to arrive on or before 30 Aug.

for

Maj Gen
Army Sub Commission

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SUBJECT:- FRIULI Div

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q. A.C.C.
ROME
S/SD/30
31 Jul 44

SMR

Confirming conversation General BERARDI - Colonel PIDDLEY of 31 July.

1. It is confirmed that Infantry Bns of the FRIULI Division shall be completed by the inclusion of 2 Battalions of GRANATIERI from SARDINIA.

2. The strength of these two Bns as incorporated in the FRIULI Div will be reduced to those men who are considered essential and suitable for the Division's role.

3. The remaining men required for these two Battalions and for the rest of the Division are to be obtained from Patriot volunteers and others called up.

4. SMR will let MMIA know at once the approximate strength of the Bns coming from SARDINIA for whom shipping is required.

ABC

for Major General
Army Sub Commission A.C.C.
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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
- Sezione Ordinamento -

SEGRETO
Urgente

N° 5580 /Ord.

P.M.151, 1 agosto 1944

OGGETTO: Divisione "Friuli".-

ARMY SUB COMMISSION (MMIA) HQ ACC

ROMA

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Riferimento foglio S/SD/30 del 31.7.44.-

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SUBJECT : Formation of Gruppi di Combattimenti

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1605/50/57/G(SD1)

30 Jul 44

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Reference this HQ 1605/50/57/G(SD1) dated 28 Jul 44.

1. Herewith at Appendix 'A' are the Minutes of the meeting held at this HQ on 29 Jul 44.

2. Please acknowledge receipt on the attached form.

for Brigadier,
G(SD & T).

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Appendix 'A' to 1605/50/57/G(SD)
dated 30 Jul 44

Minutes of Meeting held at HQ AAI
at 1100 hrs 29 Jul 44

Chairman :-	Brig	Stayner	G(SD & T)
Present :-	Brig	Cardale	PE
	Brig	Ritchie	Q
	Col	Pidsley	MAIA
	Lt-Col	Bain	ST
	Lt-Col	Crittall	REME
	Lt-Col	Ingledew	G(SD)
	Lt-Col	Jamieson	Med
	Lt-Col	MacKay	Q(AE)
	Lt-Col	McLean	Q
	Lt-Col	Scott	Postal
	Lt-Col	Williamy	X
	Maj	Balloch	RA
	Maj	Dawtry	A
	Maj	Goldberg	G(Trg)
	Maj	Gelardi	Ord
	Maj	Jacques	G(SD)
	Maj	Jennings	G(SD)
	Maj	Morgan	G(SD)
	Capt	Graham	G(SD)
	Capt	McNeill	Pro

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(b) Speed in the formation of the groups is considered essential.

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(d) In the first instance it is the intention to form two groups.

2. Col Pidsley (MMIA) explained the layout proposed for the groups. 1218

3. The organisation shown at Appendix 'A' to 1605/50/57/G(SD1) dated 28 Jul 44 was agreed in principle with the addition of the normal section of CCRR, one post office, one AMCU and one sanitary sec, for each group.

4. The meeting then considered the question of the Italian maintenance units as shown in the provisional Order of Battle at Appendix 'B' to 1605/50/57/G(SD1) dated 28 Jul 44.

5. Brig Ritchie (DMG) statedvthat, in effect, the introduction of a group into the line amounted to the addition of a number of personnel to corps strength to be maintained. In many cases this would not require extra personnel for maintenance but where this was necessary, the need would be met either by the formation of appropriate Italian units or by the strengthening of existing British units by the addition of Italian [illegible]ents. The method to be adopted in doubtful cases is to be discussed with MMIA by the services concerned.

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6. The following decisions were reached on the provisional Order of Battle of Army and GHQ Troops :

(a) HQ Units — MMA consider that the number can be reduced if necessary to one HQ per three groups.

(b) Engrs — Three fd pk coys only are required.

(c) ST — Three gen tpt coys and one MAC needed; remaining units to be discussed with MMA.

(d) Med — Following to be substituted for units proposed :-

One gen hosp (1200 beds)
One gen hosp (600 beds)
Two gen hosps (200 beds)
Six 100 bed expansions
One adv depot med stores

(e) Ord — Amended to :-

One mob laundry coy
Four mob bath units

Increments to be discussed with MMA.

(f) REME — Increments to be discussed with MMA.

(g) Pro — Agreed.

(h) Misc — Two transit camps to be substituted for one CRU; otherwise agreed.

7. Col Vulliamy (X) raised the question of British sigs increments and it was agreed that this should be discussed by X with MMA.

8. The Chairman read the draft of a letter prepared by the CGS for the Commander-in-Chief. The draft was agreed unanimously and the meeting then closed.

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