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SUBJECT: Report on visit to CHOCOMA of FRUHL and FRUHL Combat Group 24 Jan 45 to 8 Feb 45, mileage - 1320 miles.

LAND WARRIORS SUB-GR. A.C.
(S.S.I.A.)

6/6/20/9
February 45

TO : DE A.P.H.C.

Copy to: D.D.E.E. HQ I District.

[Handwritten signature]

During the above-mentioned tour I reported to the following headquarters :-

61 Area	A.D.S.E.	Lt. Col. MOORE
8th Army Rear	D.D.S.L.	Brig. TIGHE
8th Army Rear	A.D.S.E.	Lt. Col. SPILLERS
5th Corps Rear	A.D.S.E.	Lt. Col. HENK
Canadian Corps Rear	D.D.S.E.	Col. BISHOP
Canadian Corps Rear	D.A.D.S.E.	Major HUBB
HQ I District	D.D.S.E.	Brig. BRADSHAW
HQ I District	A.D.S.E.	Lt. Col. PATTES
HQ I District	D.A.D.S.E.	Major WALKER
55 Area	A.D.S.E.	Lt. Col. LLOYD
55 Area	D.A.D.S.E.	Major SUTLEY
HC 50 BUJ		
HC 51 BUJ		
HC 52 BUJ		

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I made contact with the FRUHL Combat Group in transit, on my arrival in AMCOMA.

Recovery and Workshop repairs were being undertaken by the following workshops :-

606 L of C	W/S
10 Port	W/S
624 L of C	W/S

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6th Army Rear	A.D.M.E.	Lt. Col. SPALLERS
5th Corps Rear	A.D.M.E.	Lt. Col. HENRY
Canadian Corps Rear	D.D.M.E.	Col. BISHOP
Canadian Corps Rear	D.A.D.M.E.	Major HILL
HQ 1 District	D.D.M.E.	Brig. BRUCE
HQ 1 District	A.D.M.E.	Lt. Col. RAMSAY
HQ 1 District	D.A.D.M.E.	Major WALKER
55 Area	A.D.M.E.	Lt. Col. LEED
55 Area	D.A.D.M.E.	Major HAFLEY
HQ 50 BUN		
HQ 51 BUN		
HQ 52 BUN		

1507

I made contact with the FUELLI Combat Group in transit, on my arrival in ANCONA.

Recovery and Workshop repairs were being undertaken by the following workshops:-

606 L of C W/S
 10 Port W/S
 624 L of C W/S

I found that no arrangements had been made to accommodate or feed Italian personnel of vehicles going into the workshops for repair. A.D.M.E. 61 Area has now arranged for any Italian personnel of the Combat Groups passing through his area in future to be accommodated and fed by the E.C. COMMAND MILITARY - 4 Via Castel Fedardi - ANCONA.

The petrol filling point for the FUELLI Combat Group was located approximately 10 miles north of ANCONA at CASTEL FEDARDI. D.R.'s were found to be arriving in ANCONA with insufficient petrol to reach the official supply point.

I arranged with Capt MALTE 229 P.O. FALCONARA to allow D.R.'s only to fill up at any local petrol point in his area. This will apply to any Combat Group which may have to pass through this area in the near future.

The C. S. N. of the FRONT Combat Group is considered unsuitable and will have to be replaced. This officer lacks the drive and personality necessary to take the Infantry Regts maintenance in hand. This matter is being taken up by the R. I. B. 50 B.H. through his R. C. requesting that a keener and younger officer with technical experience be posted to this Combat Group as early as possible.

The E. S.'s of both 50 and 51 B.L.U.'s report a marked improvement with the Italian Workshop Services and Recovery personnel since the Combat Groups have moved into the forward area.

In order to assist the S. S. E.'s of 50 and 51 B.L.U.'s in the execution of their duties, Canadian Corps Rear have temporarily attached a Captain to the CUNEOA Workshop and 5 Corps Rear a Lieutenant to the PHILL Workshop.

Although it is not necessary for these officers to be included on the W.E. it is essential for each B.L.U. with a B.L.U. to have extra assistance of this nature.

It is agreed by 5 Corps Rear - CANADIAN CORPS REAR and HQ 1 District that the present British Training Increment W.I. for the Combat Groups should be avoided, and the following W.E. is proposed for your approval:-

<u>PERSONNEL</u>		
	W.C. ST	
	S/Ejt	
A.A. Veh		1) Divisional Workshops
A.A. M & A.A.		1)) Aech. Engr Flatoon and Interval organization.
Veh. Tech.	Sjt	1 per two B.A.D.'s.
Armourer	Sjt	1 Workshops and Whts.
Storesman	Sjt	1 Workshops and B.A.D.'s.
Instrument Tech.	Cpl	1 Workshops
Telcom. Tech.	Cpl	1 Workshops
Electrician	Cpl	1 Staff Duties.
Clerk Tech.	Cpl	1 British Training Increment.
A.C.F. Cook	-	<u>12</u>
<u>VEHICLES</u>		
Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.		1
Car 5 cwt 4 x 4		1
Motor cycles		<u>3</u>
	TOTAL	<u>15</u>

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NO provision has been made for a vehicle for the use of the C.M.'s in the Combat Groups. It is suggested that they each be provided with a car 5 cwt 4 x 4 as early as possible.

No provision has been made for a Stores wagon on the W.I. of the

of this nature. with E.P.M.E. to have extra assistance

It is agreed by 3 Corps REAR - CANADIAN CORPS REAR and HQ 1 District that the present British Training Increment N.I. for the Combat Groups should be amended, and the following N.P. is proposed for your approval.

<u>PERSONNEL</u>		
A.A. Veh	N.I. II	
A.A. P4 & A.A.	S/Sgt	
Veh. Mech.	Sgt	
Armourer	Sgt	
Storesman	Sgt	
Instrument Mech.	Cpl	
Telecom. Mech.	Cpl	
Electrician	Cpl	
Clerk Tech.	Cpl	
A.C.C. Cook		
	<u>TOTAL</u>	
		12
<u>VEHICLES</u>		
Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.		1
Car 5 cwt 4 x 4		1
Motor Cycles		3
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>5</u>

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NO provision has been made for a vehicle for the use of the CPT's in the Combat Groups. It is suggested that they each be provided with a car 5 cwt 4 x 4 as early as possible.

No provision has been made for a Stores wagon on the N.P. of the Mechanical Engineers Platoon.

Will you please give this matter your earliest consideration.

The lorries 3 ton 6 x 4 issued to the CEMONA and FRIULI W/S in Lieu of Recovery Vehicles are being adapted with suitable jibs through Corps Channels SCARVILLE bodies. 2 of these lorries are being fitted with

The LECHARD E/S has been issued with 2 SCARVILLE RECOVERY VEHICLES and in view of the FRIULI W/S being without a suitable heavy recovery vehicle which is essential now they are in the forward area - it has been agreed both by AFHQ (telephone conversation Major BELMAY - Capt EDWARDS 9th Feb 45) and HQ 1 District, for 1 of these 2 SCARVILLE to be transferred to the FRIULI W/S in exchange for 1 Lorry 3 ton 6 x 4. Arrangements are now being made for this exchange to be effected.

The Spares situation is still very serious and although considerable help is being given by the D.M.S.'s - 6th Army - 5 Corps and Canadian Corps (K&AR) from local resources, the position at the moment is very unhealthy.

The speeding up of the delivery of Spares, especially expendable items, would considerably ease the workshop troubles and a reduction in S.L.R. vehicles now being shown on returns would be improved.

The non-delivery of Spares is unfortunately causing the Italian personnel to lose interest in the maintenance of their vehicles and action by the Unit Commanders. The difficulty in obtaining Spares was explained to General SCATTINI - (SEIBELI COMBAT GROUP) and he is doing all in his power to keep his officers and personnel interested.

General SCATTINI was also informed that vehicles in his division were occasionally arriving at the W/S in a dirty condition and deficient of M.T. items. He immediately had a meeting with the officers of the units concerned with the result that the 20 vehicles which arrived at the W/S on the following day were clean and complete in every way.

Considerable improvement was noticed in all the Workshops Services, especially with the Recovery Sections who are showing a good team spirit and interest in the maintenance of their vehicles.

All branches of the Workshops are showing a keenness to improve their technical knowledge, but unless the M.T. Spares situation can be improved and speeded up, it is going to be very difficult for the British Training Increments to keep the Italian personnel interested in their work.

H. D. L. Sawwards. Capt.
of B.M.S., U.M.I.A.

ORIGINAL:
H. D. L. Sawwards
Spec Sec
Ord 6/65
File (3)

REPORT ON MECHANICAL ENGINEERS SERVICE
IN VISIONAL WORKSHOP AND MECH ENGINEERS
PLATOON - 'FRIULI' ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

Sheet 1.

1. PERSONNEL

Considerable trouble has been experienced in obtaining skilled Workmen of any description.

At present their knowledge of British and American vehicles is considered to be reasonably good, and in spite of the shortage of bodies the output of the Workshops is good. However, this will improve with experience.

The question of Trade-Testing all ranks has been deferred for a further two months.

The following trades are considered satisfactory:-

Recovery sect
Armourers
Blacksmiths
Turners
Carpenters
Tinmiths
Welders
Fitters - 40 % are First class. Remainder are doubtful.

Continued training is required, and will be undertaken by the REME Inurement, of the:-

Gun Fitters
Instrument Mechs
Electricians
Telecom Mechs

Replacement of any tradesman presents a major difficulty, therefore it is not possible to improve the Mechanical Engineers Services by cross-posting or reinforcements.

The standard of MCCs is quite good. The Men are extremely keen. It is considered that there should be some distinction whereby they would be recognised as an organisation of Tradesmen, e.g. a Tradesman's badge or a coloured flash. This would go far to improve the morale of the Mechanical Engineering Services in the Division.

2. EQUIPMENT

Equipment is being maintained satisfactorily but att Special Equipment list deficiencies causes some anxiety.

Aldershot Shelters are essential, and release is expected on the following scale:

Shelters Portable No.2 -- 2 per Mech Eng Wksp
1 per Mech Eng Fln.

The release of Three 3 ton Vehicles to carry these was not granted. It was stated that Ekops would adopt the "Ferry" method. This is not considered

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1 per Mech Eng Pln.

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FIVE TRESHELLA Winches have been demanded for the Div RECOVERY Section. Recovery Equipment for the whole Div is proving inadequate, due to:

(1) Excessive vehicle casualties

(11) The type of Rec vehicle released to this Div, namely:

5 Trucks GS 6x6 with Winch

5 Morris 30 cwt 6x4

5 Austin 3 ton 6x4

Experience has shown that at least ONE SCAMMELL per Division would go far to alleviate this position, as the Winch gear of the above vehicles leaves much to desired.

Contd.

2. Equipment (contd)

At a recent conference with DIME 1 DISTRICT it was decided that a type "Y" Lorry be issued in lieu of the "Z" Type on Establishment. One vehicle has been converted into an instrument wksp.

The GUN Section has a MACHINERY truck and a 3 ton GS for stores, and is completely mobile.

3. WKSP STORES SECTION

Normal Card Index system in operation. Section functions well providing that a British M.T. Stoerman is in attendance to clarify the continual problems of the following nature:-

Many Spare Parts Catalogues and Ord Vocabas are not illustrated, e.g. LV7/MT 1 to 15, MORRIS, B.S.A., LEYLAND etc., thus it is impossible for an Italian Storeman who cannot read English to demand replacement parts. This causes considerable difficulty throughout the Division and can only be rectified by one of the following methods:-

(1) Aid of Interpreters

(11) English speaking Italians trained as storemen.

Reference to this question was made in a letter to DIME, 1 DISTRICT, and MIA, on 30 Dec 44 when a distribution of English Speaking Storemen was proposed as follows:-

1 per LAD	Total
1 " ME WKsp	1
1 " ME Pln	1

No subsequent information has been received regarding this matter. May action be hastened.

Availability has been low owing to the abnormal requirements of this Division.

It has only been possible to partially cope with Wksp demands through close contact with RUPs and SALVAGE.

The wastage of material by misuse in the Regts of this Div is extremely serious.

4. OFFICERS

The C.M.E. - Maj SCOTTIE

This Officer has been with the Division about 6 weeks, but does not appear to be capable of carrying out the duties of a C.M. Mech Engineers.

He is not usually smart in his appearance and lacks the drive and personality necessary to bring the Inf Regts up to an even reasonable standard of MT care.

Maj VOITTE

Has commanded Wksp for 6 weeks. Very good both technically and as a disciplinarian. Has plenty of drive and is always to take severe measures. However, he is not popular with his men and the team spirit which used to exist, is dying. He does not spend enough time in the Wksp or amongst his

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Capt. MACCARRONE

A thoroughly capable Officer, he commanded the Wksp for 6 weeks and produced a good turn out. He is popular with the men but is apt to spend too much time on office work which could be handled by his clerks.

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OFFICERS (contd)

Capt FERSIANI

Also thoroughly competent and carries out the duties of Adjutant and QM with zeal and efficiency.

2 Lt BORIN

Technically sound, but inclined to be impetuous. Knows how to look after his men, but does not have the opportunity to use his initiative.

2 Lt ALBERTAZZI

Recovery Officer. Appears to be afraid of using his own initiative. Has a really good team spirit amongst his section and looks after them well. Will probably improve, given time.

Lt. MASSONE

A very young Officer. ~~Appears~~ Not one of the Wksp assets, and is not capable of running his STORES Section in a satisfactory manner, unless under regular supervision.

VEHICLE CASUALTIES THROUGHOUT THE DIVISION SINCE FORMATION (SEPT 44)

Number of "A" Vehs B.L.R.....	52
" " "B" " B.L.R.....	130
No of Vehs repaired by L of C RENE Wksp.....	60
" " " " 83 HAA Wksp RENE.....	150
" " " " RENE 50 BIJ Detachment.....	190
" " " " passed through Italian Wksp.....	1321

The following items of Equipment have also been B.L.R.

<u>GUNS</u>	--	1	25 pr
		1	17 pr
<u>DIRECTORS</u>	--	1	40 mm (Bofors)
		4	

The number of vehicles Recovered by Div Rec Section., comprising
7 Lorries = 250

Large numbers of vehs have been B.L.R. through non-availability of Spares and Major Assemblies. Should the Stores situation improve it would still be necessary to backload a great percentage of work as the Wksp Establishment is not sufficient to cope with the excessive breakages and damage brought about by the inexperience and inefficiency of soldiers in this Division.

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In the field
CEEF
18 Jan 45.

S/Capt
(W J STOCKER)
E.M.E., 50 Brit Liaison Unit.

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SUBJECT: Training - Italian Army

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/57
14 Jan 45

TO : APHQ for G-3 Off.
" " G-1 (B) *GA*
" " REME

with Capt. Edwards.

1. Reference is made to APHQ letter ME A1/1670/19 dated 10 Jan 45 to DMT APHQ.
2. MMIA has need of the REME Wing and its equipment, but it is pointed out that the Italian Co-operator personnel of the wing can NOT be accepted. As you know, present policy is that Italian Co-operator personnel will not be placed in contact with the Italian Army and, as the mission of the REME wing will be to train reinforcements for the Italian Army, the co-operator personnel of the Wing must be disposed of before the wing reaches the Combat Sp Reinforcement Centre.

[Signature]
Major General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: Spec Sec

[Latter: Reme Wing - 1st F. Rec Centre -]

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DAIME MBIA

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EME 50 BLU

SS 548

RESTRICT TEL

AFHQ AMENDED PROCEDURE AND VEHICLE CASUALTY CODE RETURN DESPATCHED (.)
INSTRUCTIONS RE 45 LAA PROPOSAL BEING SENT BY AFHQ DIRECT (.) F.C. 1557
WINCHES PORTABLE TRENCHHELLA QTY 5 HAVE BEEN BARRMARKED IN 557 BOD PLEASE
ARRANGE TO SUBMIT INDENTS IMMEDIATELY (.) SUGGEST YOU ARRANGE TO COLLECT
PERSONALLY TO AVOID DELAY

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IMMEDIATE

Capt Edwards. REMB.

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DATE 2011

REME AFHQ for Col ~~██████~~ **RANDAL** 19 1700^A
 29/9.

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SS 432 RESTRICTED

Only serviceable vehicle Morris 8 cwt P.U. in
 14 Vehicle Park HQ No not obtainable (.) May
 release be given to them with copy to this HQ
 for me

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IMMEDIATE

✓ HQ *[Signature]*

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LROF V MEDY NR 356

QVR 3

FROM DISSEMEE 131300 A

TO 94 SUB AREA

INFO AFHQ (G-3 ORG FOR) - MMIA - 53 BLU- NOVUIT

COPY TO Q - EME - MMIA LG - 56 AREA

QOX BT

SD 632 .

RESTRICTED . 23 H A A REGT WKSP WILL MOVE SSMEST AFTER 13 DEC FROM
SAN GIORGIO TO MELIZZANO (N 4284) REPORTING TO EME 53 BLU .
MOVE BY R D IN TWO GPS UNDER UNIT ARRANGEMENTS . ON ARR WILL BE ATT
53 BLU FOR TRG OF FOLCORE GRUPPO . WILL REMAIN UNDER COMB THIS HQ
ADM 56 AREA

BT 131300 A KFS B

RECD NR 356 "SLW" 1408.A/13(AR)(K)

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W.P.

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LRKB V LRAR 5904
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FROM 50 B L U
TO 54 B L U
INFO M M I A
GR 23

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s/sec

AG427 . RESTRICTED .
REF MMIA SS 428 OF 01 . MY A / - / 18 DATED
30 NOV GIVES DESTINATION AND DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORS
MENTIONED

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THI ---
CCT PSE READ MY A / - / / / A / 1 / 18 IMI A / 1 / 18
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RCD 2120A HRA B

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54 BLU

50 BLU c/o 37 Beach Unit

SS 428

~~RESTRICTED~~

Reference our 36 305 of 26 NOV and your CH6 of 30 Nov destination of S/Sgt ROBERTSON and Sgt WALKER is not yet known. They are to remain at S. GEORGIO pending further instructions.

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H. R. Luskman Lt.

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LRMB V MEDY SRL003
FROM 54 BLU 301300A
TO HQ MMIA 50 BLU C/O 37 BEACH UNIT
CCX GR22

N 11 01
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Spec. 11
1/12

CH6. MMIA SS305 OF 26 NOV RECEIVED TODAY. IMMEDIATE DESTINATION TO
SEND S/SGT ROBERTSON AND SGT WALKER NOT
STATED. PLESA/// PLEASE INFORM IN CLEAR

BT
THI 301700A
SENT SWLW AT 0127A
RCD 0127A HRA B

WR 1496

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MESSAGE FORM.

July 92

Date Time of Origin.

28 1745 A

From : MMIA
To : 54 HLU
For Info: S C RMR 50 HLU

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RESTRICTED (*) From 50 HLU for
Wazp Captain STOCKER or Warrant Officer i/s Mechanical Workshop Section

(*) Instruct S/Sjt ROBERTSON and Sjt WALKER RASC to remain
at SAN GIORGIO pending written or verbal instructions re further move (*)
Probable destination U.K. Acknowledge, ~~to~~ to 50 HLU e/o Beach Group

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Authenticated

[Signature]

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Subject:- E. M. E. IS

A :-
DADME HQ MMIA Rome ✓

5I British Liaison Unit

EME 4

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8/5 cc

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DDME (Org) AFHQ (for information)

- 1 In connection with the question of loose leaf F S P Bs or their equivalent for Italian Army officers, which I understood from Colonel Pidsley were to be prepared already in the Italian language, there now arises the question of EMEIs or technical instructions.
- 2 You will appreciate that in no other branch does the language difficulty present itself in so confusing a vein as in the technical dictionary.
- 3 For administrative simplicity, could it possibly be arranged that applicable and highly important modifications and instructions be forwarded to me in Italian together with the equivalent EMEI in English, so placing these documents in a similar category to the Italian FSPBs.
- 4 Already the question of Technical terms is proving a problem for interpreters and in order to be understood one has to spend much time in making sketches, frantic gesticulating or trying to find a suitable photograph or diagram in some manual.

Field
15 Nov 44
RKWH/RGT

Richard ...

Capt
S C REME

BF when new DADME for Spec Sec arrives 14/9/44
WP

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[Faint circular stamp]

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LRG V LAEE NR 61 P P

QVR 1
FROM LAEE 111634A

8/Sec
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TO MMIA
INFO SCHOOL OF E & ME SCAFATI

NT

GR 50 BT

RESTRICTED WE ~~SPOKE~~ SPOKE DATE 7 REF EME ~~SCHOOL~~ SCHOOL SEME 21 DATE
6 PD FX 51333 EME ~~SCHOOL~~ SCHOOL REPORTS TODAY SITUATION
UNCHANGED PD SIGNED SACMED CITE FHORR PD REQUEST
YOU EXPEDITE URGENTLY AND ISSUE EXPRESS ORDERS
TO AVOID RECURRENCE THESE HITHERTO FREQUENT INCIDENTS
WHICH CAUSE GREAT INCONVENIENCE EME SCHOOL AND INTERFERENCE
TRG THERE

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BT 111634A

Per removed via NWS.

SENT NR 61 1959A LS BB KKK

RECD NR 61 1959A JN BB

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Subject: 45 LAA Wksp

EME 50 BLU

DME / JHQ
ALL

CEE 750 Base Wksp
OC 45 LAA Wksp
G (LD) 3 District
Bar Biery

3 District
Tel: Ext 96
3021 EME

9 Nov 44

1. 45 LAA Wksp has been put at your disposal until such time as formation of Friuli Groupe is reported complete. When this Wksp will be returned to 3 District for employment by 750 Base Wksp at the Opera Fuse Factory.

2. In order that the position of personnel ex 9 HAA Wksp now on x(iv) list and attached 50 BLU (this office signal L.M. 200 dated 7 Nov 44 referred) may be improved, authority will shortly be requested to absorb those men in 45 LAA Wksp, to replace the personnel recently posted from this unit to form a Service Station; please therefore forward to this office a current copy of 45 LAA Wksp Field Strength Return, for necessary action to be taken.

3. Further deficiencies (if any) of 45 LAA Wksp will be made up from personnel of 97 HAA Wksp.

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1. 45 IIA Wksp has been put at your disposal until such time as formation of Friuli Groupe is reported complete. When this Wksp will be returned to 3 District for employment by 750 Base Wksp at the Capua Puzo Factory.

2. In order that the position of personnel ex 9 HIA Wksp now on x(iv) list and attached 50 BLU (this office signal 43 200 dated 7 Nov 44 referred) may be improved, authority will shortly be requested to absorb these men in 45 IIA Wksp, to replace the personnel recently posted from this unit to form a Service Station; please therefore forward to this office a current copy of 45 IIA Wksp's Field Strength Return, for necessary action to be taken.

3. Further deficiencies (if any) of 45 IIA Wksp will be made up from personnel of 97 IIA Wksp.

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(H. L. WILLIAMS). MAJOR.
FOR COLONEL. DDE

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From: MMIA

To: 50 51 52 53 54 55 BLUs.

Ref No SS 294

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ALL CARRIERS ISSUED TO COMBAT GROUPS IN LIEU OF CARRIERS MORTAR
WILL NOT RPT NOT BE PUT INTO REME FOR MODIFICATION TO CARRIERS
MORTAR (*) AUTHY AFHQ

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
REME

Tel: FREEDOM 503

Subject:- Duties of REME Officers

ME 1A/1605/1

To:- Military Mission to Italian Army ✓ 25 Oct 44

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Reference your signal SS 218 dated 24 Oct 44.

Herewith further copy of "Duties of Senior REME Officers on Formation Staffs" as requested.

Betty P. Fletcher
Sub.
f. B.D. BELLAMY, Major,
DADME,
for Major-General,
Director of Mechanical Engineering.

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LISTS OF WHICH REGULAR OFFICERS ON
FORMATION STAFFS

DIME, ARMY

1. The DIME on the staff of Army HQ is responsible to the Army Commander for the recovery, repair and maintenance of equipment which is a REME commitment. He controls the REME services within the Army and is the adviser to the Commander and his staff on all technical questions.

2. In addition the DIME is departmentally responsible to the DME at Army Group HQ or GHQ.

3. His duties comprise :-

- (a) Keeping the Army Comd and his staff fully informed of the state of the equipment of the Army and producing such detailed statistics as may be required.
- (b) Maintaining the closest liaison with the 'G' staff of the Army, in order that the disposition of REME units at all times suits the tactical situation, and that REME operational planning is closely related to the operational intentions of the staff.
- (c) Implementing within the Army the REME policy directed by the DME.
- (d) Directing REME policy within the Army and issuing instructions as necessary on REME administration, discipline, procedure and technical questions.
- (e) Co-ordinating the activities of REME Corps so that the maximum efficiency may be maintained and, through HEADL Corps, detailing workshop and recovery procedure in a broad sense.
- (f) Direct control of the Army Recovery Company and its activities; the planning of collecting points, co-ordination of backloading programmes etc.
- (g) Direct control of the Army Troops Workshop and the REME services of any formation placed temporarily under command Army; (e.g. AA Bde); also of third echelon workshops and rec units in the exceptional event of their employment as Army Troops.

2. In addition the DME is departmentally responsible to the DME at Army Group HQ or G3Q.

3. His duties comprise :-

- (a) Keeping the Army Comd and his staff fully informed of the state of the equipment of the Army and producing such detailed statistics as may be required.
- (b) Maintaining the closest liaison with the 'G' staff of the Army, in order that the disposition of REME units at all times suits the tactical situation, and that REME operational planning is closely related to the operational intentions of the staff.
- (c) Implementing within the Army the REME policy directed by the DME.
- (d) Directing REME policy within the Army and issuing instructions as necessary on REME administration, discipline, procedure and technical questions.
- (e) Co-ordinating the activities of REME Corps so that the maximum efficiency may be maintained and, through REME Corps, detailing workshop and recovery procedure in a broad sense.
- (f) Direct control of the Army Recovery Company and its activities; the planning of collecting points, co-ordination of backloading programmes etc.
- (g) Direct control of the Army Troops Workshop and the REME services of any formation placed temporarily under command Army. (e.g. AA Bdes); also of third echelon workshops and rec units in the exceptional event of their employment as Army Troops.
- (h) The planning and execution with unit assistance of all large-scale waterproofing programmes, if the Army is involved in combined operations. 1489
- (j) Providing regular and adequately detailed information on the REME services of the Army so as to enable DME of the higher formation to have a clear picture of events in the theatre.
- (k) Collecting and consolidating data and statistics for transmission to DME to enable the fourth echelon commitment to be assessed.
- (l) Investigation of technical questions, defects in equipment etc, together with limited experimental modifications and the transmission of detailed reports on these matters to DME. The dissemination of technical information and data to all REME units.

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DMR, Army - continued.

- (n) Continual review of War Establishments, policy etc and submission of proposals and recommendations to JME.
- (n) Continuous inspections of RME units from both technical and technical aspects.
- (o) Promotion of liaison between all RME officers to obtain interchange of ideas, technique etc.
- (p) Reviewing officers' qualifications and capabilities and arranging cross posting of officers to enable them to obtain varied experience to fit them for higher appointments.
- (q) Liaison with other services, especially Ordnance, on all questions affecting RME activities.
- (r) Arranging for such training both technical and regimental as can be effected during operations.
- (s) Control of major personnel matters, promotion to the higher non-commissioned ranks, nominations for courses of instruction etc.

REPAIR OFFICER

1. The REPAIR officer of Corps is responsible to the Corps Commander for the recovery, repair and maintenance of equipment which is a JRG demilitarized. He controls the REPAIR services in the Corps and is the adviser to the Commander and his staff on all technical questions.

2. In addition the REPAIR is departmentally responsible to the G-3 of Army HQ.

His duties comprise:

- (a) Keeping the Corps G-3 and his staff fully informed of the state of the equipment of the Corps and producing such detailed statistics as may be required.
- (b) Maintaining the closest liaison with the 'C' staff of the Corps in order that the disposition of REPAIR units at all times suits the tactical situation, and that REPAIR operational planning is closely related to the operational intentions of the staff.
- (c) Directing REPAIR policy within the Corps in accordance with the general policy ordered by ARMY HQ.
- (d) Co-ordinating the activities of G-3 and his staff of Independent Bde to produce the maximum results.
- (e) Maintaining the Corps REPAIR workshops, the REPAIR collection workshops, and the REPAIR units within the Corps, which includes planning their work and program of work.
- (f) Establishing within the Corps a recovery and collection point layout in conformity with the general plan given by ARMY HQ.
- (g) Completion of REPAIR and statistics for information of ARMY HQ on repair and recovery activities within the Corps.
- (h) Investigation of technical questions, defects in equipment etc, together with limited experimental investigations and the transmission of detailed reports on these matters to ARMY HQ. The dissemination of technical information and data to all REPAIR units.

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state of the equipment. Detailed statistics may be required.

(b) Maintaining the closest liaison with the staff of the Corps in order that the disposition of RME units at all times suits the tactical situation, and that RME operational planning is closely related to the operational intentions of the staff.

(c) Directing RME policy within the Corps in accordance with the general policy ordered by RME Army.

(d) Co-ordinating the activities of GEMM and RME units of independent Bdes to produce the maximum results.

(e) Controlling the Corps Troops (Battalion, the three cohesion workshops, and the rec units within the Corps, which includes planning their work and programme of work.

(f) Establishing within the Corps a recovery and collection point layout in conformity with the general plan given by RME Army.

(g) Compilation of data and statistics for information of RME Army on repair and recovery activities within the Corps.

(h) Investigation of technical questions, defects in equipment etc, together with limited experimental investigations and the transmission of detailed reports on these matters to RME Army. The dissemination of technical information and data to all RME units.

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(j) Continuous inspections of RME units from both technical and regimental aspects.

(k) Promotion of liaison between all RME officers to obtain interchanges of ideas, techniques etc.

(l) Liaison with other services, especially Ordnance, on all questions affecting RME activities.

(m) Organisation of training programmes wherever possible.

CRS&C DIVISION

1. The CRS&C is directly responsible to the Divisional Commander for the proper functioning of all CRS&C services within the Division, and, departmentally, to the DMS of the next higher formation.

The duties comprise:-

- (a) Advice to and co-operation with the Divisional staff to ensure that his CRS&C units are moved and located in proper relation to the tactical situation, to the anticipated workshop loads, to the existing commitments of work, to the state of roads in relation to recovery and backloading and to the supporting 3rd and 4th ech plan of the next higher formation.
- (b) Constant review of the condition of equipment within the formation by inspections and other means in order to:
 - (i) To be in a position continually to advise the commander as to the state of mechanical preparedness of his formation
 - (ii) To be in a position to detect weaknesses in the way in which units use and maintain their equipment and to advise on methods of improvement.
 - (iii) To be in a position to anticipate the need of the Division for 2nd, 3rd and 4th ech repairs and by doing so to be able to plan his and ech repair and assembly replacement programmes, to advise 3rd and 4th ech requirements of assemblies, LMI of the next higher formation of the future 3rd and 4th ech repair load, and 'N' of the replacement rate necessary to meet this shortage.
 - (iv) To discover, as early as possible, implicit defects in equipment, which would not otherwise come to light until actual failure occurs.
- (c) The direct Command of all 2nd ech workshops in the division, and through the LMI at 2nd, 3rd and 4th ech the control of L&D and other 1st ech CRS&C units and detachments in order that a universal policy is maintained throughout the Division. This policy must be co-ordinated with the 3rd ech repair policy of the DMS of the next higher formation.

(d) The co-ordinator and organization of recovery both forward and on the Divisional axis. He must keep close and constant touch with the DMS of the next higher formation on this matter and enforce his quickly, or

- (b) Constant review of the condition of equipment within the formation by inspections and other means in order :-
 - (i) To be in a position continuously to advise the commander as to the state of mechanical preparedness of his formation.
 - (ii) To be in a position to detect weaknesses in the way in which units use and maintain their equipment and to advise on methods of improvement.
 - (iii) To be in a position to anticipate the need of the Division for 2nd, 1st and 4th ech repairs and by being so to be able to plan his 2nd ech repair and assembly replacement programmes, to advise the 'Ord' on requirements of assemblies, 3rd of the next higher formation of the future 1st and 4th ech repair load, and '2' of the replacement rate necessary to meet unit needs.
 - (iv) To discover, as early as possible, incidental defects in equipment, which would not otherwise come to light until actual failure occurs.
 - (v) To direct Command of all 2nd ech workshops in the division, and through the 1st, 2nd and 4th ech, the control of 1st and 4th ech 2nd ech units and detachments in order that a universal policy is maintained throughout the Division. This policy must be co-ordinated with the 1st ech repair policy of the 1st of the next higher formation.
 - (d) The co-ordination and organisation of recovery both forward and on the Divisional axis. He must keep close and constant touch with the 1st of the next higher formation on this subject so that the latter can reinforce him quickly, or relieve him of part of his responsibilities, or clear his workshops by backloading.
 - (e) The seeking of defects in equipment and their investigation as far as possible with the facilities at his disposal. The prompt reporting of defects after investigation, together with some proposals for their remedy.
 - (f) The general administration of all 1st ech units under command including postings and promotions within such limitations as may be imposed by higher authority.
- 3. In general, the 1st ech must do everything possible to improve the mechanical condition of the equipment of his formation, both by advising on unit operation and maintenance, and by ensuring the efficiency and the efficient application, of the 1st ech units provided for recovery and repair. The technical adviser must at all times be in the closest of contact with the commander, and must be consulted immediately with the possibility of the 1st ech.

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IDE, Tech. Div.

1. The IDE is the adviser to the Sde Comd on all IDE services in the Sde and is departmentally responsible to the ODE/IDE Division.
2. Its duties comprise:
 - (a) Technical advice to the Sde Comd on all questions, and provision of up-to-date information on the condition of equipment in the Sde together with reports and recommendations on unit maintenance.
 - (b) The control and operation of the IDE recovery program, under the general direction of DIME Div and in consultation with the officer commanding the Sde Rec Reg.
 - (c) The collection and consolidation of casualty reports for the information of Sde Commander and CDEMS Div.
 - (d) Continual inspections of equipment within the Sde in order to anticipate present and future load on IDE Rep.
 - (e) The general control of the employment of IDE or Regimental LADS, and in conjunction with the workshop command control of the flow of work into IDE Workshops.
 - (f) The control of any other data which may be placed under Sde Comd.
 - (g) Implementation within the Sde of policy directed by ODE/IDE Division.
 - (h) Thorough investigation of defects and submission of detailed reports and recommendations to DIME Division.
 - (i) Rendering immediate reports on personnel deficiencies to CDEMS Div.

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Reference your letter ME/A/1/1560/1 of OCT 20th (.) PAREN
ROME AREA _____ PAREN (.) Copy of instructions covering
duties of CREME and Brigade EME in British formation not received (.)
~~Please forward as soon as possible~~ (.) Arrangements being made
for Italian EME and two clerks to be included in Group HQ

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Subject: Italian Army.

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7 Oct 44.

FREEDOM 303.

A meeting was held at AFHQ on 14 Oct 44 to consider certain EME problems which had been reported through IMA by EMEs attached EUs.

The following were present:-

Colonel W. FISLEY, D.S.O., M.C. (Colonel W. FISLEY, D.S.O., M.C.)

(Lt Colonel HOOKS)

EME 50 EU

EME 51 EU

EME 52 EU

EME 53 EU

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Conclusions are summarised below:-

It was agreed that it is essential for an Italian officer at a HQ Combat Group to discharge the duties normally carried out in British Divs by the EMEs. These duties would fully occupy an officer who would in all probability require a junior officer to assist him. It is considered that the latter could be withdrawn for the purpose from the Mechanical Engineers (Offensive Maintenance) Detachment (M/O) 530/1.

It is suggested that IMA issue appropriate instructions. Copies are enclosed for IMA of instructions covering the duties of a CREME and a Bde EME in British formations as an indication of what is involved.

It was also agreed that the Mechanical Engineers Platoon (Platoon) should be under the control of the "CREME".

It was decided that as soon as possible to receive its equipment, the 1st EME resources available for enclosures (which total two H.A. Wkns) can be used effectively utilised, partly of recent, manufacturing and organising the Italian Unit equivalent to CREME, rather than attempting to function independently as a CREME Unit. It was therefore decided that, as soon as the EME attached EEU requires it, the following personnel will be made available from the IMA Wknp concerned, for organising and instructing the Italian Unit's concerned:-

The following were present:-

(Colonel W. PIDSLEY, D.S.O., M.C.)
EME 50 BUN
EME 51 BLU

(Lt Colonel HICKS)
EME 50 BUN
EME 51 BLU

Conclusions are summarised below:-

It was agreed that it is essential for an Italian officer at a HQ Combat Group to discharge the functions normally carried out in British Divs by the GME. These duties would fully occupy an officer who would in all probability require a junior officer to assist him. It is considered that the latter could be withdrawn for the purpose from the Mechanical Engineer Battalion (Officers Mechanical Unit) in 538/1.

It is suggested that BIA give appropriate instructions. Copy is enclosed for BIA of instructions covering the duties of a GME and a Bde EME in British Formations as an indication of what is involved.

It was also agreed that the Mechanical Engineers Platoon (Platoone Meccaniche del Gruppo) No. 539/1 should be under the control of the "Gruppo" (EME 51 BLU). It was decided that as each combat group receives its equipment, the resources available for maintenance (which total two HAA Wkps) can be made effectively utilised, partly at least, unimpeding and organising the Italian Unit equivalent to BME, rather than attempting to function independently as a BME Wksp. It was therefore decided that, as soon as the EME attached BIA requires it, the following personnel will be made available from the HAA Wksp concerned for organising and instructing the Italian Units concerned:-

Armourer	1
Electrician	1
Turner	1
Veh Mech	4
Welder Elec	1
Storeman	2
Total	12

It was stressed that it is one of the most important duties of these British personnel to ensure that the Italians understand the basis of collision repair system and do not get themselves involved in repairs beyond their scope resulting in an accumulation of work and neglect of minor repairs.

5. SPARES

(a) MAJ 50 HLU was under the impression that he had not received the full entitlement of limned stores lorries. It was unanimously agreed that owing to language difficulties bins with part numbers written on the appropriate compartments (from some sources or other) are essential as the only feasible way of ensuring that Italian storemen can learn to associate part numbers of parts correctly required, with the parts concerned.

This matter was subsequently discussed with ADOS (MT) Ord-3 who was to ascertain -

- (i) Availability of limned lorries
- and (ii) Availability of local bins

If necessary materials must be found from local resources to supplement any difficulties under (i) and (ii) above.

(b) It was decided in conjunction with ADOS (MT) Ord-3 that as soon as the majority of the vehicles had been issued to a Combat Op application for scaling of spares, stating vehicle holdings by make and type, would be transmitted by the fastest possible means to ADOS (P). ADOS (MT) stated that scales could be very quickly produced and when they were ready stores lorries (the limned ones as issued or improvised must be ready by this time) must be sent with the Italian stores to 557 EOD for stocking to scale as far as availabilities permit.

4. 5. 1999.

MAJ 50 HLU stated that in view of language difficulties he anticipated the greatest difficulty in organization and control of substitution of loads for items of G. 1098 equipment which are still in use after the customary lapse of two months. It was agreed that this was a most difficult matter. The question was subsequently referred to ADOS (Plant) who explained that no alternative is possible in view of the existing system in use at Depots.

5. Collection of Vehicles from Vehicle Parks

MAJ 50 HLU stated that when collecting certain Class V vehicles it had been impossible to obtain all at the Vehicle Park. Some in many cases were low and consequently damage had been caused. The matter was referred to ADOS (MT) who is taking action to remedy this.

MAJ 50 and MAJ HLU stated that they were extremely handicapped for transport and explained why a motor cycle is an unsatisfactory means for carrying out their duties. This was agreed and MAJ 50 were instructed that the matter should be referred to their own HQ.

If necessary materials under (1) and (11) above.

(b) It was decided in conjunction with ADOS (AF) Ord-3 that as soon as the majority of the vehicles had been issued to a Combat Gp application for sealing of spares, stating vehicle holdings by makes and types, would be transmitted by the fastest possible means to ADOS (P). ADOS (AF) stated that scales could be very quickly produced and when they were ready stores would be (the burned ones as issued or improvised must be ready by this time) sent to cost with the Italian stores to 557 EOD for stocking to scale as far as availabilities permit.

4. 5.1098.

MEM 30 ELL stated that in view of language difficulties he anticipated the greatest difficulty in organization and control of submission of incidents for items of G.1098 equipment which are still H.A. after the customary lapse of two months. It was agreed that this was a most difficult matter. The question was subsequently referred to ADOS (Plans) who explained that an alternative is possible in view of the accounting system in use at Depots.

5. Collection of Vehicles from Vehicle Parks.

MEM 30 ELL stated that upon collecting certain Class 7 vehicles it had been impossible to obtain all at the Vehicle Park. Some in many cases were low and consequently damage had been caused. The matter was referred to ADOS (AF) who is taking action to remedy this.

MEM 50 and 31 ELL stated that they were extremely handicapped for transport and explained why a motor cycle is an unsatisfactory means for carrying out their duties. This was agreed and ELLs were instructed that the matter should be referred to their own ELLs.

7. Recovery Vehicles.

MEM 31 ELL explained that G3 has been handicapped through having no recovery vehicle with a winch. This has since been adjusted by MEM 3 Distrials who has exchanged the vehicle in question for one with a winch. It was agreed that MEM 17HQ should represent to G(AS) the necessity for the issue of recovery vehicles, including at least a proportion of tractors, 'part passu' with the issue of vehicles to the Combat Gp. This has been done. The issue of machinery for use is less urgent.

8. Recovery.

MEM 31 ELL stated that their own facilities incl those of the ELL Groups are not sufficient to cope with the present load.

MEM 3 Distrials to arrange any assistance possible from his resources. Rep Sec at CAHQ is probably unit most likely to be in a position to help.

9. Issue of Class 1D Vehicles.

MSG 50 WHI stated that instruction on maintenance has been handicapped by the issue of Class 1D vehicles which had no tools at all. It was agreed that as all Combat Gps have a proportion of Class 1 vehicles, maintenance would have to be carried out simultaneously on groups of several vehicles each of which would include a proportion of Class 1 vehicles, the tools being pooled for the purpose.

10. American Vehicles.

MSGs reported lack of American sized spanners for dealing with vehicles of American origin. A recommended scale of issue of suitable tool kits to overcome this difficulty has been submitted to ((AB)) by WHI AFHQ.

11. Courses.

MSG 51 EHQ asked for courses as soon as possible for:

- (i) 40 gen fitters
- (ii) 16 veh mech

With regard to (i) above he was surprised to hear that two groups of 12 have been accepted by the FICHO and MATROVA Gp and thought that they would be unable to accept at this stage. A signal was therefore sent to WHI asking confirmation that the 24 vacancies would be accepted by FICHO and MATROVA, and that alternatively, 16 vacancies could be taken up by CREDOA.

With regard to (ii) above, MSG 1 WHI is investigating possibility of the veh mech being accepted by the school of E & ME on his visit on 17 Oct 44 approximately.

B. O. McIlhenny
B. O. McILHENNY, Major,
ENGINEER

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For Major-General,
Director of Mechanical Engineering.

11. Sources.

Item 51 was asked for contact as soon as possible for

- (i) 10 gun stores
- (ii) 16 veh works

With regard to (i) above he was surprised to hear that two samples of 12 hats been accepted by the FICERO and MANOVA Co and thought that they would be unable to accept at this stage. A signal was therefore sent to MILA asking confirmation that the 24 vacancies would be accepted by FICERO and MANOVA, and that alternatively, 10 vacancies could be taken up by GINCOM.

With regard to (ii) above, DIME 1 AFHQ is investigating possibility of the veh works being accepted by the School of E & ME on his visit on 17 Oct 44 approximately.

B. D. McLaughlin

B. D. McLAUGHLIN, Major,
DAIRY,

For Major-General,
Director of Mechanical Engineering.

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HEADQUARTERS
20 OCT 1944
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YOUR ROME AREA R.773 OF 13 OCT AND WP 21 OF
16 OCT PD AS STATED AT CONFERENCE HERE 14
OCT ONLY PERSONNEL AVAILABLE FOR REPAIR OF VEHs
AND TRAINING ITALIAN MECHANICS ARE 65 AND 83 HAA WKSPS
PD SIGNED SACRED SITE PHOOR PD MINUTES OF CONFERENCE
DETAIL ALL ACTION TAKEN TO IMPROVE SITUATION

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From **MMIA**
 To **AMTR**
 To (Info) **50 BLU**
 Ref No **SS 198**

Security Classification **RESTRICTED**

For REPAIR (.) Paren ROSS Area _____ Paren 50 BLU urgently
 need REPAIR assistance for repair of damaged vehicles of Italian
 Combat Group (.) Have you any men or unit available who
 could assist with repairs and at same time train Italian mechanics
 in site query (.) Request to GIB to attach men from GIBD
 has failed vide O 22 MP/590 of 18 Oct

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Authenticating Officer

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TO MEIA
INFO G-1 (B) AFHQ
TO BLU
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18 OCT 1944
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MP/590 RESTRICTED (.) REF YOUR UP21 OF 16 OCT (.)
REGRET NO REVE VEHICLE MECHS AVAILABLE FOR
ATTACHMENT 50 D.L.U.

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SECRET

Your Q 6 of 17 Sep (*) Para 1 HSR Area _____ Para 1 The Mechanical Engineer
 Coy (officine mecaniche) of a Combat Group consists of 7 officers and 279 men
 responsible for first and second line recovery and repair (*) 2 officers and 50
 men of these finish their training at HSR No 1 Adv Base Workshops FOR SAVINIER near
 HSR today (*) PARA Group to collect them as soon as possible and use them to train
 remainder of Coy at S. STADIS (*) This should provide all workshops facilities
 required (*) Third line repair if needed should be done through Distree.

liquid by Col Mark

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Addestramento

n°383/A/12/prot. Add.

Oggetto: corsi sul materiale Automobilistico Inglese.

Corsi on English M. F. material

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Sottocommissione per l'Esercito
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ROMA

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

-Dir. Gen. Leve. Sottuff. e Truppa

S.E.D.E.

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SPRININININ

A seguito foglio di questo S.M.R.E. 337/A/12 in data 2 settembre 1944.

- I - I corsi sul materiale automobilistico inglese avranno luogo rispettivamente:
- corso per il personale del 1° Raggruppamento Motorizzato: 1° e 2° Brigata;
 - dal 2 all'8 ottobre;
 - presso la Base Avanzata Officina n°1 - Tor Sapienza - (presso Roma - Via Prenestina);
 - corso per il personale della Divisione "Nembo";
 - dall' 11 al 18 ottobre;
 - presso la Base Avanzata Officina n°12 - Colfetta.
- II - Il personale dovrà affluire nelle località sedi del corso lo stesso giorno indicato per l'inizio. Modalità del trasferimento: per ferrovia.
- III - Sistemazione durante i corsi:
- corso di Tor Sapienza

- il drappello partecipante ai corsi costituirà d'ora

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ALLA M.M.I.A.
Sottocommissione per l'Esercito **ROMA**
(rif. suo S/G/29/9 in data 1/9)
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
-Dir. Gen. Leve. Sottuff. e Truppa **S.E.D.E.**
ALLA DELEGAZIONE A -S.M.R.E.-
P.M. 185

A seguito foglio di questo S.M.R.E. 337/A/12 in data 2 settembre 1944.

- I - I corsi sul materiale automobilistico inglese apranno luogo rispettivamente:
 - corso per il personale del 1° Raggruppamento Moto "Lizzato": 1° e 2° Brigate:
 - dal 2 all'8 ottobre;
 - presso la Base Avanzata Officina n°1 - Tor Sapienza - (presso Roma - Via Prenestina)
 - corso per il personale della Divisione "Verbo":
 - dall' 11 al 18 ottobre;
 - presso la Base Avanzata Officina n°12 - Molfetta.
- II - Il personale dovrà affluire nelle località sedi del COL lo stesso giorno indicato per l'inizio. Modalità del trasferimento: per ferrovia.
- III - Sistemazione durante i corsi:
 - corso di Tor Sapienza:
 - il drappello partecipante ai corsi costituirà due staccamenti agli ordini del più anziano degli ufficiali automobilisti;
 - la Base Avanzata Officina N°1 provvederà solo ai rifornimenti viveri;
 - corso di Molfetta:
 - dovrà provvedersi il Comando Militare Puglia e Lucania, come già attuato per i corsi precedenti.
 - IV - Il personale partecipante ai corsi dovrà avere al seguito:
 - utensili per la consumazione del rancho;
 - telo da tenda;
 - 1 coperta da campo.

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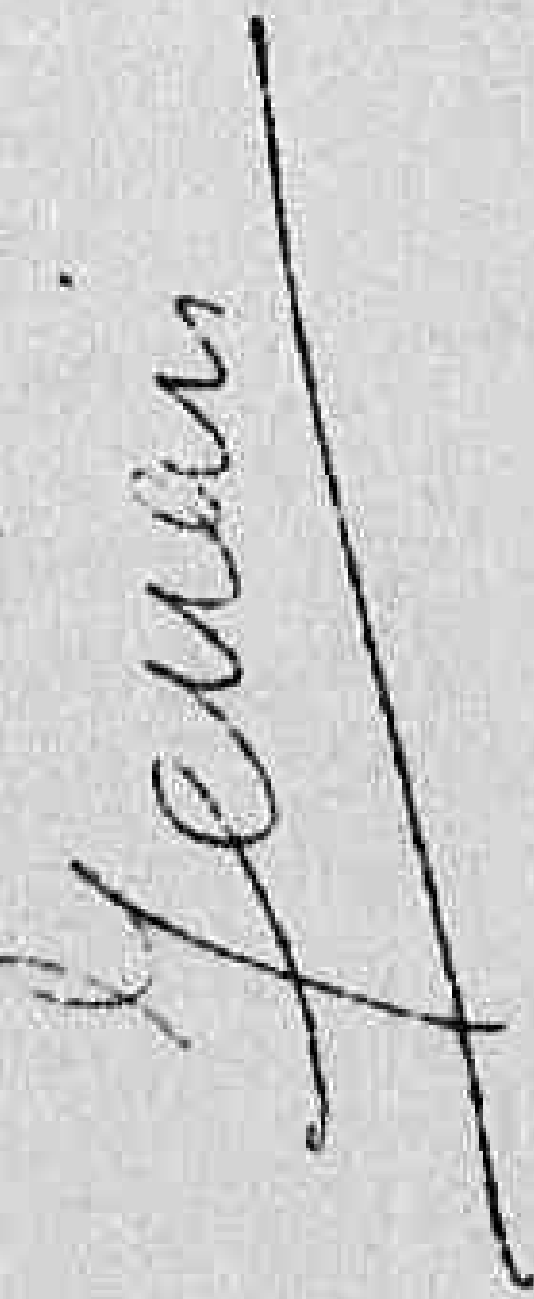
V - L'Ufficio Segreteria e Personale disponga perchè gli 8 interpreti gliel'adempiano anche per la durata di questi. Non è più pertanto necessaria la predisposizione di altri 8 interpreti indicata con il foglio cui si fa seguito.

L'Ufficio Servizi aderisca alle richieste di automezzi che eventualmente si rendessero necessarie.

L'Ufficio Trasporti provveda ad inoltrare immediatamente le richieste trasporti.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
fo A. Santi

P.C.C.
IL COL. S.S. MAGG.
CAPO UFFICIO ADDESTRAMENTO
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IL COL. S.S. MAGG.
CAPO UFFICIO ADDESTRAMENTO
(G. Ferrari)

Ferrari

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO
-Uff. Addestramento-

№376/A/12/Add. di prot.
Oggetto: Corsi sul materiale automobilistico inglese.

P. N. 151, 11 5 Settembre 1944

- AL COMANDO DIV. "NANTOVA"
- AL COMANDO DIV. "PICENO"
- ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO
- Uff. Segr. e Personale
- Uff. Servizi
- Uff. Trasporti

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e, per conoscenza:

- ALLA M. N. I. A.
- Sottocommissione per l'Esercito
(Rit. s. f. 9/G/29/9 dal 10/9)
- AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
- Dir. Gen. Leva Sottuff. e Truppa
- AL COMANDO MILITARE PUGLIE E LUC.
- AL COMANDO MILITARE CALABRIA

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- I) - Nel prossimo mese di ottobre si svolgeranno corsi sul materiale automobilistico inglese per il personale di ciascuna delle due Divisioni in indirizzo.
- II) - Al corso dovrà partecipare il seguente personale per ciascuna divisione:
- Per l'officina mobile diposizionale
 - 1 ufficiale automobilista;
 - 10 operai di artiglieria;
 - 20 meccanici di automezzi (o mestieri affini)
 - Per le officine mobili leonora (6 officine: 1 per cia
scun rgt. di ftr. - 2 per il rgt. art. - 2 per il dtg.
gento)
 - 4 operai di batteria;
 - 8 meccanici automobilisti (o mestieri affini);
 - Per il plotone della compagnia trasporti
 - 1 ufficiale automobilista;
 - 8 meccanici di automezzi.

Totale personale per ciascuna divisione

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Sottocommissione per l'Esercito
(Rif. s. f.º 9/G/29/9 del 10/9)

ROMA

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

-Dir. Gen. Leva Sottuff. e Truppa
AL COMANDO MILITARE PUGLIE E LUC.
AL COMANDO MILITARE CALABRIA

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II) - Al corso dovrà partecipare il seguente personale per ciascuna divisione:

- Per l'officina mobile divisionale

- 1 ufficiale automobilista;

- 10 operai di artiglieria;

- 20 meccanici di automezzi (o mestieri affini)

- Per le officine mobili leggere (6 officine: 1 per ciascuna rgt. di ftr. - 2 per il rgt. art. - 2 per il btg. genio)

- 4 operai di batteria;

- 8 meccanici automobilisti (o mestieri affini);

- Per il plotone della compagnia trasporti

- 1 ufficiale automobilista;

- 8 meccanici di automezzi.

Totale generale per ciascuna divisione:

2 ufficiali automobilisti, 50 truppa.

III) - Pregasi predisporre la scelta di detto personale, prendendo dai migliori presenti ai reparti, capaci cioè di apprendere e di insegnare.

IV) - Si precavvisa che il personale partecipante ai corsi dovrà:

- avere al seguito gli utensili per la consumazione del rancio, 1° coperto, il telo da tenda;

- affluire ai corsi per ferrovia.

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- V) - Si prega pertanto inoltrare:
- alla Direzione Generale leva sottufficiali e truppa le richieste necessarie per completare eventuali deficienze del personale truppa;
 - all'Ufficio servizi S.M.R.E. le richieste per ~~richia~~ ^{richiesta} ~~mare~~ ^{mare} eventuali deficienze di oggetti di corredo e di equipaggiamento;
 - all'Ufficio trasporti S.M.R.E. le richieste trasporti.
- VI) - L'Ufficio Segreteria e Personale disponga perchè gli 8 ufficiali interpreti già ai corsi rimangano ancora per la durata di questi.
- VII) - Riserva di disposizioni circa:
- inizio dei corsi;
 - località di svolgimento;
 - sistemazione e amministrazione.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
fo A. Santi

P.C.C.
IL COL. S. S. MAGG.
CAPO UFFICIO ADDESTRAMENTO
(G. Ferrari)

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 - località di svolgimento;
 - sistemazione e amministrazione.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
fo A. Santi

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IL COL. S. S. MAGG.
CAPO UFFICIO ADDESTRAMENTO
(G. Ferrarini)

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STATO MAGGIORE RIFUGIO BERGAMO
Ufficio addestramento

n° 339 /M/2 prot. add. P.M. 151, 11 2 settembre 1944.

- AL COMANDO DEL CORPO ITALIANO DI LIBERAZIONE P.M. 355
- ALL'UFFICIO SEGRETO, 2 PERS. - S.M.R.N. S.E.D.E.
- ALL'UFFICIO SERVIZI S.M.R.N. .
- ALL'UFFICIO TRASPORTI S.M.R.N. .

o, per conoscenza,
ALLA M.M.L.A. - Sottocommissione per l'Esplorazione
to - (rif. suo V/A/29/10 del 29/8/44)

- AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Diren. Gen. leva
Stuff. e truppe
- ALLA DELEGAZIONE A - S.M.R.N. -

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Corso in English M.T. Malton

I° - Nel primi giorni di ottobre si svolgeranno corsi sulmateriale automobilistico inglese per il personale di cotesto C. It. I.

- II° - Al corso dovrà partecipare il seguente personale per ogni gruppo di combattimento di cotesto C. It. I. (1° raggruppamento motorizzato - Divisione Rembo):
 - Per l'officina mobile divisionale:
 - 1 ufficiale automobilista
 - 10 operai di artiglieria
 - 20 meccanici di automezzi (o mestieri affini)
 - Per le officine mobili leggere (6 officine 1 per ciascun regt. di fan. - 2 per il regt. art. - 2 per il big. genio):
 - 4 operai di batteria
 - 8 meccanici automobilisti (o mestieri affini)
 - Per il plotone officina della compagnia tramortie:
 - 1 ufficiale automobilista

ALL'UFFICIO TRASPORTI S. S. R. S.

e, per conoscenza,

ALLA M. M. I. A. - sottocommissione per l'aerod
to - (rif. no 3/N/29/10 del 29/8/44)

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Mares. Gen. Leva
Stuffi. e truppe

ALLA DELEGAZIONE A - S. S. R. S. -

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Corso in English M. T. machine

I° - Nei primi giorni di ottobre si svolgeranno corsi sulma
riale automobilistico inglese per il personale di questo
C. M. I. A.

- II° - Al corso dovrà partecipare il seguente personale per oig
con gruppo di combattimento di questo C. M. I. A. (1° raggrup
pamento motorizzato - Divisione Nardo) :
- per l'officina mobile divisionale:
 - 1 ufficiale automobilista;
 - 10 operai di artiglieria;
 - 20 meccanici di autocarri (o mestieri affini);
- Per le officine mobili Legnano (6 officine: 1 per ciascun
rgt. di ftr. - 2 per il rgt. art. - 2 per il big. Genio):
 - 4 operai di batteria
 - 8 meccanici automobilisti (o mestieri affini)
- Per il plotone officina della compagnia trasporti:
 - 1 ufficiale automobilista;
 - 8 meccanici di autocarri.

TOTALE GENERALE PER CIASCUN GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO:

- 2 ufficiali automobilisti - 50 truppe.
- III° - Pregasi predisporre la scelta di detto personale, tenend
lo dai migliori presenti ai reparti, capaci cioè di appren
dere e di insegnare.

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- Eventuali defezioni siano coltate inoltrando richiesta al Ministero della Guerra - Direzione Gen. leva sottuff. e truppa.
- .IV - L'Ufficio Segreteria e Personale intersezione 6 intersezione
- V - Riserva di disposizioni circa:
 - inizio del corso,
 - località di svolgimento
 - sistemazione a servizio ordinario
 - affiliazione del personale.

F. C. C.
 Ufficio in G. P. S. S.
 Ufficio Affari Ordinari
 - G. Ferrari -



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E. O. O. O.
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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SECRET

Subject: - Training of Workshop Personnel
LEONIA and PUEBLO Groups

Army Sub Coordination, WIA.
H.Q. A.C.C.

REF.

5/6/29/9 ✓
1 Sept. 41.

For - WIA
Copy to HQ through A/C and S/C.
WIA 1. 2 District

Reference Para 9 of S/C/29/10 of 29th
August.

1. A course will be held at No. 1 Advanced Base Workshops, TOR
SAFENGA, from 2nd. October to 8th. October inclusive for personnel of the
LEONIA Group.
2. A course will be held at No. 12 Advanced Base Workshops,
SAFENGA from 11th. October - 18th. October for personnel of the
PUEBLO Group.
3. Orders of personnel and administrative arrangements will be
the same as for the first two courses.
4. Please ensure that applications for rail transport are sent
in as soon as possible.
5. It is anticipated that after a week's interval other courses
will follow for the remaining two Groups.

gd.JAD.

W. P. Dudley
+ Major General.
Army Sub Coord. A.C.C.

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Subject: Training Camps di Carabinieri

SECRET

RE ALLIED ARMS IN ITALY.

File # 267.

REF: 7625.

See 44

CLASS 1 Adv Base Wgts.
CLASS 12 Adv Base Wgts.

Copy to: EMS, AFHQ.
MAIL, (for Major WOODS.)

59/29/9. ^{13 Sept}

Further to my HNS/7625 of 26 Aug 44 (copies to you).

1. A request has been received for further courses in addition to those detailed in my letter under reference.

2. It has been agreed that those shall be held as follows:

- (a) One at 1 Adv Base Wgts, commencing 23 Sept. (Legnano.)
- (b) One at 12 Adv Base Wgts, commencing 2 Oct. (Fulgora.)

3. All adm arrangements will be as for the previous courses.

4. In addition to the eqpts mentioned in my previous letter, the following army eqpts should be added to those in which the Italians will require trg:

17 pdr A/Tk.
40 mm AL.

5. It is probable that two further courses will be necessary on them.

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Further to my LHM/7625 of 26 Aug 64 (copies to you).

1. A request has been received for further courses in addition to those detailed in my letter under reference.

2. It has been agreed that those shall be held as follows:

- (a) One at 1 Adv Base Wimp, commencing 25 Sept. (Legnano.)
- (b) One at 12 Adv Base Wimp, commencing 2 Oct. (Fulgore.)

3. All admin arrangements will be as for the previous courses.

4. In addition to the egpts mentioned in my previous letter, the following arty egpts should be added to those in which the Italians will require trg:

17 pdr A/Tk.
40 mm AA.

5. It is probable that two further courses will be necessary as these.

R.B. Stahl

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(R.G.B. CHITRAL) Lt. Colonel,
for Brigadier,
Deputy Director Mech Engineering.

Ing Dohler.

- 1. Let War Min - C.I.L. & S.M.R.E. know
- 2. arrange to transport. W.P.
2 Sept

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 Date Recd 3/9/44

5/15/44/10/13

Subject: Training Italian Gun Fitters.

SECRET.

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

Filpot 287.

REME/7625.

2 Sep 44.

Army Sub Commission MMIA.
 Hq. ACC.

Copies to: DME, AFHQ.
 Comdt. School of E & ME, CMF.
 RA Hq AAI.

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- Further courses for Italian Gun Fitters have been arranged at the School of E & ME, SCAPATI, as follows:

<u>No. of Personnel</u>	<u>Dates of Courses</u>	<u>Date of Joining.</u>
12	18 Sep to 30 Sep	17 Sep. ✓
12	2 Oct to 14 Oct	1 Oct. C
12	16 Oct to 29 Oct	15 Oct. D
12	31 Oct to 15 Nov	30 Oct. E

- The present interpreters will be retained by the School for the duration of these courses.
- May arrangements be made to have candidates collected from the School on the day after the completion of each course.
- Candidates should take bedding and overalls and sufficient rations for the journey.

W. E. Judson

(W. E. JUDSON) J/Cdr.
 for Brigadier.
 Deputy Director Mech Engineering.

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3. May arrangements be made to have candidates collected from the School on the day after the completion of each course.

4. Candidates should take bedding and overalls and sufficient rations for the journey.

M. E. Judson

(M.E. JUDSON) J/Cdr.
for Brigadier.
Deputy Director Mech Engineering.

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SECRET

Subject: Training of Workshop Personnel -
ITALY and GERMANY Groups.

ARMY (US) COMMISSION, BRITAIN,
H.M. A.C.C.

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1/6/49/9
29 Aug. 49

To: S.M.A.S.

1. Confirming communication Col. MARSHALL - A/4 for 1949 and your COM/A/12 of 26th Aug. the following are the arrangements made for training of Workshop personnel for the ITALY and GERMANY Groups.

2. ITALY personnel will be trained at No. 1 Advanced Base Workshop, Base Workshop, BRITAIN at No. 12 Advanced Base Workshop, BRITAIN.

3. Parties for each group will be composed as follows, and will report at 1 Adv. on the 1st September, at 18 Adv. on 10th. September

- From the Group Workshops - 1 Officer, 20 Vehicle Mechanic, 10 Gun Fitters.
- From 1st Air Detachment - 3 Vehicle Mechanic, 4 Gun Fitters.
- From the Mechanical Engineering Platoon (Supply Coy). - 1 Officer, 8 Vehicle Mechanic.

Total - 2 Officers, 50 O.Ss.

Interpreters - 5.

4. Courses will be from 5th to the 15th, and 11th, to the 23rd, September respectively. Facilities will be given to the Italian troops for working on the equipment's which they will afterwards be required to maintain.

5. At 1 Adv. Base Workshop the Italian authorisation will be responsible for providing accommodation near the workshop, feeding arrangements will be the responsibility of the workshop. Italian personnel must take their own bedding when available.

6. At 18 Adv. Base Workshop the Italian party will be accommodated and administered by the Italian Workshop Coy at present attached to this Workshop.

5. Parties for each group will be composed as follows, and will report at 1 Adv on the 1st September, and 15 Adv on 10th September:

- From the Group Workshops - 1 Officer, 23 Vehicle Mechanics, 10 Gun Fitters.
- From Light and Dispatches - 6 Vehicle Mechanics, 4 Gun Fitters.
- From the Mechanical Engineers Platoon (Supply Coy) - 1 Officer, 8 Vehicle Mechanics.

Total - 2 Officers, 53 G.Ms.

Interpreters - 5.

6. Courses will be given to the 1st, to the 16th, and 17th, to the 23rd, September respectively. Facilities will be given to the Italian trainees for working on the equipment which they will afterwards be required to maintain.

7. At 1 Adv. Base Workshops the Italian author team will be responsible for providing accommodations near the workshops. Working arrangements will be the responsibility of the Workshops. Italian personnel must take their own eating utensils.

8. At 12 Adv. Base Workshops the Italian party will be accommodated and administered by the Italian Workshop Coy at present attached to this Workshop. 1469

9. Please send an officer to contact Lieut-Col. SMITH, CEMC, 1 Adv. Base Workshops as early as possible in order to settle any other details of administration for the 1st Adv. course.

10. Please ensure that applications for any rail transport required are sent in as soon as possible.

11. It is anticipated that these courses will be followed immediately by similar ones for personnel of the C.I.A.

G.P.J.B.

Copy to: HQ, through A/S, 9/5/77
MIA ID 2 District.

W. P. ...
Major General,
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

SECRET

Subject: Training of Wksp personnel for the Friuli and Cremona Gruppe di Combattimenti.

To: MAIA. HQ ACC.
CEME 1 Adv Base Wksp.
CEME 12 Adv Base Wksp.

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.
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Date Recd	27/8/44

Copy to: IME, AFHQ.

Reference conversation DODDS - CRITALL spoke.

1. Arrangements are being made for cadres of the above Gruppo to be trained in British equipments at Nos. 1 and 12 Adv Base Wksp. Training is required on the following equipments:

British types of "B" vehicles,
 25 pdrs. *17 pdr*
 6 pdr A/Tk. *40 mm*

Parties will be composed as follows and will report at 1 Adv Base Wksp on the 3rd September, and at 12 Adv Base Wksp on the 10th September:

From Bde Wksp	- 1 Officer, 20 Veh Mechs, 10 Gun Fitters.
From LADs	- 8 Veh Mechs, 4 Gun Fitters.
From Wksp Pln	- 1 Officer, 8 Veh Mechs.
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Total	- 2 Officers, 50 ORs.

The course will last 14 days, and every facility will be given to these Italian trainees for working on the equipments mentioned. In addition, each party will be accompanied by 5 interpreters.

2. At 1 Adv Base Wksp the Italian authorities will be responsible for providing accommodation near the Wksp, and it is suggested that 1 Adv Base Wksp shall draw rations for these men on

Reference conversation DODDS - CRITTALL spoke.

1. Arrangements are being made for cadres of the above Gruppo to be trained in British equipments at Nos. 1 and 12 Adv Base Wksp. Training is required on the following equipments:

British types of "B" vehicles,
25 pdrs. *17 pdrs*
6 pdr A/Tk. *43 mm*

Parties will be composed as follows and will report at 1 Adv Base Wksp on the 3rd September, and at 12 Adv Base Wksp on the 10th September:

- From Bde Wksp - 1 Officer, 20 Veh Mechs, 10 Gun Fitters,
- From LADs - 8 Veh Mechs, 4 Gun Fitters,
- From Wksp Pln - 1 Officer, 8 Veh Mechs.

Total - 2 Officers, 50 ORs.

The course will last 14 days, and every facility will be given to these Italian trainees for working on the equipments mentioned. In addition, each party will be accompanied by 5 interpreters.

2. At 1 Adv Base Wksp the Italian authorities will be responsible for providing accommodation near the Wksp, and it is suggested that 1 Adv Base Wksp shall draw rations for these men on the British scale, and that they should feed with the British military personnel. Officers will be accommodated in the Italian camp and will feed in the 1 Adv Base Wksp officers' mess.

3. At 12 Adv Base Wksp the Italian military party *468* will be accommodated and administered by the Italian Wksp Coy at present attached to this Wksp.

4. It is suggested that in the case of 1 Adv Base Wksp the Italian authorities should contact Lt. Col. SHORE, CEME, 1 Adv Base Wksp, as early as possible with a view to settling any other details of administration.

(R.G.B. CRITTALL) Lt. Colonel.
Deputy Director Mech Engineering.

no 2206/prot. Add.
OGGETTO: Corsi sul materiale automobilistico inglese.

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO
Ufficio Addestramento

P.M. 151, 26 agosto 1944.

SEGRETO

M.M. I.A.
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- AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA = P.M. 50
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- AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CAMPANIA = P.M. 120
- AL COMANDO DIVISIONE FANTERIA FRIULI = P.M. 79
- AL COMANDO DIVISIONE FANTERIA CREMONA = P.M. 64
- ALLO S.M.R.E. = UFFICIO SEGRET. E PERS. = SEDE
- ALLO S.M.R.E. = UFFICIO SERVIZI = SEDE
- ALLO S.M.R.E. = UFFICIO TRASPORTI = SEDE

e, per conoscenza:
ALLA M.M.I.A.

Sottocommissione per l'Esercito
AL MINISTERO GUERRA
Direz. Gen. Leva sottuff. e truppa

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- I. - Nel prossimo mese di settembre avranno inizio corsi sul materiale automobilistico inglese, per il personale delle Divisioni "Friuli" e "Cremona".
- II. - Corso per la Divisione "Friuli":
Avrà inizio il 4 settembre e termine il 19 settembre.
Sede del corso: TOR SAPIENZA (pressi Roma, sulla via Prenestina) presso l'officina inglese l'ABW (Fattoria Innocenti).
Vi parteciperà il seguente personale:
- per l'officina mobile divisionale:
10 operai di artiglieria
1 ufficiale automobilista
19 meccanici di automezzi (o mestieri affini)
- per le officine mobili leggere (6 officine: 1 per ciascun regg. fant. - 2 per il regg. art. - 2 per il batt. genio):
4 operai di batteria
8 meccanici automobilisti (o mestieri affini)
- per il plotone officina della compagnia trasporti:
1 ufficiale automobilista
7 meccanici di automezzi.

TOTALE GENERALE per la Divisione:

2 ufficiali automobilisti - 48 truppe

- AL COMANDO MILITARE PUGLIE E LUCANIA = P.M. 67
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e, per conoscenza:

ALLA M.M.I.A.

Sottocommissione per l'Esercito

AL MINISTERO GUERRA

Direz.Gen. Leva sottuff. e truppa

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- I.- Nel prossimo mese di settembre avranno inizio corsi sul materiale automobilistico inglese, per il personale delle Divisioni "Friuli" e "Cremona".
- II.- Corso per la Divisione "Friuli":
 Avrà inizio il 4 settembre e termine il 19 settembre.
 Sede del corso: TOR SAPIENZA (pressi Roma, sulla via Prenestina) presso l'officina inglese l'ABW (Fattoria Innocenti).
 Vi parteciperà il seguente personale:
 - per l'officina mobile divisionale:
 10 operai di artiglieria
 1 ufficiale automobilista
 19 meccanici di automezzi (o mestieri affini)
 - per le officine mobili leggere (6 officine: 1 per ciascun regg.fant. - 2 per il regg.art. - 2 per il batt.genio):
 4 operai di batteria
 8 meccanici automobilisti (o mestieri affini)
 - per il plotone officina della compagnia trasporti:
 1 ufficiale automobilista
 7 meccanici di automezzi.
 TOTALI GENERALI per la Divisione:
 2 ufficiali automobilisti ~ 48 truppa.
- III.- Corso per la Divisione "Cremona":
 Avrà inizio il 11 settembre e termine il 26 settembre.
 Sede del corso: ~~presso~~ presso la 953^a compagnia officina, dipendente dal Comando Militare Puglie e Lucania.
 Vi parteciperanno le stesse aliquote di personale stabilite per la Divisione "Friuli".

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- I. - Il personale dovrà essere fatto affluire dalle Divisioni, nelle località sedi dei corsi, lo stesso giorno indicato per l'inizio. Modalità di avviamento: diretti accordi con le delegazioni, tra sporti corrispondenti. Ai trasporti automobilistici eventualmente occorrenti provvederanno rispettivamente i Comandi Militari Puglia-Lucania e della Campania.
- IV. - Eventuali richieste automezzi all'Ufficio Servizi di questo S.M. La scelta del personale da comandare alla frequenza dei corsi dovrà essere effettuata con gli stessi criteri seguiti per gli altri corsi già in atto. Eventuali deficienze siano colmate estendendo le ricerche a tutto il personale dipendente dal Comit interessati, dandone comunicazione al Ministero Guerra (Direz. Gen. Leva sott. e truppa) e per conoscenza a questo S.M. (Ufficio Addestramento).
- V. - Interpreti: A ciascuno dei corsi di cui sopra dovranno partecipare due interpreti. Designazione e avviamento a cura dell'Ufficio Segreteria e personale di questo S.M. Dovranno essere tratti possibilmente da personale pratico del servizio automobilistico.
- VI. - Sistemazione durante i corsi.
La sistemazione per il corso di Molfetta sarà effettuata a cura del Comando Militare Puglia e Lucania. Per il corso di Ter Sapienza, il drappello partecipante ai corsi costituirà distacco agli ordini del più anziano degli ufficiali automobilisti (designazione a cura Comando Div. "Friuli"). La Officina inglese l'ABW provvederà soltanto al rifornimento dei viveri.
- VII. - Il personale partecipante ai corsi dovrà portare al seguito l'occorrente per consumare i ranci e una coperta da campo. Ulteriori precisazioni per il corso di Ter Sapienza saranno fatte da questo S.M. - A Ter Sapienza il personale potrà anche accompagnare, e pertanto a cura della Divisione interessata, saranno forniti i teli occorrenti.
- VIII. - Comunicare a mezzo telex l'avvenuta partenza del personale.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Santi Alessandro).

Per copia conforme:
IL COLONNELLO IN SERV. S.M. CAPO UFFICIO
(Ferrari Giovanni)



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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Santi Alessandro).

Per copia conforme:

IL COLONNELLO IN SERV. S.M. CAPO UFFICIO
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OSTATO MAGGIORS REGIO ESTERNO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
- Sezione Ordinamento -

SEGRETO

n. 6011 /Ord. di prot.

P.M. 151, 12 agosto 1944

OGGETTO: Officine meccaniche per gruppi di combattimento.-

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO DELLA A.C.C. R O M A

Riferimento foglio TS/4/29/9 dell'11 corrente.

- I) - Si concorda circa le necessità di costituire per ogni gruppo di combattimento una organizzazione di riparazione e ricupero del tipo proposto da codesta Sottocommissione.-
- II) - Rimane però la difficoltà di trovare personale idoneo specializzato nel numero fissato dagli organici per il fatto che gran parte di detto personale è stato ceduto agli A.A. - Comunque questo S.M. sta effettuando ricerche tra i militari recuperati del "CORSEPTI" e, appena possibile, riferirà in merito.
- III) - Per quanto riguarda la convenienza di riunire il personale di cui sopra in un'unica arma (senio o artiglieria) questo S.M. è del parere di ricercare prima gli specializzati ovunque è possibile trovarli e poi trasferirli nell'arma del genio.
- IV) - Nel mentre si trasmettono agli organici italiani provvisori orientativi delle officine in oggetto, compilati sulla base di quelli italiani, si prega di voler rinviare ad altra data, da stabilirsi di comune intesa non appena sarà possibile conoscere di dove potranno essere attinti gli specializzati, l'approntamento del personale la frequenza del corso presso le officine inglesi fissato per il 19

C.E.-

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V) - Si restituiscono gli organici inviati da codesta Sottocommissione e si rimane in attesa della definitiva approvazione del comando Alleato per poter procedere alla stampa degli organici italiani e alla distribuzione ai comandi recuperati.

M. R. (Maresciallo Maggiore e Capitano) (Maresciallo Maggiore e Capitano)

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SEGRETO

COPIA N. 2

UFFICIO MOBILE LEGGERA PER REG. PDR. E ARTIGLIERIA

ORGANICI

DESCRIZIONE

- Capitano
- Capitano o tenente

- Armaiooli (maresciallo capo)
- Meccanici per autoveicoli (sergenti)

Totale ufficiali

Totale sottufficiali

Specializzati

- Autieri meccanici
- Eletttricisti
- Aggiustatori (o montatori)
- Saldatori
- Magazzinieri (compreso 1 caporale)

Totale sottufficiali e truppa.....

Totale complessivo di un nucleo meccanico leggero tipo "B"

Mezzi di trasporto

- Motocicli a un solo posto
- Autofarri leggeri da 15 CWT
- Autocarri pesanti da 3 tonn.
- Trattore di soccorso
- Autorimorchio 7 1/2 tonn. a 6 ruote, mezzo leggero di recupero

Tipo "B"	Formazione non corazzata
1	
1	
2	
3	
1	
3	
1	
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12	
12	
1	
1	
2	
1	
1	

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- Armaiooli (maresciallo capo)
- Meccanici per autoveicoli (sergenti)

Totale sottufficiali

Specializzati

- Autieri meccanici
- Elettricisti
- Aggiuntatori (o montatori)
- Saldatori
- Magazzinieri (compreso 1 caporale)

Totale sottufficiali e truppa.....

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A R M I

- Pistole
- Fucili
- Carabine automatiche



1	
1	
2	
3	
1	
3	
1	
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12	
12	
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2	
1	
1	
7	
5	

ORGANICO PER OFFICINA MOBILE PER GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO

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	Comando	Sezione Officina	Sezione Riparazione	Sezione Telecomunicazioni	Sezione Riparazione	Art. POPALE
<u>Ufficiali</u>						
- Maggiori	1	-	-	-	-	1
- Capitani o tenenti	2	1	1	-	1	5
Totale ufficiali	3	1	1	-	1	6
<u>Sottufficiali</u>						
- Armatori (1)	3	3	1	1	-	8
- Scritturali (2)	1	-	-	-	1	2
- Eletttricisti	-	1	1	-	-	3
- Magazzinieri	1	-	-	-	-	1
- Autieri	1	-	-	-	-	1
Totale sottufficiali	6	4	2	2	1	15
<u>Truppe</u>						
- Scritturali (3)	5	-	-	-	1	6
- Autieri (di cui 1 attendente)	-	-	-	-	2	2
- Motoriclisti	2	-	2	-	1	5
- Servizi generali	5	5	3	-	3	16
<u>Specializzati</u>						
- Armatori	2	2	-	-	-	4
- Meccanici (riparazione autoveicoli)	1	5	1	-	-	7
- Meccanici (riparazione radio)	-	-	-	1	-	1
- Fabbri	-	2	-	-	-	2
- Carpenteri	-	2	-	-	-	2
- Carrozzeri	-	-	-	-	-	2
- Autieri meccanici	2	-	-	-	-	2
- Eletttricisti	12	20	14	1	7	54
- Montatori	2	5	2	-	-	9
- Verniciatori	1	7	-	-	-	7
- Laminatori	-	2	-	-	-	1
- Addetti alle telecomunicazioni	-	-	-	3	-	3
- Tornitori	3	-	-	-	-	3
- Meccanici per autoveicoli	5	16	4	-	-	25
- Saldatori	3	-	-	-	-	3
- Addetti ai materiali	1	1	1	-	-	3
Totale truppa e specializzati	44	67	27	5	14	157

1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
6	4	2	2	1	2	1	1	15	
<u>Truppa</u>									
5	-	-	-	-	6	2	5	16	
2	2	5	2	2	2	1	2	4	7
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
12	20	14	7	7	54	9	7	1	2
2	5	2	1	1	9	7	1	2	3
1	7	1	1	1	7	1	1	2	3
1	2	1	1	1	2	3	3	3	3
3	16	4	4	1	25	3	3	25	3
5	3	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3
44	67	27	5	14	157	14	16	178	
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53	72	30	7	16					
TOTALE GENERALE.....									

N O T E:
 (1) - Marescialli al Comando, alla Sez. Officina, alla Sez. Telecomunicazioni.-
 (2) - Maresciallo al Comando.-
 (3) - 1 Cap. Maggiore al Comando.-
 (4) - Cucinieri, barbieri ecc.-



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LIGHT AID DETACHMENTS, R.I.M.E. TYPES 'A', 'B', & 'C'
(~~NON-ARMED~~)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

Detail	Type 'A'				Type 'B'		Type 'C'	
	Armoured car regt.	Armoured formations	Non-arm'd formations	Armoured formations	Non-arm'd formations	Armoured formations	Non-arm'd formations	
Captain	1	1		1			1	
Captain or lieutenant								
Total, officers	1	1		1			1	
Armament artificers (a) (warrant officer class I)			1		1			
(a) (warrant officer class II)	1	1		1			1	
Total, warrant officers	1	1	1	1	1		1	
Armament artificers (staff-serjeants)								
Vehicle mechanics (serjeants)	1	1	1	1	1		(b)3	
Total, staff-serjeants and serjeants	1	1	1	1	1		4	
Tradesmen (c) -								
Artisans (includes 1 corporal, 1 lance-corporal) -								
Driver mechanics	5	3	3	3	3		3	
Electricians	1	1	1	1	1		1	
Vehicle-mechanics	3	2	2	1	1		3	
Fitters	5	3	5	3	3		3	
Welders	2	1	1	1	1		1	
Clerks	1	1	1	1	1		1	
Stromen (includes 1 lance-corporal)	2	2	2	2	2		2	
Non-tradesmen -								
Batmen drivers	1	1		1			1	
Drivers I.C.							3	
Total, rank and file	15	13	12	11	10		17	
Total, other ranks	17	15	14	13	12		22	

WAR ESTABLISHMENT - continued

(iii) Weapons

Detail	Type 'A'		Type 'B'		Type 'C'
	Armoured car Regt	Armoured Formations	Non-armoured Formations	Armoured Formations	Non-armoured Formations
Pistols, .38-inch	1	1		1	1
Rifles, .303-inch	10	10	9	8	15
Machine carbines, .45-inch	7	5	5	5	7

(iv) Allotment of L.A.D.s. to formations and units

Type 'A'
 Inf Bde - Lorried Inf Bde (when lifted by R.A.S.C. bpt) -
 Indep Inf Bde Gp (h) - 1 Tk Regt - Svy Regt - Corps
 Sigs - Army Sigs - HQ Sigs - HQ C.V. Gp - HQ Army Rec
 Coy - L of C Sigs - A.F. Sigs.

Type 'A' (Armoured Car Regt)

Armoured C Regts and all armoured and Inf Div Recce Regts.

Type 'B'

Motor Bn - M.G. Bn - R.H.A. Regt - Rd Regt - Med Regt -
 Fy Regt (g) - Inf and Armoured Div Sigs - Rd Pk Coy -
 Rd Pk Sqn - Indep Inf Bde Gp (h) - Airfield Const Gp -
 HQ Armoured Div (k).

Type 'C'

Armoured Regt - Army Tk Bn - Army Regt (SP). *See Regt (i)*

Notes:

- (a) Armoured Art (Vehicle) in all L.A.D.s. except L.A.D.s. attached Army Regts (Non S.P.) which have Armoured Artificers (field).
- (b) Armoured Art (Vehicle). In R.A.S.C. units one will be detached to each sqn, and carried in sqn transport. In Army Regts with more than one S.P. bty, one will be Armoured Artificer (field). In A Tk Regts with one S.P. bty two Armoured Artificers only will be included, one of whom will be Field.
- (c) Tradesmen will be Class I where possible, but in no case less than Class II.
- (d) When an L.A.D. is serving a unit, the J.E. of which includes Armourer(s) R.E.M.E., one additional Truck, 15-cwt G.S.

(iv) Allotment of L.A.Ds. to formations and units

Inf Bde - Lorried Inf Bde (when lifted by R.A.S.C. tpt) -
Indep Inf Bde Gp (h) - 1 Tk Regt - Svy Regt - Corps
Sigs - Army Sigs - HQ Sigs - HQ C.W. Gp - HQ Army Rec
Coy - L of C Sigs - A.F. Sigs.

Type 'A' (Arm'd Car Regt) Arm'd C Regts and all arm'd and Inf Div Recce Regts.

Type 'B'
Motor Bn - M.G. Bn - R.H.A. Regt - Fd Regt - Med Regt -
Fy Bde (G) - Inf and Arm'd Div Sigs - Fd Pk Coy -
HQ Arm'd Div (k).

Type 'C'
Arm'd Regt - Army Tk Bn - Arty Regt (SP). *Recce Regt (1)*

Notes: (a) Arm't Art (Vehicle) in all L.A.Ds. except L.A.Ds. attached Arty
Regts (Non S.P.) which have armament artificers (field).

(b) Arm't Art (Vehicle). In R.A.C. units one will be detached to
each sqn, and carried in sqn transport. In Arty Regts
with more than one S.P. bty, one will be Armament Artificer
(field). In A Tk Regts with one S.P. bty two armament
Artificers only will be included, one of whom will be Field.

(c) Tradesmen will be Class I where possible, but in no case less
than Class II.

(d) When an L.A.D. is serving a unit, the J.E. of which includes
Armourer(s) R.E.M.L., one additional Truck, 15-cwt G.S. is
authorised, and the Armourer(s) will be under the control of
the Officer or Warrant Officer i/c L.A.D.

(e) Two for L.A.Ds. attached Corps Sigs.

(f) For L.A.Ds attached Motor Bns.

(g) Type 'B' (Armoured)

(h) One L.A.D. Type 'A' (Non-armoured) and one L.A.D. Type 'B'
(Non-armoured) for each HQ Indep Inf Bde Gp.

(k) Type 'B' (Non-armoured)

(1) L.A.D. with type 'C' when a Recce Regt is equipped with tank.

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AN INFANTRY BRIGADE WORKSHOP, R.E.M.E.
(NORTH AFRICA)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

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Audt. No.	25 Feb 44
Date.	0
Offrs.	179
C. Rs.	185
Total.	5
M. Cs.	56
Vehicles.	8
Trailers.	

Detail	Headquarters.	Workshop section	Recovery section	Telecommuni- -ation section.	Total - An Infantry brigade workshop, R.E.M.E.
Major	1				1
Captain or Lieutenant	(e) 1	1	1		3
E.M.A.E.	1				1
Total, officers	3	1	1		5
Armament artificers (warrant officer class I in headquarters)	1	1		1	3
Clerks	1				1
Total, warrant officers	2	1		1	4
Armament artificers, staff-serjeants	1	6	1		8
Armourer, staff-serjeant	1				1
Artisans	(b) 1	1	1	1	4
Storeman	(c) 2				2
Non-tradesmen					
Total, staff-serjeants and serjeants	5	7	2	1	15
Corporals -					
Artisans	2	4	3		9
Clerk	1				1
Lance-corporals -					
Craftsmen, drivers and privates	3	7	6		16
Total, rank and file	(d) 37	(a) 56	(a) 16	4	113
Total, other ranks	43	67	25	4	139
Total, all ranks (excluding attached)	50	75	27	6	158
Attached -	53	76	28	6	163

Included R.A.C.G. (Stores section) -
Total 163

Major	1								1
Captain or lieutenant	(a) 1	1	1						1 34
E.A.A.E.	1								1
Total, officers	3	1	1						1 56
Armament artificers (warrant officer class I in headquarters)	1	1						1	3
Clerks	1								1 1 1
Total, warrant officers	2	1						1	4
Armament artificers, staff-serjeants	1	6	1						8
Armourer, staff-serjeant	1								1
Artisans		1	1					1	3
Storeman	(b) 1								1
Non-tradesmen	(o) 2								2
Total, staff-serjeants and serjeants	5	7	2					1	15
Corporals -									
Artisans	2	4	3						9
Clerk	1								1
Lance-corporals -	3	7	6						16
Craftsmen, drivers and privates	(d) 37	(a) 56	(a) 16				4		113
Total, rank and file	43	67	25				4		139
Total, other ranks	50	75	27				6		158
Total, all ranks (excluding attached)	53	76	28				6		163
Attached -									
Behind H.A.C.C. (Stores section) -									
Captain	1								1
Clerks (1 staff-serjeant, 1 private)	2								2
Driver mechanics	1								1
Storemen-drivers (1 serjeant, 1 corporal)	8								8
Drivers I.C.	1								1
Motor-cyclist	1								1
Driver betman	1								1
General dutymen	1								1
Total, rank and file	13								13
Total, other ranks	15								15
Total, P.A.O.C. stores section	16								16
A.C.C. cooks (includes 1 corporal)	6								6
Total, attached	22								22
Total, an infantry brigade workshop R.E.M.E. (including attached) North Africa)	75	76	28				6		185

Attached - Behind H.A.C.C. (Stores section) -

Captain 1
 Clerks (1 staff-serjeant, 1 private) 2
 Driver mechanics 1
 Storemen-drivers (1 serjeant, 1 corporal) 8
 Drivers I.C. 1
 Motor-cyclist 1
 Driver betman 1
 General dutymen 1

Total, rank and file 13
 Total, other ranks 15
 Total, P.A.O.C. stores section 16
 A.C.C. cooks (includes 1 corporal) 6

Total, attached 22
 Total, an infantry brigade workshop R.E.M.E. (including attached) North Africa) 75

WAR ESTABLISHMENT - continued

(ii) Distribution of other ranks by trades and duties

Detail	Headquarters	Workshop section	Recovery section	Telecommunication section	Total, AM R.E.M.E. Infantry Brigade Workshop, R.E.M.E.
Tradesmen -					
Armament artificers -					
Field					2
Instruments field	1				1
Vehicles	1	5	1		7
Wireless				1	1
Armourers	4				4
Artisans -					
Blacksmiths		3			3
Carpenters		2			2
Coach trimmers					2
Driver-mechanics	2	15	(e)12	1	34
Electricians	6	4			10
Fitters	1	9			10
Hammermen		1			1
Instrument mechanics	(f)4				4
Painter	1				1
Sheet metal workers		2			2
Telecommunication mechanics (field)				3	3
Turners	3				3
Vehicle mechanics	2	20	5		27
Welders	3				3
Clerks	4				4
Driver-operators	3		3		6
Storemen	1	1		1	3
Total, tradesmen	36	64	21	6	127
Non-tradesmen -					
Drivers I.C.	6	5	2		13
General dutymen	5	6	2		13
Motor cyclists	2		2		4
Regimental N.C.O.	1				1
Total, non-tradesmen	14	11	6		31

- Armament artificers -
- Field
- Instruments field
- Vehicles
- Wireless
- Armourers
- Artisans -
- Blacksmiths
- Carpenters
- Coach trimmers
- Driver-mechanics
- Mechanicians
- Fitters
- Hammermen
- Instrument mechanics
- Painter
- Sheet metal workers
- Telecommunication mechanics (field)
- Turners
- Vehicle mechanics
- Welders
- Clerks
- Driver-operators
- Storemen
- Total, tradesmen

- Non-tradesmen -
- Drivers I.C.
- General dutymen
- Motor cyclists
- Regimental N.C.O.
- Total, non-tradesmen
- Total, other ranks

2					2	1	2		2
1					5	1			1
7									1
1									
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					2				3
					3				27
					4				3
					3				3
					1				3
					1				1
					64	21			6
					36				127
					6				
					5	2			13
					6	2			13
					2	2			4
					1	2			1
					14	6			31
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WAR ESTABLISHMENT - continued

(iii) Transport

Detail	Headquarters	Workshop section	Recovery section	Telecommunication section	Stores section	Total
Motor-cycles, solo	2					2
Cars, 5-cwt, 4 x 4	4					4
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4 x 2, G.S.	2	6	2		1	11
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4 x 2 (fitted for wireless)	1		1			2
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4 x 2, type 'K.L.', generator 9 K.W.	1					1
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4 x 2, water	1					1
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 2, G.S.	1					1
Lorries, 3-ton, 6 x 4, stores (binned)	4	3	2			13
Lorries, 3-ton, 6 x 4, breakdown	1	2		1	(e) 4	8
Lorries, 3-ton, 6 x 4, machinery, type 'A' or 'X'	1		4		3	8
Lorries, 3-ton, 6 x 4, machinery, type 'I' or 'I30'	1					1
Lorries, 3-ton, 6 x 4, machinery, type 'P'	1					1
Lorries, 3-ton, 6 x 4, machinery, type 'D' or 'D2'	1					1
Lorries, 3-ton, 6 x 4, machinery, type 'Z'	1					1
Tractors, 6 x 4, breakdown				1		1
Tractors, 6 x 4, (for 40-ton trans-porter trailer)			2			2
Tractors, 6 x 4, (for 20-ton trailer)			1			1
Tractors, tracked recovery D.8.			1			1
Trailers -						
7 1/2-ton, 6-wheeled, light recovery			1			1
40-ton, 24-wheeled, transporter and recovery	1		3			4
20-ton, (for tractor D.8)			1			1
15-cwt, 2-wheeled, machinery gas welding			1			1
10-cwt, 2-wheeled, G.S.						
Totals: Vehicles - 56 ; Trailers - 8 ; Motor-cycles - 5						1460

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SUBJECT: Training of Gun Fitters.

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Army Sub Commission, UNIA.
H. Q., A. C. C.

ROME.
T.S./G/29/9
13 Aug 44.

To : S.M.R.E.

1. It is planned to arrange a two-weeks course in the NAPLES area commencing 21 August for 24 gun fitters (Specialisti riparazioni cannoni) of the FRIULI and CREMONA Divisions, distributed as follows: -

16	for	25-pdr	guns	(i.e. 1 fitter per "batteria")
2	"	17-pdr	"	" " " " "gruppo"
2	"	40 mm	"	" " " "
4	"	6-pdr	"	" " Inf Regt)

2. These fitters are those included in the establishments of the above units, and this course will be in addition to those which are to be arranged for workshop personnel (see our T.S./G/29/9 of 11 Aug)

3. 12 gun fitters will therefore be selected immediately for each of the FRIULI and CREMONA Divisions and will be ready on the Mainland by 19 August.

4. 2 Interpreters will be selected to accompany the students on the course.

5. Further instructions will follow.

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W. P. Doherty
Major General.
Army Sub Com, A.C.C.

twv,JAD.

copy to: R.E.M.E. Br ~~XXXX~~, AA1
Maj. R. DEHN, R.A.

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SUBJECT:- Training of Gun Fitters

Army Sub Commission (MMIA)
H.Q. A.C.C.
R O M E,
S/O/29/9
17 Aug 44

S M R E

Reference our TS/O/29/9 of 13 August, following are the instructions for the course referred to :-

1. A two weeks course will commence on 21 August 44 at the School of R & ME, SCAFATI, Near POMEI for Italian Gun fitters, in order to give a general instruction on British Fd. A/Tk, and LAA Arty Equips.
2. The 24 candidates and three interpreters should be instructed to report to the school by 1600 hrs on 20 August 44.
3. Candidates will take full scale of arms and equipment, bedding and overalls. The unexpired portion of the day's rations will be handed in on arrival.

ABC

[Signature]
Major General
Army Sub Commission ACC
M M I A

21 Aug to 22 Sep

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Subject:- Training Gun Fitters (Italian).

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Army Sub Commission MMIA
HQ. ACC.

HQ. AAI. CEF.

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16 Aug '44.

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1. ~~It has been arranged that~~ a two weeks course ~~will~~ shall commence on 21 Aug 44 at the School of E & ME, SCAFATI, Nr POMPEII for Italian Gun fitters, in order to give a general instruction on British Fd, A/Tk, and LAA Arty Equip.
2. The 24 candidates and three interpreters should be instructed to report to the School by 1600 hrs on 20 Aug '44.
3. Candidates will take full scale of arms and equip, bedding, and overalls. The unexpired portion of the days rations will be handed in on arrival.

R. J. Walker

J/Comdr.
for Brigadier.
Deputy Director Mech Engineering.

Copy to:- DME. AFHQ.
Comdt. School of E & ME CEF.
RA. HQ. AAI.

S.M.R.E.

Ufficio Addestramento.

P.M. 151, 15 agosto 1944

D I E P A C C I O

AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA (RADIO)
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CAMPANIA (TELESCRITTO)
ALL'UFFICIO SEGRETERIA E PERS. S.M.R.E. (A MANO)
ALL'UFFICIO TRASPORTI S.M.R.E. (A MANO)
e, per conoscenza:

ALLA M.M.I.A. SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO (A MANO)
(rif. suo T.S./G/29/9 data 13/8/44)

Stamaggiore addestramento n° 103 / Add alt presente est
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Cremona et Comit Campania per sè et per inoltro divisione
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in zona Napoli corso per operai specialisti artiglierie
per cannoni 25 libbre virgola 17 libbre virgola 40 mm.
virgola 6 libbre alt pregasi disporre perchè dodici operai
specialisti per ciascuna divisione indicata siano concen-
trati presso Comit Campania entro giorno DICIANNOVE AGOSTO
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Subject:-- Mechanical Workshops for Gruppo di Combattimento

Army Sub Commission (MIA)
H.C., A.C.C.
RMS

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TS/6/29/5
11 Aug 44

Stato Maggiore Esercito

1. In view of the large quantity of vehicles and technical equipment to be allotted to each Gruppo di Combattimento it is most important that an adequate repair and recovery organisation should be formed.

2. To fit in with the British material to be made available it is considered that the following would be the most suitable organisation:-

(a) 6 Light Aid Detachments to be distributed:-

Infantry Regiments	2
Artillery Regiments	2
Engineer Battalion	1
Supply Company	1

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(b) A central workshop under the Division (Gruppo) H.C., to be formed from the equipment of a British Infantry Brigade Workshop.

3. The numbers of personnel on the British establishments are:-

Unit	ME No	No of Unit	Offrs	Org
LAD (Type B non armed)	MA/320/1	6	5	12
Inf Bde Workshops	MA/321/1	1		169 (incl cooks)
Stores Section attached to Workshops			1	8

(See Para 1(c) of our S/O/29/B of 5 Aug 44)

4. Our Establishments MA/320/1 and MA/321/1 are attached. Please submit Italian establishments on the same lines, adapting them if necessary to normal Italian trades. Please return the British establishments after translation.

5. It is not now proposed to add an Italian increment to British 3rd Echelon Workshops, so the above figures cover all the requirements of mechanical specialists in the Gruppo di Combattimento, apart from individuals already included in unit establishments.

6. Please let us know your views:-

(a) on the possibility of finding suitable personnel as above for all the Gruppo di Combattimento.

(b) on the question of organising these personnel in one service, e.g. Genio or Artiglieria.

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(a) 6 Light Ad Detachments to be distributed:-

- Infantry Regiments 2
- Artillery Regiment 2
- Engineer Battalion 1
- Supply Company 1

(b) A central workshop under the Division (Gruppo) I.C., to be formed from the equipment of a British Infantry Brigade Workshop.

3. The numbers of personnel on the British establishments are:-

Unit	MS No	No of Unit	Offrs	ORs
LAD (Type B non armed)	NA/320/A	6	5	12
Inf Exe Workshops	NA/321/A	1		109 (incl 71 cooks)
Stores Section attached to Workshops			1	8

(See Para 1(c) of our S/G/29/8 of 5 Aug 44)

4. War Establishments NA/320/A and NA/321/A are attached. Please submit Italian establishments on the same lines, adapting them if necessary to normal Italian trades. Please return the British establishments after translation.

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7. Units as per paras 3 & 4 will be formed immediately in respect of the Frezzi Division and concentrated with the Division. MSIA will be informed when this is done. Similar preparations will be made for the CHERNIA.

8. Further orders will follow with regard to training. It is hoped to attach a selection of the LAD and Workshop personnel to similar British units in the field, and personnel for the FREZZI should be ready for such a course by 15 August.

[Signature]
 for Maj Gen
 Army Sub Comm, ACC

AD/c

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Subject: Formation of Gruppi di Combattimenti.

HQ. AMI. CEF.

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REAE/7117.

31 July 44.

MMIA, through 2(AE).

Reference 1605/50/57/G(SD1) dated 26 July 44.

1. It is understood that there are available approximately 400 Italian Wksp personnel for each Gruppo di Combattimento to be formed.

2. It is proposed that the repair and recovery organization within each Gruppo di Combattimento be organized in accordance with British practice and on British WEs.

3. This would entail a LAD for:

HQ Sigs,
each Inf Regt.
Engr Bn.
Fd Arty.
A/Tk and LAA Arty (jointly),

No LAD for LAD by

and a Bde Wksp for each Gruppo di Combattimento.

4. Third Echelon repair and recovery would be catered for by Italian increments to British third echelon repair and recovery units, each increment to be approximately half the size of the British units.

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5. Tabulated, the proposal for Wksp personnel for each Gruppo di Combattimento is as follows:

Unit	WE No.	No. of Units	Total Italian Personnel
			Offrs.
			ORs.
LAD (Type B non-armd)	NA/320/1	6	72
Inf Bde Wksp	NA/321/1	1	164
Italian Incr Inf Tps Wksp	Special	1	97
Italian Incr Inf Tps Rec Unit	Special	1	41
Total Italian Wksp personnel per Gruppo di Combattimento:			374

*See also
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3. This would entail a LAD for:

- HQ Sigs,
- each Inf Regt.
- Engr Bn.
- Fd Arty.
- A/Tk and LAA Arty (jointly),

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This table takes no account of Wksp personnel held on Unit WEs (Armourers etc.)

6. In addition to the Wksp personnel detailed above, stores personnel will be required for the Stores Sections (RiOC in British fms) attached to the 2nd and 3rd Echelon Wksps as follows:

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For each Gruppo di Combattimento:

Unit	WE No.	No. of Units	Total Italian Personnel	
			Offrs.	ORS.
Stores Sec att. Inf Bde Wksp NA/321/1		1	1	8
Stores Sec att. Italian Special		1	1	12
Incr. Inf Ips Wksp				
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Total Italian Stores personnel for Stores Secs. att. Wksp. per Gruppo di Combattimento		2	2	20

7. The above stores personnel are in addition to those required for stores holding units, as directed by Ord.

Please confirm that the personnel mentioned in para 1 above will, in fact, be available, and state whether the proposed organisation is acceptable, when the WEs for the Italian increments will be written and submitted to the WEC.

W.E. Curnington

(W.E. CURNINGTON)
Major.
for Brigadier.
Deputy Director Mech Engineering.

Copy to: G(SD).
Ord.

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