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SG/29/12 LIAISON UNIT 2nd CORPS
Nov. 1944. MAR. 1945

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29/12

Col. Pidsley

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CHIEF INSTRUCTION

No. 12

1. Lt. Col. HOWARD ceases to be WMLA Liaison officer with the MANTOVA GP (16 Mar. 45).
2. He will in future be employed as Senior Liaison Officer with all the Combat Gps and for any other special Liaison work as directed.
3. All correspondence, memos, etc. concerning the Liaison side should be marked SLC (Senior Liaison Officer) on the distribution list.
4. All correspondence for Lt. Col. HOWARD will be retained at H. M.L.A. A tray will be kept by the Chief Clerk for this purpose marked SLC.
5. When in home, Lt. Col. HOWARD will work in the Duty and Visiting Liaison Officers Room No. 21 Tel. 470526.

L. M. J. Gledhill

Lt. Col. C.S.
M.M.I.A.

19 Mar. 45

DISTRIBUTION: Normal

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Subject: War Establishment - BLU

Land Forces Sub Commission AG
(M.M.I.A.)

File No 3/3/29/12

23 March 45

10 RA Trg Team c/o "P" BLU

Please note that by amendment No 5 v.o.f. 3 February,
to WS OM/508/1 of BLU, following RA personnel have been
temporarily added subject to review in three months :-

Capt or Lieut	1
Warrant Officer	1
Sjts(2 per Btry)	4
Total	<u>6</u>

Copy to:

Wm
Major General
M.M.I.A.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

[Handwritten signature]

FROM AFHQ

202043A

TO MMIA

P 47068

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YOUR SD/2464 OF 15 (*) WEC MEETING 179 SERIAL 1924 AMENDMENT
NUMBER 5 TO CM/508/1 WEF 23 FEBRUARY 45

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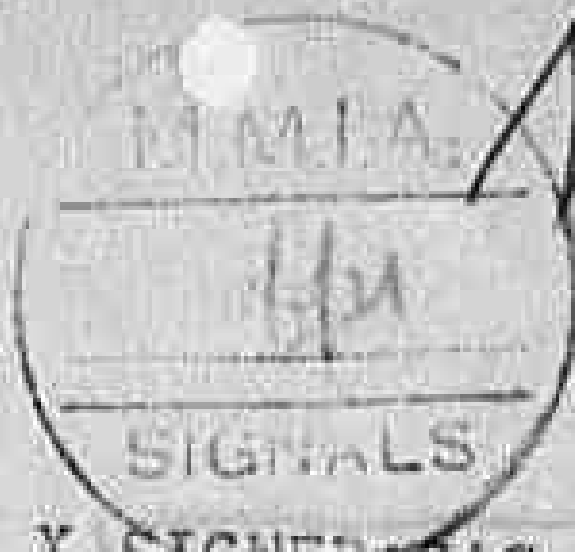
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FROM LAEE 202043A
TO NMIA

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FROM:

MMIA

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TO : (FOR ACTION)

ALCOM SICILY

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GP 18

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION SECRET

FOR MMIA LO (.) EFFECTIVE UPON DEPARTURE OF COLONEL ALBERT
ABOUT 21 MARCH FROM SICILY FOR ROME MAJOR LONG BECOMES SENIOR
LIAISON OFFICER SICILY (.)

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATION C. P. KERR, Col

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM : DIA

TO : AMSC FOR US GO

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ORIGINATOR'S NO. 250

RECEIVED

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REF # 25006 OF 11 MSG AND FURTHER TO OUR 3D 2253 OF 12 MSG (.)
UNDERSTAND THIS PROPOSAL, NOT ACCEPTED (.) REQUEST JUNE NUMBER
AND DATE OF AIST OR MSG NUMBER

See 220

PROCESSED

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REMARKS

A
344C MSG
FILE 5/6/23/12

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SUBJECT: Designation of Units.

CONFIDENTIAL

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/45/1
1 Mar 45.

TO: Ministry of War.

The designations of the B.L.U., the British Training Unit to the Italian Army and the British Training Increment at the R.T.C., I.C.F. CESANO will be as follows: -

"F" B.L.U., Italian Reinforcement Training Centre,
Italian Combat Force.

"G" Training Unit to the Italian Army.

"H" British Training Increment, Italian Reinforcement
Training Centre, Italian Combat Force.

The alphabetical designations will be retained until unit numbers are allotted by the British War Office.

Internal:
Spec Sec.

R. G. A. Jones-Lewis
h Major General. Capt
M.M.I.A.

tvs.

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FROM : MMIA DISTHREE

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TO : MMIA

REF : EC/233

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REQUEST YOU INCL BRIT CADRE AFRAGOLA IN DISTRIBUTION OF ALL NOV SIGS
ETC SIGS (*) ADDRESS BRIT CADRE AFRAGOLA ITALIAN CAMP

IMPORTANT

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SPEC SIG

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REINFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTRE
ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

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TOTAL	28

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DETAIL

Officers.

A.A. & Q.M.G.
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.
Staff Captain
Deputy assistant director of
supplies and transport
Deputy assistant director of
ordnance services
Deputy assistant director of
mechanical engineers

TOTAL - OFFICERS

O.R.s
CQIS
Clerks (a)
Tpt and CD NCO
Storeman
Officers Mess Caterer
General Duties
ORD
EGIC
Storemen
REMT
Armourer Art Veh
" " Pd and AA
Fitters (Instructors)
Storeman

TOTAL - O.R.'s

TOTAL A BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
R.I.C. I.C.F. (b)

(ii) Transport

Cars 2 str 4 x 2
Trucks 15-cwt 4 x 2
1/Cycle

(a) incl one pay clerk.
(b) Drivers, batmen, cooks and orderlies are provided from the Italian
Increment to the British Liaison Unit, U.E. MA/501/1

OFFICERS	O.O. 12	O.O. 11	O.O. 10	O.O. 9	O.O. 8	O.O. 7	O.O. 6	O.O. 5	O.O. 4	O.O. 3	O.O. 2	O.O. 1	TOTAL
A.A. & Q.M.G.	1												1
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.	1												1
Staff Captain	1												1
Deputy assistant director of supplies and transport	1												1
Deputy assistant director of ordnance services	1												1
Deputy assistant director of mechanical engineers	1												1
TOTAL - OFFICERS	6												6
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CQIS													
Clerks (a)													
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Storeman													
Officers Mess Caterer													
General Duties													
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Storemen													
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Fitters (Instructors)													
Storeman													
TOTAL - O.R.'s													
TOTAL A BRITISH LIAISON UNIT													
R.I.C. I.C.F. (b)													
	6	2	2	2	7	2	2	2	2	7	7	28	94

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SUBJECT: Disbandment of Trg Increments

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. 5/9/29/12
1 March 1945

TO : 15 ARMY GROUP (6)

1. It has been suggested that the many small W.Es. affecting BLUs and Trg Increments to BLUs might well be tidied up.
2. It is felt by this HQ that Brit Trg Incr to BLUs (CM/542/1) and RENE Trg Incr (CM/640/1) were designed to be added to BLUs during the initial period of trg and equipping and that these small units should, at some specified date, be disbanded. Will you please say if you agree.
3. If you do NOT agree and consider that these units or a portion thereof are necessary as a permanency, will you please initiate an amendment to W.E. BLU (CM/508/1) through normal staff channels.

d. Brooming

Major General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: G-3(CRG) AFHQ
DAD AFHQ

Internal: A/Q
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SUBJECT

Wines
RE - BLU

HQ MIA

50 Brit Liaison Unit

G/5/17B

24 Feb 45

Y/ser
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out

Ref your S3650 of 23 Feb.

Attached herewith, copy of my G/5/17B dated 14 Feb, as requested.

Atkinson-Coy

Lt col
GS

3007

CPT
ARCS/STB

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29/2/12

SUBJECT: WE - HLU

50 Brit Liaison Unit

26 HLU att 2 POL CORPS

6/5/17B

WE, Clerks RE and Draughtsmen RE

14 Feb 45

1. Although it is realised that no amendments to WE of this unit will be considered until ICC have completed one month in the line, the immediate provision on loan of one Clerk RE and one Draughtsman RE is requested as a matter of operational necessity.
2. No clerk or draughtsman RE is provided on WE.
3. SORS has now in addition to his ordinary duties of supervision of ITI Engrs to administer one Brit/ITI Par Coy Incl rendering all weekly and fortnightly returns and all documentation.
4. He has to control civilian ITI labour Incl muster rolls, timebooks and pay.
5. He has to submit to CORPS daily Engineer Sitreps, as well as weekly store return etc.
6. HLU Clerks are already hopelessly overworked, and no existing clerk can be set aside for Engineer work which in my opinion is now a full time job.
7. ITI Eng Bn HQ has only one draughtsman on WE: this one man cannot possibly cope with all traces etc required, and loan of one Brit RE draughtsman is therefore urgently requested.
8. May sympathetic and early consideration and action please be requested from appropriate authority?

W. S. M. Ryan

CLP
ARCS/STB

f Lt Col
CS

Copy to: MOLA
51 HLU

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3. SAGE has now in addition to his ordinary duties of supervision of ITI Engrs to administer one Brit/ITI Pwr Coy incl rendering all weekly and fortnightly returns and all documentation.
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5. He has to submit to CORPS daily Engineer Sitreps, as well as weekly store return etc.
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W. S. May

f Lt Col
GS

CSF
ARCS/SYB

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51 EUJ

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24/20/11 *29/12* *213*
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FROM M H I A

23 / 630 A

TO 50 BLU

INFO 51 BLU

SS 650

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION RESTRICTED

COPY OF 50 BLU LETTER C/5/17B OF 14 FEB NOT RECEIVED (.) PLEASE SEND (.)
FOR 51 BLU (.)
REF YOUR SIGNAL A2/1 OF 20 (.)

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED *[Signature]*

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LRKB V LAEE NR 16.

QVR 1

FROM 51 BLU 201200A

TO HQ MMIA

INFO 50 BLU (VIA POLCORPS) .

A2/1 RESTRICTED 50 BLU LETTER G/5/17B OF
14 FEB 45 COPY TO YOU PROPOSALS SUPPORTED
BT

SENT NR16 0203 CCSR B

RECD NR 16 21/0203 A AAA AR K

HEADQUARTERS
21 FEB 45
A. 3004

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LROF V LRAR NR1362

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QVR2

FROM HQ 15 ARMY GP 261430 A
TO MAIN EIGHTH ARMY
INFO MMIA

QQX GR24 BT

ORIG NO SD 1285

RESTRICTED. REF ~~M M I A~~ / M M I A S/G/29/12 OF 24 FEB. PRESUME YOU WILL
CONSIDER PROPOSAL IN ACCORDANCE YOUR M 13680 SD2 OF 26 JAN

BT

SENT 1552 KELLY BB K
RD NR 1362 DML (K) 1552 (K)

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Subject: Amendments to WE

Land Forces Sub Comm AC
(M.M.I.A.).

File No S/G/29/12

HQ Eighth Army.

24 Feb 45.

1.

Attached is a copy of a letter from 56 BLU (Mantova Central Group) proposing some amendments to CM/508/1, a BLU for an Italian Combat Group, and to WE XII/882/1, an Italian Increment for a BLU.

2.

As most of the BLUs are now under your command the proposals are forwarded for action by you if you consider these amendments operationally necessary.

Copy to: A/Q Med

External Distribution

15 Army Group
56 BLU

Subject: Amendments to WE
(COPY)

M.M.I.A.

1.

It is requested that the following amendments to WE NA/508/1 a BLU for Italian Combat Group and WE XII/882/1 an Italian Increment for a BLU may be considered.

WE

Proposal

Reasons

1. NA/508/1

Add 1 Jeep(fitted
for stretcher carrying)

At present there is no transport available for the Capt *G. J. G. J.* RNMC con medical. The jeep would also be available

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Capitell Pineda

Major General
M.M. I.A.

Copy to: A/Q Med

External Distribution
15 Army Group
56 BLU

(COPY)

Subject: Amendments to WE

56 BLU
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20 Feb 45

M.M. I.A.

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Proposal

Reasons

1. NA/508/1

Add 1 Jeep (fitted for stretcher carrying)

At present there is no transport available for the Capt *Stuart* RAMC non medical. The Jeep would also be available as an evacuation vehicle for the BLU.

2. XII/882/1

Add 1 batman.
Add 1 batman driver
Add 3 General duty men

For GSO III(I)
For Capt or Lieut RAMC.
Present Establishment is insufficient to cope with all required duties.
None on Establishment.

Add 1 Clerk

In the Field
AC/aJW

Sgt *Stuart* Lt Col, GS.

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SUBJECT:- Amendments to WE.

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56 BLU
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MEMIA

20 Feb 45

1. It is requested that the following amendments to WE NA/508/1 a BLU for Italian Combat Group and WE X11/882/1 an Italian Increment for a BLU may be considered.

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1. NA/508/1	Add 1 Jeep. (fitted for stretcher carrying).	At present there is no transport available for the Capt or Lieut RAMC non medical. The Jeep would also be available as an evacuation vehicle for the BLU.
2. X11/882/1	Add 1 batman. Add 1 batman driver. Add 3 General duty men Add 1 Clerk	For GSO III (I). For Capt or Lieut RAMC. Present establishment is insufficient to cope with all required duties. None on establishment.

In The Field,
AG/ajw

[Signature]

Lt Col,
GS.

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LRKB V LAEE NR24 "P" P"
QV 21
FLM MAIN S ARMY 203920A
TO MMIA
INFO 2 POLCORPS 5 CORPS
50 BLU 51 BLU
QQY

U 322. CONFIDENTIAL. REF YOUR S S 635 OF 17 FEB NOT

TO ALL. AGREE 56 BLU SEND ONE BRIT TRAINING OFFICER
AND ONE ITALIAN OFFICER LIAISON VISIT TO CREMONA AND
FRIULI GROUPS PLEASE INFORM THIS HQ ON ETA AND STATE PERIOD OF VISIT
BT

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Subject: PERSONNEL - B.L.U., CASANO.

To: G.I. (Brit.) (A-1)
A.S.H.

For the attention of Lt.Col. Burke.

1. Further to my visit to you yesterday, I would like to express my appreciation for having granted authority for the attachment of the under-mentioned clerks to the B.L.U., Casano, pending their formal posting to fill vacancies in the War Establishment, when this is implemented.

1146448	W/Bgt. Williamson.	T.A.	(Artillery Clerk).
323691	W/Bdr. Jones.	A.S.	(Unit Clerk).
11264905	Gnr. (U/I/Bdr) Hall.	A.	" "
1588314	Gnr. (U/I/Bdr) Rodgers.	K.	" "

2. In view of the fact that M.M.I.A. have not completed the necessary formal preliminaries to enable you to issue the formation letter, I propose to call at Rome Headquarters this afternoon and ascertain what is the exact position, with a view to expediting the matter.

3. Reinforcements, O2B, have been approached with a view to the posting of the under-mentioned, who, on account of age or medical category, are qualified for posting to the B.L.U. Establishment. It is hoped that these postings may be approved.

1483846	B.S.M.S. Cochrane.	A.
978130	W/Bdr. Raylies.	L.W.
1635219	Gunner Price.	H.J.

4. Application has also been made for the posting of 326905 Gunner Powell. P.S. but I am informed that on account of his age (22) and Medical Category - A.1., consent cannot be granted. I should be very grateful if further consideration could be given to the posting of this Gunner, as he is an expert Motor Mechanic, although not classified as such, and in view of the deplorable condition of the vehicles which are being supplied to the B.L.U., it is essential that I should have at least one first-class British mechanic to supervise their maintenance. He would be included in the War Establishment under the authorized vacancies for General Duties.

[Signature]

Lieut-Col. R.A.

Field.
17 Feb.45.

Copy to: G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon.
H.Q., M.M.I.A.
D.A.C.M.G., B.L.U.
Staff Capt. B.L.U.

LBM/AN.

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S I G N A L

FROM N M I A

21 / 4 A

TO 56 ELU

INFO MAIN 8 ARMY
2 POLCORPS
5 CORPS
50 ELU
51 ELU
56 AREA FOR DMT

SS 656

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL

REFERENCE YOUR G O 15 OF 16 FEB () 8 ARMY IN THEIR U 322 OF 20 FEB
AGREE YOU SEND ONE BRITISH TRAINING OFFICER AND ONE ITALIAN OFFICER
LIAISON VISIT TO C R E M O N A AND F R I U L I GROUPS (.) PLEASE
INFORM 8 ARMY DIRECT ON E T A STATING PERIOD OF VISIT

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED J. Polk

S/C/29/12 ✓

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FROM : MMIA LO SARDINIA 191300A
TO : MMIA : 56 ELU (retransmitted by MMIA).

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CONFIDENTIAL

FOR KERN (*) REF SIGNAL 9008 FROM MMIA LO 56 ELU NOT DATED AND
LETTER OF 15th FEB SIGNED HOWARD (*) TRANSPORTATION FOR HOWARD
AVAILABLE IN SARDINIA (*) REQUEST ETA ELMAS

Precedence IMPORTANT.

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LRKB V LAEE NR14

FROM 50 BLU

TO MMIA LRKB

QQY

G 34. CONFIDENTIAL. REF YOUR SS 635 OF 17 M

~~CONFIRMED~~ CONFIRMED THAT OFFRS DESCRIBED CAN CONVENIENTLY BE
ACCEPTED FORTHWITH ON VISIT TWO OR THREE DAY DURATION

BT

SENT NR14 190210A JLP BB K

RECD NR 14 190210 A AAA AR K

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FROM MMIA

TO 8 ARMY

INFO 50 BLU
61 BLU

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SS 636

CONFIDENTIAL

SS BLU WISH TO SEND ONE BRITISH TRAINING OFFICER MAJOR
N E S Y AND ONE ITALIAN OFFICER ON LIAISON VISIT TO
CREMONA AND FRIULI GROUPS EARLIEST (.)
IS THIS CONVENIENT QUERY

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

3/6/29/12

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SIGNAL

FROM DIA

TO AFHQ

SS 618

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL

24/12 *apt* *SD/103. 202*
1140 *File*

REFERENCE P22428 CITE FIDCT OF 7 FEBRUARY (.) ONE (.) RECOMMEND
CONTINUANCE OF W E CM/508/1 B L U FOR COMBAT GROUP WITHOUT CHANGE
INCLUDING APPOINTMENT OF GSO 1 (.) TWO (.) CONSIDER CONTINUANCE OF
W E CM/510/1 "Z" TRAINING TEAM ROYAL ARTILLERY A QUESTION FOR D M T
BUT OF OPINION THAT W E SHOULD CONTINUE UNTIL ARTILLERY SCHOOL AT
R T C I C F PROPERLY ESTABLISHED WITH FULLY TRAINED INSTRUCTORS SAY
A FURTHER TWO MONTHS

PRIORITY IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

G(5D)
3/6/29/1E

Col Pridley

*63 (by) would like Col Hodges to take down with him
1. & 5 reason why we support continuance of appointment of GSO 1 & B L U.
This is a spare copy of an original signed if he wants it*

- 1. His responsibilities have been increased since the start.*
- 2. He commands (inter alia) 5 majors*
- 3. He deals with an Italian Quartermaster General.*
- 4. His W.E. has been increased since the appointment was made.*

In any case 8 Army is more concerned than we are at the moment

W.P.

*Above given to Col Hodges
Col Pridley says he gave these points*

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MESSAGE FORM

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Register No. 57116

Transmission Instructions

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(A)

Originator

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Office Date Stamp

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TO

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(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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			Time Cleared		
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MESSAGE FORM

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Transmission Instructions

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(A)

Originator

56 BLU

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For Action

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(W) For Information (INFO)

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Signed *Boyle*

Signed

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FIGOT

TO: MMIA

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F 25006

SECRET

8 ARMY PURPOSE ADDITION OF RA PERSONNEL TO BLU ON SCALE 1 CAPT OR
LIEUT AND 1 WO 2 OR SGT PER BATTERY - TOTAL 6 AS TEMPORARY INCREASE
SUBJECT TO REVIEW IN 3 MONTHS (.) PROPOSAL AGREED RA 15 ARMY GROUP AND
FD ARTY SEC AFHQ (.) HAVE YOU ANY COMMENT

WS

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Action taken by GEN BROWN
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

MSG Center No. N 96/11
 Classification: SEC
 Precedence: SACMED
 From: ACTION MMIA
 To:

Date Time Rec'd: 11/18/22
 Date Time Sent: 11/18/22
 Reference NR: F 25006
 Cite:

SECRET PD EIGHT ARMY PURPOSE ADDITION OF RA ~~RPT RA~~ PERSONNEL TO

BLU ~~RPT BAKER LOVE ONE~~ ON SCALE ONE CAPT ~~RENNETT OR RPT OR LIEUT~~

AND ONE WO ~~RPT WILLIAM OGDEN TWO~~ OR SGT ~~RPT SUGAR JIS TARE~~ PER BATTERY

DASH TOTAL SIX AS TEMPORARY INCREASE SUBJECT TO REVIEW IN THREE MONTHS

X/ FOX TWO FIVE ZERO ZERO SIX ACTION TO MMIA ~~RPT UNDESIGNED~~ SACMED

CITE ~~PHOST RPT PHOST~~ X PROPOSAL AGREED RA ~~LPT ROGER ABLE ONE FIVE~~

ARMY GROUP AND ~~FD RPT FOX DOG ARTY DOG RPT SEC AFHQ RPT AFHQ~~ X

HAVE YOU ANY COMMENT

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MMIA

AFHQ

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YOUR P 25006 DATED 11 (*) IF 15 ARMY GROUP CONSIDER INCREASE NECESSARY
I AGREE (*) PROPOSAL TANTAMOUNT TO GREATER DIRECT CONTROL AND LIABLE
TO DE SCOURAGE INITIATIVE AND LOWER MORALE (*) IN THIS CONNECTION SEE BY
SD 3 OF 6 FEB RE BULE COMPANIES (*) AGREE PROPOSAL SHOULD BE ONLY TEMPORARY
(*) PRESUME ITALIAN SPEAKING OFFICERS AND NCOs CAN BE FOUND OR LANGUAGE
DIFFICULTY OVERCOME

see 218

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TO : MMIA

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FOLLOWING WBS WILL BE REVIEWED AFHQ WBS ON 12 FEBRUARY (.)
CM/510/1 QUOTE Z UNQUOTE TRAINING TEAM ROYAL ARTILLERY AND
CM/508/1 BLU FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP INCLUDING APPOINTMENT
OF GSC 1 (.) REQUEST COMMENTS NOT LATER THAN 1200 HRS 9 FEBRUARY

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FROM DIA

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TO AFHQ

SS 618

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL

REFERENCE F22428 CITE PRECT OF 7 FEBRUARY (.) ONE (.) RECOMMEND
CONTINUANCE OF W E CM/508/1 B L U FOR COMBAT GROUP WITHOUT CHANGE
INCLUDING APPOINTMENT OF GSC 1 (.) TWO (.) CONSIDER CONTINUANCE OF
W E CM/510/1 "Z" TRAINING TEAM ~~LOCAL~~ ARTILLERY A QUESTION FOR D M T
BUT OF OPINION THAT W E SHOULD CONTINUE UNTIL ARTILLERY SCHOOL AT
R T C I C F PROPERLY ESTABLISHED WITH FULLY TRAINED INSTRUCTORS SAY
A FURTHER TWO MONTHS

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AUTHENTICATED

G(SD)
5/6/29/12 ✓

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SUBJECT: War Establishments - B.L.U.

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

5/6/29/12.

9 Feb 45.

A.F.H.Q. (GI-Br)
(Lt. Col. W.R. ELLIS)

You will remember we spoke about the establishment for the British Liaison Unit attached to the R.T.C, I.C.F.

Lt. Col. L.H. MACKAY has been appointed as G.S.O.I of this Unit and has asked that the personnel shown on the enclosed letter be appointed in the appointments. All the personnel shown are members of Col MACKAY's old Regiment, 39 Lt. A.A. Regt, R.A. which is now being disbanded.

You will notice that Capt E.S. HOARE, R.A. is asked for to fill the appointment of Staff Capt. Capt. HOARE is at present Adjutant of the 39 Lt. A.A. Regt and will not be available until the end of the month as he is fully occupied in the disbanding of the Regt. A posting order however has just been received for him appointing him Staff Capt 'Q' to H.Q. Allied PW Repatriation Unit (AFHQ letter, GI-B/62223/AIO of 5 Feb).

I understand that this appointment has to be filled immediately and as mentioned above Capt. HOARE will not be available until the end of the month. I would like to suggest that if you have anybody else in view for this vacancy as Staff Capt to the B.L.U. that these postings be interchanged.

Major General L. BROWNIE is most anxious that these appointments be made in accordance with Col. MACKAY's wishes if it is possible. I would therefore very much appreciate your help in obtaining these postings.

W.P.

Major General.
M.E.I.A.

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Replied by phone ✓ agreed
X not agreed } R.T.C. agreed
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Subject: BRITISH LIAISON UNIT FOR THE REPLACEMENT
TRAINING CENTRE, ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

To: Officer i/c
Special Section,
M.M.I.A., C.M.F.

From: Lieut-Col. L.H. Mackay, R.A.

1. With reference to the draft War Establishment for the above mentioned British Liaison Unit, may application be made please for the attachment of the following Officers and O.S., pending their absorption on the War Establishment, when approved.

Staff Captain: ✓ Captain E.S. Hoare, R.A. (222252)
Adjutant - 39 Lt.A.A. Regt. R.A.
(under disbandment)
Available - 26 February 1945.
Age - 34. Medical Category - A.

Assistant to D.A.A. & Q.M.G. (M.M.I.A. Appt.)

X Captain G.E. Wearing, R.A. (181453)
Assistant Adjutant - 39 Light A.A. Regt. R.A.
Available immediately and to remain attached
until Captain E.S. Hoare, R.A. is available for posting.

O.Q.M.S.

Yes

✓ 1483846 B.Q.M.S. Cochrane, A. (39 L.A.A. Regt. R.A.)
Available immediately.
Age 46. Category A(X)1.

Clerks:

X

X Sergeant: 1446143 W/Sgt. Williamson, T.A. (39 L.A.A. Regt. R.A.)
Trade - Artillery Clerk (including pay).
Available immediately.
Age - 33. Medical Category - A.1.

X Corporal: 323091 W/Sdr. Jones, A.S. (39 L.A.A. Regt. R.A.).
Unit Clerk - including pay duties.
Age - 23. Medical Category - A.1.

Privates: 14264905 U/L/Sdr. Hall, A. (39 L.A.A. Regt. R.A.).
Trade - Unit Clerk.
Age - 31. Medical Category - A.2.

✓ 1588514 U/L/Sdr. Rodgers, K. (39 L.A.A. Regt. R.A.).
Trade - Unit Clerk.
Age - 28. Medical Category - A.1.

14251876 Gunner Dickson, J. (39 L.A.A. Regt. R.A.)
Trade - Unit Clerk.
Age - 35. Medical Category - A.1.

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General List:

L/Opl. ✓ 978430 L/Odr. Bayliss. L.W. (39 L.A.A. Regt. R.A.)
Age - 28. Medical Category - B.2.

Ptes: 326905 Gunner Powell, P.S. (39 L.A.A. Regt. R.A.)
Age - 22. Medical Category - A.1.

✓ 1635217 Gunner Piles. H.J. (39 L.A.A. Regt. R.A.)
Age - 36. Medical Category - A.1.

M. 14278626 Cmr. Hartley. P. (39 L.A.A. Regt. R.A.)
Age - 36. Medical Category - A.2.

2. My authority also be obtained please, for the retention of :-

QAE.

Cars 4 str. 4 x 4. - One.

Cars 2 str. 4 x 4. - One.

at present held on the strength of the War Establishment of the 39 Light A.A. Regiment, R.A., pending the issue of transport authorised under the above mentioned War Establishment, when approved.

J.H. MacL.
Lieut-Col. R.A.

Field.
7 Feb. 45.

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RLKE V MEDY NR 200656 QVR 2
FROM DMT 72 56 AREA 061700 A
TO 56 BLU

INFO NMIA

QOX GR-- PT

RESTRICTED . DMT/185 . REFERENCE YOUR GP IS UNDATED .
NEWBY MAY VISIT AS PLANNED BY YOU

BT TMI 1720 A

SET GR B 1 GA

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Register No. 57/64

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TO

DMT M M I A

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"NOT yet"
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Message Instructions - (R)

Originator's No.

4015 Confidential Decision sending Major NEWBY
and one ITALIAN officer on liaison visit to
CREMONA and FRIULI groups earliest 10/10
Request authority DMT for Major NEWBY M M I A for
ITALIAN officers

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Signed

Signed

B. C. C.

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TO DMT MMIA

(W) For Information (INFO)

Originator's No. 6015

Confidential Desires sending Major NEWBY and one ITALIAN officer on liaison visit to CREMONA and FRIULI groups Earliest Request outpouring DMT for Major NEWBY MMIA for ITALIAN officer.

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Signed _____

Signed R. C. C.

P.S.S./B/2186/100M-100/3-44

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MEMO

26. 1526 .A.

COMBANDANT BASE ED MEMO

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[Handwritten signature]

RSP DMT INTERIOR DMT/147/14/MT2 OF 28 DEC (.) SUBJECT IS ITALIAN
INTERPRETERS (.) PLEASE INFORM MEMO WHEN NO DEPT NO LONGER
REQUIRED BY YOU SO THAT MEMO MAY ISSUE DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

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(SE/93/2)
MEMO 882

REC'D
MEMO

R22

10. Col.

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FROM 51 BLU 211520A
TO 02E
INFO ORD 1 CDN CORPS - HQ NMIA
QOX QP BT
41/11. URGENTLY REQUIRE THRD B O W O .
MAY POSTING BE EXPEDITED PLEASE
BT
SENT NR ET 35 211944A RMG BD
RCO NR35 211944A HRA KICK

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C O P Y

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SAC CITE FBGCT
TO : 15 ARMY GROUP
INFO: MMIA

FX 88461

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HAVE AGREED ACCEPT FURTHER MALTESE OFFICE IN ITALY AS HE HAS GOOD PERSONALITY (.)
SPEAKS ITALIAN WELL AND IS EXCEPTIONALLY KEEN (.) AS AGE 52 DOBTFUL IF SUITABLE
FOR COMBAT GROUP BUT AVAILABLE IF ACCEPTABLE TO YOU (.) REPLY EARLIEST AS DUE TO
ARRIVE 26 (.) NAME IS MAJOR MIFSUD

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

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AG 091.711/059 OCT-0

16 January 1945

SUBJECT: VE of BLU to Italian Combat Group.

TO : President, Allied Commission, APO 394.
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)

1. Reference MMIA letter, file S/G/29/12, dated 19 December 1944, the interpreter liaison officer problem is now being met partially by the use of Valtese officers.

2. The GSO 3 (I) for each BLU was approved effective 1 January 1945. Provision of further OR's is subject to paragraph 3 of 15th Army Group, cable SD 1034 of 27 December 1944.

By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:

ATO
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Where is this?
W.P. W.P.

Jack Carter
JACK CARTER
Captain, AGC,
Asst Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS
17 JAN 1945
A. G.

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APO 512

AG 091.711/059 GUT-0

16 January 1945

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TO : President, Allied Commission, APO 394.
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MIA).

1. Reference MIA letter, file S/G/29/12, dated 19 December 1944, the interpreter liaison officer problem is now being met partially by the use of Maltese officers.

2. The GSO 3 (1) for each BLU was approved effective 1 January 1945. Provision of further OR's is subject to paragraph 3 of 15th Army Group, cable SD 1034 of 27 December 1944.

By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:

JACK CARTER,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.



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SUBJECT : WE - 50 BIU

50 Brit Liaison Unit

G/5/17/d

HQ 1 District (3)

16 Jan 45

1. The existing WE of this BIU allows for one MT Cpl, whose task is to supervise the maint of vehs all of which are driven by Italian dvrs.
2. At present there are 18 vehs on establishment. This may be increased by another 10 if tpt is authorised for newly appointed G III(I) and LAITENSE offr interpreters.
3. Apart from this latter increase it is strongly recommended
 - a) that the MT Cpl be promoted sjt, as this NCO is solely responsible for the maint of vehs and has only Italian personnel under him, some of whom are opls or even sjts.
 - b) that a dvr/mech be added to the WE. This is particularly important as it has been found that the Italian dvrs - as they are driving Brit offrs - keep their vehs superficially clean, but there is often much to be desired in the inner cleanliness. The dvr/mech would greatly assist the present MT cpl in ensuring that real maint is carried out.

GP
EWK/SYB

AP/Smith
Lt col
G3

Copy to :
MICA ✓
51 BIU
52 BIU
53 BIU
56 BIU

I agree. WP

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~~ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION~~

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Ref 1550/25 G(3D) dated 2 Jan quoting item

175757 and 1758 for AFHQ WEC of 1 Jan

G III (I) has now been posted @ Many things be given

Whether SCQ and Captain LAMC and 5 out 4x4 were

authorized @ Has 5 out 4x4 intended one I one Q and

one medical staff officer @ If so it is not considered

adequate @ G III (I) ^{must have} ~~the~~ covered load carrying vehicle

preferably 8 out 4x4 @ If either or both ITALIAN (?)

officers were authorized request addition of either 8 out or 15 out

to establishment @ If only G III (I) was authorized request

substitute 5 out 4x4 proposed by 8 or 15 out

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REFER YOUR 02X/26810/HPTS OF 8 JAN ADDRESSED
A L C O M (.) REQUEST AUTHORITY FOR 13084221 PTE A C T O N
W H M OF PIONEER CORPS TO BE ATTACHED THIS H Q FOR TEMPORARY
DUTY AS INTERPRETER WITH B L U AT RPT3 THE CENTRE ITALIAN
COMBAT FORCES (.) IF SATISFACTORY AFTER ONE MONTH TRIAL REQUEST
HE BE PERMANENTLY POSTED TO B L U R T C I C F

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Important

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RPHC 35C M M I A
CAMP COMDT AMIA
H.Q. A.C. FOR
ESTABLISHMENTS

P. Arthur Cypor

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AFHQ FOR G 1 (BR)

69 HAA REGT

SS 544

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FOLLOWING SIGNAL FROM 69 HAA REGT (.) QUOTE (.) A 196 (.) RESTRICTED (.) REF
SS 539 BURLEY AND RUMP AVAILABLE (.) UNQUOTE (.) OUR SS 539 OF 10 JAN REFERS

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FROM RAOC TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT 121500

TO MMIA ROME

QQX GR32 BT

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TE/M/81 RESTRICTED (.)

REF YOUR SS 528 2/LT PANO IS NOW

THE ONLY INTERPRETER/INSTRUCTOR ON AMN WING (.)
2/LT SORBELLINI IS BEING RELEASED (.)

YOU WILL BE INFORMED IF AND WHEN SPANO CAN BE
RELEASED

BT 121630A

Col Grande
informed

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AC.

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SENT NR 23 13/0405A LM BB

RD BWH NR23 0405

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MEMO NR 120442 QVR 1
FROM: 56A75A 121200A

TO: PHIA

INFO: C S RT 2 A C

QXX: SF -- ET:

DMT /623 RESTRICTED (.) REF YOUR SS 525 DATED 9 JAN (.) UNABLE TO STATE
REQUIREMENTS INTERPRETERS TILL INSTRUCTORS FOR RTN SELECTED
AND COMMITMENT IN TRG KNOWN

BT 11/11/12 121200A

SENT NR 440 AFM 2 :K:

REC'D NR 440 2040A J O E - 2

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A ON COMMANDANT SMPTB

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TO (4) W M I A

22X CR- L

TE/A/55. RSTB. REF YOUR 55.526 OR 29. IN VIEW OF THE FUTURE COMMITMENTS
OF THE ITALIAN WING SERVICE OF CAPT F M C G I AND 2/LT

P E E R M A E I S I STILL ESSENTIAL.

BT

AMORT B K

ERASE THE NR 15 IN CALLOUT PSE K

ITS WAS HELD'S SRL NR K

OK RECD AAA AT 12/0254 A AM// AR V

NR  IMPORTANT

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Col Grandi
informed.

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LPM V LATE NR 3 P P
FROM 69 H A 25 REGT 111230A
TO M H I A
SUBJ 69 H A 25
1196 . RESTRICTED . REF SS 539 D U R L E Y AND R U N P
AVAILABLE
BT 111230A
SENT NR 3 0325A WMC I K
RECD NR 3 12/0325 A AAA AR K

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AFHQ for G I (Br) 69 Hy AA Regt.

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FOR G (Y) (BR) (*) No Sjt INTERPRETERS YET POSTED TO 56 BIN AGAINST
WE NA/508/1 (*) UNDERSTAND FOLLOWING ARE ITALIAN SPEAKERS AND AVAILABLE
(*) 14828952 L/Sjt BUREY R and 920958 BDR RUMP R BOTH OF 69 HY AA REGT
(*) SUGGEST THESE BE ATTACHED TO 56 BIN FORTHWITH AND POSTED IF EFFICIENT
AS INTERPRETERS (*) FOR CD 69 HAA REGT (*) PLEASE SIGNAL IF YOU AGREE

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John my

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REFERENCE YOUR AG 619 OF 7 JAN (*) ~~XX~~ ITALIAN NCO INTERPRETERS ARE NOT
AVAILABLE (*) NO MORE ITALIAN OFFICER INTERPRETERS ARE AT DISPOSAL MINISTRY
OF WAR (*) YOUR 9/5/17 OF 19 NOV PASSED TO AAT

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Do this may

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Roma

BLO *ph* 179

Ministero delle Corporazioni

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Allegato

Risposta al f. N°

OGGETTO

Possible Interpretation

1428952 I/Lt BURLEY R

920958 Gdr RUMP H

69 Hy AA Regt

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MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 32/10

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Originator

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For Action

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

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Rst 55 529 dated 9

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File 177

MMIA

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SS 529

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HAVE YOUR BRITISH SOT INTERPRETERS BEEN POSTED AND ARE THEY EFFICIENT QUERY

IMPORTANT

S/d/29/12

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✓

gordon *mgia*

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MMIA

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RAOC Training Establishment.

SS 528

RESTRICTED

UNDERSTAND THAT 2/LT SPANO IS WITH YOU AS INTERPRETER (+)
PLEASE STATE IF HQ IS ESSENTIAL AS INTERPRETERS ARE URGENTLY
REQUIRED ELSEWHERE

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✓ JSD/MS

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MIA

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PLEASE GIVE ALL POSSIBLE DETAILS OF INTERPRETER REQUIREMENTS AT CMTU
IN NEXT THREE MONTHS WITH NAMES OF INTERPRETERS SPECIALLY REQUESTED

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TO (FOR ACTION)	MMIA			
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REF YOUR S/729/12 DATED 13TH NOVEMBER AND MY G/5/17. HAS ANY DECISION YET BEEN REACHED. SEVEN MALTESE OFFICERS RECENTLY ATTACHED FULFILL REQUIREMENTS OF FIVE BRITISH OFFICER INTERPRETERS AND OF TWO LIAISON OFFICERS SIX BRITISH LIAISON OFFICERS REQUESTED IN MY G/5/17. NO IMPROVEMENT YET ARRANGED FOR IN STANDARD OR NUMBER ITALIAN OFFICER INTERPRETERS. ITALIAN N.C.O INTERPRETERS ON STRENGTH ITALIAN INCREMENT TO BLU STILL NOT PROVIDED. MATTER BECOMES DAILY ^{MORE} ESSENTIAL OF SETTLEMENT FROM OPERATIONAL POINT OF VIEW.

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4 Jan. 45.

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O.C. 69 H.A.A. Regt., R.A.,
Ork.

Subject:- Postings - O.Rs.

891276 W/Sgt. HECKHAM R.

Ref this H.Q. 022/R1/HAA/39/432 dated 30 Dec. 44.,
and in confirmation of TPA R/1/1409 dated 3 Jan 45.

The above named H.Q.C. will now be posted to 50
B.L.U. in accordance with AMH (R/2284/G1(R) dated 29 Dec.
44.

Please publish posting out in A.F.W. 3011A, quoting
this letter reference.

M. M. M. M. M.
Brigadier,
D.A.C.,

G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon.

In the Field.

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Copy to: Hq. Land Forces Sub. Com. (MIA)

~~56 H.A.A.~~

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~~(This H.Q.C. is posted to you via
14576166 Gnr. DE MARCO who is to be
despatched to Hq. Field Security Gnr
forthwith. Please publish necessary
essentialities striking off strength of
DE MARCO and taking on strength of
W/Sgt HECKHAM, quoting this letter ref.
H.Q. Field Security G.H.F. Please publish essentialities
in A.F.W. 3011A taking Gnr. DE MARCO on
strength, quoting this letter ref.
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TO DISTHREE RPTD MMIA, 50 BLU.

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FURTHER OUR FX67384 OF 12 DEC (.) SIGNED

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ATT 50 BLU WILL BE RETURNED TO THEIR UNITS

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O.2.E. for DAG

AMHQ GI(BRIT) 69 HAA Regt 56 BLU

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CONFIRMING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION MMIA - OZE OF 5 JAN (.) REGRET ERROR
OUR LETTER 8/G/29/12 OF 22 DEC TO AMHQ GI(BRIT) COPY TO YOU SGT HICKHAM
SHOULD GO 50 BLU NOT REPEAT NOT 56 BLU

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8/G/29/12

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A. R. Hurley - W.

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FROM 51 BLU 011515

TO (1) 02E

INFO (2) ORD 10 CORPS (3) HQ MMIA

GR 20 BT

A1/11 . YOUR 02E/46307/RFTS OF 17 DEC .

REQUEST BOWOS FOR THIS UNIT DESPATCHED SOONEST

AS THEIR PRESENCE IS URGENTLY REQUIRED

BT 011515A

SENT NR 5 0339A

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(W) For Information (INFO)

TO LVED PORCEN BUA C/M MHA
56 HLU

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RESTRICTED(.) REF GRS/HL/AA/39/432 DATED 30 DEC.(.)
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Officer Commanding,
69 H.A.A. Regiment, Hdqrs,
G.H.Q.

O2E informed
↑ error
b.R.?

Subject: - Postings - O.Rs.

591276 W/Sgt. BECKHAM IC

Please despatch the above named N.C.O. immediately to
56 British Liaison Unit as an interpreter for an Italian Combat
Group.

Kindly publish posting out in A.F.W. 3011A, quoting
this letter reference as authority.

In the Field.
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MA Crocker Cpl
for Brigadier,
D.A.G.,
G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon.

Copy to: - H.Q. Land Forces Sub Com, A.G.) Your S/C/29/12 dated
(MIA).) 22 Dec. 44 addressed
A.F.H.Q. GL(Br) refers.

H.Q. 56 British Liaison Unit.

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LROF V LRAR NR 106
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FROM 15 ARMY GP 271245A
TO AFHQ
INFO MMIA
QQY GR -- BT

SD1034

CONFIDENTIAL . YOUR AG091 POINT 112/119 OCT DASH O OF 24 DEC AND
MMIA S/G/29/12 OF 18 DEC .

FIRST . CONSIDER EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO INCLUDE MAXIMUM
NUMBER ENGLISH SPEAKING OFFRS AND NCOS IN COMBAT GROUPS AS
MENTIONED PARA 1 (A) MMIA LETTER . IN ADDITION ATTACHMENT
BILINGUAL MALTESE OFFRS TO BLUS WHOULD ASSIST N EASING
DIFFICULTIES .

SECOND . ADDITION OF GSO 3 (I) RECOMMENDED IN MY 1701/23/48/G(SD2) OF
23 DEC .

THIRD . UNABLE RECOMMD 2 BRITISH ORS TO ASSIST G STAFF PENDING OP
EXPERIENCE
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SENT NR 1156 RJW B

~~UGZR LROF V LRAR NR 9050 "P"~~
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SUBJECT: Interpreters.

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OR/2284/G.1(Br).

29 Dec 44.

CH 2nd Echelon.

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Reference Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA) letter S/G/29/12 dated 22 Dec 44 addressed to this Section, copy to you, and your O2E/37510/R of 24 Nov 44.

1. It has now been ascertained that 891276 Sjt. BECKHAM RA can be released by O.C. 69 Hvy. AA Regt for duty as interpreter with 50 HLU.
2. Will you please issue orders posting Sjt BECKHAM from 69 Hvy. AA Regt to 50 HLU vice 14576166 Gnr. DE MARCO G., who it is understood is unsuitable. (50 HLU letter A/1/23/0 of 21 Dec addressed to you refers).
3. Gnr. DE MARCO should be dispatched to HQ Field Security C.M.F. forthwith.
4. It is requested that the above-mentioned postings be regarded as a matter of urgency.

John D. Stumpe

for Major General., D.A.G.
G.1(Br).

Copy to: MMIA
50 HLU
69 Hvy AA Regt
G.2(org)

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AFHQ for G 1 (Br)

50 BLU
69 HAA Regt

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Reference 69 HAA Regt signal A 166 of 26 Dec (.) Our S/G/29/12 of 22 Dec
refers (.) Request you post 891276 W/egt BECKHAM R to 50 BLU vice 14576166
Gnr De MARCO G who is most unsuitable vide 50 BLU A/1/23/C of 21 Dec to
G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon

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HLRKE V LAE NR 5
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FROM 69 HAA REVT 261020
TO MIA
INFO G (1) BRITISH AFHQ
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A 166 (.) RESTRICTED (.)
891276 W/SGT ~~DECH~~ BECKHAM R CAN BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY
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26 DEC 1944
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SUBJECT: Attachments - NCOs

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ, CMT

Tel: 11667

DMT/55/10/121

22 Dec 44

02E

Copy To:

AFHQ, CMT

Hq 52 BLU, CMT

Hq 53 BLU, CMT

Hq INTD, CMT (ref 16/9/622 dated 18 Dec 44)

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1. May authority be given for the undermentioned NCOs to be attached to the British Liaison Units specified for a period of six weeks in order to assist with the training of the Italian Gruppi.
2. It is to be understood that, should the BLU move to a forward area, these NCOs will NOT move with the BLU but will be returned to INTD.
3. Movement will be arranged mutually between G3C I BLU and Commandant INTD.

To 52 BLU
Located at BRACCIANO

934990	Sgt Cardwell, E.	-	DLI
1442428	" Hingley, R.	-	RB
814001	" Farmer, H.	-	RB
1797249	" Weedon, W.H.	-	RWK
1639391	" Corbett, F.D.	-	RWK
1474143	" Terza, R.	-	Buff's

To 53 BLU
Located at TELLESE

2044855	COQMS Patriksen, C.R.	-	R Berks
1175043	Sgt Farayth D.F.	-	Loison
1561676	" Brand, T.J.	-	RWK
1451912	" Firth, V.	-	KOYLI
905046	" Morris, W.G.	-	Foronters
1592396	" Wright, A.N.	-	Y & L

HAF/hc

W. J. Little
Brig.,
D.I.T.

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Subject:- Interpreters - British,

FM.I.
GFM 2 Echelon

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50 British Liaison Unit
1/1/23/C
21 Dec 44.

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2th

14576166 Gnr de MARCO, G.

1. The above mentioned gnr was posted to this unit as second British intpr on 20 Dec 44. This unit was formed on 26 Aug 44, so it has taken four months to produce this man.
2. Now that he has arrived it is quite obvious after only one day that he is incapable of doing this job. He speaks dialect Italian (UDINE) but no pure Italian (which is the language used by HQs and GFFs in this Gp). Further he writes no Italian and as far as one can see indifferent English. He is to all intents and purposes a working class Londoner with elementary education, and in his own words "you've got to be a good scholar for this job" - thereby implying that he is NOT. He admits his inability to do this work and states that he protested against being sent to do any work which involved more than conversational Italian. But he states that all the "best chaps who do the interpreters course at HQ., IS are sent to the 'I' Corps and the others are sent to the B L U".
3. Apart from considering his academic inability, it is surely a doubtful policy to employ a man, who after two years service in the Army is still a private soldier, in a post which involves dealing almost entirely with matters TOP SECRET, SECRET and other matters of a highly confidential nature.
4. Would you please take action to post a suitable and capable intpr to fill the important post of one out of two British intprs on the WE of this British Liaison Unit. Gnr de MARCO is only 'dead weight' to this establishment while he might be doing quite useful work elsewhere - with AIGOT, AG, or even the FSS.

GP.
FMIB/MD

LT COL,
GS.

Copy to:- HQ15 Army Group
" 5 Army (Brit Inor)
" 1 District

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52 "
53 "
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A.Q. / I don't think any action is called for from us. do you?

Yes
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NA by M.M.A.
A.R.
26 Dec

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25 Dec

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SUBJECT: MCO Interpreters for Italian Combat Groups.

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

3/2/29/12
27 Dec 44.

A.F.M.C. GI (British)

copy to: G2E
69 HAA Regt
66 H.U.

I am informed that the under-mentioned MCO is suitable,
willing and possibly available for posting as an Interpreter (Italian)
in a B.L.U. attached to an Italian Combat Group, and that his C.O.
is willing to let him go.

No 891276 Sjt BECKHAM P (R. ARTY)

No 69 HAA Regt

C.M.F.

If this is so, as we are badly in need of such interpreters,
may this be arranged.

tvs/UF.

W.P.
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Major General.
M.M.I.A.

note: I heard then for more A.A. (by Dutch pol)
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SUBJECT: W.E. of BLU to Italian Combat Group

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/29/12
18 Dec 44

TO : AFHQ
15 ARMY GROUP

1. Attached copy of 53 BLU letter 01-13 of 8 Dec 44 is forwarded. This is one of many proposed increases to BLUs now on their way to you on which this Mission is not in a position to advise except to state that:-

(a) We are trying to put as many English speaking Officers (and NCOs) into the Combat Groups, (irrespective of the W.E. of interpreters) as possible and are having great difficulty in getting adequate quantity or quality. We are starting a school (of military English) at the R.T.C. where interpreter reinforcements (properly graded) will be trained.

(b) The Italian view is that they hope to be allowed, and to be able, to command and administer the Groups with the minimum amount of assistance from BLUs now, against the day when they will be left to their own devices. They feel that too much spoon feeding is bad training for their own staffs.

W. Pidsley
Colonel
Major General
M. M. I. A.
(A.O.O.)

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SUBJECT: H.A. of BLU to Italian Combat GroupTO : Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (ASIA)Copy to: 51 BLU
5/4. A/3 Files53 B.I.U.
Ref 01 - 13
8 Dec 44

1. Ref 51 BLU letter A 2/1 of 14 Nov 44, and A2 of 17 Nov 44.
2. I wish to endorse the views of Comd 51 BLU as regards the necessity for more British and Italian interpreters within the Op, and I now wish to add a further need; that of having an additional "Ops/Intelligence" element in the BLU, especially during active operations.
3. My reasons for both needs are as follows:-

(a) General (1) In spite of the BLU's charter (whereby its executive role is restricted, its duties being mainly confined in the earlier stages to supervision of Training and Administration, and later, during operations, to Liaison and Communications) I anticipate in action a tendency on the part of Higher Formations to treat the BLU as though it were the operational H.Q. of the Italian Combat Group, and to expect from it the same services that might be expected of, say, a Divisional Staff. This is, of course, out of the question under the present constitution of the BLU.

(ii) In any case, if the BLU is to confine itself to acting as a "transformer" as between the British and the Italian Formation, the very function of this "transformer" seems to demand a high standard of Interpretership - cum - operational proficiency within its staff.

(iii) At present the establishment of Interpreters allows for only 1 Italian Officer and 2 Italian O.P.s (English - speaking) on the Italian Increment, and for 2 British O.P.s (Italian - speaking) on the staff. These Italian personnel are suitable and competent only for the Administration and routine duties within the BLU and the Italian Increment. They are quite unsuitable for "operational" Interpretership. The remaining 2 British O.P.s are not so much interpreters as "translators", and in neither of these capacities are they suitable or competent for operational needs (e.g. operation orders, written or verbal.)

(iv) The Staff Officers of the BLU are not expected ipso facto to be proficient interpreters, although in fact they do attain varying standards of proficiency. In fact, the H.A.I.A. L.O. is at present the only medium of direct Liaison on a high level as between BLU and Combat Op.

(v) There are few fluent English - speaking Italian Officers within the Group and these have in any case their normal military functions to perform and are not readily available as interpreters.

(b) Ops Staff (1) I anticipate that H.A., H.E., and Sigs Staff Officers of the BLU will be fully employed in existing and

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(ii) I anticipate also an insistent demand by Higher Formation for the continuous manning of the MU rear link set by a G Staff Officer, who may be required to provide a "running commentary" on operations, to pass sitreps, check map references etc, and also possibly to deal with codes and ciphers. For these duties there are at present only myself and G.S.O. II (A/Q and Services raps of MU being fully employed - and probably deployed - on their respective duties.)

(iii) If the duties mentioned above are to be carried out satisfactorily and in addition the normal paper-work in connection with sitreps, intelligence reports, summaries, operation orders etc., is to be handled efficiently, I anticipate that the G.S.O.II and myself will be both fully occupied and, what is more, immobilised at HQ MU, that is, if we may include occasional spells of rest.)

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(iv) I consider it inadvisable that the HLU "G ops" element should share the same "ops-room" with our opposite numbers in the Italian Op HQ: the same applies to HLU rear link signals. This being so, the HLU "G" staff will have to maintain its own "ops-room", with situation maps, War Diary, Intelligence Log etc., and at the same time maintain personal liaison with "G" ops of the Op HQ, and also with Higher Formation HQ.

(v) I repeat that with all the above duties the G.S.O.II and myself are likely to be immobilised at HLU HQ. On the other hand I consider it vital that at least one C Staff Officer should be always mobile, whether it be for personal visits, reconnaissances, especially in forward areas; or for attending conferences, verbal orders by Commanders; or for routine but necessary "Liaison Officer" duties such as the passing of important written or verbal messages, verifying Sitreps, locations etc.

4. I consider that the duties of Commander/G.S.O.I of a HLU demand the maximum freedom of movement not only within the Op but also between the Op and Higher Formation; and that he should therefore be called upon to do the minimum routine and "paper-work" at HLU HQ. If this is admitted, then it leaves the G.S.O.II to "hold the fort" at HLU HQ without relief; and he too, in my opinion, must be free to go out and see for himself from time to time. An extra "G" officer would make this possible.

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(Sgd)

Lt. Col.
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(Sgd)

Lt. Col.
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Subject: W.E. of B.L.U. to Italian Combat Group
 To :- Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MIA)
 Copy to:- 51 B.L.U.
A/4, A/S Files

53 B.L.U.
 Ref 21 - 13
 8 Dec 44

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(ii) I anticipate also an insistent demand by Higher Formation for the continuous manning of the B.L.U. rear link set by a G Staff Officer, who may be required to provide a "running commentary" on operations, to pass sitreps, check map references etc, and also possibly to deal with codes and ciphers. For these duties there are at present only myself and G.S.O.II (A/C and Services reps of B.L.U. being fully employed - and probably deployed - on their respective duties.)

(iii) If the duties mentioned above are to be carried out satisfactorily and in addition the normal paper-work in connection with ^{staffs} staffs, Intelligence reports, summaries, operation orders etc., is to be handled efficiently, I anticipate that the G.S.O.II and myself will be both fully occupied and, what is more, immobilised at H.Q. B.L.U., that is, if we may include occasional spells of rest.)

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(iv) I consider it inadvisable that the B.L.U. 'G ops' element should share the same 'ops-room' with our opposite numbers in the Italian Gp HQ: the same applies to B.L.U. rear link signals. This being so, the B.L.U. 'G' staff will have to maintain its own 'ops-room', with situation maps, War Diary, Intelligence Log etc., and at the same time maintain personal liaison with 'G' ops of the Gp HQ, and also with Higher Formation HQ.

(v) I repeat that with all the above duties the G.S.O. II and myself are likely to be immobilised at B.L.U. HQ. On the other hand I consider it vital that at least one G Staff Officer should be always mobile, whether it be for personal visits; reconnaissances, especially in forward areas; or for attending conferences, verbal orders by Commanders; or for routine but necessary 'Liaison Officer' duties such as the passing of important written or verbal messages, verifying Sitreps, locations etc.

4. I consider that the duties of Commander/G.S.O. I of a B.L.U. demand the maximum freedom of movement not only within the Gp but also between the Gp and Higher Formation; and that he should therefore be called upon to do the minimum routine and 'paper-work' at B.L.U. HQ. If this is admitted, then it leaves the G.S.O. II to "hold the fort" at B.L.U. HQ without relief; and he too, in my opinion, must be free to go out and see for himself from time to time. An extra 'G' officer would make this possible.

5. For above reasons I consider that there is a clear necessity for the addition to the W.A. of the B.L.U. of

(a) the extra qualified interpreters as suggested in above quoted 51 B.L.U. letter

(b) a qualified and trained British officer for combined 'I', 'G Ops', and 'L.O.' duties. (I understand that a B.L.U. with Polish Forces has a G III (Ops and I). This would meet our needs.)

(c) 2 British O.R.s to assist the 'G' Staff in 'G ops' and especially 'I' matters; preferably a trained N.C.O. and 1 other O.R.

6. The need for all the above will be aggravated if, when the Combat Gp goes forward into active operations, the M.M.F.A. L.O. is withdrawn from Gp HQ to some rear location.

L. H. Marks

Lt. Col.
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SUBJECT: Attachments (ORs) RAOC -
10587642 L/Cpl DAVIDSON, I.E.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/29/12
15 Dec 44

TO : AFHQ

Further to our letter S/G/29/12 of 20 Oct.

to read: Please amend paragraph in respect of the a/m NCO

"Clerk/Tech Class II"

and not

"Clerk Class III".

a. J. J. J.
Major General
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT: BLU (for Gruppo di Combattimenti) and Italian Increment to BLU
Proposed Amendments to M.E. No. 508/1 and M.E. No. 509/1

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. G/C/28/20/1
13 Dec 44

TO : G (SD) HQ AAI (7 copies)

It is requested that the following amendments to ME/508/1 and ME/509/1 may be considered as soon as possible.

1. 1st PROPOSAL

Amendment to War Establishment of

- (a) British Liaison Unit (for Gruppo di Combattimenti) ME/508/1.
- (b) NO unit is to be converted to the proposed establishment nor is any War Establishment hereby cancelled.

2. EFFECT OF PROPOSAL

- (a) (i) Increase in British Officers as follows:-
1 Hygiene Officer (Capt or Lieut)1
- (ii) Increase in Tpt.
Car 5 ent 4 x 41
- (b) No upgrades or downgradings proposed.
- (c) (1) The increase is not covered by disbandment or decrease in existing War Establishments.
- (ii) Personnel involved are to be British.
- (d) Units involved will be 50 BLU, 51 BLU, 52 BLU, 53 BLU, 54 BLU.

3. REASON FOR PROPOSAL

There is at present no medical or hygiene Officer on M.E. of the BLU. All BLU's together with the medical authorities at 8th Army and AAI are agreed regarding the necessity of assisting the Italian Combat Groups in this way.

Amendment to War Establishment of

- (a) British Liaison Unit (for Gruppo di Combattimenti) NA/508/L.
- (b) No unit is to be converted to the proposed establishment nor is any War Establishment hereby cancelled.

EFFECT OF PROPOSAL

- (a) (i) Increase in British Officers as follows:-
1 Hygiene Officer (Capt or Lieut)1
- (ii) Increase in Tpt.
Car 5 cwt 4 x 41
- (b) No upgrades or downgradings proposed.
- (c) (i) The increase is not covered by disbandment or decrease in existing War Establishments.
- (ii) Personnel involved are to be British.
- (d) Units involved will be 50 MU, 51 BLT, 52 BLT, 53 BLT, 56 BLT.

REASON FOR PROPOSAL

There is at present no medical or hygiene Officer on W.B. of the BLU. All BLU's together with the medical authorities at 8th ABMT and AAI are agreed regarding the necessity of assisting the Italian Combat Groups in this way.

END PROPOSAL

- (a) Amendment to War Establishment of British Liaison Unit (for Gruppo di Combattimenti) NA/508/L.
- (b) No unit is to be converted to the proposed establishment nor is any War Establishment hereby cancelled.

EFFECT OF END PROPOSAL

- (a) Increase in Italian ORs as follows:
Driver 1.c1
- (b) No upgrades or downgradings required.

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(c) (i) The increase is not covered by disbandment or decrease in existing War Establishments.

(ii) Personnel affected will be Italian Military personnel.

(d) Units affected will be 50 BU, 51 BU, 52 BU, 53 BU, 54 BU.

6. REASONS FOR RSD PROPOSAL

A driver is needed if car 5 ent 4 x 4 above is approved for addition of Hygiene Officer to BU Establishment.

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

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50 1st Airborne Unit. / 55

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Ref Q/5/17 L.

11 Dec. 1954

Ref your Q 1 dated 4 Dec, and ASIA 38362 dated 20 Nov.

As no Offr of 54 B.L.U. was available to take over papers from 50 B.L.U. various documents incl 50 B.L.U. 1/2/11 dated 17 Oct were left in what was the "G" Office of 50 B.L.U.. This was notified to 54 B.L.U. by C II 50 B.L.U. before departure.

It is regretted that there are no spare copies now in possession of this unit and pressure of work precludes our re-typing of the document.

C.I.P.
FRK/123.

Copy to : ASIA. —

[Signature]
Lt Col.
G.S.

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Ref: Valjean 36

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G.I.(22),
Allied Force Headquarters, CEF.

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24 Nov 44

SUBJECT: Interceptors - Postings

Reference your 022/2221/0-1(22) dated 20 Nov 44 and attached copy of HQ letter of even reference and date.

14575166 GUR DI ALROO G. (RA)

Instructions have been issued today under separate authority, posting them to 50 B.L.U.

2351793 SEMM HMM J.A. (R SL 2)

This man was posted to 53 HLU under authority of 022/63/2/2512 dated 13 Nov 44, as a result of a letter received from that unit stating that he was already filling a vacancy on their W.B., and requested his posting. Copies of this authority, unfortunately, were not passed to you in the first instance, and are now attached.

53 HLU letter above-quoted also showed 7/28706; Cpl MONTI C.F. as filling a vacancy on their W.B., despite the fact that he was posted to 52 HLU under authority of this HQ letter 022/24/027/745 dated 21 Oct 44.

0-21001) 223 Letter dated 3 Oct 44 stated that these Interceptors were with No Plott Security, and it would therefore appear that Cpl MONTI was moved to 53 HLU before instructions had been issued from this office posting him to 52 HLU.

In order to regularize the position, the attached posting order has been issued and when completed, the right Interceptors will have been disposed of as under:

50 HLU	21 HLU
671792 14575166 GUR	57526 P.L./51856 JVR
Donberger R.R. (SA) DI ALROO G. (RA)	Interceptor H.S.F. (RA) Stones H. (222)
52 HLU	53 HLU
732532 2to P.L./175) Cpl	7/287061 Cpl 2351793 SEMM
Malino P. Spitzer E.	MONTI C.F. Hydr. F.A. (2423) (R 531)

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2351793 SANG HING F.A. (P. 6190)

53 HCU letter above-quoted also showed 7/267064 CPL LOWRY O.S. as filling a vacancy on their W.S., despite the fact that he was posted to 52 HCU under authority of this HQ letter 028/24/027/74.6 dated 21 Oct 41.

In order to regularize his position, the attached testing error has been reduced and when completed, the eight interrogations will have been disposed of as under:

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Tel: Valjean 36

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Officer Commanding, 757 Coy RASC (Italian Gen Hpt).
 Officer Commanding, 98(Br) General Hospital.
 Officer Commanding, 2 Commando HQ.
 Officer Commanding, 53 B.L.U.
 Officer Commanding, 52 B.L.U.
 Officer Commanding, 51 B.L.U.

20/12

SUBJECT: Interpreters - Postings

This HQ letters 023/14/027/746 of 21 Oct 44 (to 757 Coy RASC (Italian Gen Hpt)), 023/16/11/00/79 of 1 Nov 44 (to No. 2 Commando HQ) and 023/15/120/1/5/701 of 24 Oct 44 (to 56 (Br) Gen Hosp) are hereby cancelled, and the following postings will be effected forthwith.

757 Coy RASC (Italian Gen Hpt).

2/257051 Cpl MARY O.F. (RASC) - to be posted to 53 B.L.U.

56(Br) General Hospital

7382552 Pte TIOUO P. (RASC) - to be posted from 53 B.L.U. to 52 B.L.U.

No. 2 Commando HQ.

RL/31656 Dvr STEVE H. (RASC) - to be posted from 53 B.L.U. to 51 B.L.U.

Relevant casualties will be rendered to this HQ by all concerned, quoting this letter as authority.

C.E.
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Copy to :- HQ, Field Security.
C.I.(Br), Allied Force Headquarters. (Your 02/2284/51(Br) dated

Spillars
5/capt
 Brigadier,
 D.S.,
 G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon.

This HQ letters 022/14/4/227/745 of 21 Oct 44 (to 737 Coy RASC (Italian Gen Tpt)), 023/16/14/227/79 of 1 Nov 44 (to No. 2 Commando Bn) and 023/15/120/1/6/901 of 24 Oct 44 (to 66 (Br) Gen Hosp) are hereby cancelled, and the following postings will be effected forthwith.

737 Coy RASC (Italian Gen Tpt).

2/257051 Cpl MONTI G.T. (RASC) - to be posted to 53 B.L.U.

66(Br) General Hospital

7382652 Pte MORGAN P. (RASC) - to be posted from 53 B.L.U. to 52 B.L.U.

No. 2 Commando HQ.

2.1.1/31856 Dvr STUBBS H. (RASC) - to be posted from 53 B.L.U. to 51 B.L.U.

Relevant casualties will be recorded to this HQ by all concerned, quoting this letter as authority.

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Copy to :- HQ, Field Security.

G.1(Br), Allied Force Headquarters.

(For CR/2284/31(Br) dated 5 Oct and 20 Nov 44 refer 2.1)

G-2(Or), Allied Force Headquarters.

Military Mission, Italian Army.

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Officer Commanding, 50 B.L.U. (for information)

*Spilled 1000
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Brigadier,
D.L.C.,
G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon.*

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Ref OSD conference 29 November (.). Following from 50 ELU transferred to you for action (.). ~~REQUIRE~~ (.). "Understand addition of H I S I R S offer to strength of ELU now approved (.). Request urgent steps to provide this offer forthwith as intense scope exists for his employment in this area" (.). ENDS (.).

Important

W.P. Drury Colonel.

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SUBJECT: Interpretation

Law Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

8/6/20/12 ✓
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Ministry of War.

Further to our 8/6/20/12 dated 1 Dec 44.

Please amend Para 2, 3rd line to read as follows :-

"... provided an Italian officer can be posted to take his place"

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Major General
M.M.I.A.

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