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CREMONA

2nd Cover

opened Oct. 21, 1944. Closed Feb. 6, 1945

Oct 1944. Feb. 1945

Subject: Ref's Demand.

51 British Liaison Unit

To: 1- A Main Eighth Army (2 Copies) (15 Army Gp
A 197 of 31 Jan
reform)

A Rear 1 Gm Corps.
MIA

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- 1 With reference to our A 13 dated 1 Feb 45.
- 2 Forwarded herewith is table showing reinforcements required to complete
A 12 of 1945 (p. 15) as on 5 Feb 45.
- 3 Ref para 2 of above quoted letter.
All personnel on leave are now counted in the Fortified Strength.

MIA
6 Feb 45
M/P

[Signature]
Major
15 Feb 45

3798

- 1 Signal. all BLV's. (incl RTC) with 15 Wm Min.
~~Groups in the line~~
once in the line groups are NOT entitled to
hold the 5% of reinforcements allowed them during training
- 2 Pass attached to Major Belardin

Done

W.P.
10/4.

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REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE WE OF GERMANY GROUP

	Drivers.	Driver Mechs.	Motorcyclists.	Fitters.M.V.	Armourer Mechs.	Radio Engineers.	Radio Telegraphists.	Radio Mechs.	Electricians.	Bricklayers.	Carpenters.	Smiths.	Water Pump Operators.	Plumbers.	Camouflage Specialists.	Pump Mechs.	Cipher Operators.	Boatmen.	Medical Orderlies.	Telegraphists.	Exchange Operators.	Fullerphone Operators.	Clerks.	Metalworkers.
21 Inf Regt.	14	6	10		13		37																	
22 Inf Regt.	2	2	4		7		26			1		1							1a					
7 Arty Regt.							15															2		
144 Engr. Bn.	4	1				11g	16h		2	2	4	4	4	4	3	1	51	1		1	2			
44 S & T Unit.	4	2	1																					
Workshops.				5e	3			4j	5f		1												1e	2
OPP.			2																				2a	
333 Pd. Hosp.									1f															
54 Med. Unit.			1																3					
TOTALS.	24	11	16	5	23	11	94	4	8	3	5	5	4	4	3	1	5	1	4	1	2	2	3	2

Total GS Personnel. 1106

" Specialist Personnel. 259

1365

a) Must be a Cpl. Medical Orderly.

b) Must be fitter mechs.

c) " " Cpl Clerk.

d) " " Cpl. or Admin Clerk.

e) " " 3 Motor Mechs. and 2 Fitters M.V.

f) Must be electrician

g) Includg. 1 NCO.

h) " 1 Senior

i) " 3 Senior

j) " 1 Senior

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REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE WE OF CRIMONA GROUP. (Including 5% surplus)

NO.

Electricians.	Bricklayers.	Carpenters.	Smiths.	Water Pump Operators.	Plumbers.	Camouflage Specialists.	Pump Mechs.	Cipher Operators.	Boatmen.	Medical Orderlies.	Telegraphists.	Exchange Operators.	Fullerphone Operators.	Clerks.	Metalworkers.	Telephonists.	Sappers.	Mechanics.	General Service.	Musketry Specialists.	Telephone Engineers.
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 " " 3 Motor Mechs. and 2 Fitters M.V.

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g) Inclg. 1 NCO.

NCO

- h) " 1 Senior R/T and 4 Junior NCO's.
 i) " 3 Senior NCO's and 2 Junior NCO's.
 j) " 1 Senior NCO Radio Mech.

Subject: AFHQ Overall Order of Battle -
Part II(a) Combat Groups.

Main HQ Eighth Army

Land Forces Sub Com AC.
(M.H.I.A.).

File No S/C/29/14

Feb 45

1. Confusion appears to have arisen as to the designation of the Engineer units with GRCMWA Combat Group.

2. Correct designations are shown in AFHQ ASD/922.5 of 20 Dec 44 addressed 15 Army Group and are as follows :-

HQ 144 Bn and three LADs
29 Field Company
77 Field Company
44 Signals Company

3. The designation 13 Field Company was shown in error for 77 Field Company in AFHQ 922.5 of 14 Nov 44. 379

4. You are requested to confirm that your letter 114222/4 SD2 dated 17 Dec 44 addressed to 10 Corps has since been amended.

Major General
M.H.I.A.

Copies to :- 15 Army Group

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Subject :- Change of Designation of Group Units

51 British Liaison Unit

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To :- Land Forces Sub-Com A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

With reference to your letter S/G/29/14 of 30 Jan 45 regarding the above.

1. In 10 Corps Order of Battle No. 20 of 1 Dec 44 the designation 15 relating to what had been previously 77 Field Engineer Company was noted.
2. The new designation was challenged by this HQ in a letter to 10 Corps, who replied that 15 Company was correct, giving as authority a letter from Main HQ Eighth Army copy of which is attached.
3. It was considered under these circumstances that the new designation had originated in an Order of Battle of Gruppo Granona forwarded from S.M.R.E. or M.M.I.A.
4. I need scarcely inform you that I am the last person to initiate any change of designation or any blow at prestige of the Italian Army. I would be glad if you would enforce the resumption of the old number of the unit in question.

Field
IM/VMM

5 Feb 45

Lieut Colonel,
General Staff. 3795

C.S.D. Ry above and # 233
Will you please take action
as at para 4. above. S.P.

3. It was considered under these circumstances that the new designation had originated in an Order of Battle of Gruppo Cremona forwarded from S.M.R.E. or M.M.I.A.

4. I need scarcely inform you that I am the last person to initiate any change of designation or any blow at prestige of the Italian Army. I would be glad if you would enforce the resumption of the old number of the unit in question.

Field
IM/WHK
5 Feb 45

Lieut Colonel, 3790
General Staff.

G.S.D.
Reg above and H 233
Will you please take action
as at para 4. above.

7 Feb.

S.P.

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Subject :- Order of Battle
CREMONA COMBAT GP

MAIN HQ EIGHTH ARMY COMF

M 14228/4 SD 2

17 Dec 44

Main 10 Corps (E)

Ref your G 101/24 dated 15 Dec 44.

HQ 15 ARMY GP has confirmed that the following units are under comd CREMONA COMBAT GP, and that the designations quoted by you are correct :

HQ 144 Engr Bn
15 Fd Coy

(SIGNED) ??????????????

Brigadier
C of S.

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0% **SECRET** 1/58 D 7441
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

MSG Center No
 Classification
 Precedence
 From
 To

N15/08

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AFHQ

REHMA

56 BLU

Date Time Rec'd : 080650A
 Date Time Sent : 072215A
 Reference NR : FX-2252
 Cite : 1716GT

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SEVENP FIVE TWO ACTION UNIA RTT CMA FIVE SIX BLU RTT SIGNED

SACKED CITE PHOTO T ENEMY POSITION LOCATED BY CREMONA RTT

GROUP MIKE FIVE EIGHT EIGHT FIVE SIX ZERO X ENEMY RAID ON

PLATOON MIKE SIX THREEFOUR FIVE THREE SIX CAUSED CASUALTIES BUT WAS

DRIVEN OFF X TOTAL ITALIAN CASUALTIES IN MY CABLE OF ZERO SIX REFERRED

TO ALL CASUALTIES DUE TO ENEMY ACTION IN ALL ARMS SINCE BEGINNING OF

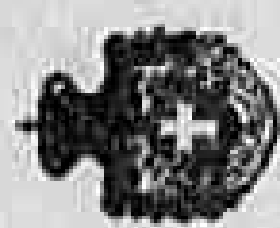
ITALIAN CAMPAIGN X DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THESE FIGURE **3794**

SUBSEQUENT QUOTATIONS WILL INDICATE APPROXIMATELY THE TOTAL COMBAT

GROUP CASUALTIES

SECRET

W/P



SEGRETO
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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

G.S. UFFICIO OPERAZIONI

N. *1496* prot. Op.

P.M. 3800, H *6* febbraio 1945

Allegati

Risposta al foglio N.

del

OGGETTO: schieramento gruppo combattimento "Cremona".

(carta 1:25.000 ediz. inglese - Alfonsine - S. Alberto - Mandriole).

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ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (NMIA)

R O M A

Seguito foglio 1151/op. del 4 febbraio.-

Comunicasi che il III/22° ftr. ha sostituito in linea il II/22° ftr. (località riportata nella segnalazione relativa allo schieramento del gruppo "Cremona" trasmessa col foglio cui si fa seguito).#

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
- Alessandro Santi -

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Letter Dispatch

OGGETTO: schieramento gruppo combattimento "Cremona".
(carta 1:25.000 ediz. inglese - Alfonsine - S. Alberto - Mandriole).

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ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MEMIA)

ROMA

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
- Alessandro Santi -

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be have been informed that the 3rd Bn 22nd Infantry Regt has relieved the 2nd Bn 22nd Infantry Regiment in the line (location reported in the letter referred to above dealing with the dispositions of the Cremona Group)

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

R/g.a.

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI

SEGRETO

N.

proi. Op.

P.M.3800, li 11 febbraio 1945

Allegati

Risposta al foglio N.

del

OGGETTO: Schieramento gruppo combattimento "Cremona";

(carta 1:25.000 ediz.inglese - Alfonsine - S.Alberto - Mandriole).-

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA)

R O M A

Seguito foglio 725 del 24 gennaio u.s.=

Si trasmette lo schieramento del gruppo combattimento "Cremona" riferito al giorno 29 gennaio:

- Comando gruppo combattimento : Ravenna 5538
- 21° reggimento fanteria:
- Comando reggimento
- Comando I battaglione : Porto Corsini
- Comando II battaglione : 549512 6346
- Comando III battaglione : Casa Rossa 605541 528516
- 22° reggimento fanteria:
- Comando reggimento : C.Pesca 545504
- Comando I battaglione : Podere di Mezzo 523508
- Comando II battaglione : Fattoria Rasponi 502501
- Comando III battaglione : Lo Stebbiele 5742

Disposizione
OGGETTO: Schieramento gruppo combattimento "Cremona";

(carta 1:25.000 ediz. inglese - Alfonsine - S. Alberto - Mandriole). -

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (MMIA) R O M A

Ref.

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- 21° reggimento fanteria:		
- Comando reggimento		
- Comando I battaglione :	Porto Corsini	545512 3792 6346
- Comando II battaglione :		605541
- Comando III battaglione :	Cass Rossa	528516
- 22° reggimento fanteria:		
- Comando reggimento	C. Pesca	545504
- Comando I battaglione :	Podere di Mezzo	523508
- Comando II battaglione :	Pattoria Rasponi	502501
- Comando III battaglione :	Lo Stabbiale	5742
- 7° reggimento artiglieria:		
- Comando reggimento	:	575422
- Comando I Gr. 25 lbs.	:	550512
- Comando II " 25 lbs.	:	593501
- Comando III " 25 lbs.	:	553511

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- Comando IV Gr. 25 lbs. : 579455
- Comando V " 17 lbs. : 536519
- Comando VI " 40 mm. : Numana (Ancona)
- Comando 144 battaglione misto genio : Ravenna

IL GENERALE ADDETTO

- Alessandro Santi -



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SECRET *29/4* **LAND FORCES**
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE *2/861*

MSG Center No *N12/07*
 Classification *S*
 Precedence *Routine*
 From *AFHQ*
 To *MMIA 56 BLU*

HEADQUARTERS
 7-FEB-1945
A. C.

Date Time Rec'd *070154A*
 Date Time Sent *062128A*
 Reference NR *FX22166*
 Cite *FIGET*

SECRET PARAPHRASE COSITINTREF ZERO FIVE FOLLOWS ACTION TO

MIKE MIKE ITEM ABLE FIVE SIX BLU PAREN BENEVENTO ~~WIA~~ FOX XRAY TWO

TWO ONE SIX SIX SIGNED SAC CITE FIGET PATROL FROM TWO ONE REGT

PAREN CREMONA PAREN AT MIKE SIX THREE FIVE FIVE FIVE SEVEN MADE NO

CONTACT X ENEMY PATROL MIKE FIVE EIGHT THREE FIVE FIVE EIGHT

REPULSED X TOTAL ITALIAN CASUALTIES TO OBOE THREE ZERO SIX ZERO

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 ZERO ABLE ARE KILLED FIVE ONE SIX CMA WOUNDED ONE FIVE ZERO NINE

CMA MISSING SIX FOUR NINE CMA PETER WILLIAM THREE SIX

Spoke 63 Org. will be sent by AFHQ daily
Asked AFHQ to clarify both as regards K *516.*
from 2 number of formation W *1579.*
covered. Entirely Special M. *644.*
Section affair. PW *36.*

SECRET

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FROM : 51 BLU

TO : MMIA REAR 1 CIN CORPS MAIN 8 ARMY NT

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REF MAIN ARMY SIGNAL A 1450 OF 02 AND AMHQ SIGNAL D 77 OF 30 JAN PARTICULARS OF PATRIOTS LOCALLY ENLISTED TO DATE BY CREMONA GP AS FOLLOWING (.)

22/1/45	176 (.)	27/1/45	48 (.)	28/1/45	37 (.)	30/1/45	61 (.)
2/2/45	25 (.)	3/2/45	207 (.)	TOTAL 554 (.)			

IN FUTURE THIS RETURN WILL BE RENDERED EARLY (.) DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THESE FIGURES AND THOSE RENDERED VERBALLY BY 51 BLU (.) TO 1 CIN CORPS DUE TO CERTAIN NOS BEING REJECTED AFTER SCREENING (.) NOS ABOVE ALL NOW FULLY EQUIPPED AND POSTED TO UNITS IN CREMONA GP

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IMPORTANT.

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LROF V LRAR NR 7148 IMPORTANT T MEYT QVR 1

FR M 51 BLU 050920 A

TO MMIA REAR 1 CDN CORPS MAIN 8 ARMY

QQX GR 99

A 15 . RESTRICTED . REF MAIN ARMY SIGNAL A 1450 OF 02 AND
AFHQ SIGNAL D 77 OF 30 JAN PARTICULARS OF PATRIOTS LOCALLY
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NOW FULLY EQUIPPED AND POSTED TO UNITS IN
CREMONA GP

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SENT NR 7148 1215 WR B 2

RD 11/ 1215 CACCC "B "

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SECRET

SUBJECT: Reinforcements

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/O/29/14
5 Feb 45

TO : MMIA LO RTG ICF

para 3. Herewith copy of signal from SI BLU for action on

cgl

R. G. A. Grouse-Raines
Capt.
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Subject: Reinforcements Request

British Liaison Unit

29/14

A 15

8/Sec 234
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To: 1- A 1st Air Division (2 copies) (15 Army Op A 197 of 31 Jan return)
A 1st Air Division
MIA

1. Forwarded herewith is table showing reinforcements required to complete all of the 1st Air Division Op. as on 27 Jan 45. These deficiencies are assessed on the posted strength of the Op less deserters who have not been struck off the strength (i.e. absence of less than 15 days) and 50% of personnel on leave.
2. It has been necessary to discount 50% of personnel on leave from the posted strength as hitherto the 1st Air Division Op have not kept a precise check on such personnel. Arrangements have been effected during the past few days to remedy this. In the future ALL personnel on leave will be counted in the posted strength.
3. Since this return was received by 1st Air Division Op the following reinforcements have been received by units under the Comd of the Op.

Inf	230
Arty	6
Engs	4
Med	1

} All general duties except :- 1 W/O, 1 Dvr, 1 Policeman, 1 Cook, 1 Medical orderly.

Field.
1 Feb 45
AM/WHI

Admiral 3787
Major
D.A. QC

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REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE WE OF THE GRUPPO (incl

	Drivers.	Driver Mechs.	Motorcyclists.	Fitters, M.V.	Armourer Mechs.	Radio Engineers.	Radio Telegraphists.	Radio Mechs.	Electricians.	Bricklayers.	Carpenters.	Smiths.	Water Pump Operators.	Plumbers.	Camouflage Specialists.	Pump Mechs.	Cipher Operators.	Boatmen.	Medical Orderlies.	Telegraphists.	Exchange Operators.	Fullerphone Operators.	Clerks.	Metalworkers.	General Service.
Infantry.	15	8	13	-	14	-	52	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1A	-	-	2	-	-	(1
Artillery.	8	-	3	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Engineers.	6	3	2	-	-	12B	17C	-	3	2	5	2	5	2	4	1	5D	2	-	8E	5	-	-	-	-
44 S & T Em11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Workshops.	-	-	-	4	2	-	-	4F	5G	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2H	2	-
OPP.	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3H	-	-
Medicals.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1G	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS.	40	11	20	4	16	12	84	4	9	3	5	3	5	2	4	1	5	2	1	0	5	2	5	2	13

Total GS. 1320.
 Total Specialists. 253
 Total. 1573

Remarks: A) Must be a trained Medical Ord.
 B) Includg. 1 NCO.
 C) " 2 Senior NCO's and 4 Junior NCO's.
 D) " 3 " " " 2 " "
 E) " 2 " " " " "

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- F) Inslgd.1 Senior NCO Radio Mech.
- G) Must be electrician Mecha.
- H) Admin Junior NCO's.
- I) The 200 reinforcements due to arrive at Jesi have not yet arrived.

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File
233

SUBJECT: Change of designation of Green Units

LAND 2 REGS REG-OPM. A.G.
(S.M.I.A.)

3/9/29/14
20 Jan 45

TO : 51 S.M.I.A.

1. SSM inform us that in your 6/1/3 of 3 January to HQ
CHINA Group you ordered the designation of 77 Field Engineer Company
to be changed to 13.

2. This action is represented by SSM as an unnecessary break
with tradition, and the cause of administrative difficulties with mail,
records, etc. From the SMIA point of view it upsets the Order of
Battle as the change was not notified to us.

3. Please send your comments.

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Major General
S.M.I.A.

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Subject: CREMONA Gruppo.

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ CMF

23/7

18MIA

20 Jan 45

Copy to:- 53, 54, 56 BLUs.
Col. Rae, DMT Rep., c/o 18MIA

20/14
S/Sec
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Your formation will be interested to hear CREMONA have been holding a sector of the line for approx a week. Enemy increased patrol activity straight away and started local attacks on their outposts within 48 hours. Although twice forced to relinquish certain outpost positions, they have each time counter attacked either immediately, or after a short time and have in all cases recaptured their outpost positions and inflicted casualties on the enemy.

R378*

H. Kennington

Brig.,
D.M.T.

SP

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Subject:- Inspection Ports - Italian Unit

Unit Maintenance Inspectorate, **231**
(B' Vehicles Section),
HQ. U.M.I., G.M.P. Tel: 17972

Q(AE)., A.F.H.Q. (2 copies)

AF/UMI/63/1 23 Jan. 45

Copy to:- D.M.E., A.F.H.Q.
AA & QEC., 1 District. HQ
D.D.M.E., 1 District. HQ
M.M.L.A.
50 B.I.U.

Spec Sec
29/14

1. Attached, for information and such action as may be considered necessary, is Report on the second visit of Capt. Flewman of this Inspectorate to the Friuli Gruppi.
2. It is understood that this Gruppi has now moved under Command a new HQ. If this could be notified to this HQ further copies are held here which can be forwarded.

A. Cliff
Lieut. Col.,
C.I., U.M.I.,
A.F.H.Q.

(de CLIFFORD)

dec/PW.

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UNIT MAINTENANCE INSPECTORATE

RESTRICTED

VISIT TO 'FEMILI' GROUP OF ITALIAN ARMY BY CAPT. G.A. PLEMAN.

1.

Capt. G.A. Plesman and two Staff Sergeants paid a second visit to the 'Femili' Group of the Italian Army between 3rd January and 13th January '45. The previous visit to this Group was in October 1944 (Inspector's Report dated 2nd November '44). Since the previous visit, the Group has moved to another area and has been extensively engaged on training exercises.

2.

On 3rd January '45, out of a holding of 1,200 vehicles and 400 motor-cycles, 300 vehicles and 100 motor-cycles were 'off the road' for one cause or another. The Inspector visited the Group Workshops and the six L.A.D.'s attached to Units to investigate the cause of these high figures. Visits were also paid to various Units and vehicles were inspected to ascertain whether drivers were carrying out daily maintenance.

For several days during the period 3 - 13th January, the Group were engaged on exercises which entailed using the majority of the available transport; these exercises were observed by the Inspecting Increment to ascertain the general standard of driving within the Group.

3.

The following conclusions were arrived at by the Inspector:-

(1) That there has been a definite improvement in the driving of vehicles in the Group; this is borne out by the considerable decrease in the number of accidents, despite the considerable mileages covered over snow and ice-bound roads.

(2) That the majority of drivers, although they can drive a vehicle, will not or are incapable of carrying out any minor repairs or adjustments, which should come within their scope. A notable exception was the Transport ~~3788~~ whose vehicles were very well maintained. L.A.D.'s were doing many jobs which should have been done by drivers. Many vehicles were 'off the road' for troubles which had developed through drivers failing to carry out adjustments; this was particularly noticeable in the cases of clutches, brakes and fan-belts.

(3) That Officers, particularly of the two Infantry Regiments, appeared to take very little interest in the vehicles on their charge, and still do not appear to realise the paramount importance of keeping every possible vehicle on the road. This can only be done if Officers Commanding Units insist upon daily maintenance being carried out and Transport Officers carry out frequent inspections of all vehicles on Unit charge. Minor repairs and adjustments should be reported and attended to immediately and not left to develop into a major breakdown, which consequently entails further work for the already over-burdened Workshops.

It is realised that the majority of the Officers have little experience of M.F., but if more interest was taken by Officers, it is certain that drivers would report and attend to more interest in the vehicles on their charge.

Visits were also paid to various units and vehicles were inspected to ascertain whether drivers were carrying out daily maintenance.

For several days during the period 3 - 13th January, the Group were engaged on exercises which entailed using the majority of the available transport; these exercises were observed by the Inspecting Increment to ascertain the general standard of driving within the Group.

The following conclusions were arrived at by the Inspector:-

- (1) That there has been a definite improvement in the driving of vehicles in the Group; this is borne out by the considerable decrease in the number of accidents. Despite the considerable mileages covered over snow and ice-bound roads.
- (2) That the majority of drivers, although they can drive a vehicle, will not or are incapable of carrying out any minor repairs or adjustments, which should come within their scope. A notable exception was the Transport ³⁷⁸² whose vehicles were very well maintained. L.A.D.'s were doing many ³⁷⁸² which should have been done by drivers. Many vehicles were 'off the road' for troubles which had developed through drivers failing to carry out adjustments; this was particularly noticeable in the cases of clutches, brakes and fan-belts.
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- (4) The Group Workshops and L.A.D.'s are well organised and efficient, but owing to the general lack of maintenance, are having to cope with very much more work than they were designed for; consequently, owing to the rapid consumption of spare parts, many vehicles have to wait a considerable time before replacement parts can be obtained.

In the opinion of the Inspector, the present position is due to the original lack of drivers when the Group was formed, coupled with the fact that the total establishment of vehicles were drawn from Vehicle Parks over a very short period; consequently men were put in charge of vehicles who had no experience of driving.

/ Since the vehicles

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Since the vehicles were drawn, the Group has moved a considerable distance to the present Area and since arrival in the Area has been constantly engaged upon exercises; this has meant that no time has been available for training drivers in maintenance.

5.

The Officers of 50 B.L.U., have in the opinion of the Inspector done everything in their power to improve the maintenance of the Group.

6.

The contents of this Report were conveyed to the G.C.C. No. 1 District by the Inspector, upon his visit to the Group.

13th January '45.

(Sgnd) G.A. PLAMMAN, Capt., Leica. Regt.,

INSPECTOR.

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Subject :- State of Gr. 50 OPERATIONSCONFIDENTIAL

51 British Liaison Unit

To :- G.S.O. 2 (TNS)
Main 2 Army

G 5

29/11 2.1. Spec Sec

As requested by you (telephone conversation G 1 (TNS) - G 2 51 BLU 21 Jan) I submit the following notes on the performance of the Gruppe.

2. The Sector

The sector allotted to the Gruppe compels five of the six I/L due to be omitted. The one reserve in is within 1000 yds of the line. The sector is by no means a quiet one. The enemy have what observation there is along most of the line as they are dug into the dyke of the canals which run along the front while the Gruppe are in flat vineyards and marshland.

3. Morale

Wise, at the time of writing, is high, and is higher than at any time I have known the Gruppe. Description is at a lower figure than it has been and the troops stand up to the weather conditions very well. There seems little doubt of their personal courage.

4. Int. Tns

As I stated in my memo of 25th Jan the Gruppe will have to learn a lot the hard way. The necessity for digging in last being accepted, the uses of wire and mines are now realised etc. Mine discipline is completely non-existent and in my opinion is responsible for a lot of unnecessary trouble which befalls the Gruppe. There are signs of improvement in this but I think this will always be a weakness. Patrols, as might be expected, were very noisy and timid but these are definitely improving.

The worst fault which has come to light has been the too easy abandoning of the positions when threatened or bombarded by the enemy. The Gruppe explanation that this is caused by sections being weak is NOT the real answer in my opinion although a contributory factor. It is, of course, bad leadership. It is also stupid and wasteful as it involves a comparatively major operation to retake the abandoned position. I do NOT think we shall get this right while the Gruppe remain extended as they are. Care of weapons has improved but is still bad. There is no doubt that the Br Tns Majors have been the inspiration of the defence, and it is problematical what would have occurred without them.

5. Communications

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5. Food

This is always lamentable but in some occult way the food reaches the troops. Far too much but still still sound and sweet but strong B.L.U. pressure has reduced the volume. **R27**

6. Information

The passing back of information is very bad. The one section at Gruppe HQ is incompetent and does not try to extract information from the units but the latter are most unhelpful and appear to have no idea of the importance of the time factor in the passing of information. I am paying considerable attention to this aspect.

to short 8/ 7 Int. Int. Int.

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7. Interpretation

It cannot be emphasized too much how vitally important interpreters are. The Grupos to be in the line at all must be supported by Allied guns and probably tanks. It is MCF fair on those Allied troops to have no few interpreters available for - at present one Maltese at each Regt HQ.

In my opinion a lot of the lack of confidence felt by the Allied troops is due to the language difficulty.

8. Grupos III

The Grupos have put up a better performance than I hoped for. I feel that if committed with care and treated with reasonable consideration the Grupos will pay a good dividend. All ranks are fresh and keen. The senior officers are all too old and the junior officers are all second-rate but all are anxious to do well. Several cases of quite outstanding bravery have been reported. I should say this Grupo has learnt a lot and will go on learning. I think up to a point it will continue to learn, and the Grupos may become fair second-rate troops. With a stiffening of the officers and M.C.O.s they would be good second-rate troops.

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FIELD
DPMG/WHM
21 Jan 46

BW. Webb/Ank

Lieut Colonel,
General Staff.

Copy to: M.M.I.A for information

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BW. Webb/ta

Lieut Colonel,
General Staff.

Copy to: R.M.I.A for information

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Field
BWHC/WHH
21 Jan 65

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Subject:- Italian Army - Enquiries O.R.s.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
R O M E
AQ/11

M.M.I.A. L.O.

Rear H.Q. 5 Army.

16 Jan 45.

Ref attached letter from 51 B.L.U.

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Will you please ask Provost 5 Army if they are able to give any help in tracing the missing youth, who it is thought might have "attached" himself to a 5 Army Unit. Any help in this matter will be appreciated.

S.P. Archer Capt.

S.P. ARCHER, Capt.
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to:- O.C. 51 B.L.U.
(your A1 of 7 Jan refers)
Spec. Sec. M.M.I.A.
(for information)

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Subject :- Welfare

To :-
HQ MMIA

51 British Liaison Unit

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- 1 W O Class 1 Domenico RIVELLI, of the 21 Inf Regt CREMONA Division, on his return from Christmas leave asked for the help of the Allied police in tracing his own son VINCENZO, born at SPEZIA on 27 August 1930.
- 2 This boy was a student at the Salesian College "Cavanis" of LUCCA, which he left on the morning of 8 October without leaving any information as to his whereabouts.
- 3 It is believed that the boy is actually with a party of Americans in the VIAREGGIO - PIETRASANTA zone according to reports by Allied soldiers stationed at LUCCA, who have recognised the boy from a photograph shown to them by the boy's mother. Photographs of the absentee have been handed in to the Civil Police, the Prefecture and to the M P at LUCCA.
- 4 As this case affects an excellent N C O it would be appreciated if the assistance of MMIA could be enlisted to help in finding this boy.

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Field
7 Jan 45
/RGT

Lt Col
General Staff

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ANY REMNANTS OF TRAINING EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE DESPATCHED MANTOVA
GROUP AND NOT REPEAT NOT TO FOLLOW (*) FOR 53 ELU (*) YOUR
ED/69/33 DATED 6 REFERS

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Important

[Signature]

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Subject:- Genio Gruppo Cremona

To:

MEIA

51 British Liaison Unit.

G.M.F.

I attach herewith a report on the first independant job completed by the Artieri Coys of the Gruppo CREMONA. It may be of interest to the SO RE.

Field.
30 Dec 44.
BWWC/KS.

BW. Mellor

Lt Col.
General Staff.

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Report on Bailey Bridges Erected 21 - 31 Dec 44 by

Engineers of Gruppo Crenoma

1. Two bridges were erected on the orders of 10 Corps. Both were erected without British supervision on the site - either technical or otherwise. The SO RE was away at the time the work was put in hand.

Bridge at MR S 712023

2. The existing bridge was a multiple span concrete arch bridge. The cement in on arch had not "taken" and the traffic was to be taken over a Class 12 Bailey Bridge built over this incomplete arch.
3. The Bailey Bridge built was 50 foot single/single. The base plates were sunk about two feet below road level giving almost flat ramps at each end.
4. The bridge was built entirely without rollers, jacks, or other non-expendable bridging items.
5. The work was done by a platoon of 29th Artieri Coy. Tenente PRADELLA was in charge.
6. The platoon moved from ASCOLI on 21 Dec 44 and arrived on site about mid-day. The bridging lorries were unloaded the same afternoon. The platoon left the site a.m. on 23 Dec 44, after completion of the bridge.

Bridge at MR S231009

7. This bridge lies 4 Kilometres from ~~Castelraimondo~~ ^{Castelraimondo}. The bridge had been demolished and the existing diversion crossed the river by a timber bridge which was collapsed.
8. The traffic was to be taken by the existing diversion, over a Bailey Bridge Class 12, above flood level. This entailed the supports at the end of the bridge being built up about 4 feet, and at one end an earth ramp at a slope of 1 in 20.
9. The bridge was constructed double/single, 80 foot long. Timber grillage was obtained from railway sleepers, after some delay.
10. A bull dozer had been arranged for, to do the earth work, but was unable to stay long enough to be of much assistance.
11. The work was done by a platoon of 29th Artieri Coy. Tenente MAPPA was in charge.
12. The platoon moved from ASCOLI mid-day on 20 Dec. Bridging stores were unloaded on 21 and 22 Dec and earthwork was started. Construction of the bridge was started on 23 Dec.
13. The bridge was opened to traffic on a.m. 30 Dec - much delay having been caused by the earthwork having had to be done by hand.

General

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General

14. Both bridges were classified Class 24.

15. In each case the work had been well carried out and finished off, and are a credit to all concerned.

16. Excellent training was provided for the officers and men concerned in overcoming technical and material difficulties on their own initiative. All ranks showed great keenness throughout.

Field.
31 Dec 44.
JMG/RS.

J. F. Coske

Capt.
SO RS.

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Subject :- Stores for Vehicle Modifications

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Tele No. Freedom 124

AFHQ/8312/Q(AE)

2 Jan 45

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M.M.I.A. (for Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.)

Reference your S/G/29/14 dated 21 Dec 44.

1. Regarding paras 2 and 4, your request cannot be authorised as it is desired to keep the number of vehicles held in the theatre of a non-standard type to a minimum.

2. When the stock position of these specialist vehicles improves the requirements of the Italian Combat Groups will be considered in conjunction with other outstanding demands from units in the theatre and demands for these vehicles should be made through normal channels.

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JRL/NH

Little
J.R. LITTLE Major,
for Brigadier,
Q(AE).

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LRKB V LAEE NR 27
QVR 4

FROM LAEE 301849A
TO 15 ARMY GROUP

INFO HQ RAC 51 BLU
37 VEH COY
GR 26 BT

MMIA

MAIN 8 ARMY

38 VEH COY

6 GP

RESTRICTED OUR FX 74153 OF 25 DEC. FX76646 SIGNED SACMED CITE FHQAE.
VEHICLES RELEASED UNDER A/VR/8237 EX 5 VP ARE CARS LT RECCE STANDARD
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RAAC MESSAGE FORM

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CALL	CIRCUIT No. NR	PRIORITY	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS	
7449		ROUTINE	OVR 4/6	
SPACES WITHIN RED LINES FOR SIGNATURE ONLY				
FROM (A) AFHQ signed SACRED cite PHQAL			DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN 250800A	
TO (FOR ACTION) 15 ARMY GROUP				
HQ RAC 51 BLU MMIA MAIN 8TH ARMY 38 VEH COY TO (FOR INFORMATION) 2 GP 37 VEH COY			MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS OR	
(REF. No.)	FX 74153	(SECURITY CLASSIFICATION)	SECRET	

Your Q(AE) 7341 of 20 Dec. Released to you for No 2 Italian Combat Group under release A/VR/8237 ex 5 VP with kit complete for collection by driving party No 19

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	ORIGINATOR'S AUTHENTICATION:	TIME CLEARED	

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Stores for Veh Modifications - CHINIA GRUPPO

Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MIA)
5/5/29/44
21 Dec 44

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AMR

1. Certain vans of G.S. pattern have been issued to the CHINIA GRUPPO in lieu of special types
 eg 42 carriers universal in lieu of carriers Mortar
 4 lorries 3-ton G.S. in lieu of office vans
 2 lorries 3-ton G.S. in lieu of CLIFTER vans
 1 lorry 3-ton G.S. in lieu of TRV
2. An authority is required for the issue of the necessary stores for the conversion of these vans: it is understood all work will be undertaken by the CHINIA, vide AMR letter 8342/Q(AS) dated 25 Nov 44.
3. A list of stores required is attached to this letter.
4. Similar requests may be expected from the four other Gruppi who have also been issued G.S. vans in lieu of special types. It is requested that a general authority for drawing stores for modification of vans may be issued in respect of all Gruppi.

RBCplester
May 3773

Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MIA)

Timber planking 9" x 1" or similar	1500 ft run
Timber 2" x 2"	400 ft run
Lamp holders (42 v. bulbs)	24 No.
Hinges, butt 1 1/2"	gross
Wood screws 1"	"
Wood screws 1 1/2"	"
Wood screws 1 3/4"	"
Wood screws 2"	"
Flex	10 yds
Switches for lamps	24 No.
Nails and staples, small	24 No.

Subject :- State of the Gruppo Cremona

To :-

H Q

48 Division

51 British Liaison Unit

Df in liaison G.O.C.

MMIA

SECRET

G 3

Ref conversation @ 1 51 BLU/G 1 48 Div today herewith my views on the fitness of the Gruppo Cremona for battle.

1

General. In my opinion the Italian Army as represented by this Gruppo is a second rate peace time concern. There is a peculiar casual atmosphere about the whole organization which is widely divorced from the realities of modern war.

On the other hand the rank and file are good material, are tough and are very keen. The senior officers on the whole are good well trained Regular officers. The junior officers are deplorable. All are conscious of the implications of the whole scheme and are pathetically anxious to make a success of it. I understand that the six officers who did an attachment to 8 Army all gained excellent reports.

In my opinion the Gruppo should continue trg until Jan 15 and then be moved up. I consider by that date it will have reached a passable standard of trg and - provided it is committed to a quiet sector - it would then learn more in a week in the line than in a month of further trg in a back area. Coy trg started this week and continues until Dec 31. Bn trg will be carried out from then until the Gruppo leaves interspersed with some Regtl and Gruppo exercises. We expect about 1000 reinforcements in the next week. These are alleged to be trained soldiers (Italian model) but even so will require trg in British weapons and methods. I do NOT consider these could be absorbed by Jan 15. I have discussed the matter with the Generale Comandante and he agrees that Jan 15 would be the ideal target date for him.

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5 Arty. All troops have fired and have reached the stage of simple engagement of targets by troops. Battery drill orders started this week and also night occupations. The Regt has NOT had a full Regtl lay-out. They need practice at full scale signalling and survey lay-out, with command post staffs learning how to deal with the flow of messages. They have as yet practiced no co-operation with infantry and consequently are NOT aware of the communications problems involved. They are still short of certain vital items of eqpt. The standard of gun maintenance is low.

G.(SB)

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good
I am more optimistic when they are
imagine what the whole. Carter would
have said about the old C.I.L. and
what they achieved.

With good luck they will be better than this.
I consider the scheme a very fair - very careful prediction.
W.P.
22 Dec.

/To Sheet 2 - 4. Encls...

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Engineers. The personnel of the two RA Coy's are good technicians but are not yet soldiers. They are efficient at mine warfare and explosives and are trained in Bailey Bridging.

Signals. Like the Engineers the personnel of the Tel-radio Coy are good technicians and they seem to have adapted themselves very reasonably to British Methods and equipment.

Tot. The standard of driving and maintenance has improved largely but is still lamentable. We had had a lot of trouble with the setting up of the Mechanical Workshop and this is only just beginning to function. Again the mechanics are good and skilled technicians but there has been an utter lack of organisation and method.

Morale. Morale on the whole is high and the troops are pleased with their British equipment. The recent improvement of rations had an excellent effect. I do not know if it is appreciated what political influences the men of the Gruppo are exposed to. There is no doubt that - in ASSOLI especially - the representatives of the various political parties are making a dead set at the personnel of the Gruppo. After a certain stage has been reached the sooner the Gruppo moves into action and establishes itself as a fighting body the better.

In conclusion I trust that the necessity to commit the Gruppo with care and with plentiful air support is appreciated. It is the first engagement that will make or break these formations. They will never be first class troops, but I believe the men will fight. I feel that to commit this particular Gruppo before Jan 15 would be a mistake and if time can be given for it to continue try here until that date I think there is very reasonable hope of the scheme justifying itself.

Field
15 Dec 44
BWAC/RET

Lt Col
General Staff

W. Webb
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ARMED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q(AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref A/VR/8166.

Date 24 Nov 44.

To : HQ 3 District for 51 BLU.

(Disilnee Signal
QG/3540 of 23 Nov refers).

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity	Description of Vehicles	Priority of issue.
2.	Carriers Universal	
1.	Carriers Tracked Towing.	

Remarks : Ex 12. V.P. Kit Pts I, II, + III. To be collected by unit.

RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

1. On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will release instructions from Ord (Br).
2. After Q(AE) release and Ord (Br) release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.

DISTRIBUTION :

Ord (Br)
File

M.M.I.A.

M. K. L. King
for Brigadier, Capi
Q(AE)

SEGRETO

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
- Sezione Mobilitazione -

Nº 9706 /Mob. di prot.

P.M.151, li 30 novembre 1944

OGGETTO: complementi per gruppo di combattimento "Cremona".

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.) ROMA

1. - La forza effettiva del gruppo di combattimento "Cremona" alla data del 28 corrente era:

- 489 ufficiali
- 9139 sottufficiali e truppa.

In tale cifra erano compresi i ricoverati in luoghi di cura e gli assenti per licenze, assenze arbitrarie e cause varie.

2. - La forza presente, su cui il gruppo di combattimento potrà contare all'inizio di dicembre, sarà di circa:

- 460 ufficiali
- 8000 sottufficiali e truppa;

In quanto si prevede di non poter recuperare circa 1.000 uomini, che verranno percuti di forza sotto la data del 1º dicembre, così specificati:

- 400 sottufficiali e truppa ricoverati in ospedale;
- 350 sottufficiali e truppa non rientrati dalla licenza;
- 150 sottufficiali e truppa assenti arbitrari;
- 100 sottufficiali e truppa non recuperabili per motivi vari.

3. - Per poter portare il gruppo alla prevista forza di 460 ufficiali e 9.000 sottufficiali e truppa (organico più 5%), occorre per tanto che codesta Sottocommissione autorizzi l'immissione nel gruppo di combattimento "Cremona" di 1.000 sottufficiali e truppa, da trarsi dal deposito addestramento complementi di Teano. La decisione ha carattere di urgenza, in quanto il personale da fornire, attualmente non addestrato, deve essere immesse al più presto nel gruppo di combattimento per iniziare l'addestramento.

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In quanto si prevede di non poter recuperare circa 1.000 uomini, che verranno perduti di forza sotto la data del 1° dicembre, così specificati :

- 400 sottufficiali e truppa ricoverati in ospedale;
- 350 sottufficiali e truppa non rientrati dalla licenza;
- 150 sottufficiali e truppa assenti arbitrari;
- 100 sottufficiali e truppa non recuperabili per motivi vari.

3. - Per poter portare il gruppo alla prevista forza di 460 ufficiali e 9.000 sottufficiali e truppa (organico più 5%), occorre per tanto che codesta Sottocommissione autorizzi l'immissione nel gruppo di combattimento "Cremona" di 1.000 sottufficiali e truppa, da trarsi dal deposito addestramento complementi di Teano. La decisione ha carattere di urgenza, in quanto il personale da fornire, attualmente non addestrato, deve essere immesso al più presto nel gruppo di combattimento per iniziare l'addestramento.

4. - Qualora codesta Sottocommissione approvi tale proposta, poiché il gruppo è attualmente in corso di trasferimento, si prega voler provvedere al trasporto dei 1.000 complementi da Teano ad Ortona a Mare per ferrovia. Il gruppo di combattimento "Cremona" provvederà poi con i propri automezzi al trasporto dei complementi da Ortona a Mare alla zona di dislocazione.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)



SUBJECT:- Firewood.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/14

DAAQMG, 51 BLU (your Q5/1 dated 21
Nov 44 refers.)
Chief of Staff, CREMONA (your 828/2 dated
17 Nov 44 refers).

1. The question of the scale of issue of firewood has been under review in this office.
2. It is considered the existing scale should be sufficient to meet present requirements.
3. In this connection, it is pointed out that the scale is practically identical to the British scale.

E. L. Munn-Mason
Capt

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

EIM/jo

Copy to:- S.G. 29/14. 

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DO YOU TAKE FOR 51 BLU SED TO BE ROME AREA OK

PROF LARSEN TMEYT QVR3

~~LARSEN V NEUP NR52 QVR3~~

FROM 557 BOD 260950

TO DISTHREE

INFO 51 BLU RPT MMIA

QOX BT

P3/3888

OG 3545 OF 24(0) RELEASE NOTE NOT REQUIRED

BT 261600

~~PPTN 82 QVR3 557 260950 51 BLU MMIA P3/3888~~

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Subject :- Machinery Lorries.

51 British Liaison Unit

212

To :- HQ., MMIA.,
ROME

Q 7

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1. It is understood that instead of a British lorry 3-ton 6 x 4 Mach. type Z an Italian Veh will be issued in lieu.
2. May we please be informed if this veh will arrive equipped either identically or similarly to a British Type 'Z' Mach lorry or whether we are to indent for the equipment shown on the "D" List of the NEL for this type of veh.

29/11

R. Hatch

Field.
24 Nov 44
RWH/FEM.

Major
DAA & QMG

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SUBJECT: Acknowledgement.

Adv Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.

8653/7/CS

24 Nov '44.

29/14

N.M.I.A.

Receipt is acknowledged of Land Forces Sub-Com, A.C. 8/G/29/14
dated 23 Nov 44.

N.M.I.A.	
FILE REF	1
Data Recd	<i>[Signature]</i>

ceb.

[Signature]
Lieut-General,
C.G.S.

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Chancery 5/6/1

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MESSAGE FORM

Date Time of Origin.

261150^A

From : MIA
To : Ministry of War : 51 HLU : RAAC : MOVWIT: MOV ROME
Ref No : SS 397

RESTRICTED

Reference S/G/29/14 of 23 Nov para 3 (c) (*) Intention is that column
moves from COLOSSUM at 1100 hrs

IMPORTANT.

AUTHENTICATED

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Subject : Receipt of Documents.

Lar. Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

22/11/8/Sec

207
Movements
H.Q. Rome Area
Mov 1/17

25 Nov 44

Receipt is acknowledged of your S/O/29/14 of 23.

N.R. Sturt

Lt. Col.
A.Q.M.G. (M)

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Subject :- Veh Modifications

To :-
HQ MMTA

AFHQ
HQ AAI
10 Corps

Spec 76/11 SECRET

51 British Liaison Unit

Q 2

29/14

1 Certain vehs have been issued to CREMIA GRUPPO as G S in lieu of special types and in the case of carriers as Universal in lieu of MORTAR.

2 The vehs concerned are

42 Carriers Universal in lieu of 42 Carriers Mortar
4 Lorries 3-ton 4 x 4 G S in lieu of 3-ton 4 x 2 G S for office
1 Lorry 3-ton 4 x 4 G S in lieu of 3-ton CIPHER
1 " " 4 x 2 G S " " " (51 BLU)
1 " " 4 x 4 G S " " " T E V
3 Trucks 15-cwt 4 x 2 G S in lieu of 4 x 4 personnel (required for Regtl comd vehs)
2 Lorries 6-ton 6 x 6 Gun Towers in lieu Tractors 6 x 4 Breakdown

3 (a) In the case of the carriers, the relative EMI is awaited before work can be commenced

(b) A considerable quantity of timber will be required to complete the work on the Office and Cipher lorries

(c) Complete breakdown equipment as issued with Tractors 6 x 4 Breakdown is required for the two lorries 6-ton Gun towers. 3753

4 An attempt has been made to commence this work in this location but it has been impossible to obtain a release. The Regt Comd trucks have been fitted to take two W/T Sets in each, but before they are fully serviceable a good deal more work is required.

5 It is, of course, too late to undertake these modifications in this location, but it is desired to commence work immediately the Gruppo is comd and settled in the new area.

6 Your assistance is requested in obtaining the release of the

- 42 Carriers Universal in lieu of 42 Carriers Mortar
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- 5 It is, of course, too late to undertake these modifications in this location, but it is desired to commence work immediately the Gruppo is conc and settled in the new area.
- 6 Your assistance is requested in obtaining the release of the necessary materials.

Field
24 Nov 44
EMR/RGT

R. W. H. L. H.

Major
DAA & QAC

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MMIA

25 1735

51 BLU for 54 BLU

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Reference conversation MOORE - HEAD (.) Spoke AFHQ
who state it is hope to provide your entitlement of
transport within next week

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IMPORTANT

a field memo

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MMIA

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O.C. 51 BLU

AFHQ, AAI, RAAC, MOVWIT,
MINISTRY OF WAR

SS 393

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Ref our S/G/29/14 of 23 Nov para 3 b for route
Seven read route Six

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IMMEDIATE

W. B. S.
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SUBJECT: Tools for Vehicles.

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

3/6/29/74 ✓
SS Nov 44

TO : 51 SLU.

1. The attached letter from AFHQ reference DOS 2/17/5(3) dated 21st Nov 1944 is forwarded for information and /or action.
2. In the case of Chests Tool Fitters M.T., should they not be available as a complete kit, the contents should be demanded separately. Details of contents of chests will be found in the schedules attached to Normal Equipment Lists.

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

Subject: Tools for Vehicles

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

Ref: DOD 2/17/5 (3)

Tel: Freedom 988

21 Nov 44

Ref your S/O/29/14 of 15th Nov. 44

Vehicles are equipped with tools when issued, as far as availability of tools permits. There is still a world shortage of tools and they are extremely difficult to obtain. Some items Section F are available at 557 B.O.D. on whom demands in detail should be submitted.

Cheats Tool Filled Fitters H.T. Section IV6/MT2 Part No. 43965 are issued in accordance with AF G 1098 sealings. These items are controlled by me and issues will be made up to AF G 1098 sealing on receipt of demands.

H.O. EVANS, Major
D.A.D.O.S. ('B' Sprs)
for Major General
D.O.S.
A.F.H.Q.

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C O P Y

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SAC

TO : 51 BLU
DISTRICT 3

Info: AAI
MMIA
MOVWIT

FX 57625

SECRET

Following units will accompany CREMONA Group in
addition to 51 BLU and training team 44 ITALIAN
FD SURGICAL UNIT, 3 Offrs 23 CR 3 vehicles (.)
16 I AA Workshops (British) 1 Offr 51 CR 14
vehicles (.) 51 BLU will send representative to
MOVWIT for detailed orders soonest

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

WB

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Subject :- Census of CREMONA Combat Group

To :- HQ., MMIA.,
ROME.

Attached herewith is census of Cremona C. G. by districts, as requested verbally by Col PIDSLEY.

Field
21 Nov 44
FME/FEM

W.F.
J. B. H.
Wm. E. ...
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Major
L.O. CREMONA C.G.

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COORDINAMENTO "CREMONA"

SITUAZIONE NUMERICA DELLA FORZA EFFETTIVA E DELLA FORZA PRESENTE SUDDIVISA PER REGIONE

Corpo o reparto	e f f e t t i v i									p r e s e n t i					
	Piemonte	Lombardia	3 Venezie	Liguria	Emilia	Italia centrale	Italia meridionale	Isole	Albania	Piemonte	Lombardia	3 Venezie	Liguria	Emilia	Italia centrale
21° regt. fanteria	53	114	190	184	271	1148	316	271	4	43	347	166	156	257	830
22° regt. fanteria	50	237	274	26	228	1278	402	200	-	49	203	227	23	186	898
7° regt. artiglieria	134	313	239	33	140	731	275	124	1	124	290	211	30	116	392
Quartier Generale	9	15	20	1	10	90	11	4	-	13	29	29	3	19	98
Btg. misto genio	29	79	67	25	64	428	125	63	-	28	73	59	21	62	290
Op. Trasp. e Rif/ti	17	48	29	8	47	168	32	13	-	17	47	29	8	44	133
Dep. artigl. e gen.	6	12	5	6	6	40	5	7	-	6	12	5	6	6	31
Off. meccaniche	12	77	39	6	29	153	40	16	-	12	72	34	4	27	123
317^panettieri	2	3	17	2	3	17	4	-	-	2	3	17	2	3	10
54^ Sez. Sanità	11	22	27	4	11	133	32	13	-	10	20	24	3	11	112
84° Osp. da Campo	3	14	7	1	6	9	6	7	-	2	14	7	1	6	7
333° Osp. da Campo	-	3	3	3	4	26	6	9	-	-	3	3	3	4	17
429° Osp. da Campo	3	4	-	-	1	20	15	2	-	3	4	-	-	1	17
739^ Sezione cc.rr.	2	1	2	1	1	5	30	7	-	2	1	2	1	1	5
94^ Sezione cc.rr.	6	-	7	-	2	20	5	12	-	6	-	6	-	2	13
44° Nucl. Chirurg.	-	1	1	-	3	12	-	5	-	-	1	1	-	3	7
T O T A L E	337	1213	927	300	826	4278	1304	753	1	317	1119	820	261	744	2992

Totale effettivi n. 9969 ³⁰³³

Totale Presenti n. 7806

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50	237	274	26	228	1278	402	200	-	49	203	227	23	186	898	302	163	-
134	313	239	33	140	731	275	124	1	124	290	211	30	116	393	161	54	1
9	15	20	1	10	90	11	4	-	13	29	29	3	15	98	18	7	-
29	79	67	25	64	428	125	63	-	28	73	59	21	62	290	83	59	-
17	48	29	8	47	168	32	13	-	17	47	29	8	44	133	31	13	-
6	12	5	6	6	40	5	7	-	6	12	5	6	6	31	4	7	-
12	77	39	6	29	153	40	16	-	12	72	34	4	27	123	36	15	-
2	3	17	2	3	17	4	-	-	2	3	17	2	3	10	1	-	-
11	22	27	4	11	133	32	13	-	10	20	24	3	11	112	32	12	-
3	14	7	1	6	9	6	7	-	2	14	7	1	6	7	6	7	-
-	3	3	3	4	26	6	9	-	-	3	3	3	4	17	5	8	-
3	4	-	-	1	20	15	2	-	3	4	-	-	1	17	15	-	-
2	1	2	1	1	5	30	7	-	2	1	2	1	1	5	30	7	-
6	-	7	-	2	20	5	12	-	6	-	6	-	2	13	2	11	-
-	1	1	-	3	12	-	5	-	-	1	1	-	3	7	-	4	-
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Totale Presenti n. 7806

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LROF V LAEE NR 62

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FROM DISTHREE : 241200

TO 3 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD

INFO AFQ BLU : MMIA

QQX GR 32 BT

QG3545 . RESTD .

REF ORD BRIT AFHQ SIGNAL OS2/701

OF 9 RECEIVED THIS OFFICE 19 . *Stokes*
REQUEST YOU STATE WHETHER ALL SOTRES COLLECTED BY 51
BLU OR WHETHER RELEASE NOTE REQUIRED FOR THIS HQ
BT

SENT NR62 241722A IW BB (PSSIBLE REPETITION) K
RECD NR 62 241722A SLW (-B-)(KK)

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Subject :- Firework Supplies.

51 British Liaison Unit

Q 5/1

To

:- HQ., MMIA.,
ROME.

Chief of Staff, CREMONA.

5/5u

24/11

Attached herewith copy of letter received from HQ
Cremona Group which is forwarded for your information and action
as you think necessary.

Field
21 Nov 44
/FEM

P. Hatch
Major
DAA & QMG

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TRANSLATION.

Subject :- Firewood.

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To :- HQ Campania
Copy to 51 B L U.

1. The Director of Supplies, NAPLES, informs us with a circular letter 16587/1 dated 8 Nov that the Ministry of War has reduced the firewood ration for cooking from 900 to 700 grs per day for troops under canvas or in billets.
2. I am well aware of the scarcity of wood but wish to bring to your notice that the present ration, in view of the cold wet weather, is quite insufficient and if it remains unaltered it will prove impossible to prepare two hot meals per day, as well as the morning coffee.
3. Referring specially to troops who are preparing to go to the Front, I would suggest that the question of wood supplies is reviewed, taking also into account the morale aspects of the situation.
4. I should be glad if you would draw the attention of the Ministry of War to this matter.

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Field
17 Nov 44.

IL GENERALE COMMANDANTE
Clemente Primieri

*This scale is only 20% under the
British scale & it is considered
that this should be sufficient to meet
their needs. Sb*

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LRHB V LARZ NR QVR4

~~LARZ V LRNE NR 208 T QVR4 LROF~~

FROM DISTHREE 221541A

TO 207 SUB-AREA

INFO 94 SUB-AREA " NOVWIT " MMIA " 51 BLU

QGX GR 31 BT

SD 306 . RESTRICTED . 16 LAA WKSP REME WILL MOVE SOONEST
UNDER UNIT ARRANGEMENTS FROM CAPUA TO ALTAVILLA TO JOIN CREMONA
COMBAT GP . REP REPORT AHEAD 51 BLU . UNIT COMES UNDER
COND 51 BLU

BT 221541A

~~REPTN 208 T LROF QVR4 221541A 207 94 51 31~~

~~SD 306 16 ALTAVILLA CREMONA 51 51 221541A~~

" LJPB "

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.

(M.M.I.A.)

5/6/44

23 Nov 44

Instructions for March of a Representative Column
of GRENADA Combat Group through ROME

1. Object

(a) To strengthen morale of the reorganised Italian Combat

Groups.

(b) To permit the people to see and appreciate the competence
and worth of the re-equipped Italian Army.

2. Intention

That a representative column of the GRENADA Group should march
through ROME with its guns and transport during the move northwards of
the Group.

3. Method

(a) The column will be composed of 1500 men and 800 vehicles
as shown in Table A.

(b) The column will proceed under orders of MOVIE to arrive
at the Staging Area 7 2164 (S.M.A. of ROME on Route 7) on the evening
of 30 Nov and will leave at 0530 on 1 Dec under arrangements made by

Movements Table.

(c) Forming up position for ceremonial march will be on VIA

VIA BLONDI (South of COLONNA) facing north with head at Arch of Con-

2. Intention

That a representative column of the GRADINA Group should march through ROME with its guns and transport during the move northwards of the Group.

3. Method

(a) The column will be composed of 1500 men and 100 vehicles

as shown in Table A.

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(b) The column will proceed under orders of MOVHIT to arrive at the Staging Area F 0164 (8 KM S.E. of ROME on Route 7) on the evening of 30 Nov and will leave at 0630 on 1 Dec under arrangements made by

Movements ROME.

(c) Forming up position for ceremonial march will be on VIA DEL TRIONFI (South of COLOSSEUM) facing north with head at Arch of Constantine ready to move off at 1030 hrs on 1 Dec.

(d) Route for march via del TRIONFI, PIAZZA VENEZIA (by South and west sides) CORSO UMBERTO - VIA FLAMINIA to re-entraining point at South end of VIALA TRIANO. (2 3/4 miles).

(e) Mid-day meal will be eaten at re-embussing point between 1200 noon at 1845 and will be supplemented by hot soup provided locally by Italian Authorities.

(f) Departure northwards by Route 2 under arrangements of

Movements ROME.

4. GENERAL

(a) Ceremonial arrangements inside ROME are being made by the Italian authorities in ROME in consultation with HMLA.

(b) Traffic arrangements from staging area to forming up position and for embussing point to outside ROME area will be in the hands of P.A.A.C.

(c) It is expected that a salute will be probably taken in VIA del 'MURRO opposite the VIA CAVOUR.

(d) Detailed make up of the column, inclusive of band and colours will be at discretion of Group Commander following Italian practice as far as possible.

5. Responsibility

O.C. 51 HLU will pass above instructions to Group Commander and ensure that they are understood, and that the Group Commander's detailed orders are in accordance with the above general instructions.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE

TO : O.C. 51 HLU

COPY TO: ADHQ
AAL
RMS

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

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(d) Detailed description of the volume, including the name of the

colours will be at discretion of Group Commander following Italian practice as far as possible.

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6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

TO : C.O. 51 RHU

COPY TO: AFHQ
AAL
RMS
MOVIE - NOV 1945

Copy sent to Kim Wan 24 Nov (for action on
para 4 a & b) by Maj Bannan. B.F. 27/11. *W.P.*

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TABLE "A"

Composition of CHAMPA Demonstration Column for March through RARE

	Men	Vehicles
One Composite Bn. 2.	25	5
One Composite Inf Bn	300	50 (part for 3rd Coy)
One Composite Arty Bn	450	80 (as many guns as possible)
One Det 1st Coy	75	25 (with guns for joining)
One Det 2d Bn	180	20 (with same equipment)
One Det Mech Bn	15	5 (with breakdown equipment)
One Det 2d Hosp	15	5 (to include ambulances)
TOTAL	1500	200

Notes:-

- The long stay at Staging Area 8 KM South east will permit of cleaning of vehicles, equipment and sorting of loads and personnel.
- The forming up halt at Arch of Constantine is to enable ceremonial formation - marching and vehicles - to be adopted.
- Band and Colours should be included in the column if available.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

Subject: Tools for Vehicles.

Land Forces Sun-Comm, A.G.
M.K.I.A.

Ref: DOS 2/17/5 (3)

Tel: Freedom 988

21. Nov. 44.

Ref your S/G/29/14 of 15th Nov. 44.

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Chests Tool Filled Fitters M.T. Section LV6/MT2
Part No. 43965 are issued in accordance with AF G1098 scalings. These items are controlled by me and issues will be made up to AF G1098 scaling on receipt of demands.

H.G. EVANS, Major,
D.A.D.O.S. ('B' Sprs)
for Major General,
D.O.S.
A.F.H.Q.

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SECRET

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
5/6/20/10
23. Nov 44

Instructions for March of a Representative Column
of German Combat Group through Rome

1. Object

(a) To strengthen morale of the reorganized Italian Combat

troops.

(b) To permit the people to see and appreciate the competence
and worth of the re-equipped Italian Army.

2. Intention

That a representative column of the German Group should march
through Rome with its guns and transport during the move northwards of
the Group.

3. Method

(a) The column will be composed of 1500 men and 500 vehicles
as shown in Table A.

(b) The column will proceed under orders of MOVIEIT to arrive
at the Staging Area F 5164 (c/o M.A. of RAIL on Route 7) on the evening
of 30 Nov and will leave at 0600 on 1 Dec under arrangements made by
MOVEMENTS BRANCH.

(c) Forming up position for ceremonial march will be on VIA
DEL TRIUMFO (south of COLONNATI) facing north with head at area of Com-

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and north of the re-equipped Italian Army.

2. Intention

That a representative column of the GARIBOLDI Group should march through MONTE with its guns and transport during the next northwards of the group.

3. Method

(a) The column will be composed of 1500 men and 200 vehicles as shown in Table A.

(b) The column will proceed under orders of MONTE to arrive at the Staging Area F 5164 (2/24 S.E. of RMC on Route 7) on the evening of 20 Nov and will leave at 0800 on 1 Dec under arrangements made by arrangements HQ.

(c) Forming up position for ceremonial march will be on VIA DEL BRONZI (south of GELICCHIA) facing north with head at Arch of Constatine ready to move off at 1000 hrs on 1 Dec.

(d) Route for march via del 'LUGANO, PIAZZA VENEZIA (by south and west sides) CORSO VENEZIA - VIA FLAMINIA to re-entraining point at south end of VIA FLAMINIA. (2 5/8 miles).

(e) Mid-day meal will be eaten at re-entraining point between 1400 noon at 1345 and will be supplemented by hot soup provided locally by Italian authorities.

(f) Departure northwards by Route 2 under arrangements of Movements HQ.

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(a) Ceremonial arrangements inside ROAM are being made by the Italian authorities in Rome in consultation with MILA.

(b) Traffic arrangements from staging area to forming up position and for embussing point to outside ROAM area will be in the hands of A.A.A.C.

(c) It is expected that a Salute will be probably taken in VIA del 'LIRANO opposite the VIA CAVOUR.

(d) Detailed make up of the column, inclusive of band and colours will be at discretion of Group Commander following Italian practice as far as possible.

5. Responsibility

O.C. 51 MLU will pass above instructions to Group Commander and ensure that they are understood, and that the Group Commander's detailed orders are in accordance with the above general instructions.

6. Acknowledgement

TO : O.C. 51 MLU

Copy to: ARMA
AIR
RAC

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W. P. Pickley

Major General
R. H. I. A.

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colours will be at discretion of Group Commander following Italian practices as far as possible.

3. Responsibility

C.G. 51 MU will pass above instructions to Group Commander and ensure that they are understood, and that the Group Commander's detailed orders are in accordance with the above general instructions.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE

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

TO : C.G. 51 MU

COPY TO: AREA

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TABLE "A"

Composition of OCEANIC Demonstration Column for March through June

	Men	Vehicles
One Composite S.I.	25	5
One Composite Inf Bn	800	60 (part for Tpt Coy)
One Composite Arty Bn	400	60 (as many guns as possible)
One Det Tpt Coy	75	25 (with Sups for joining)
One Det Md Bns	180	20 (with some equipment)
One Det Mech Bns	15	5 (with breakdown equipment)
One Det Md Hosp	15	5 (to include ambulances)
TOTAL	1500	200

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Notes:-

- The long stay at Staging Area 5 Km South east will permit of cleaning of vehicles, equipment and sorting of loads and personnel.
- The forming up halt at Arch of Constantine is to enable ceremonial formation - marching and vehicles - to be adopted.
- Band and Colours should be included in the column if available.

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Approved by. *Ann Wilson*

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Partito Fascista Repubblicano
FASCIO ROMANO DI COMBATTIMENTO

Roma, li 1944-XXII

Il Camerata

Paternità Maternità

Data e luogo di nascita

Residente a Via n.

Telefono Professione

si è presentato oggi ed ha chiesto l'iscrizione al Partito Fascista Repubblicano.

P. IL COMMISSARIO DEL FASCIO ROMANO

Firma

Domicilio

~~SECRET~~

Instructions for March of a Representative Column
of CREMONA Combat Group through ROME.

1. Object.

(a) To strengthen morale of the reorganized Italian Combat

Troops.

(b) To permit the people to see and appreciate the competence and worth of the re-equipped Italian Army.

2. Intention.

That a representative column of the CREMONA Groups should march through ROME with its guns and transport ^{during} driving the move northwards of the Group.

3. Method.

(a) The column will be composed of 1500 men and 200 vehicles.

as shown in Table A.

(b) The column will proceed under orders of MEVIT to arrive at the Staging Area F 8164 (8 KM S.E. of ROME on Route 7) on the evening of 30 Nov and will leave at 0830 on 1 Dec under arrangements made by movements ROME.

(c) Forming up position for ceremonial march will be on VIA DEL TRIONFI (South of COLASSEN) facing north with head at Arch of Constantine ready to move off at 1030 hrs on 1 Dec.

(d) Route for march via del'IMPER, PIAZZA VENEZIA (by South and west sides) CORSO UMBERTO - VIA FLAMINIATO re-entraining point at South end of VIALE TIZIANO. (2 3/4 miles).

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That a representative ^{during} column of the Group will move northwards of through ROME with its guns and transport driving the move northwards of the Group.

3. Method.

(a) The column will be composed of 1500 men and 200 vehicles as shown in Table A.

(b) The column will proceed under orders of MONTI to arrive at the Staging Area F 2164 (8 KM S.E. of ROME on Route 7) on the evening of 30 Nov and will leave at 0830 on 1 Dec under arrangements made by movements ROME.

(c) Forming up position for ceremonial march will be on VIA DEL TRIONFI (South of COLLOSSEUM) facing north with head at Arch of Constantine ready to move off at 1030 hrs on 1 Dec.

(d) Route for march via del IMPERO, PIAZZA VENEZIA (by South and west sides) CORSO UMBERTO - VIA FLAMINIATO re-entraining point at South end of VIALE TIZIANO. (2 3/4 miles).

(e) Mid-day meal will be eaten at re-embussing point between 1200 noon at 1345 and will be supplemented by hot soup provided locally by Italian Authorities.

(f) Departure northwards by Route 2 under Arrangements of

Movements ROME.

4. GENERAL.

(a) Traffic and ceremonial arrangements inside ROME are being made by ^{R.A.A.C.} ~~R.A.A.C.~~ in consultation with the Italian authorities in ROME. in consultation with MONTI.

b Traffic arrangements from Staging area to turning up position and for embussing point to outside Rome area will be in the hands of R.A.A.C.

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4. c (b) ^{probably} It is expected that a Salute will be taken in VIA
del TEMPIO opposite the VIA CAVOUR.

d (e) Detailed makeup of the column, inclusive of bands and
colours will be at discretion of Group Commander following Italian
practice as far as possible.

5. Reasonability.

O.C. 51 HLU will pass above instructions to Group Commander
and ensure that they are understood, and that the Group Commander's
detailed orders are in accordance with the above general instructions.

6. Acknowledgement

TO : O C 51 HLU.

Copies : -AJI

AFHQ

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To be issued from Rome. evening 23 Nov at latest.

TABLE 'A'

Composition of CREMONA Demonstration Column for March Through Rome.

	Men	Vehicles	
One Composite H.A.	25	5	
One Composite Inf Bn	800	60	(part for Tpt Coy)
One Composite Arty Bn	450	80	(as many guns as possible)
One Det Tpt Coy	75	25	(with Sups for joining)
One Det Fd Eng	120	20	(with some equipment)
One Det Mech Eng	15	5	(with breakdown equipment)
One Det Fd Hosp	15	5	(to include ambulances)
TOTAL	1500	200	

Notes:-

- The long stay at Staging Area 8 KM South east will permit of cleaning of vehicles, equipment and sorting of loads and personnel.
- The forming up halt at Arch of Constantine is to enable ceremonial formation - marching and vehicles - to be adopted. 37??
- Band and Colours should be included in the column if available.

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Subject : Move of 16 LAA W/Sp to GRENONA Combat Gp.

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From : Movements L.O. MEMA.

22 Nov 44.

To : G ✓

Ufficio Trasporti.

Float File.

Copy of AFHQ signal FX. 55796 signed SACRED cite FROXT dated 21/11
is given below :-

From AFHQ.

To DISTHREE (info) MOVWIT MEMA

FX.55796. Restricted. (1) Order move forthwith 16 LAA WKSP
RENE from CAPUA to GRENONA Combat Group at AITAVILLA.

(2) Rep ahead 51 BLU

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Capt. RE.
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer.

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Subject :- Fitters' Kits.

Land Forces Sqn-Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).

S/G/29/14. —
15 Nov., 44.

To :- A.F.H.Q.

1. Para 4 of U.I report on CREMONA Combat Group, as under, is for your information.
2. May this HQ be informed whether any issue of tools for vehicle maintenance is likely to be made immediately or in the near future.

"Para 4. Approximately 60% of the vehicles issued to the Group are Class 1 D. These vehicles in all cases have been issued with very few, if any, tools. This shortage of tools obviously is very detrimental to good vehicle maintenance. The inspector was informed by the DADOS of 51 MLU that fitters' tool kits are also not available."

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

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REPORT ON M.T. SITUATION IN CREMONA GROUPS ON REDEMPTION OF U.M.I.
INSPECTOR'S ATTRIBUTION.

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1. Visits have been made to five units in the Gruppo and demonstrations on vehicle maintenance given to all officers and NCOs in charge of M.T. in these units. Great interest was shown in all cases, and a considerable number of NCOs were found to be efficient mechanics. The officers and NCOs attending the demonstrations were informed that they were expected to instruct all drivers in their respective units in vehicle maintenance. The inspecting team will visit units unexpectedly in the near future to ascertain whether this has been done.
2. It appears that the Gruppo have sufficient trained drivers to take charge of the full establishment of vehicles. The G.C. 65 H.A.A. Regt., Workshops, which is temporarily attached, has been running courses for M.T. NCOs in which instruction on vehicle maintenance is given. These courses are of a week's duration and considerable benefit has been derived from them.
3. There is a considerable shortage of Alfa 412 in Italian, several hundreds are required to allow for the issue of one to each vehicle. This shortage has considerably hampered the work of the inspecting team.
(Maj Head. get 30,000 repaired)
4. Approximately 60% of the vehicles issued to the Gruppo are Class 1 D. These vehicles in all cases have been issued with very few, if any, tools. This shortage of tools obviously is very detrimental to good vehicle maintenance. The Inspector was informed by the DANCOS of 51 S.I.B. that fitters tool kits are also not available.
(Take up AFHQ) done 15/11/44
5. During the course of visits to units a number of 15-cwt Ford V.O.T. 2 were seen which had apparently covered a considerable mileage, but had been issued as Class 1 D. The G.C. 65 H.A.A. has carried out inspections on three of these vehicles and the C 857 B report forms are attached herewith. Ford 15-cwt V.O.T. 2 V.D. No. 2 175914 had a plate on the engine stating that the reconditioned engine was fitted by G.R.W. on 4. 2. 43. The speedometer reading was 20250 miles.
(V.M.I. (depleted) is taking up)
6. In conclusion, the M.T. position at the moment appears to the Inspector to be that the formations have sufficient personnel capable of driving, and that if strict M.T. discipline is enforced, and if officers and NCOs supervise drivers, the vehicles should be fairly well maintained.

A.R.
Maj Head } to see.
File. Cremona W.P.

(T. Allenman)
Captain, U.M.I., C.M.F.

and pass on their knowledge

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FROM ORD BRIT AFHQ 091600

TO OO 3 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD

INFO NO 3 DISTRICT +++ 51 B.L.U. +++ HQ MMIA

QOX BT

OS2/710 (.) ISSUE TO 3 DIST FB NO 2 (CREMONA) ITALIAN COMBAT GP (.)

READ (A) ITEM (B) QTY (C) Q(AE) AUTHY (D) R/NO (.)

(A) DIRECTORS NO 7 (B) 4 (C) 63/11 (D) A/46/28 (.)

(A) RANGEFINDERS NO 13 (.) (B) 1 (C) 84/6 (D) A/58/8 (.)

(A) BINOCULARS NO 2 (B) 100 (C) 80/35 (D) A/54/88 (.)

(A) COMPASSES REDACTED PRISMATIC (B) 75 (C) 53/29 (D) ES/300/73 (.)

(A) MORTARS 3 INCH (B) 20 (C) 39/9 (D) A/40/26 (.)

(A) MORTARS 2 INCH (B) 20 (C) 38/17 (D) A/39/55 (.)

(A) PISTOLS SIGNAL (B) 57 (C) 22/16 (D) A/20/43 (.)

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RESERVED STORES

Date 7th Nov. 44

RELEASE NOTE. No.

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TO

Please issue the following stores to:

Release
No.

U.S. 31 B.T. (for 30.0t. Cockat Op.)

Qty. Issued

22

Weight 150.1ba.

Release approved.

[Signature]
Subaltern,
for U.S. B.T.

[Signature]
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- Original:-) To issuing depot who will complete and return on
Duplicate:-) to this office
Triplicate:-) To consignee

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Subject :- Stores and Equipment Policy

To :-
HQ MMIA

51 British Liaison Unit

Q 7

Ref your S/C/29/14 dated 1 Nov.

- 1 (a) Before the issue of equipment commenced AFHQ (Q(AE)) stated that PIATs would be issued to Inf units only in accordance with the policy at present in force for British units
- (b) On this basis the entitlement for the div is 126
- 2 This ruling was given verbally by AFHQ and so far as is known has not been put into writing. It is believed however, that the point was raised at the conference in ROME on 5 Oct last.

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for Major
DAA & QMG

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Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

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RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the unmentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item.	Qty
2 in Mortars	20

To whom released III District for No. 2 (Cremona) Italian Combat Group

Release No. Q(AE)
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Remarks

Special Instructions

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Kushner

For Major
Brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to :-

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Hq III Dist
Hq Italia ✓
Gt East

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. WREDDON 427

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ORD(E)

RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item.

3 in Mortars

Qty **20**

To whom released

III District for No. 2 (Cremona), Italian Combat Group

Release No. Q(AE)

39/9

Remarks:

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Special Instructions

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[Handwritten signature: R. H. Searby]

Major,

for
brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to :-

HQ III Dist.
HQ BHLA
51 BHL

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Q(AB) BRANCH

REF. NO. FREEDOM 427

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ORD(1)

RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item.

Qty

Compasses Primatic

75

To whom released

III District for No. 2 (Cremona, Italian Defence Group)

Release No. Q(AB)

53/29

Remarks

Special Instructions

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For Major,
Brigadier, Q(AB).

Copy to :-

HQ III Dist
HQ MMIA
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 127

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RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item. Circulars No. 2. Qty 100

To whom released III District for No. 2 (German) Italian Combat Group

Release No. Q(AE) 80/35

Remarks

Special Instructions

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R. M. H. G.

Major,

for
brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to :-

SI III Dist.
SI MIA ✓
SI MIA

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Q(AE) BRANCH
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RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the undesignated controlled stores is authorized.

Item. **Rangefinder No. 13** Qty **1**

To whom released **III District for No. 2 (Graziosa) Italian Combat Group**

Release No. **Q(AE) 8/6**

Remarks

Special Instructions

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for Major,
Brigadier, Q(AE).

[Signature]
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Copy to :-
HQ III District
HQ MIA ✓
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Q(AE) BRANCH

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RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the unmentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item. Directors No. 7

Qty 4.

To whom released III District for No. 2 (Cremona) Italian Combat Group

Release No. Q(AE) 63/11

Remarks

Special Instructions

Russell 63724

MAJ,.

For
brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to:-

- HQ III District
HQ MGIA ✓
SI MGIA

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DATE	9/11/1

ORD(B)

RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item.	Pistols signal	Qty 37
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To whom released III DISTRICT for No. 2 (Grazona) Italian Combat Group.

Release No. Q(AE) 22/15

Remarks

Special Instructions

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for Major,
Brigadier, Q(AE).

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Copy to :-

Hq III District
Hq AREA ✓
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RELEASE NOTE.

Tentage

Release of the undermentioned ~~xxxxxx~~ is authorized.

Item.	Tents 160 lbs	Qty	22
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To whom released III District for No. 2 Italian Combat Group

Release No. Q(AE) T/65

Remarks Please issue from 557 B.O.D.

Special Instructions

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R.E. Herselman Capt
for
brigadier, Q(AE).

Copy to :-

HQ III District
HQ MIA
51 BLU

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SUBJECT:- Vehicle Releases.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

TEL No. FREEDON 12.

Sec *AFH/6442/1/1 (AM).*
201 14 *4 Nov. 44.*
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Ref (Sec).

Reference our VA/342 dated 27 Oct 44 in respect of No. 2 Italian
Combat Group.

For 10 x Trucks 15-cwt 4x2 Water Q1 1 from 8 Veh Park BARI
Read 8 x -do-

For 2 x Lorries 3-ton 4x2 Water Q1 1 from 8 Veh Park BARI
Read 1 x -do-

DRE/EB.

D.H. Toon Capt.
D.H. TOON, Capt.,
For Brigadier, (AM).

Copy to:- No. 3. District,
51 B.L.U.
M.M.I.A. —

[Signature]

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Q (AE) BRANCH

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VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. VZ/ 306

Date 3 Nov. 44

To : No. 3 District Air 429 Field Hospital (Through 51 MLO)

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorized.

Quantity	Description of Vehicles
2	Light 3 ton 4 x 2 G3 G1 I from 6 Veh Park Bari.
2	Truck 15 ton 4 x 2 G3 G1 ID " 9 " " Capua.

Remarks :

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S/u

VZ/BA/574/2

RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

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- On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from Ord (Br).
- AFHQ Q (AE) release and Ord (Br) release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.

DISTRIBUTION :

Ord (Br)
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Brigadier,
Q (AE)

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Q (AS) BRANCH

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VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. IR/ 393
Date 3 Nov 44 *29/11*

To : No. 3 District (for 44th Pz Surgical Unit (through 51B.L.U.))

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity	Description of Vehicles
1	Ger 2 str 4 x 2 Class 1 from 8 Veh Park, BARI (in lieu Ger 4 str 4 x 2)

Remarks :

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RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

- On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from Ord (Br).
- AMHQ Q (AS) release and Ord (Br) release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.

JH Lee Capt.
Brigadier,
Q (AS)

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Ord (Br)
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51 B.L.U.
A.M.I.A.

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Q (AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. VR/ 582

Date 3 Nov 44

To: No. 3 District (for 'T' Adv Depot Medical Stores (through 51 B.L.U.))

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity

Description of Vehicles

1

Lorry 3 ton 4 x 2 33 class 1

From 3 Veh Park, BARI

Remarks :

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RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

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1. On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from Ord (Br).
2. AFHQ Q (AE) release and Ord (Br) release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.

DISTRIBUTION :

Ord (Br)
51 B.L.U.
B.L.U.

B.H. Leon Capt.
Brigadier,
Q (AE)
[initials]

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Q (AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. VR 381

Date 3 Nov 44

To : **No. 3. District for 317 Field Bakery (Through 51 B.L.U.).**

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity	Description of Vehicles
1	Motor Cycle Side of 1 from 8 Veh Park, BARI.
1	Truck 15-cwt 4x2 GS of 1D from 8 Veh Pk BARI.
1	" " " Motor of 1 from 8 Veh Park BARI.

Remarks :

[Signature]
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RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

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2. AMHQ Q (AE) release and Ord (Br) release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.

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File
51 B.L.U.
M.M.L.A.

D.H. Loon left.
Brigadier,
Q (AE)

Move of Gruppo ROMA

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54 British Liaison Unit

Q 3

M.M.A.	5/24
FILE REF	127
Date Recd	26/10/14

1. Ref Major GIBSON's recent visit to this area and the whole question of the move of this Gruppo. I consider that the following are relevant factors :-

1. No move until the equipping is complete
2. No move is worth while unless the new area is a real improvement on the present one.
3. An area where the Gruppo could be deployed is a primary consideration.
4. An area where the maximum of cover for troops is available is desirable.

2. I have discussed the matter of a projected move with the Comdr of the Gruppo and he strongly advises a move to the area LAKE BRACCIANO - CIVITA VECCHIA. The advantages of this area can be briefly enumerated as follows :-

1. This area was regarded as the Salisbury Plain of the Italian Army
2. The country is eminently suited for try on all levels.
3. There was a reasonable amount of cover for troops.
4. There are two good arteries in Routes 1 & 2
5. This area is en route for the front.

I mentioned this area to your A.D.S.T. on his recent visit here and he stated that in his opinion the supply question would be eased should the Gruppo move to this area.

3. The Comdr of the Gruppo CREMONA informs me that General REARDI on his recent visit to the Gruppo in this area expressed a wish that one of the Gruppi should be within reach of BOZZE with the object of maintaining a British equipped unit through the streets of the capital with a view to showing the populace what the Allies were doing in the way of asserting the Italian Army. This, however, is a political aspect which is of no interest to the B.L.U.

4. I may add in this connexion, that 12 - as would appear to be probable - there will be time now for some more ambitious try than was envisaged originally, it would be essential for this Gruppo to move to an area where deployment is possible.

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ing Envelope.

To :- HQ M.M.I.A.

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2. I have discussed the matter of a projected move with the Comdr of the Gruppo and he strongly advises a move to the area LAKE BRACCIANO - CIVITA VECCHIA. The advantages of this area can be briefly enumerated as follows :-

1. This area was regarded as the Salisbury Plain of the Italian Army
2. The country is eminently suited for trng on all levels.
3. There was a reasonable amount of cover for troops.
4. There are two good arteries in Routes 1 & 2
5. This area is en route for the front.

I mentioned this area to your A.D.S.I. on his recent visit here and he stated that in his opinion the supply question would be eased should the Gruppo move to this area.

3. The Comdr of the Gruppo CRIMONA informs me that General BRARDI on his recent visit to the Gruppo in this area expressed a wish that one of the Gruppi should be within reach of ROME with the object of leading a British equipped unit through the streets of the capital with a view to showing the populace what the Allies were doing in the way of asserting the Italian Army. This, however, is a political aspect which is of no interest to the B.I.U.

4. I may add in this connexion, that if - as would appear to be probable - there will be time now for some more ambitious trng than was envisaged originally, it would be essential for this Gruppo to move to an area where deployment is possible.

[Signature]
Lieut Colonel,
General Staff.

Field
23 Oct 44
BMC/WT

[Handwritten notes and signatures]
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Amended by on 19/25
of 5 Nov

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Date 2 Nov 64

To : Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Release of the unmentioned vehicles is authorized.

CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLES	ISSUE DATE
200	Motor Cycles Solo	8 Vehicle PK BARI
65	Motor Cycles Solo	9 Vehicle PK CAPUA
90	Car Heavy Utility 4x2	14 Vehicle PK BARI
21	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2	9 Vehicle PK CAPUA
10	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2	9 Vehicle PK CAPUA
20	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2	8 Vehicle PK BARI
10	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2	8 Vehicle PK BARI
4	(In Lieu of 15 cwt 4x2 Hercules)	8 Vehicle PK BARI
10	(In Lieu of 15 cwt 4x2 Hercules)	8 Vehicle PK BARI
6	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Hercules	14 Vehicle PK BARI
40	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Hercules	9 Vehicle PK CAPUA
10	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Hercules	9 Vehicle PK CAPUA
6	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Hercules	8 Vehicle PK BARI
20	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Hercules	8 Vehicle PK BARI
10	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Hercules	14 Vehicle PK BARI
4	(In Lieu of Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Hercules)	14 Vehicle PK BARI
1	(In Lieu of Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Hercules)	9 Vehicle PK CAPUA
1	(In Lieu of Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Hercules)	9 Vehicle PK CAPUA
1	(In Lieu of Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Hercules)	9 Vehicle PK CAPUA
2	(In Lieu of Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Hercules)	8 Vehicle PK BARI
4	(In Lieu of Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Hercules)	8 Vehicle PK BARI
2	(In Lieu of Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Hercules)	9 Vehicle PK CAPUA

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REMARKS

1. On receipt of this release authority, the Unit or Division will advise release instructions from Ord (R).

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20	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2	Class 1	2 Vehicles Rk BMD
21	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2	Class 1D	3 Vehicles Rk BMD
10	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2	Class 1	3 Vehicles Rk BMD
20	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2	Class 1	3 Vehicles Rk BMD
10	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2	Class 1	3 Vehicles Rk BMD
4	(In Lien of 15 cwt 4x2 Personnel)	Class 1D	2 Vehicles Rk BMD
4	(In Lien of 15 cwt 4x2 Personnel)	Class 1D	2 Vehicles Rk BMD
10	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Personnel	Class 1D	14 Vehicles Rk BMD
6	Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Personnel	Class 1	9 Vehicles Rk CAPUA
40	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 GS	Class 1D	9 Vehicles Rk CAPUA
10	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 GS	Class 1D	6 Vehicles Rk BMD
8	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 GS	Class 1	8 Vehicles Rk BMD
20	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 GS	Class 1D	14 Vehicles Rk BMD
10	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 GS	Class 1D	14 Vehicles Rk BMD
4	(In Lien of Lorries 3 ton 4x2 GS)	Class 1	9 Vehicles Rk CAPUA
4	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 GS	Class 1	9 Vehicles Rk CAPUA
1	(In Lien of Lorries 3 ton 4x2 GS)	Class 1	9 Vehicles Rk CAPUA
1	Lorry 3 ton 4x2 GS	Class 1	9 Vehicles Rk CAPUA
2	(In Lien of Lorry 3 ton 4x2 GS)	Class 1	6 Vehicles Rk BMD
4	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 GS	Class 1D	3 Vehicles Rk BMD
2	Lorries 3 ton 4x2 GS	Class 1D	3 Vehicles Rk CAPUA
2	(In Lien of Tractor 6x2 B/Dren)	Class 1D	

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RELEASE INFORMATION

1. On receipt of this release authority, the Unit or formation will advise release instructions from Ord (Dr).
2. A.S.H. & O(AS) release and Ord (Dr) release will both be limited to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.

for Pinner
Pinner
Dr Yon Lath
Brigadier
(AS)

Ord (AS)
51 AS Lath
2, AS Lath
File

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Subject: Italian Military Personnel - ORs.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E .
AQ/11/1

Naval C in C Mediterranean,
C.M.F.

2 Nov 44

Pte. Moffa Michele di Guiseppe.
(1923 Class of Campobasso District).

1. Information has been received at this HQ that the above named Italian O.R., who is an Italian soldier serving with the Cremona Division, is at present employed at the following address :- T.180850 1st Italian Comp. Naval Coy. CASERTA.

2. This HQ is unable to identify the address given in para 1, and the Naval Sub Comm.A.C., has stated that it is probable that the unit is known to your HQ.

3. It is requested that the above named soldier be ordered to return to his unit, from which he is absent without leave.

F. J. Noakes
F. J. NOAKES Lt. Col.
For Major General.
M.M.I.A.

SPA/nh

Copy to: 51 B.L.U.
Spec. Sec.

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File No.
Date Recd 29/14
3/11

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q(AE) BRANCH

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

1 Nov. 1944

~~ORD(2)~~

REMARKS NOTE.

Release of the undermentioned controlled stores is authorized.

Item. **Directors No.7** Qty **4**

To whom released **No. 3 District for No. 2 Italian Combat Group.**

Release No. **Q(AE) 63/10**

Remarks

Special Instructions

3712

R.E. Harrison

Capt.

for
Brigadier, Q(AE).

3/11

Copy to :-

In No. 3 District.
M.I.A.
51 B.I.L.

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SUBJECT: Equipment releases.

Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

S/G/29/14 ✓
1 November 1944

TO : 51 B.L.U.

Reference your weekly return of Staff Controlled Scores as at 25 October 1944, it is noticed that in the case of PIAT, entitlement is shown as 126. This should read 196 and column 5 should be amended accordingly.

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

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Subject :- Stores and Eqp't Scales for CREMONA GRUPPO

To :-
HQ MIAA ✓

51 British Liaison Unit

S & T

Q 7/4

- 1 S E L 126/1 for a composite pl for an Italian Gruppo does NOT cover the equipment required to enable this unit to function.
- 2 It is requested, therefore that Appxs I, II and III to A F G 1098/255 for a composite pl RASC be added complete to S E L 126/1.

Field
28 Oct 44
RWH/RGT

Spencer Hobkatch
Major
DAA & JIC
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True
for
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ARMED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q (AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. VR/22

Date 27 Oct 44

To: No. 3, District for No. 2, Italian Combat Group.

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Quantity	Description of Vehicles	Remarks
30	Motor Cycles, Class 1	8 Veh Park BARI
15	Cars 3-whe 4x4 Q1 1	9 " " " "
4	Ambulances 4-whe 4x2 8vy Q1 1	3 " " " "
20	Trucks 15-whe 4x2 Q3 Q1 1	3 " " " "
10	" " " " Q1 1D	3 " " " "
9	" " " " Motor Q1 1	3 " " " "
7	" " " " W/T Q1 1	3 " " " "
3	" " " " " 1D	3 " " " "
20	Trucks 3-whe 4x2 Q3 Q1 1	3 " " " "
5	" " " " " 1	3 " " " "
5	" " " " " 1D	3 " " " "
2	" " " " " 1D	3 " " " "
1	" " " " " 1D	3 " " " "
2	" " " " " 1D	3 " " " "
2	" " " " " 1D	3 " " " "
1	" " " " " 1D	3 " " " "
43	(In line Trucks 15-whe 4x2) Lorries 3-whe 4x4 8vyh Q1 1D	3 Veh Park BARI.
	" " " " " 1D	3 Veh Park BARI.
	" " " " " 1D	3 " " " "
	Tractors 4x4 LAA Q1 1	3 " " " "

Remarks :

RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

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- ARMQ Q (AE) release and Ord (Br) release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.

DISTRIBUTION :

Ord (Br)

File

St B.I.U.

St B.I.A.

Form 123/44/44-44

DMY
Brigadier
Q (AE)

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See Pict Log in Return urgent 11/23

LEAVE FOR CREMONA COMBAT GROUP

A/G. you

*knows of the
with 3500,
having agreed
it with Bannan.*

*For his instructions
pl.*

*Personally J
think they
I should be
allowed to
go QD 11/10*

*A. Can he
arranged if H-H
provide leave
in region and*

On leaving Sardinia, the Personnel of the CREMONA group were informed that they were to have 10 days leave, not more than 25% of the formation at a time. No date was fixed for the termination of the leave period.

The troops were informed of this when they arrived on the Mainland between the 9th and 25th of Sept.

However as soon as the leaves were started it was learned at the end of Sept that leave for Sicily was suspended, this affected about 600 men.

On the 5th of Oct, it was learned that all leave for the rest of Italy was cancelled on the 30 of Sept, this affected another 2500 men, 1200 already being on leave.

This being the case and bearing in mind:-

That the head of the British Liaison Mission Lieut. WEBB CARTER did not know, on the 7th of Sept, that the leave had been cancelled, although he was in RULE from the 4th to the 9th of Sept.

That as stated above there are still about 2500 men to be sent on leave.

That with the increase of M.T. we could increase the rate at which leave is being granted.

We beg to arrange for the leave of the CREMONA group to

Mainland between the 9th and 25th of Sept.

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On the 5th of Oct, it was learned that all leave for the rest of Italy was cancelled on the 30 of Sept, this affected another 2500 men, 1200 already being on leave.

This being the case and bearing in mind:-

That the head of the British Liaison Mission Lieut **3792** WEBB CARTER did not know, on the 7th of Sept, that the leave had been cancelled, although he was in RUMS from the 4th to the 6th of Sept.

That as stated above there are still about 2500 men to be sent on leave.

That with the increase of M.T. we could increase the rate at which leave is being granted.

He ^{leave} beg to arrange for the leave of the CREMONA group to finish on the 31 Oct -4.

The training would not be affected as the standard of the men, as stated by British officers themselves, is more than satisfactory, also because it would be possible without doing any harm to the service to adjust the percentage of leave granted within each unit.

In his instructions
pl.
Personally ✓
Thanks for
I should be
allowed to
go 11/10

A. Can he
arranged if H-H-H
provide leave
to Reggion and
to Messina and
back from
leave to Naples
Reggio
Quite no
B. Yes
and subject to
leave granted in
with leave this
or 11/10

R/P

LICENZE PER IL GRUPPO COME. "CREMONA"

- 1) Alla partenza dalla Sardegna venne comunicato che gli appartenenti al gruppo avrebbero fruito di giorni 10 di licenza. Turni del 25%. Nessuno sarà in Sardegna per un mese. *22/9/41*
- 2) Gio' venne portato a conoscenza delle truppe, che tra il 9 e il 25 settembre giunsero in continente.

- 3) Senonche', a licenze appena avviate, si seppe:

- verso la fine di settembre, che erano sospese le licenze per la Sicilia, che colpivano 600 u. circa;

- il 5 ottobre, che col 30 settembre veniva a cessare la concessione delle licenze per il resto dell'Italia: provvedimento che colpisce circa 2500 u., essendone via' in licenza 1000 circa.

Gio' premesso, e premesso:

- che il ten. col. Webbcarter, capo della missione inglese di collegamento ignorava alla data del 7 corr. il provvedimento di sospensione totale delle licenze, pur essendo stato a Roma tra il 4 e il 6 corr.;

- che, come detto sopra, restano 2500 u. circa da inviare **3708** senza;

- che l'aumentata disponibilita' di automezzi permetterebbe di aumentare il ritmo dei partenti per le proprie case;

si prega di adoprarsi affinché' la chiusura delle licenze per il gruppo "Cremona" venga protratta al 31 ottobre.

Non verra' e soffrirne l'addestramento degli uomini, sia perche' il grado di istruzione raggiunto dagli stessi, a detta degli stessi ufficiali inglesi, e' piu' che soddisfacente, sia perche' sara' possibile, senza danno per il servizio, regolare la percentuale dei licenziandi nell'interno dei vari reparti.

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-verso la fine di settembre, che erano scopese le licenze per la Sicilia, che colpivano 600 u. circa;

-il 5 ottobre, che col 30 settembre veniva a cessare la concessione delle licenze per il resto dell'Italia: provvedimento che colpisce circa 2500 u., essendone già in licenza 1200 circa.

cio' promesso, e premesso:

-che il ten. col. Webber, capo della missione inglese di collegamento, ignora alla data del 7 corr. il provvedimento di sospensione totale delle licenze, pur essendo stato a Roma tra il 4 e il 6 corr.;

- che, come detto sopra, restano 2500 u. circa da inviare **3706** licenze;

- che l'aumentata disponibilità di automezzi permetterebbe di aumentare il ritmo dei partenti per le proprie case;

si presa di adoperarsi affinché la chiusura delle licenze per il gruppo "Gromona" venga protratta al 31 ottobre.

Non verrà a soffrirne l'addestramento degli uomini, sia perché il grado di istruzione raggiunto dagli stessi, e detta degli stessi ufficiali inglesi, e più che soddisfacente, sia perché sarà possibile, senza danno per il servizio, regolare la percentuale dei licenziandi nell'interno dei vari reparti.

d'ordine

IL VICECOMANDANTE

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A) DMT ADUAP Originator Date-Time of Origin 251300 A

OFFICE DATE STAMP

TO 51 RELU (W) For Information (INFO)

MIA 4 VBI GP

Originator's No. DMT/ 832

~~RESTRICTED (.) YOUR 07/7 OF 22 (.) THE TWO 15 OCT W/A TRINCE RELEASED UNDER
VE/292 OF 24 WERE ISSUED SURPLUS TO YOUR WD IN RESPONSE TO SPECIAL REQUEST
MADE BY YOU TO BRIGADIER Q(AS) DURING RECENT VISIT (.) AMHQ/612/C(AS) OF
17 OCT. REFRESH (.) PLEASE COLLECT IMMEDIATELY~~

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS (EXCEPT ☐ WIRELESS)

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

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Subject:- Withdrawal of Italian Army Vehicles
In Possession of Gruppo di Combattimento.

ST/30/T

26 Oct 44.

Military Mission Italian Army,
ROME.
tel: Rome 489081 REC/526.

Re:- DACRE 51 JUL.

Copy: MEIA 10, Naples.
A/C MEIA.

MEIC. 300. MEIA. ←

1. This HQ is actively concerned to withdraw Italian Army vehicles in possession of Cremona Div as soon as a sufficient number of British W.D. vehicles have been provided.
2. The present intention is that Italian Army vehicles from Cremona Div will be withdrawn to 10 Autieri Regt, Naples.
3. In order that suitable dispositions may be made, please advise this HQ when the vehicles can be withdrawn, the number of vehicles concerned, ³⁷ whether Cremona Div will be able to provide all or part of the drivers for the journey to 10 Autieri Regt, Naples.
4. I am directed further to state that under no circumstances must these Italian Vehicles be retained in the possession of the Division at the date when they move away from the training area.

✓ OCP/JMD

for
for
(O.C. PAFEMAD).
Major RASC.
for Lt. Col.
ADST, MEIA.

Subject :- Discipline - Tot

CONFIDENTIAL

51 British Liaison Unit

A 6/3

To :- HQ M.M.I.A.

Ref your cipher message S.S 212 of 21 Oct.

It would appear that the point of my A 6/3 of 16 Oct has escaped you. There is no question of General PRIMIERI attempting to excuse his own troops.

The point I raise and on which I would be grateful for advice is the one of the singularly bad example set by the isolated Allied truck which finds its way to this out of the way area. The standard of driving of these Allied soldiers is NOT called into question by me far less by General PRIMIERI.

The question is one of the example set from the disciplinary aspect. With the co-operation of the staff of the Gruppo and the energetic action by the C.C.R.R. we have now enforced such elementary rules as :-

1. MC civilians to be carried
2. The driver not smoking
3. Leaving vehs unattended.

Nearly every day about one or two Allied trucks enter ALTAVILLA the drivers of which contravene all or some of the above orders. This hamlet is a dead end - as you are aware - and there would seem to be no reason for Allied personnel unconnected with the B.L.U. to enter it. I would be surprised if the few Allied troops who do find their way here are NOT engaged in Black Market trade and other similar activities which enliven the existence of back area elements.

These men are NOT in any way typical of the British or even the U.S. Army and I resent very much that these badly turned out, ill disciplined crews of the Allied forces should be - apart from the B.L.U. - the only representatives seen by the troops of the Gruppo.

May action be taken therefore to put ALTAVILLA out of bounds to Allied troops.

I may add, in this connexion, that I have already approached 3 Dist with a view to a search of this area which may well

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I may add, in this connexion, that I have already approached 5 Dist with a view to a search of this area which may well be a fruitful source for the apprehension of deserters. I have approached also the S.I.B., Naples with a view to a check of the roaring trade in articles of Allied uniform which is a feature of the local Caledonian Market on Sundays.

Field
13 Oct 44
BWMC/WCH

Lieut Colonel,
General Staff.

W. Wellbank

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q(AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref VR/

8103

Date

21 Oct 44

To **A.Q.B. District for No. 2, Italian Combat Group**

Release of the undersigned vehicle is authorized.

Quantity	Description of Vehicles	Priority of Issue.
141	Guerrilla Universal	Immediate
30	Carriers Tracked Towing	Immediate

Remarks: **12 Vehicle Park Hits Part 1, 2, and 3 to be collected from 12 vehicle Park by unit.**

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RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

- On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from Cpl (Br).
- AFTQ Q(AE) release and Cpl (Br) release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.

DISTRIBUTION :

Cpl (Br)
File
'B' B.L.V.
M.M.A.

for Brigadier, Capi
Q(AE)

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ARMED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q(AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref VR/

Date VR/8106

21 Oct 44.

To 1st G.I. Detachment for No. 2 Italian Combat Group

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorized.

Quantity	Description of Vehicles	Priority of Issue.
52	Overseas Modified Shoring	Immediate

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Remarks :

x 5 Vehicle Park. Hits Parts 1 and 2 and 3 to be collected from
5 Vehicle Park by unit.

RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

1. On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from Ord (Br).
2. AFHQ Q(AE) release and Ord (Br) release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.

DISTRIBUTION :

Ord (Br)
File

D.M.H.
M.T.A.

Mark Ewing
for Brigadier, Capt
Q(AE)

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from 1 Unit

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ARMY FORM C219A (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 27/22

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNAL'S USE ONLY			
FROM (A)	Originator	Date Time of Origin	OFFICE DATE STAMP
51 BLU		22/11/54	M.M.I.A. <u>29/14</u>
For Action			FILE REF <u>2/11/1</u>
TO			Date Recd <u>2/11/1</u>
(W) For Information (INFO)			Message Instructions GR
M.M.I.A. 4 VEHICLE GROUP DADOS			
Originator's No. <u>Q7/7</u> Yours: DMT/181/MT 2 of 16 received today			
AFHQ have released 2 x 15' unit w/t trucks for WE of 16/11			
under Q(AE) VR/292 of 21/11. There are being collected CAPVA			
along with other vehicles for BLU and GRUARO. CAPVA request			
your release to be cancelled			
THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT WIRELESS			
IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED BY THE ENEMY, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER			
SIGNED <u>W4/10</u>		SIGNED <u>Royce</u>	
		IMPORTANT	
		Time <u>3:20</u>	
		THI or TOR <u>22/11/54</u>	
		Time cleared	

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q(AE) BRANCH

8/Sec

TEL. NO. FREEDOM 427

28/10

... 21. Oct. 1944

~~SECRET~~

RELEASE NOTE.

Release of the undesignated controlled stores is authorized.

Item.

Rifle Telescopes

Qty

3.

To which released

No. 3 District for No. 2 Italian Combat Group.

Release No. Q(AE) 28/6

Remarks

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Special Instructions

R. E. Marshall Cpt
Capt.,
Brigadier, Q(AE).

13/10

Copy to :-
HQ No. 3 District,
H.M. I.A.
91 D.L.U.
D.M.E.

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Q (AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. VP 236

Date 21 Oct 44

To : No. 3 District for No. 2 Italian Combat Group.

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorized.

Quantity	Description of Vehicles	
50	Motor Cycles solo Q1 1	From 9 VP Capua
40	Cars 50wt 4x4 Q1 1	" " " "
10	Cars 50wt 4x4 Q1 1D	" 8 VP Bari
5	Ambs 4 Str 4x4 Hvy Q1 1	" 9 VP Capua
5	Ambs 4 Str 4x2 Hvy Q1 1	" 8 VP Bari
40	Trucks 150wt 4x2 Gs Q1 1	" 8 " "
40	" " " Gs Q1 1D	" 8 " "
2	" " " Comp Q1 1D	" 8 " "
2	" " " " Q1 1	" 8 " "
1	" " " Generator Q1 1	" 8 " "
2	" " " Office Q1 1D	" 8 " "
5	" " " Office Q1 1	" 8 " "
3	" " " Water Q1 1D	" 8 " "
7	" " " " Q1 1	" 8 " "
10	" " " W/T Q1 1	" 8 " "
7	" " " PPA Q1 1	" 8 " "
3	" " " " Q1 1D	" 8 " "
1	" " " Machy 'KL' Q1 1	" 8 " "
50	Lorries 5 Ton 4x2 Gs Q1 1D	" 9 " Capua
50	" " " " Gs Q1 1	" 9 " 3695
Remarks : 16	" " " 4x4 Gs Q1 1D	" 9 " "
22	" " " 4x4 Gs Q1 1	" 9 " "
2	" " " 4x2 Shop BASS Q1 1	" 8 " "
1	" " " Disinfectant Q1 1	" 9 " "
32	" " " Stores Q1 1	" 8 " "

RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

continued :-

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- ATTQ Q (AE) release and Ord (Br) release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q (AE) BRANCH

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VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref. VP/ 286

Date 21 Oct 44

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To : No. 5 District for No. 2 Italian Combat Group.

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorized.

Quantity	Description of Vehicles
2	Lorries 3 Ton 6wt B'down Q1 1 From 8 VP Bari
1	" " " 4wt Machy Type 'A' Q1 1 From 9 VP Capua
9	Tractors 30wt 4wt A/Tk Q1 1 " 8 VP Bari
12 6	" 24 Q1 1D " 8 VP "
12	" 12 4wt Q1 1D " 8 VP "
10	Trailers Water 15wt 2 Wh Q1 1D " 8 VP "
3	" " " Q1 1 " 9 VP Capua
4	" 1 Ton Gs Q1 1 " 9 VP "
1	" Gas Welding Q1 1 " 9 VP "
2	" 7 1/2 Ton Lt Recovery Q1 1 " 9 VP "
1	" 10wt Gs Q1 1 " 9 VP "

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Remarks :

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LRKB V LAEE NR 22 ROUTINE

QVR 4

FROM AFHQ 221943A

TO DISTHREE

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MMIA	5/8cc
FILE REF	89/11
Date Recd	23/10/1

A VEHICLES RELEASED TO YOU FOR NO 2 ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP UNDER
RELEASE NUMBERS SHOWN (.) SIGNED SACMED CITE FHQAE (.)

ONE (.) A/VR/8105 EX 12 VP CARRIERS UNIVERSAL QTY 141

CARRIERS TRACKED TOWING QTY 30

TWO (,) A/VR/8106 ~~EX~~ EX 5 VP CARRIERS TRACKED TOWING QTY 52 (.)

WMZ UNITS TO COLLECT WITH KITS COMPLETE

BT 221945A

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SENT NR 22 2315A CS BB

RECD NR 22 2317A J O E KK

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FROM: MMIA

TO : 51 BLU

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Your A 6/3 of 16 Oct 44 (.) PAREN HOME AREA _____ PAREN (.)

Your difficulties are appreciated but a poor view is taken of
Gen PRIMIERI's attempt to excuse his own troops (.) While Allied
drivers are not perfect they are not very bad and do not have
many accidents (.) If the Group can reach the same standard we
shall be satisfied but results generally are as yet far below it (.)

The case will be represented to AFHQ and you should also refer it
to 3 Dist under whom you are placed for local adm

PRECEDENCE _____

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