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FROM: MMIA

TO : No. 10 PUBLICATION DEPOT

14/44.A

SS 326

RESTRICTED

Please forward urgently to MMIA 12 copies all establishments between numbers NA/523/1 to NA/540/1 inclusive also V1/719/1 AI/30/1 III/293/1 (.) Report availability

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FROM : MEIA Date Time

TO : 50,51,52 and 53 MU File s/sec 29/20

S.S. 300M

RESTRICTED(.) Additions of two lorries three ton 4X2 GS to establishment MA/508/1 for MU approved vide minute 376 of 34 meeting AAI WE Committee(.) Approval of higher authority not required(.) Advised by AFHQ that this minute can be quoted for indent(.) Increase of two drivers Italian to each MU approved as per minute 377 (.) SME instructed accordingly and will provide(.)

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Subject : W/E. - Art

5th British Liaison Unit.

8 Sec 29/20

Ref G/5/17.

13 "

11 Nov. 44.

G.I.A.

Ref 51 B.L.U. A 2/2 dated 31 Oct and att. memos.

(1) The question of sig stores will be discussed when S.O. Sigs visits you on Mon 13 Nov. This Gruppo has already obtained some telephones through Italian sources.

(2) We are in entire agreement with the remarks about tpt. With the present tpt - assuming it is ALL on the rd - it is estimated that the Arty Regt has some 350 men who must walk - in a unit which is supposed to be entirely mobile.

(3) It is considered that an addition of Offrs and O.R.s to R.H.Q. is neither required nor desirable - this ref a request it is believed you had from S.M.R.E. and NOT originated by this office.

WP

Lt Col.
G.S.

C.M.F.
FTKB/LGB.

Copy to : 51 B.L.U.

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Refs. DI avoided from dela

→ asked 50/51 for extinde cy ask "marches pennine" by arms

13 Nov

WP

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TO: SMKE

(W) For information (INFO)

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—Message Instructions— | —OR—

Originator's No.

Ltr 0/o Lt. w/E for Combat group does NOT apply NOT include Vice Commander and his ADC. Lt. Colonel TIECHEICHI GIANCARLO and his ADC. Lacey has been assigned 2 Aug upon it's carry for their position to be considered.

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FROM MMIA LO DISTHREE 111447A

TO MMIA

29/1720

EF 102 RESTRICTED

Please state whether 50 51 52 and 53 BLUs have applied to you for 3 BOWCS each to be incl in their WE to scale of 1 for 2 Inf Regts 1 for Arty and 1 for Auxiliary tps (.) Infm required by DISTHREE

cgl

12 Nov
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FROM MMIA LO DISTHREE 111447A

TO MMIA

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Land Forces S/C
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 091.711/107 GCT-O 9 November 1944

S/Sec
Dy 20.
11 11

SUBJECT: War Establishments - Italian Combat Groups.

TO : Chief Commissioner, The Allied Commission.
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA).

Reference conversation DOBBS - GRAHAM, one copy of each of the following W.E's is attached as requested:

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Handed to S/C Sect SMAE 13 Nov

- III/293/1 - Mobile Laundry & Bath Unit, Type "B"
- VI/719/1 - Motor Ambulance Convoy.
- NA/531/1 - Hq Transport & Supply Coy, for Italian Combat Group
- A1/30/1 - Technical Maintenance Section (Italian)

By command of General WILSON:

[signature]
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

4 Incls
Incl 1 - III/293/1 - Mobile Laundry & Bath Unit, Type "B" w/1 amendment
Incl 2 - VI/719/1 - Motor Ambulance Convoy, w/3 amendments
Incl 3 - NA/531/1 - Hq Transport & Supply Coy, for Italian Combat Group
Incl 4 - A1/30/1 - Technical Maint Sec (Italian)

HEADQUARTERS
10 NOV 1944
A. C. C.

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SUBJECT : Re-org of Inf Bn

50 Brit Liaison Unit

G/S/17

7 Nov 44

53 Brit Liaison Unit

Ref your G3-7 dated 31 Oct 44, copy to MMIA, 51 and 52 BLU.

1. Your para 2 is agreed. In the mans of figures involved the two pte masons were omitted and the two motor cyclists from Exploreta pl NOT incl in total strength.

2. The following amendments should be made :-

(a) Tradesmen Sec

Add two pte masons and alter total to read 21 ORs

(b) Total strength could read 1 offr and 35 ORs.

(c) page 8 coln 4.

for 31 read 35
" 180 " 184
" 720 " 724

coln 7.

for 29 read 27
" 128 " 130
" 521 " 523

Note (b) - delete all after 'pl' in this note.

3. Agree with para 3 and submit all jeeps MUST have trailers.

AAI Phase one will call trailer for purposes of 5/6/29/30

Lt col
GS

CMP
FTHR/SYB

Copy to : MMIA - for necessary action
51 Brit Liaison Unit
52 Brit Liaison Unit

Original amended 10 NN

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for	31	read 35
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"	720	" 724

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for	25	read 27
"	128	" 130
"	521	" 523

Note (b) - delete all after 'pl' in this note.

3. Agree with para 3 and submit all jeeps MUST have trailers.

All theirs we will add trailers to proforma of 3/6/29/20

Lt col
GS

CMF
FFKB/SYB

Copy to : MMIA - for necessary action
51 Brit Liaison Unit
52 Brit Liaison Unit
File - ref G/5/17(2) of even date

Original amended 10 N.D

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SECRET

Subject : Org of Italian Inf Bn

To :- 50 B.L.U.

53 B.L.U.

Ref. G3 - 7

31 Oct.44

Ref. your A/2/11 of 17 Oct.44 added M.M.I.A.(copy to this H.Q.)

1. Proposed re-org of the Italian Inf Bn has not yet been discussed in detail with FOLGORE Gp, but both in principle and in detail the lay-out is considered most sound as regards both tactical grouping and distribution of weapons, equipment and vehs.

2. PNR Pl (ref your para 4(c) and Summary on p.8)
There appears a discrepancy in the proposed new org and strength, viz,

(a) Pnr Pl Hq. Proposed str is now :-
1 offr and 4 O.Rs. (incl 2 M/c orderlies from former Espl. Pl)

(b) Tradesmen Sec. Proposed str now :-
19 O.Rs: this does NOT incl "2 ptes masons", who are on present W.E.

(c) Two Assault Secs. Proposed str now :-
10 O.Rs.
With the inclusion of the 2 m/c orderlies and 2 ptes masons, the total str would now appear to be:-
1 offr and 35 O.Rs. and NOT 1 offr and 31 O.Rs.

Weapon str of Rifles (on p.8) would thus be increased to 27.

3. It is considered that loads of 5 O.Rs. in Assault Pnr Sec Jeeps leaves little or no space for "tools and explosives", and that small trailers are required for such essential materials.

My Head

If the W.E. for the extra Jeep is passed how do we set about getting the trailer?

C Manders
Major
CSO II

Copy M.M.I.A.
D Training Team
51 B.L.U
52 B.L.U

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Originator's No. A259

SECRET ⊙ Reorganization units within WE ⊙ Immediate formal concurrence of provisional approval required from S M C E to project ⊙ 10 ⊙ to reorganize Field Corps on basis 3 homogeneous corps plateaus and one Redeyman plateau ⊙ 20 ⊙ to separate signal corps from engineer bn and place separate corps under

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direct control Div HQ for all purposes ⊙ 3 ⊙ Liretcher (?) carrier platoons of Inf. Bns. on BRITISH model ⊙ 40 To amalgamate EXPLORATORI and PIONEER platoons in Inf. Bns. ⊙ Details of all projects have been submitted to you ⊙ Divisional commanders (in ?) entire agreement with all but an unwilling ? hesitate to accept

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Responsibility and order aggregate without formal Steering S M G E O Embodiate reorganization as appears now an operational necessity O (?) requist (Cabinet?) action by you to S M G E

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(W) For information (INFO)

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Originator's No. A259. CORRECTIONS O Para 3 O to read genuine carrier plates ... — after "due to" read in entire agreement with fact is voiced very hesitates ... — after "necessity O" read therefore request

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TO MMIA 8 NW

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Originator's No. A282

SECRET ⊙ Group report that following increases in WE 8 group 17 C has been authorized ⊙ Transport platoon ⊙ One officer one NCO and 9 ME one shortened postal section ⊙ Four officers ⊙ Chaplain ⊙ One chaplain one batman ⊙ Staff ⊙ Hqrs, command & MP ⊙ Two officers ⊙ Please confirm, entered duplicate (CAE) AFHQ ⊙ In order that necessary arms and equipment may be drawn

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TO 51 BLU
50 BLU
RA Training Team (Italian Forces)

SS 278 CONFIDENTIAL

Reference 51 BLU A 2/2 of 31 Oct and R A Training Team 1/100 of 1 Nov (.) First (.) Proposals reference Signal equipment to be discussed at meeting on 11 Nov (.) Increases difficult and not satisfied of necessity (.) SECOND (.) Shortage of E T is critical no chance of increase in artillery allotment (.) Surplus men must be treated as marching personnel (.) THIRD (.) 72 Italian Goniometers Model 912 are available besides 10 already issued to FRIULI (.) 50 BLU please confirm if arrived (.) Are these any use?

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Subject :- Establishments of Auxiliary Units.

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

S/G/29/20.
7 Nov., 44.

To :- Ministry of War.

1. Attached are copies of the following establishments

A1/30/1 A Technical Maintenance Section (Italian).

NN/532/1 A Relief Driver Increment.

NN/533/1 A Transport Platoon.

NN/539/1 A Mechanical Engineers Platoon. 442 1

2. Copies of the establishments of the remaining Auxiliary Units of the Combat Groups will follow as soon as received here.

Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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Subject :- Organisation of Combat Groups.

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

S/G/29/20.
6 Nov., 44.

Ministry of War.

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1. Attached at Appendix 'A' are proposals as put up to AAI for amendments to the present approved organisation of a Combat Group.

2. The main proposal is to delete the Scout Platoon from the Infantry Battalion, using the men thus released to form assault sections in the Pioneer Platoon of the Support Coy, and Sniper and Intelligence Sections in the Battalion H.Q. A new establishment is proposed for the Field Company, Appendix 'B' and a new organisation for the Carrier Platoon of the Support Coy, Appendix 'C'.

3. The proposals are the outcome of experience, mostly in the FRIULI Group. They have been discussed fully with the Group Commander and our BLU states that he is in entire agreement with them.

4. As it is desired to put the new organisation into effect immediately you are requested to signal your authority to the first four Groups. The BLU's have received copies of these proposals under our S/G/29/20 of 4 November to which reference could be made.

5. You are also requested to let us know your views on a proposal to separate the Signal Company from the Mixed Engineers Bn, placing it under the direct control of the Group H.Q.

W Pardy. Colonel
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

SECRET

SUBJECT: Combat Group Establishments

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LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/C/29/20
4-Nov 44

TO : ADJAT (10 copies)

1. Attached are proposals for amendments to the War Establishments of an Italian Combat Group, based on the experience of the H.Q. in formation and training.

2. The overall effect of these proposals on the whole group is as follows:

(a) Personnel

Officers	OR's
Decrease of 2	Increase of 4

(b) Motor Transport

Increases	Decreases
1 x 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	4 Motor cycles
6 x 15 cwt GS	17 Horse drawn
6 x Carriers Mortar	
23 Cars 5 cwt 4 x 2	
2 x 15 cwt 4 x 2 Air Compressor	
2 x lorries 3 ton winch	

3. The main proposal is to delete the Scouts Platoon from the Infantry Battalion, using the men thus released to form Assault sections in the Pioneer Platoon of the Support Coy, and Sniper and "A" Sections in the Battalion HQ. A new establishment is proposed for the Field Company.

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4. Pending your approval the Groups are organising and training units on the lines of these proposals, so far as this is possible without the extra equipment.

W Pidsley Colonel

Major General
M. M. I. A.

Copy to: AFHQ (2)
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50, 51, 52, 53, 54 MLU's

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Proposals for Amendments to the War Establishment SECRET

of

AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP.

ALL PERSONNEL AFFECTED ARE ITALIAN.

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Serial.	Establishment to be amended	Amendment Proposed	Reasons for Proposal	Effect of proposal on one Group.
1. Hfwd	NA/527/1 An Infantry Battalion.	Delete the Scouts Platoon	No counterpart in British Bn and considered unworkable by BLUs.	1 offr & 42 ORs per Bn or 6 offrs & 252 ORs per Group released to count against proposed increases. Total tpt released: 18 M/Cs, 18 Recce Cars.
2. Hfwd	NA/524/1 A Provost Section	Delete 1 Subaltern and substitute 1 WO.	Carabinieri Section usually has one officer, 2 i/c a WO.	No effect on overall strength.
3. Hfwd	"	After "Privates" add: "to include 5 drivers per section."	To ensure drivers according to MT scale.	——
4. Hfwd	NA/523/1 A H.Q. Combat Group.	After "Medical Services" add: M.T. Section Mech. Eng Officer (Major) ..... 1 Clerks 2	For supervision of Mechanical Engr Units in Group. Officer to be opposite number of BLUs S/Capt REME	Increase of 1 offr, 2 ORs per Group.
5. Hfwd	" do	Include 2 clerks under "Post Office."	No Clerks included at present.	Increase of 2 ORs per Group.
6. Hfwd	NA/527/1 An Infantry Battalion.	Battalion H.Q. Add 1, 15-cwt GS.	Required for M.O.	Increase of six 15-cwt GS per Group.
7. Hfwd	"	HQ Coy. HQ Platoon. Add 3 drivers	To provide 1 driver per vehicle assuming above	Increase of 18 ORs per Group.

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2. Approved	NA/524/1 A Provost Section	Delete 1 Subaltern and substitute 1 WO.	Carabinieri Section usually has one officer, 2 i/c a WO.	No effect on overall strength.
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7. Approved	"	HQ Coy. HQ Platoon. Add 3 drivers	To provide 1 driver per vehicle assuming above increase.	Increase of 18 ORs per Group.
8. Approved	"	Add 1 private	For Pl Comdrs carrier as above.	Increase of 6 ORs per Group.
9. Approved	NA/527/1 An Infantry Battalion.	In place of Scouts Platoon insert: "Sniper Section and "I" Section organised as follows: (a) Sniper Section 1 Sjt. 6 ORs. (b) Intelligence Secn. 1 Sjt 1 Corporal. 6 ORs.	To provide nucleus of trained snipers. No "I" personnel otherwise provided, except in Scouts Pl which it is proposed to abolish.	Increase of 42 ORs per Group. Increase of 60 ORs per Group.

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Serial	Establishment to be amended	Amendment Proposed	Reasons for Proposal.	Effect of proposal on each Group.
10. Approved	NA/527/1 (Contd) An Infantry Battalion.	Support Coy. 3" Mortar Platoon. Add "4 Carriers, Mortar"	Required for Mortar Pl Comdrs Recce	Increase of 6 Carriers Mortar per Group.
11. Approved	"	Add 3 Drivers.	If above proposal accepted drvrs will be required for 8 vehicles. Only 5 drvrs at present on establishment.	Increase of 18 ORs. per Group.
12. Approved	"	Carrier Platoon. Add "2 motor-cyclists."	None on present establishment	Increase of 12 ORs. per Group.
13. Approved	"	Add "1 private."	Required for looking after stores and ammn in second 15-cwt.	Increase of 6 ORs. per Group.
14. Approved	"	Pioneer Platoon. Add "2 Assault Pioneer Sections composed as below: Personnel: 1 Sjt. 3 Pioneers. 1 driver i/c M.T. 1 Car 5-cwt 4 x 4 with trailer.	At present the Pioneer Platoon consists only of tradesmen. Provision should be made for mine-laying and mine clearing.	Increase of 60 ORs per Group. Increase of 12 car 5-cwt 4 x 4 with trailer per Group.
15.	"	Add "2 D.Rs."	No DRs on present Establishment but are considered necessary.	Increase of 12 ORs per Group.
16.	"	Add "2 M.Cs".	" "	Increase of 12 M/Cs per Group.
17. Approved	"	Add "1 Car 5 cwt 4 x 4"	Tpt Platoon doubtful	Increase of 6 x 5 cwt 4 x 4 per Group.

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13.	"	Carrier Platoon. Add "2 motor-cyclists."	None on present establishment	Increase of 12 ORs. per Group.
13a.	"	Add "1 private."	Required for locking after stores and ammn in second 15-cwt.	Increase of 6 ORs. per Group.
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		M.T. 1 Car 5-cwt 4 x 4 all loads.		Increase of 12 car 5-cwt 4 x 4 per Group. all loads.
15.	"	Add "2 D.R.s."	No DRs on present Establishment but are considered necessary.	Increase of 12 ORs per Group.
16.	"	Add "2 M.Cs".	" "	Increase of 12 M/Cs per Group.
17.	"	Add "1 Car 5 cwt 4 x 4"	For Platoon Cmdr	Increase of 6 x 5 cwt 4 x 4 per Group.
18.	"	Add 1 Driver.	For above car if approved.	Increase of 6 ORs per Group.
19.	(A/S20): HQ Regiment Battalion.	Regimental Add "1 Cpl Per Mechanic"	No provision for M.T. HQ.	
20.	"	Add 6 drivers	Required if increase in O/S below is approved.	Increase of
21.	"	Add "2Cooks"	Cooks meant to be included among OR nos but 1 OR men are required apart from Cooks.	0 ORs. per Group.
22.	"	Add "2Orderlies"	For reliefs as tel ophone orderly, runner, postal duties etc.	

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Serial.	Establishment to be amended.	Amendment Proposed.	Reasons for Proposal	Effect of proposal on the Group.
23.	(Contd)	M.T. Add: 1" 2 Motor Cycles."	For subalterns	Increase as per Col. 3.
24.		" 1 Car 5-cwt 4x4"	For Field Engr (Captain) & Adjt.	
25.		"1 ~~Car light recce~~"	For Cond or recce Offrs.	
26.		"1 Lorry 3-ton 4x4 G.S."	For Office.	
27.	WA/529/1 Field Company	New W.E. as attached.	Old W.E. which allowed for two Artieri Pls, one Artieri di Arreste Pl and one Operai Pl was found to be unworkable as the Pls were too specialised.	Increase of 2 offrs and 4 ORs. Vehs Increase of Cars, 5 cwt 4x4 .... 4 Trucks 15-cwt 4x2 Air compressor .. 2 Lorries 3-ton 4x4 GS ..... 4 Lorries 3-ton 4x4 GS Winch... 2 per Group.

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WAR DEPARTMENT

ITALIAN FIELD COMPANY

ORGANICO DI GUERRA - COMPAGNIA ARTIERI

(i) Personnel (i) Personale

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Detail	Descrizione	Headquarters Comando	Three Platoons (each) Tre Plotoni (ciascuno)	Total Italian Field Coy Totale Compagnia Artieri
Officer Commanding (Capt)	Commandante (Capitano)	1		1
Subalterns	Subalterni	2	1	5
Total Officers	Ufficiali Totali	3	1	6
Company Serjeant Major	Sottufficiale di Contabilita	1		1
Company Quartermaster Serjeant	Sottufficiale ai viveri e materiali	1		1
Transport Serjeant	Sottufficiale e l'automobilista	1		1
Serjeants	(Sergenti Maggiori	1	1	4
	(Sergenti		1	3
Total Warrant Officers and Serjeants	Sottufficiali Totali	4	2	10
Corporals (Sapper Class)	Caporali Maggiori Artieri	5	5	20
Corporals (Driver Class)	Caporali Maggiori Autisti	2	1	5
Sappers	Artieri	25	46	169
Drivers i/c	Automobilisti	13	6	31
Total Rank & File	Totali Graduati e Truppe	45	58	219
Total Other Ranks	Totali Sottufficiali e Truppe	49	60	229

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Total Italian Field Coy	Totali Compagnia di Artieri	52	61	235

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(ii) Distribution of Rank & File by Trades and Duties
(ii) Distribuzione dei Graduati e truppa dei diversi servizi

Detail	Descrizione	Headquarters Central Unit / Quartiere Generale Centrale	Three Platoons (each) / Tre Plotoni (ciascuno)	Total Italian Field Coy / Totale Compagnia Artieri
Blacksmiths	Fabbri	2	1	5
Bricklayers	Muratori e Cementisti	1	5	16
Carpenters & Joiners	Falegnami e Carpentieri	1	1	4
Cherks	Scrivani	1	1	4
Cooks	Cuochi	2	1	5
Draughtsmen	Disegnatore	1		1
Electricians	Elettricisti	1	1	4
Engine Fitters (i/c & Pumps)	Meccanici montatori	1	2	7
Miners	Minatori			
Painters & Decorators	Verniciatori e Decoratori	2	1	5
Pioneers for duty as:-	Genieri in servizio come:-			
General Dutyman	Attendi			
Medical Orderly	Addetto di Sanità	3	20	63
Bugler Runner	Trombettiere staffetta	1		1
Motor Cyclist	Motociclista	1		1
Batman	Attendenti	5	3	12
Sanitary Dutyman	Addetto Servizi Sanitari	2	1	5
Water Dutyman	Addetto Servizi Idrici	1	1	4
Plumber and Pipefitters	Tubisti, piombisti, fontanieri	1		1
Shoemaker	Calzolaio	1	1	4
Vehicle Mechanics	Motoristi Meccanici	1		1
Watermen	Barcaioli	1	1	4
Driver i/c	Autisti	1	1	4
Driver Mechanics		15	6	31

Detail	Descrizione	Italiani Comando	Truppa Nazionale (each)	Total Italian Field Coy Total Nazionale Artieri
Blacksmiths	Fabbri	2		
Bricklayers	Muratori e Cementisti	1	4	5
Carpenters & Joiners	Falegnami e Carpentieri		5	
Clerks	Scrivani	1		
Cooks	Cuochi	2	1	
Draughtsman	Disegnatore	1		
Electricians	Elettricisti	1	1	
Engine Fitters (i/c & Pumps)	Meccanici pompieri	1	2	
Miners	Minatori			
Painters & Decorators	Verniciatori e Decoratori	2		
Pioneers for duty as:-	Genieri da impiego come:-			
General Dutymen	Attendenti	3	8	
Medical Orderly	Aiutante di Sanità	1		
Bugler Runner	Trombettieri staffetta	1		1
Motor Cyclist	Motociclista	3	3	12
Batman	Attendente	2	1	3
Sanitary Dutymen	Addetto Servizi Sanitari	1	1	4
Water Dutymen	Addetto Servizi Idrici	1		1
Plumber and Pipefitters	Tubisti, piombieri, fontanieri	1	1	4
Shoemaker	Calzolaio	1		1
Vehicle Mechanics	Meccanici Automezzi	1	1	4
Watermen	Barcaioli	1	1	4
Drivers i/c	Automobilisti	13	6	31
Driver Mechanics	Meccanici Automobilisti	2	1	5
Total Rank & File	Gradati e truppa totali	141	78	219

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(iii) Transport (iii) Trasporto

Detail	Descrizione	Headquarters Comando	Three Platoons (each) Tre Plotoni (ciascuno)	Total Italian Field Coy Totale Compagnia Artieri
Bicycles	Biciclette	1		1
Motor cycles solo	Motocicli	3	3	12
Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4	Jeep	1	1	4
Cars light Recce	Autocarri blindati	2		2
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2:-	Camioncini:-			
G.S.	Servizi generali	2	1	5
Air Compressor	Compressa aria		1	3
Water	Autobotte	1		1
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 4 personnel	Autocarri blindati	2	1	5
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 4:-	Autocarri leggeri:-			
G.S.	Servizi generali	6	2	12
Winch	Verricello	1	1	4

	Vehicles Veicoli	Trailers Rimorchio	M.Cs. Motocicli
Total Italian Field Coy			
Compagnia Artieri Totale	36	-	12

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Air Compressor	Compressa aria		1	
Water	Autobotte	1		1
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FROM: 5a BLU CIPHER SECRET

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TO: MMIA.

SECRET

NARA, Date 3/11/20

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Request that implementation of proposal and WE be authorized forthwith in order that vehicles and personnel required in addition may be obtained

IMPORTANT. THI. 031000

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Subject :- Establishment of 25-pdr B.H.Q.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
R O M E.

S/G/29/20.
2 Nov., 44.

To :- O.C., H.A. Training Team (Italian Forces).

1. Attached is a translation of a letter from the S.M.R.E. asking that the establishment of the 25-pdr Battery H.Q. should be increased by one officer.

2. Please let us know if in your view the increase is justified. If so, we will put up an amendment to A.A.I.

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

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TRANSLATION

SECRET

S.M.R.E.

Ref. 8152/Cri
Date 27 Oct 44

Subject: 25 Pdr Battery H.Q.

TO : Army Sub-Commission (MMLA)

Experience has shown the need for adding to the W.E. of a 25 Pdr Battery H.Q. one junior officer for Survey and gunnery duties.

The two officers for various duties already included in the establishments in force for the above 25 pdr Battery H.Q. do not seem sufficient for the many and complicated duties, tactical survey and ballistic, which artillery fire involves.

On the other hand, if the Battery H.Q. is allowed one more officer, whatever his particular duties, it will be enabled to go into action with greater readiness, speed, and to better effect.

In fact, with three officers for various duties allotted to the 25 Pdr Battery H.Q., the duties could be divided out as follows:-

(a) Liaison with the infantry

(b) O P duties, and, in a mobile situation, charge of O P's

(c) Survey and gunnery duties, work carried out in the English organisation by the CPO on the Battery H.Q.

Your decision is awaited.

SO/ba. MINISTERO DELLA GVERRA

Gabinetto

Prot. N° 1037/OMC. Allegati
314-V-5

Roma, 4 novembre 1944

Risposta al foglio ... Div. ... Sez. ... N° ...

OGGETTO: Assistenza ai gruppi di combattimento -
Assistenza ai combat Gruppi

Al LA M.M.I.A.

ROMA

M.M.I.A.
FILE REF 4
Date Recd 6/11

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Tenuto conto però che dei due ufficiali medici anzidetti:

- uno è il capo ufficio sanità;
- l'altro, oltre ad essere addetto all'ufficio di cui sopra, è incaricato del servizio sanitario per il quartier generale del comando e per i reparti minori che si vengono a trovare col comando stesso;

la riduzione presa in esame non è parsa conveniente ed è stata scartata.

Pertanto, in considerazione della necessità di avere presso i comandi di gruppo di combattimento un ufficiale per l'assistenza e la propaganda, prego codesta Missione di compiacersi prendere in benevolo esame l'assegnazione dell'ufficiale di cui trattasi, in aumento all'organico previsto per ciascuno dei comandi di gruppo di combattimento.-

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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA
(Gen.G.B.Oxilia)

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
RMMG

Tel: FREEDOM 382

Subject:- Provision of Personnel for Italian Army — MX 1A/1937

To:- G-3 (Org) through Q (AR) — 3 Nov 44

Confirming conversations (Brig NAPIER - Col THURBURN - Col ORR) of 2 Nov 44.

1. Arrangements have been made departmentally for one Italian Wksp Coy (Military) (No.392 at present attached to 45 SA (TSC) Wksp in ROME) to be made available for return to the Italian Military authorities for use in the Wksps of the Friuli and CREMONA Combat Groups.

2. It is proposed that the selection of tradesmen from 392 Italian Wksp Coy will be done by the RME attached 50 ELU under the supervision of this Directorate and MMIA and arrangements have been made departmentally to start selecting Tradesmen on 5 Nov 44.

Will G-3 please confirm that the necessary instructions will be issued to MMIA regarding the move of the Italian Company and selection of personnel etc.

3. May it also be confirmed that the a/m Wksp Coy will be struck off the APHq Order of Battle and also from Appendices "A" and "B" of HQ AAIs letter 1605/50/67/G (SDI) dated 9 Sep 44 (G-3 ref HSD/424 dated 11 Sep 44).

J. ORR, Colonel,
DOME,
for Major-General,
Director of Mechanical Engineering.

Copy to:- Q (AR) APHQ
MMIA

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Col Ridley &
hq Head to
see R 11/10

S/Sec 59/20. 124

SUBJECT : Modifications to WE of Inf Bn "A" Brit Liaison Unit

seen WP A/2/11

HQ 12 IA 8 Oct 42.

1. Further to conference of 5 Oct (Col FIDSLEY - GSOs I "A" and "B" BIM) herewith proposals in detail as requested. It is realised that some of these proposals were noted at the conference but if the whole are incorporated in one document, it will be easier to see how the modifications work out.

2. Bn HQ
(a) Addition of one 15 cwt for IO - requires one dvr.

(b) Two dvrs required for two cars already in Bn HQ cwt.

(c) Three dvrs in (a) and (b) to be found from Explorers (Scout) Pl.

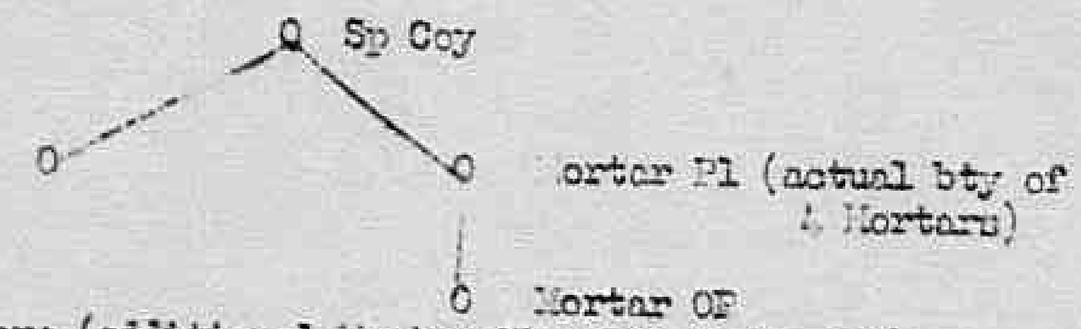
(d) Are two IOs to remain on Bn WE?

3. HQ Coy

(a) HQ Pl
(i) No stretcher to be carried
(ii) The one SD to become second med orderly.

(b) Sigs Pl

Allowing wireless comm down to rifle coys, there remains only 5 sets for sp coy (two spare MUST be kept at Bn HQ). These 5 sets must be disposed



leaving one spare (additional Mortar OP on Bn Comds not).

As carrier pl has exactly the same est of carriers as Brit carrier pl and represents so large a res of mob fire power, it is recommended that five No 38 sets or equivalent be provided, one for each sec of carrier pl, one for pl comd.

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2. Bn HQ

(a) Addition of one 15 cwt for MO - requires one dvr.

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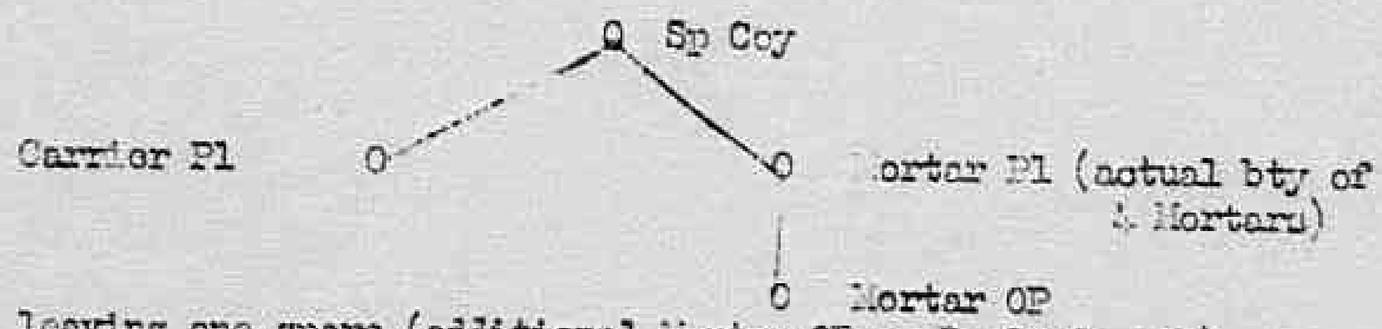

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(c) Explorata (Scout) Pl

This pl has no counterpart in Brit Inf Bn and, as it was intended to be org, was considered quite unworkable sub-unit. No attempt has yet been made to train scout pls and it is suggested these pls be abolished and personnel used on other duties. If this is accepted the following personnel will be released :-

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1	sub
3	sjts
3	dvrs
6	cpls
21	ptes
9	saboteurs
3	MCs
3	recce cars

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of these -

3 dvrs could be absorbed in Bn HQ (see para 2(c) above).

4 dvrs and 1 pte in Mortar pl (see para 4(a) below).
1 pte and 2 MCs to Carrier Pl (see para 4(b) below).
1 sub, 3 sjts, 3 dvrs, 6 saboteurs (as ptrs), 2 MCs,
2 Motor Cyclists to Pnr Pl. (see para 4 (d) below).

Total		Available	
1	sub	1	sub
3	sjts	3	sjts
10	dvrs	3	dvrs
nil	cpls	6	cpls
2	ptes	24	ptes
6	saboteurs	9	saboteurs
4	Motor Cyclists	nil	Motor Cyclists

Leaving, irrespective of specialist qualifications, 6 cpls, 8 ptes, and 3 saboteurs who are NOT required.

Also 3 recce cars are NOT required.

4. Sp Cor

(a) 3 inch Mortar Pl

(i) Mortar pl cmd needs a carrier for himself, as it is quite impossible for him to attend an "O" Gp or make a recce in either a carrier with a mortar or amm in it, or in a 15 cwt - requires one dvr and one pte (to be found from scout pl).

(ii) If para 4(a)(i) is accepted there will be eight vehs in this pl. Only five dvrs are shown in WE - required 3 more dvrs (to be found from Scout Pl).

(b) Carrier Pl

Suggested org as requested at conference is given herewith. This is almost identical with the Brit org which has been found the best with this equipment. The Italian proposed org of two secs of six carriers is NOT considered tactically sound.

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6 saboteurs	9 saboteurs
4 Motor Cyclists	nil Motor Cyclists

Leaving, irrespective of specialist qualifications, 6 cyls, 8 ptes. and 3 saboteurs who are NOT required.

Also 3 recce cars are NOT required.

4. Sp Coy

(a) 3 inch Mortar Pl

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(c) ATk Pl

Suggest one two inch Mortar be allotted to each ATk gun for the firing of flares.

(d) Pnr Pl

The present pnr pl is simply a collection of tradesmen and there is no provisions in the Italian inf bn for mine laying and mine clearing. This omission cannot be too strongly emphasised. It is therefore suggested that the pnr pl be re-organised as follows :-

HQ sub
sjt
dvr IC
Car 5 cwt 4 x 4
one pistol
one rifle
one T/D

Tradesmen Sec	Assault pnr sec	Assault pnr sec
2 sjts	Sjt	as other
4 blacksmiths	3 pnrs	assault
2 cpl carpenters	dvr IC	sec
3 pte "	car 5 cwt 4 x 4	
1 electrician	4 rifles	
2 cpls mason	1 T/D	
2 mechs	Tools and explosives	
3 dvrs		
1 x 15 cwt		
2 x 3 ton		
18 rifles		
3 T/Ds		

NOTES : (i) Tradesmen sec is as former pnr pl except it does NOT need an offr.
(ii) 1 sub, 3 sjts, 3 dvrs, 6 pnrs, 2 MCyclists and 2 T/Ds come from Scout pl.
(iii) Three cars 5 cwt 4 x 4 are NOT at present on est but are essential for effective mine laying and clearance.
(iv) Sub from old pnr pl NOT needed.
(v) Tools and explosives as for Brit pnr pl.

(e) Two inch Mortars in Sp Coy

(i) 14 on present est. 6 only required (four for carrier pl, 2 for ATk pl). Therefore 8 spare per inf bn.
(ii) Suggest allotment of one two inch mortar to each rifle coy HQ.
(iii) This leaves 5 spare per bn, which is 15 per regt.

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one TMC

Tradesmen Sec	Assault pnr sec	Assault pnr sec
2 sjts	Sjt	as other
4 blacksmiths	3 pnrs	assault
2 cpl carpenters	dvr IC	sec
3 pte "	car 5 cwt 4 x 4	
1 electrician	4 rifles	
2 cpls mason	1 TMC	
2 mechn	Tools and explosives	
5 dvrs		
1 x 15 cwt		
2 x 3 ton		
18 rifles		
3 TMCs		

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(iv) Suggest allotment of one two inch mortar to each ATk Gun in regt ATk gun coy - total 12 per regt.

(v) This leaves 3 spare per regt or 6 spare per gruppo.

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5. Rifle Coy

* (a) Stretcher Bearers

Should be unarmed - this leaves 5 TMCs spare per rifle coy and these should be kept as coy res.

* (b) Dvrs of Carriers U in Rifle Coys

Should be armed with TMC - see 5(a) above.

* (c) No 1 of two mortar

Does NOT need TMC but there is one available if required.

* (d) Pl runner

Should carry TMC (i) for his own personal protection when he is running messages (ii) to act as personal bodyguard to pl comd when he is NOT. One available from coy res (see 5(a) above).

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6. The sub-paras marked with an asterisk (*) are considered to have been accepted and are temporarily being implemented in inf regts.

7. Tools for Digging

In the Special Equipment List for Italian Inf Bn is shown

322 Tools entrenching
24 Picks
57 Shovels.

The number of tools entrenching is considered adequate, but it is pointed out that this tool can only be used for scraping an immediate and shallow hole in the ground. Picks and shovels are needed for really 'digging in' and the scale of these is quite inadequate. (e.g. 2 picks and 10 shovels for a rifle coy of 150 men).

It is therefore suggested that the normal scale of picks and shovels for a Brit Inf Bn be authorised.

Approved

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PLOTONE CARRETTE CINGOLATE

	PERSONALE			ARMI			MEZZI DI TRASP.		
	Ufficiali	Sottuff.	Truppa	Fuc.mitr. Breda	Mortai PTAT	Mortai da 50	Carrette cingolate	Autoc.legg.da ½ tonn.	Motocicli
Comandante(subalterno)	1								
~~Squadra comando~~			1				(2) 1		
1^ sq. carrette cingolate (4)		1	25	6	2	6	6	(3) 1	2
2^ " " " (4)		1	25	6	2	6	6	1	1
Tot.pl.carrette cingolate	1	2	51	12	4	12	13	2	2

(1)- ~~di cui:~~ 1 conduttori, ~~2 staffette su moto~~

(2)- equipaggio: comendante e autista

(3)- 1 trasporta munizioni, coperte, pastrani; ~~1 trasporta~~ e materiali vari.

(4)- comprende: 1 sottuff.capo squadra, 6 graduati ~~guastatori~~, 10 militari di truppa, 6 conduttori, 1 conduttore meccanico, così ripartiti tra le sei carrette cingolate (ciascuna armata di 1 fuc.mitr.e 1 mortai da 50):

1^ carretta cingolata { ~~sergente~~ / ~~caporale~~ / soldato / conduttore meccanico { caporale / soldato / soldato

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Comandante(subalterno)	1	1				(2) 1			
~~Squadra comando~~		~~(1) 5~~				~~(2) 1~~	~~(3) 2~~		~~2~~
1^ sq. carrette cingolate (4)		1	25	6	2	6	6	(3) 1	1
2^ " " " (4)		1	25	6	2	6	6	1	1
Tot.pl.carrette cingolate	1	2	51	12	4	12	13	2	2

(1)- ~~di cui:~~ 1 conduttori, ~~2 staffette su~~ moto

(2)- equipaggio: comandante e autista

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2^-3^-4^-5^-6^ Carretta cingolata { Caporale / Soldato / Soldato / Conduttore

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SUBJECT : Eng. bn. Ital. Combat Group Organization & Equipment.

TO: G1 "A" BLU

1. After carefully studying the WE and special equipment list of the Engineer bn. I would like to bring the following points to your notice:

(i) Eng. bn. HQ :

a. Personnel. Drivers i/c: No provisions are made for a M.T. NCO. It is recommended that one driver should be a driver mechanic with the rank of Cpl. If extra vehicles are approved (see below) 3 extra drivers will be required.

Cooks : The bn. HQ will receive cooking utensils for officers and ORs under the normal equipement list. No cooks are shown in WE and a minimum of 2 will be required.

General duties: Only one orderly is shown on the WE and for a mixed HQ of this type, handling signals, as well as RE ops a minimum of two additional orderlies should be allowed for to provide reliefs on telephone orderly, runner, postal duties etc.

b. Equipment. The scale of compasses, binocs and watches is very low (two of each). There are two officers provided for liaison recce duties for engineers and one for signals, and the above equipment is most essential if they are to carry out their duties efficiently. This would mean an addition of 3 compasses, 3 pairs of binocs, 3 watches, to special equipment list.

c. Transport: Although the command of the Eng. bn has not as big a comd as a CRE of a British div., he will nevertheless be working under a British CE who will expect the work of the Italian Engineers to produce approximately the same results as in a British div, as the Ital. Fd Coys will have British Eng. equipment in the same scale as a British field coy. In addition, the Ital. Bn HQ has the same scale of officers for liaison and recce duties but no transport is provided for them.

The bn. HQ scale is:

1 motorcycle
1 car 4 st 4x4
2 trucks 15 cwt 4x2 GS.
1 lorry 3 T 4x4 GS.

1-15 cwt will be required for Regt HQ and his scale of equipment under the normal equipment list. This would leave a scale which would not be adequate even for normal administrative purposes under static conditions.

Under operational conditions, and to ensure [illegible]

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1-15 cwt will be required for Regt MO and his scale of equipment under the normal equipment list. This would leave a scale which would not be adequate even for normal administrative purposes under static conditions.

Under operational conditions, and to ensure mobility of the comd, his HQ, and his staff, the following additions are necessary:

2 motorcycles - for subalterns
1 car 5 cwt 4x4 for FE(Capt) and Adj.
1 car light recce - for comd. or recce officers
1 lorry 3 T 4x4 GS - office.

(ii) Field Coys.

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a. Personnel. Officers: The coy. Comd. is the only officer in Coy. HQ, which means that when his coy is fully employed he cannot leave his HQ, nor can he call on one of his pl. officers for recce or liaison duties.

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A British field coy. with 3 working pls. has 3 officers on Coy HQ besides the CC; two of whom are available for recce. It is considered essential, therefore, that at least one additional officer be appointed to Coy. HQ.

Tradesmen : The following additional tradesmen could be provided within the existing war establishment:

4 masons	- by upgrading	pioneers	or bricklayers;
12 concretors	- by "	"	"
4 clerks	- "	"	"
2 cooks	- "	"	"
2 electricians	"	"	"

Clerks would be used for assisting in accounting for special list equipment, and for preparing returns of eng. stores etc. held, e.g. mine detectors, gapping stores, explosives, etc.
The draughtsman in the Arresto pl. is not considered essential. In any case, he is not given any drawing instruments in the special equipment list.

b. Equipment : No watches, compasses or binoculars are shown in the special equipment list of a field coy. at all. These are essential on the scale of one each per officer and also for five key NCOs. Total sets 11 (assuming recce offr. appointed).
It is understood that 2 sets of gapping stores will be carried by each fd. coy.

c. Transport : As the Ital. fd. coys are to receive the same scale of special equipment (with a few minor differences) as a British fd. coy., the transport should be on the same scale. To enable an Ital. fd. coy to carry out its normal functions in the fd. the following additions are necessary.

Cars 5 cwt 4x4	+3	Total per coy	5
" light recce	+2	" " "	4
Trucks 15 cwt compressor	+1	" " "	3

(N.B. Tools are shown in the special list on a scale for 3 compressors)

Lorries 3 T 4x4 GS.	+10	total per coy	20
" " " winch	+1	" " "	4
Totals	17		36

This addition would require 17 extra drivers who could be found as follows within existing WE:

Driver mech.	5
Veh "	4 (on winch lorries)
Pnrs. regraded	8
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W. Graham Capt RE
DDNS A OLU.

3 Oct 44.

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Subject : W.E. Engineer Bn. 1st. Italian Combat Group.

50 British Liaison Unit.

Ref. A/2/11.

28 Oct. 44.

M.M.I.A. RE
FILE Ref. 29/10
Date Rec'd 31/10/

M.I.A.

(1) As a result of experience gained during the period of reorganisation and trg, it is considered that the present organisation of the Fd Coys in the Eng Bn is unsatisfactory for the following reasons :
(a) It is tactically unsound by modern standards to have one Pl in the Fd Coy (ARDITO PL) specialised in Mine warfare, explosives and demolitions to the exclusion of knowledge of bridging, road construction, water duties, etc., while the Pls (ARTIERI PLS) specialise in the latter to the exclusion of the former.
(b) C 1090 and special equipment lists for Fd Coy cannot in fact be made to fit this organisation, having obviously been worked out for three homogeneous pls on the British model.
(c) The GENERAL Pl is unnecessarily large.

(2) It is therefore proposed to re-organise as follows :
(a) Enlarged H.Q. (b) Small H.Q. Pl. (replaces old GENERAL pl).
(c) Three sapper pls (ARTIERI), all of which are trained in ALL branches of engineer duties.

(3) Detail attached.

(4) No additional personnel are required.

(5) Additional tpt (2 x 3 Ton, 1 x 3 Ton Winch, 3 x Jeeps, 2 x Lt Recce Cars, 1 x 15 Cft Compressor) is requested, in order of priority as stated, but if refused by W.E.C. the Coy can still function, though with considerably reduced efficiency.

(6) The new organisation is considered infinitely preferable with or without additional tpt.

(7) Div Cmd is in entire agreement and has ordered provisional reorganisation on these lines, within this Div.

(8) T/Col BARDI of S.M.R.E. also approves.

(9) May this proposal please be considered and authorised, application at the same time being made for additional vehicles.

O.C.E.

Lt. Col. 443

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Lt. Col.
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PROPOSED WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

ITALIAN FD COY.

Detail.	H.Q.	H.Q. Pl.	Three Spr Pls.	Total.
(1) Personnel.				
O.C. Capt.	1.	-	-	1.
Subalterns. (a).	2.	-	1.	5.
Total Officers.	3.	-	1.	6.
C.S.M.	1.	-	-	1.
C.Q.M.S.	1.	-	-	1.
Tpt Sgt.	1.	-	-	1.
Sergeants. (b).	-	1.	2.	7.
Total W.O. and Sgts.	3.	1.	2.	10.
Corporals. (Spr Class) (c).	3.	2.	5.	20.
Corporals. (Dvr Class) (d).	1.	1.	1.	5.
Sprs.	12.	14.	44.	158.
Drivers i/c.	9.	4.	7.	34.
Total Rank and File.	25.	21.	57.	217.
Total Other Ranks.	28.	22.	59.	227.
Total.	31.	22.	60.	233.

Notes : - (a) One Senior Subaltern for duties as 2nd i/c, and one junior Sub. for recce and liaison duties.

(b) One " Sergente Maggiore " i/c H.Q. Pl. One " Sergente Maggiore " as Pl. Sgt., and One " Sergente " for recce, works supervision, in each Pl.

(c) Coy H.Q. : Clerk. Cook. Spr i/c Pioneers, Lance.
H.Q. Pl. : 2 Sprs. i/c 2 Sects each of 6 Pioneers.
3 Pls. : 3 Sprs. i/c 3 Sects : 1 Spr i/c Pl tools and stores : 1 Spr for admin duties, in each pl.

(d) Dvr Mechs for M.T. supervision and administration.

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Total Officers.	3.	-	1.	6.
C.S.M.	1.	-	-	1.
C.Q.M.S.	1.	-	-	1.
Ipt Sgt.	1.	-	-	1.
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PROPOSED WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

ITALIAN FD COY.

Detail.	H.Q.	H.Q. Pl.	Three Spr. Pls.	Total.
(2) Distribution of Rank and File by Trades & Duties.				
Blacksmiths.	-	2.	1.	5.
Bricklayers.	-	1.	5.	16.
Carpenters & Joiners.	-	-	8.	24.
Clerks.	1.	-	-	1.
Cooks.	1.	1.	1.	5.
Draughtsman.	1.	-	-	1.
Electricians.	-	-	1.	3.
Engine Fitters. (i/c & Pump)	1.	-	2.	7.
Miners.	-	-	4.	12.
Painters & Decorators.	-	2.	1.	5.
Pioneers for duty as :				
General duty.	-	6.	17.	57.
Medical Orderly.	1.	-	-	1.
Bugler Runner.	1.	-	-	1.
Motor Cyclists.	2.	1.	3.	12.
Batmen.	3.	-	1.	6.
Sanitary Dutyman.	1.	-	1.	4.
Water Dutyman.	1.	-	-	1.
Plumbers and Pipe Fitters.	-	2.	2.	8.
Shoemakers.	1.	-	-	1.
Vehicle Mechanics.	1.	-	1.	4.
Waterman.	-	1.	1.	4.
Drivers i/c.	9.	4.	7.	34.
Driver Mechs.	1.	1.	1.	5.
Total.	25.	21.	57.	~~439~~ 217.

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PROPOSED WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

ITALIAN FD COY.

Details.		H.Q.	H.Q. Pl.	Three Spr. Pls.	Total.
(3). Transport.					
	Bicycles.	1.	-	-	1.
	Motor Cycles. Solo.	2.	1.	3.	12.
	Cars 5 Cwt. 4 x 4.	2.	-	1.	5.
	Cars. Lt Recce.	1.	-	1.	4.
	Trucks 15 Cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	1.	1.	1.	5.
	Air Compresser.	-	-	1.	3.
	Water.	1.	-	-	1.
Trucks 15 Cwt 4 x 4	Personnel.	-	2.	1.	5.
Lorries 3 Ton 4 x 4	G.S.	4.	2.	2.	12.
	Winch.	1.	-	1.	4.

Total = Vehicles 39. Motor Cycles. 12.

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Subject : Vehicle Rpl. Element. Motor Cycles. S21/04/30

50 British Liaison Unit.

Ref ST/A/13.

30 Oct. 44.

M.M.I.A.

Experience in training of this Div in showing that the allotment of only 3 motor cycles per transport platoon of the S. & T. Company is not sufficient. There are two aspects of the matter, which are particularly noticable :-

(1) 3 motor cycles are not enough for the efficient control of a whole Platoon in convoy.

(2) The rate of motor cycle casualties is high in the British R.A.S.C. and is not likely to be less high in this Div : with only 3 motor cycles per platoon casualties in both men and machines are not replaceable, and are at the same time more acutely felt.

These difficulties, which have become apparent in training, are likely to be accentuated under operational conditions, and it is therefore requested that the establishment of motor cycles and riders be increased to correspond with a British R.A.S.C. transport platoon.

A.P. Clowes
Lt Col.
G.S.

C.M.F.
GAY/LCB.

Copy to ST. B.A.U.

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MESSAGE FORM.

From : MMIA

To : 10 Publications Depot.

Date - Time

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Please send urgently by air 6 copies W.E. III/293/1 Laundry and Bath Unit also A1/30/1 Technical Maintenance Section (Italian) (.)

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Authenticating Officer

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N.A/532/1

A RELIEF DRIVER INCREMENT FOR AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
(Aumento di un Autista per un Gruppo Combattente Italiano)
(Italian Army personnel)
WAR ESTABLISHMENT
(ORGANICO DI GUERRA)

(i) Personnel
(i) Personale

Serjeant (serjente)	1
Drivers I.C.(autisti I.C.)	12
Total, a relief driver increment for an Italian combat group (Totale, Aumento di un Autista per un Gruppo Combattente Italiano))	13

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

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For Action.

MMIA. 50. FILE 2920 Date rec'd 30 10 44

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TO AFHQ

(W) For Information (INFO) MMIA

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Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No SD 1362

SECRET

Ref my SD 1350 of 28 Oct para 4 and your 758/ORG3 of 27 Oct NOT to MMIA agreed W.E. ROMAN 13/293/1 mot. laundry and bath unit type B ⊙ Operational experience proves essential retain 4 lorries 3ton GS as each unit has for bathing section which are detached to serve as bathing and clothing exchange points ⊙ Request you provide necessary equipment for individual mot laundry units for first two combat gps by early November ⊙ For MMIA ⊙ Personnel required 3 offs 60 ORs each unit ⊙ Total 4 units 12 offs 252 ORs.

A check has NOT been asked for. MMIA

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A check has NOT been asked for. Major

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-3 SECTION

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27 Oct 44

FILE NO: AGD/131

SUBJECT: Formation of Unit - Misc.

TO : G-1 (B)

HEADQUARTERS
28 OCT 1944
A. C. C.

1. Authority is granted for the formation of 'X' Brit Liaison Unit for 5 Italian Combat Gp on 184/508/1 w.e.f. a date to be notified by HQ A.A.I. and under their supervision.

2. Please issue the necessary instructions to implement the above authority.

2700

Maj GS

DANIEL HOGE,
Major General, G.S.C.,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

AGD/ga

CC/ TO:-
HQ A.A.I.
Dep MIL Sec
G-3 (MS-4)
G-5
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Army Sub Commission ACC
G2A (State)

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SUBJECT: W.E. for Italian I.R.T.D. & G.R.T.D.

SECRET

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ, CMF

Tel: 11667

DMT/55/MT1

26 Oct 44.

HQ MAIA, CMF

Reference your S/G/29/20 dated 17 Oct 44.

It is not considered desirable to draw from reinforcements held the personnel required for Q,Training, Provost etc., for the following reasons

(a) Constant change of personnel will very adversely affect the training, Q arrangements etc..

(b) If personnel are NOT moved in order to avoid the disadvantages outlined in (a) above they will in effect cease to be reinforcements.

(c) For the proper functioning of the I.R.T.D. and G.R.T.D. the administrative staff must be permanent.

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W.M. Gillett
Brig.,
D.M.T.

H&F/he

DMT asks on flow to find
why 8 BT withheld so many
needed from ~~Base~~ To Pch. Depot

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Subject: Notifications W.E. of Inf Bn.

"A" British Liaison Unit.
A/2/11.
9 Oct 44.

MEA

Ref A/2/11 of even date.

In the event of your requiring same, a further copy of the above letter is forwarded herewith.

for Lt. Col GS.

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SUBJECT : Modifications to WE of Inf Bn "A" Brit Liaison Unit

3/2/11

HQ . IA.

3 Oct 44

1. Further to conference of 5 Oct (Col FIDSLEY - GSOs I "A" and "B" HQ) herewith proposals in detail as requested. It is realised that some of these proposals were noted at the conference but if the whole are incorporated in one document, it will be easier to see how the modifications work out.

2. Bn HQ

(a) Addition of one 15 cwt for MO - requires one drvr.

(b) Two drvrs required for two cars already in Bn HQ cwt.

(c) Three drvrs in (a) and (b) to be found from Exploratn (Scout) Pl.

(d) Are two MOs to remain on Bn WE?

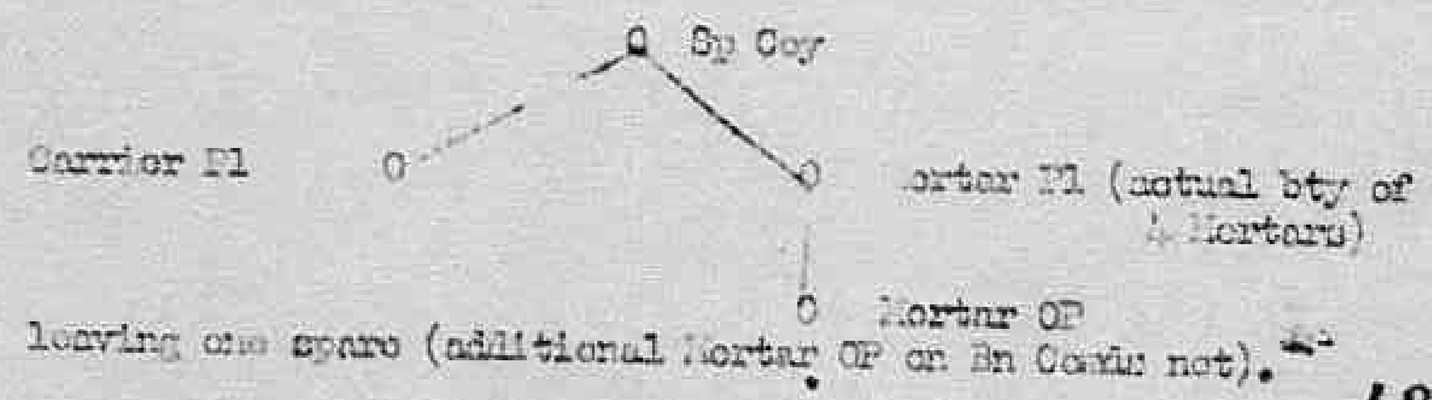
3. HQ Coy

(a) HQ Pl

(i) No stretcher to be carried
(ii) The one SD to become second in command orderly.

(b) Sigs Pl

Allowing wireless comm down to rifle coys, there remains only 5 sets for sp coy (two spare MUST be kept at Bn HQ). These 5 sets must be disposed



leaving one spare (additional Mortar OP or Bn Comds not).

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An carrier pl has exactly the same out of carriers as Brit carrier pl and represents so large a run of mob fire power, it is recommended that five No 38 sets or equivalent be provided, one for each sec of carrier pl, one for pl comd.

(c) Exploratn (Scout) Pl

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(c) Three dvrs in (a) and (b) to be found from Explorers (Scout) Pl.

(d) Are two LCs to remain on Bn HQ?

5. HQ Coy

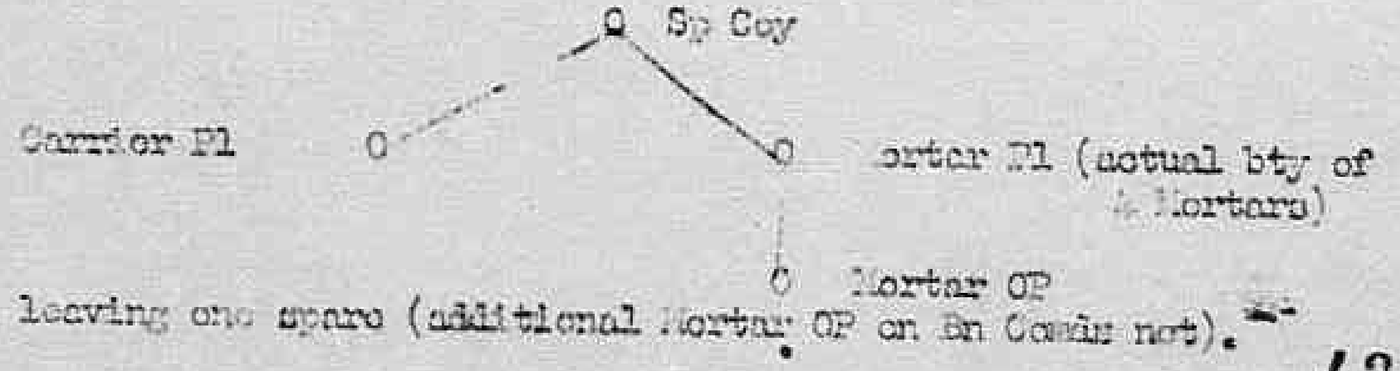
* (a) HQ Pl

(i) No stretcher to be carried

(ii) The one SB to become second-in-command orderly.

(b) Sigs Pl

Allowing wireless down to rifle coys, there remains only 5 sets for sp coy (two spare MR5 to be kept at Bn HQ). These 5 sets must be disposed



leaving one spare (additional Mortar OP on Bn Comds net).

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As carrier pl has exactly the same establishment of carriers as Brit carrier pl and represents so large a proportion of sub fire power, it is recommended that five No 38 sets or equivalent be provided, one for each sec of carrier pl, one for pl comd.

(c) Explorers (Scout) Pl

This pl has no counterpart in Brit Inf Bn and, as it was intended to be org, was considered quite unworkable sub-unit. No attempt has yet been made to train scout pls and it is suggested these pls be abolished and personnel used on other duties. If this is accepted the following personnel will be released :-

1	sub
3	sjts
3	dvrs
6	cpls
21	ptes
9	saboteurs
3	LCs
3	recce cars

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of these -

3 dvrs could be absorbed in Bn HQ (see para 2(c) above).

4 dvrs and 1 pte in Mortar pl (see para 4(a) below).
1 pte and 2 MCs to Carrier Pl (see para 4(b) below).
1 sub, 3 sjts, 3 dvrs, 6 saboteurs (as para), 2 MCs,
2 Motor Cyclists to Pnr Pl. (see para 4 (d) below).

Total		Available	
	1 sub		1 sub
	3 sjts		3 sjts
	10 dvrs		3 dvrs
	nil cpls		6 cpls
	2 ptes		21 ptes
	6 saboteurs		9 saboteurs
	4 Motor Cyclists		nil Motor Cyclists

Leaving, irrespective of specialist qualifications, 6 cpls, 8 ptes. and 3 saboteurs who are NOT required.

Also 3 recce cars are NOT required.

4. Sp Coy

(a) 3 inch Mortar Pl

(i) Mortar pl comd needs a carrier for himself, as it is quite impossible for him to attend an "O" Gp or make a recce in either a carrier with a mortar or arm in it, or in a 15 cwt - requires one dvr and one pte (to be found from scout pl).

(ii) If para 4(a)(i) is accepted there will be eight vehs in this pl. Only five dvrs are shown in WE - required 3 more dvrs (to be found from Scout Pl).

(b) Carrier Pl

Suggested org as requested at conference is given herewith. This is almost identical with the Brit org which has been found the best with this equipment. The Italian proposed org of two secs of six arriers is NOT considered tactically sound.

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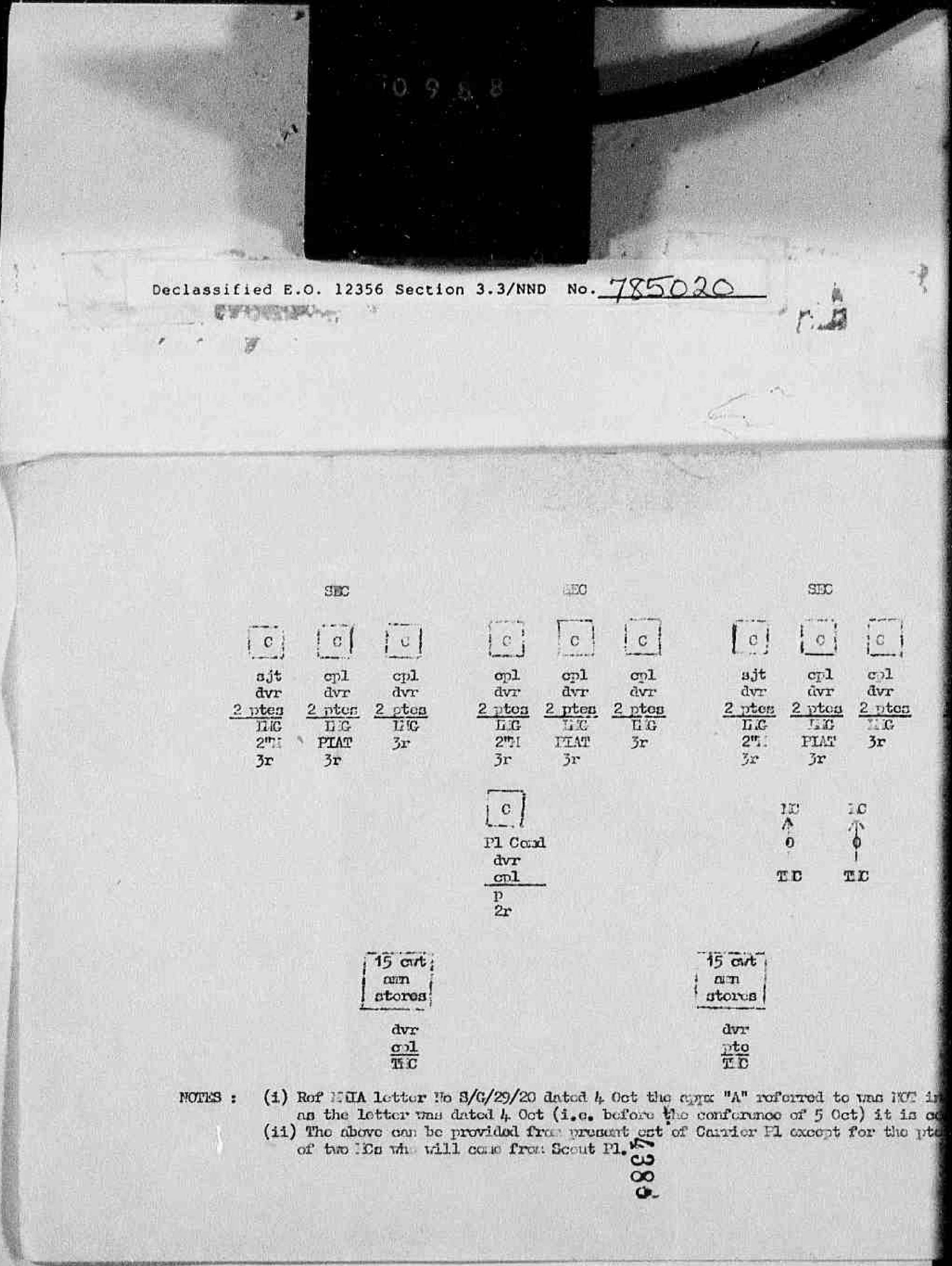

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(ii) The above can be provided from present est of Carrier Pl except for the pte
of two LCs which will come from Scout Pl.

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(c) ATk Pl

Suggest one two inch Mortar be allotted to each ATk gun for the firing of flares.

(d) Pnr Pl

The present pnr pl is simply a collection of tradesmen and there is no provisions in the Italian inf bn for mine laying and mine clearing. This omission cannot be too strongly emphasised. It is therefore suggested that the pnr pl be re-organised as follows :-

HQ
sub
sjt
dvr IC
Car 5 cwt 4 x 4
one pistol
one rifle
one TMC

Tradesmen Sec	Assault pnr sec	Assault pnr sec
2 sjts	Sjt	as other
4 blacksmiths	3 pnrs	assault
2 cpl carpenters	dvr IC	sec
3 pte	car 5 cwt 4 x 4	
1 electrician	4 rifles	
2 cpls mason	1 TMC	
2 mechs	Tools and explosives	
3 dvrs		
1 x 15 cwt		
2 x 3 ton		
18 rifles		
3 TMCs		

NOTES : (i) Tradesmen sec is as former pnr pl except it does NOT need an offr.
(ii) 1 sub, 3 sjts, 3 dvrs, 6 pnrs, 2 MCyclists and 2 TMCs come from Scout pl.
(iii) Three cars 5 cwt 4 x 4 are NOT at present on est but are essential for effective mine laying and clearance.
(iv) Sub from old pnr pl NOT needed.
(v) Tools and explosives as for Brit pnr pl.

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(e) Two inch Mortars in Sp Coy

(i) 14 on present est. 6 only required (four for carrier pl, 2 for ATk pl). Therefore 8 spare per inf bn.
(ii) Suggest allotment of one two inch mortar to each rifle coy HQ.
(iii) This leaves four spare per inf bn.

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one rifle
one TMC

Tradesman Sec	Assault pnr sec	Assault pnr sec
2 sjts	Sjt	on other
4 blacksmiths	3 pnrs	assault
2 cpl carpenters	dvr IC	sec
3 pte	carr 5 cwt 4 x 4	
1 electrician	4 rifles	
2 cpls mason	1 TMC	
2 mechs	Tools and explosives	
3 dvrs		
1 x 15 cwt		
2 x 3 ton		
16 rifles		
3 TMCs		

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(iii) This leaves 5 spare per bn, which is 15 per regt.

(iv) Suggest allotment of one two inch mortar to each ATk Gun in regt ATk gun coy - total 12 per regt.

(v) This leaves 3 spare per regt or 6 spare per gruppo.

5. Rifle Coy

x (a) Stretcher Bearers

Should be unarmed - this leaves 5 TMCs spare per rifle coy and these should be kept as coy res.

x (b) Dvrs of Carriers U in Rifle Coys

Should be armed with TMC - see 5(a) above.

x (c) No 1 of two mortar

Does NOT need TMC but there is one available if required.

x (d) Pl runner

Should carry TMC (i) for his own personal protection when he is running messages (ii) to act as personal bodyguard to pl comd when he is NOT. One available from coy res (see 5(a) above).

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6. The sub-paras marked with an asterisk (*) are considered to have been accepted and are temporarily being implemented in Inf regts.

7. Tools for Digging

In the Special Equipment List for Italian Inf Bn is shown

322 Tools entrenching
24 Picks
57 Shovels.

The number of tools entrenching is considered adequate, but it is pointed out that this tool can only be used for scraping an immediate and shallow hole in the ground. Picks and shovels are needed for really 'digging in' and the scale of these is quite inadequate. (e.g. 2 picks and 10 shovels for a rifle coy of 150 men).

It is therefore suggested that the normal scale of picks and shovels for a Brit Inf Bn be authorised.

for ux AFHQ
22/6

AFSC-AG-G3

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Copy to : "B" Brit Liaison Unit

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RAAG MESSAGE FORM

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FROM MMIA

TO AAI

29/20

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Reference minute 339 of MEC meeting 19 Oct (*) PAREN EQME AREA COMMAND PAREN (*) If this scale of transport stands MLU will not be able to move without outside assistance (*) Strongly urge MMIA's proposals attached to S/O/29/20 of 19 Oct be supported in order to make this operational HQ mobile and independent

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SECRET

SUBJECT: War Establishments

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
File No. 9/G/20/20 ✓
24 Oct 44

TO : 50 AAU
51 AAU
52 AAU
53 AAU

1. Enclosed are copies of War Establishments of Auxiliary Units for Combat Groups. Official copies have not been issued, but these establishments have been approved by AFHQ, except that for the Reinforcement Depot.

Major General
U. S. A.

RAR ESTABLISHMENTS OF ANCILLARY UNITS OF ITALIAN INFANTRY GROUPS.

BRANCH	UNITS	Ref.
Engineers	3 Field Park Coys	Appx 'A' to I/01/23/48/G (Engr) of 5 Oct.
Supply & Transport	6 Field Bakeries	
	3 General Transport Coys	
	H.Q. GT Coy	MA/531/1
	4 Transport Pl	MA/533/1
	4 RMIs	MA/534/1
	1 Mech Haul Platoon	MA/539/1
	1 Motor Ambulance Convoy	VI/719/1 (Copy not yet received)
	3 RMIs	MA/534/1
Medical	12 field hospitals (200 beds each)	
	4 field surgical units	App 'A' to I/01/23/48/6 (Med) of 25 Sept.
	2 Mobile Army units	
	2 Adv Depots	
	Medical Stores	
	2 Mobile Dental Units	
Miscellaneous	1 Mobile Laundry Coy	
	3 Mobile Bath Units	App 'A' to I/01/23/48/G of 25 Sept.

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SUBJECT : Italian Combat Groups

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HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

Tel : FHFOT 101.

1701/23/48/G(SD2).

21 Oct 44.

Allied Control Commission
(Army Sub Commission)
ROME

Ref conversation DOBBS - HUCKLE of 19 Oct.

Six copies of proposed war establishments for auxiliary units of an Italian Combat Group as submitted to AFHQ for approval under following references are forwarded as requested -

1701/23/48/G(SD2) dated 25 Sep.
1701/23/48/G(SD2) dated 5 Oct.

B Huckle Capt
for Lieutenant General,
Chief of General Staff.

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SUBJECT: Organisation of an Italian Infantry Bn

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
File No. S/O/29/20
22 Oct 44

TO : 50 BLU

1. Thank you very much for the excellent summary of your proposals for the organisation of an Infantry Battalion, forwarded under your A/2/11 of 17 October.

2. These proposals have now been included in a consolidated list of proposed amendments to establishments which is being submitted to AAI. A copy will be sent to BLU's.

W. Peachey Colonel
Major General
M. M. I. A.

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MESSAGE FORM. 29/20. 47

Date Time of Origin.

From: MED.

To AFHQ.

Ref No SS 213

Security Classification CONFIDENTIAL

REFERENCE:

Reference AAIs 1605/50/57/2(SM) dated 2 October and your MED/424 of 14 October (*) Paren MED Area _____ Paren May we please have official copy of all Tail establishments earliest with formal orders to form tail units according to required time table (*) Our TS/0/29 of 23 Sept also refers

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Authenticating Officer

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Subject :- War Establishments.

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Military Mission Italian Army,
R O M E.

3/G/29/20.
21 Oct., 44.

To :- 52 BLU.
53 BLU.

Ref 52 BLU's RO/4 of 21st Oct.

1. Enclosed are copies (2 per BLU) of Combat Group Establishments as forwarded from AAI to AFHQ.

2. These have all been passed by AFHQ but official copies have not been received.

3. Copies of establishments of Auxilary Units will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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M.A.M.I.A. S/Sec
FILE NO. 29/22
Date 22/10

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LROF V LRLC NR24 IMPORTANT

FROM 52 BLU 211825A

TO MMIA

QQX GR24 BT

RG/4. RESTRICTED.

PLEASE EXPEDITE GRUPPO DETAILED WAR ESTABLISHMENT. THIS NOW OUTSTANDING ONE MONTH. IMPOSSIBLE DEAL WITH CERTAIN PROBLEMS WITHOUT THIS.

THI 221156

SENT NR24 22/1205 WB AR

RECD NR 24 22/1205 SLW (-AR-)

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SUBJECT: BLU Establishments.

MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
0/0/29/20

20 Oct 44

TO : 50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU

1. Attached for information are the proposals put up to AAI for changes in the BLU establishment.

2. The question of adding a BASE or BASH to the establishment has been discussed with AAI and AFHQ, but there is no chance of getting this through. XII District should be able to help.

/s/ Major General
Military Mission to the Italian Army

(CLASSIFIED)

NATA Proposals for Amendments to WE's of the HLU of an Italian Group and of a British Headquarters for the Group

A. Proposed Amendments to establishment of a

BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

TO

AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
(NA/508/1 of 25 Aug 1944)

Personnel to be British.

Serial	Amendment Proposed	Reasons for Proposal	Units affected by Proposal
	Personnel		
1	Add 1 cook ACC (Private)	Required to cook for British OR's of HLU for whom all-Italian cooking is not suitable.	HLU's 50-55
2	Add 3 B.O.W.C.'S	Required for each group in view of difficulties in getting Italians to indent correctly for stores required. If this is authorised it should ease problem of supply of Ordnance stores which is likely to be one of the biggest difficulties when the Groups go into action, as well as during equipping period.	HLU's 50-55
3.	Add 1 British OR for General Duties.	Required mainly as a check on the Italian Staff, [illegible] of rations	HLU's 50-55
	Motor Transport		
4.	Add 1 H C V	[illegible]	HLU's 50-55
5.	Add 2 cars 4 str 4 x 4	[illegible] to be out on duty separately at the same time. The present scale of light vehs allows for 1 car 4 str 4 x 2 and 2 trucks 15 cwt.	HLU's 50-55
6.	Add 3 x 3 ton 4 x 2 G.S.	To enable the unit to be mobile. At present it comprises 44 British all ranks and 22 Italian, and the scale of heavy vehs allows for only 2 lorries 3 ton.	HLU's 50-55

B. Proposed Amendment to establishment of

AN ITALIAN INCREMENT
TO
A BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.
(NA/508/1 of 25 August 1944)

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1	Add 1 cook ACC (Private)	Required to cook for British OR's of ELU for whom all-Italian cooking is not suitable.	ELU's 50-55
2	Add 3 B.O.W.C.'S	Required for each group in view of difficulties in getting Italians to indent correctly for stores required. If this is authorised it should ease problem of supply of Ordnance stores which is likely to be one of its biggest difficulties when the Groups go into action, as well as during equipping period.	ELU's 50-55
3.	Add 1 British OR for General Duties.	Required mainly as a check on the Italian Staff, a [illegible] of failure	ELU's 50-55
4.	Motor Transport Add 2 M.C.V.	Groups are 9 Staff Cars on the establishment the majority [illegible] to be out on duty separately at the same time. The present scale of light vehs allows for 2 cars 4 str 4 x 2 and 2 trucks 15 cwt.	ELU's 50-55
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B. Proposed Amendment to establishment of
AN ITALIAN INCUMBENT
TO
A BRITISH LIAISON UNIT.
(MA/500/1 of 25 August 1944)

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Personnel to be Italian

Serial	Amendment proposed	Reasons for Proposal	Units affected by Proposal
7.	Add 6 drivers i/C	Will be required if above proposals for increase in transport of ELU is approved.	ELU's 50-55

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SUBJECT: Amendments to Establishments of MLU.

MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
ROME
S/G/29/20
19 Oct 44

TO : G(SD) AAI.
copy AFHQ

1. Attached are MMIA's proposals (7 copies) for amendments to WE's of the MLU of an Italian Combat Group and of the Italian Increment to the MLU.

2. It is realised that it is now less than 6 months since the effective date of the establishments, but it is felt that the proposals should be made urgently as the MLU's are working under great difficulty, especially for transport, and some of them will soon be operational.

W. Pidsley. Colonel
Major General
Military Mission to Italian Army

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Subject :- Transport for "B" B L U

SECRET

To :-
HQ MMLA

"B" British Liaison Unit

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"A" B L U
"C" B L U
"D" B L U

Ref your message SS 164 of 9 Oct.

I am convinced that the present scale of tpt laid down for the B L U is ludicrously insufficient and even at this stage is seriously hampering the whole scheme.

The proposed scale laid down is :-

P Us	2	Trucks 15-cwt Wireless House	2
Motor Cycles	6	Lorries 3-ton	3
Trucks 15-cwt	3	Water Trucks	1

In actual fact this B L U has drawn three JEEPS in lieu of 2 P Us and one 15-cwt truck. Of these one is a class I veh and the other two are class V. This involves one of the latter being very often off the road. We have also drawn two 3-ton trucks and 6 M/Cs.

I have 8 Staff Officers besides myself. During this vital stage of trg and equipping it is my experience that DAA & QMG, DADST, or DADOS or sometimes all three have to proceed to Ord dumps, AFHQ, or to Naples. This entails at least one Jeep being away. My S O R A has his Arty Regtl HQ some six miles from Div HQ and the bye - necessarily dispersed - some eight miles beyond. He is urgently required to supervise the trg now in progress and also to keep an eye on the arrival of equipment. To carry out his duties this officer must have a veh. The Engrs are now engaged in intensive trg. They are situated some five miles from Div HQ and in the opposite direction to the Arty. It is essential for my S O R E to supervise the trg. This officer must have a veh.

The two Inf Regts are some three miles apart and are some seven miles from Div HQ. My G II should be with them daily. I can repeat these facts and figures for all arms and I need scarcely add that I consider it to be my duty to tour the whole Div and see the trg, and keep in touch with the whole situation. I fail to see how this can be done with one or two Jeeps available.

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It is most discouraging to keen and efficient officers who are anxious to make a success of this project to be rendered impotent to perform their duties to their satisfaction by a lack of tpt. I cannot believe that Higher Authority can be conscious of the situation or would agree to a continuance of this state of affairs. There is alleged to be a shortage of vehs. This may be true theoretically but it is a plea that cannot convince officers who see vast fleets of Jeeps and Staff cars lined outside static HQs in this area.

I may add that even allowing no room for personal kit of any type, and assuming that it is suggested that the Italians are to be confronted by the spectacle of the officers of their British Liaison Unit on the move crammed into Jeeps and riding M/Cs, there is NOT even the seating for the present strength of the unit.

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I have spoken to the G 1s of A, B and D B L Us and all are agreed that the following scale is the minimum that is required for reasonable efficiency.

Veh	No	Notes
Cars 4 x 4 - 4 seater	2	In lieu of P Us
Jeeps	4	Extra to proposed W E
Trucks 15-cwt	3	
Trucks 15-cwt Wireless House	2	
L C V	1	
Lorries 3-ton	4	Extra to proposed W E
Water Cart	1	An increase of 3 on proposed W E

The CREMONA Div is a good unit by Italian standards and given a proper start I and my officers are convinced that this experiment can be made a success. To have our efforts hampered in this way is engendering a sense of frustration which is most undesirable, and to my mind utterly unnecessary.

Field
1 Oct 44
BWWC/RGT

Lt Col
General Staff

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SUBJECT: MS Signals Coy of Italian Engr Bn

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MAIN HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel: FILIOT 70

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15 Oct 44

MEMORANDUM

The present establishment of a Signals Coy of an Italian Engr Bn (M/530/1) only allows for four cipher operators at Gruppo HQ. In view of the fact that a large proportion of the traffic at this HQ is likely to be in cipher it is now considered that this establishment is inadequate.

It is recommended that the establishment of cipher operators in the Wrls Squad of HQ Pl be increased to nine. This will allow for three daily shifts of three operators who should be capable of dealing with any normal volume of traffic.

Zuckerman

Major-General,
Chief Signal Officer.

SORE. Pol
SORE Sigs
18/10.
PH/EG

Sigs to hold meeting of all Groups discuss this and any other matters

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To:- ZMIA

From:- ZMIA LO, POLGORE.

29/20. 15 Oct 44

S/Sec
17/10

Subject - YEs for Adm Tail Combat Gps

1. May copies be sent me and HLU of YEs for adm tail.

2. Queries are continually arising as to these OTs and we should be in a position to give this HQ makeup of adm tail units.

J.A. Philip
J A PHILIP Capt

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Maj Dobbs Please send. WP

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29/20. Jiii 39.

FROM: MMIA

TO : 10 PUBLICATIONS DEPOT 17 A

SS 190 RESTRICTED

Please forward urgent by air 6 copies of WE's NA/531/1 NA/533/1 NA/532/1 NA/539/1 (1 Sept) V1/719/1 (.) PAREN HOME AREA _____ PAREN

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SUBJECT: W.E. for Italian CRTD.

SECRET

MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
ROME
S/C/29/20
17 Oct 44

TO : DMT A.F.H.Q.

Reference your DMT/55/MT of 12 Oct.

1. It was realised when the establishment referred to was prepared that it did not allow for G, Training, Provost, Medical, and Company Commanders.

2. The establishment was made out only for a permanent staff and the intention was that the personnel mentioned above, (though G was partly provided for) should be provided within the allowance for the reinforcements (5700 men). The reasons for doing this were as follows :-

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(a) The Combat Ceiling (57,000) had been practically reached with other units so the only solution was to count some people against the reinforcements;

(b) It seemed an economical solution because the strength of the depot would inevitably fluctuate and the "staff" could be adjusted as required;

(c) It was intended that a field hospital (200 beds) or part of one should be established near the depot, and also that medical officers as necessary should be held as reinforcements.

3. These points were discussed with 'A' Branch at AAI who agreed.

4. If you think that it is undesirable to count the personnel mentioned against reinforcements we will discuss the W.E. with the Italians again and make a new draft more in line with a British R.T.D. The ceiling difficulty is, however, emphasised.

Major General
Military Mission to Italian Army

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Subject:- Formation of Units - Misc
"A" and "B" M.U and Italian Increments.

3 District
Tel Ext 17
104/264 A

13 Oct 44

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Main HQ, MTOUSA.

Ref this HQ 104/264 A dated 7 Sep 44.

Herewith statements of deficiencies relating to the above units.

AKC/KR

Capt

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Subject :- Formation of New Units. "B" British Liaison Unit.

To : HQ.,
57 Area.

A 103

Reference AFM GR/1160/1-1 of 2 Sep 44 and your A40 of 16 Sep 44.

Herewith return of Italian Increment :-

Batmen	1 surplus.	
Cooks	1 deficient	one cooks help employed as substitute.

R.V. Hatch

Major
DAA & QMG
"B" British Liaison Unit.

2 Oct 44
RVH/FEM.

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Subject :- Formation of [illegible] Units. "B" Brit[illegible] Liaison Unit.

To :- HQ.,
57 Area.

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A 103

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Reference AFH CE/1160/G-1(HR)(Ser 0683) of 2 Sep 44 and your MO of 16 Sep 44.

Herewith return called for :-

1. (a) BRITISH PERSONNEL.

Officers — Staff Captain RE&M — 1

Other Ranks.

RASC General Duties Clerks			
	Sgts	1	One RA G.D. Clerk held in lieu.
	Ptes	2	
Interpreters	Sgts	1	
RA Clerk	Pte	1	Posted not yet joined
R Sigs	Sgts	1	
Operators Wireless & Line			
	Cpls	4	
	Ptes	7	
Operators Cypher	Cpls	3	
Electricians Signals	Pte	1	
Driver Operators	Ptes	2	
Driver Mechanic	Pte	1	
Driver i/c	Pte	1	

(b) ITALIAN PERSONNEL

The Italian Element is as yet in a somewhat fluid state. Detailed deficiencies if any will be forwarded within the next 48 hours.

2. It is regretted that only one copy of this return was forwarded under our A 103 of 1 Oct 44.

R C Hale

Major
DAA & QMG
"B" British Liaison Unit

2 Oct 44
RCH/PEM

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SUBJECT :- Completion Report

"A" Brit Liaison Unit
A/2"10
1 Oct 44

HQ 57 Area

Ref your A40 dated 16 Sep 44.

The formation of this unit is complete except in respect of the following particulars.

1. Personnel.

(a) Officers. Lt Col AEC SOUTHBY held on attached strength pending receipt of posting and appointment orders as GSO 1

(b) ORs Deficiencies :-

Interpreter (S/t)	1
Ops W/T & Line R Sigs (Cpls)	2
Ops Cypher R Sigs (Cpls)	3

2. Equipment.

No Special Equipment List has been issued by Q(AE) AFHQ. A suggested Special Equipment List is being prepared for submission.

3. Tpt

Deficiencies :-

(a) 2 x 2 str Cars 10 hp . 3 Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4 issued in lieu

(b) 3 x Trucks 15 cwt GS
(c) 1 x Lorry 3 ton GS
(d) 2 x Trucks 15 cwt W/T

Sgd F.C.R. Vincent Major RTR
DAAG/GS.

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SUBJECT: W.E. for Italian IRTD and GRTD

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DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ, CMF

Tel: 11667

DMT/55/MT1

12 Oct 44.

HQ MMIA

The draft of a proposed W.E. for an Italian Reinforcement Training Depot forwarded under AAI letter 1701/53/G (SD2) dated 24 Sep44 is returned herewith.

An examination of the proposal reveals that no staff has been provided for Q matters, Training, Provost, Medical and Coy Commanders.

It is felt that this proposal needs careful redrafting and in order to assist you this Directorate has requested No 10 Publications Depot to forward to you copies of the W.E. on which a British Reinforcement and Training Depot is based.

Brig.,
D.M.T.

HMF/he

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ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

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A REINFORCEMENT TRAINING DEPOT

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

1. The Depot will comprise:

Depot H.Q.

2 Infantry Battalion H.Qs

1 Mixed Battalion H.Q.

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2. Only the Depot permanent staff are included in the Establishments.

3. The Reinforcements will be organised as follows:

Three Battalions — **Total - All Ranks**

No 1 Battalion -	Infantry	1900
No 2 Battalion -	"	1900
No 3 Battalion -	Mixed	1900
	TOTAL:	5700

Each Battalion - Three Coys.

Nos 1 and 2 Bns - 6 Coys i.e. one per Group.

			Total - All Ranks
No 3 Battalion:	No 1 Company -	Artillery	450
	No 2 "	"	450
	No 3 "	- Engr 300	
		Sigs 150	
		Mech 150	600
	No 4 "	- Misc	400
		TOTAL	1900

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ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

A HEADQUARTERS REINFORCEMENT TRAINING DEPOT

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

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DETAIL	OFFICERS	W.O.'s	SERJEANTS	CORPORALS	PRIVATES	TOTAL
Depot Commander (Colonel)	1					1
Adjutant (Major or Captain)	1					1
Orderly Officer	1					1
H.Q. Platoon						
Platoon Commander (Subaltern)	1					1
Clerical Section						
Chief Clerk		1				1
Clerks			2	2	3	7
Orderlies (incl 2 D.Rs)					6	6
Administrative Section						
Clerks for Pay and Accounts			3	1		4
Medical Orderly				1		1
General Duties (incl cooks)					9	9
M.T. Section						
M.T. Serjeant			1			1
Drivers					9	9
General Duties					4	4
TOTAL	6	1	6	4	31	48

DETAIL	OFFICERS	W.O's	SERJEANTS	CORPORALS	PRIVATES	TOTAL
Depot Commander (Colonel)	1					1
Adjutant (Major or Captain)	1					1
Orderly Officer	1					1
H.Q. Platoon						
Platoon Commander (Subaltern)	1					1
Clerical Section						
Chief Clerk		1				1
Clerks			2	2	3	7
Orderlies (incl 2 D.Rs)					6	6
Administrative Section						
Clerks for Pay and Accounts			3	1		4
Medical Orderly				1		1
General Duties (incl cooks)					9	9
M.T. Section						
M.T. Serjeant			1			1
Drivers					9	9
General Duties					4	4
TOTAL	4	1	6	4	31	46

(ii) Transport

Motor cycles, solo	-	2
Cars, 4 seater, 4 x 2	-	1
Trucks, 15-cwt, G.S.	-	2
Trucks, 15-cwt, Water	-	1
Lorries, 3-ton, G.S.	-	5

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ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

AN INFANTRY BATTALION HEADQUARTERS OF A REINFORCEMENT TRAINING DEPOT

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

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(1) Personnel

DETAIL	OFFICERS	W.O.'s	SERJEANTS	CORPORALS	PRIVATES	TOTAL
Battalion Commander (Lt-Col or Major)	1					1
Adjutant	1					1
Clerical Section						
Chief Clerk		1				1
Clerks				1	2	3
Orderly					1	1
Administrative Section						
Clerks for Pay and Accounts			1	1		2
Armourer				1		1
Medical Orderly				1		1
General Duty Men					5	5
M.T. Section						
Vehicle Mechanic			1			1
Drivers					3	3
General Duty Men					3	3
TOTAL	2	1	2	4	14	23

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DETAIL	OFFICERS	W.O's	SERJEANTS	CORPORALS	PRIVATES	TOTAL
Battalion Commander (Lt-Col or Major)	1					1
Adjutant	1					1
Clerical Section						
Chief Clerk		1				1
Clerks				1	2	3
Orderly					1	1
Administrative Section						
Clerks for Pay and Accounts			1	1		2
Armourer				1		1
Medical Orderly				1		1
General Duty Men					5	5
M.T. Section						
Vehicle Mechanic			1			1
Drivers					3	3
General Duty Men					3	3
TOTAL	2	1	2	4	14	23

(ii) Transport

Motor Cycles, solo	- 2
Car, 2-seater, 4 x 2	- 1
Lorries, 3-ton, G.S.	- 1
Trucks, 15-cwt, Water	- 1

NOTE: The establishment for a Mixed Battalion Headquarters is the same except that 4 officers are included instead of 2.

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SUBJECT: W.E. for Italian ITD and GHQ TD

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DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ, G.S.

Tel: 11667

DMT/53/MT1

12 Oct 44.

HQ MAIA

The draft of a proposed E.T. for an Italian Reinforcement Training Depot forwarded under AAI letter 1701/53/G (SD2) dated 24 Sept 44 is returned herewith.

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Brig.,
D.M.T.

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Subject :- War Diary

"B" British Liaison Unit

A 201

27.

To :- HQ M.M.I.A.
C&F

29/10.

I have spoken to the Div Cond CREMONA on the subject of Liaison officers from Bns at Regtl HQ. These are NOT allowed for in the W.E. of Gruppi. There is no doubt that battle experience has emphasised the extreme importance of this means of conveying orders from Bde to Bn, and I impressed on the General my own conviction of the necessity of having L.O's. at Regtl HQ of Infantry.

The General in reply said that Infantry officers could not be spared from Bns which - according to Italian standards - have already been cut to the bone in officers.

It will be recollected that it was recommended at the conference last week at your HQ that the Scout Pl and Pnr Pl in the Inf Bn be combined to form one modern Pnr Pl of one Artisan sec and two Assault secs, all under one officer. This leaves the Scout Pl officer spare.

I suggest that this officer be attd to Regtl HQ as a Liaison officer.

Field
16 Oct 44
BWM/WH

BW. Wellington

Lt Col.,
Gen Staff.

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Subject: Carrier Platoons in Inf Bns. "B" Training Incre.

C.M.F.

To: CMHQ. Rome. 10 Oct 44.

The following comments are sent you on the suggested layout of the Carrier Platoons in Inf Bns.

1. The carrier at Pl H.Q. must have a crew of 3 for many reasons, one of which is that there is noone to fire the Bren and also that if the Subaltern has to go on Recce on foot, he would have to go on this by himself if there were only a crew of 2.

2. In both 15 cwts there must be a crew of 2, again for many reasons. There should be a relief driver, also a person to read the map and act as look-out if moving well up in an advance.

3. There is no need for a D.M. and a Driver in each Carrier of the Carrier Sections, it is a luxury and considered superfluous.

4. It would be better if there were 2 Sgts for each 6 Carriers, so that there would be a Sgt i/c of a Section (3 Carriers).

5. A crew of 3 is all that is required for each Carrier, they are capable of manning all the section weapons. A crew of 4 would be practical if W/T were issued, and then only a D.O. in each Comds Carrier.

Could a ruling be given on these points before this lay-out is tried out.

Major.

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HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel: FIELD 73

1605/50/57/G(SD1)

10 Oct 44

SUBJECT:- Units for Combat Groups (Tail)

Army Sub Commission AFC

Copy to:- 'A'
'Q'
Q(AE)
ST

Ref MAIA T3/G/29 of 26 Sep 44 Appx 'B'.

1. It is noted that the figures quoted for strengths of ST units appear to be based on incorrect WEs.

2. Att at Appx 'A' is a revised list of units showing WEs approved at this HQ WEC meeting, recorded in Minute No 324 of 30 Sep.

3. You are requested to amend Appx 'B' to MAIA letter T3/G/29 of 26 Sep accordingly.

for Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

SUBJECT:- Revised S & T Section for Appx 'B' to MAA TS/G/29 of 26 Sep 44

Unit	WE	Offrs	ORs	LMCs	FlaT	MDs	Cars 4-str	Cars 2-str	Trucks 15-cwt	Trucks 30-cwt
HQ Gen Tpt Coy	Na/531/1	4	364)	2	2	5(-1)	1	2	2	-
4 Tpt Pls (each)	Na/533/1	1	49(-2)	6	6	3	-	1	1	-
4 RDIs (each)	Na/532/1	-	13(-1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 Mech Eqpt Coy	Na/539/1 (1 Sep)	1	39	2	1	2	-	1	2	-
Total, Gen Tpt Coy		3	323(-3)	28	27	19(-1)	1	7	8	-
Total, three Gen Tpt Coys		27	969	84	81	57	3	21	24	-
Fd Bky	as in WEC Minute 324 dated 30 Sep	1	31	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Six Fd Bakeries		6	186	-	-	6	-	-	-	-
Motor Ambulance Convoy	VI/719/1	—	(-55)	(-3)	(-1)	(-8)				
3 RDIs	Na/532/1	7	121	-	-	22	2(-1)	4	-(-6)	2 (42)
Total, M.C		-	39 (-10)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ST UNITS		7	260(-11)	-	-	22	2	4	-	2
		40	1415	84	81	85	5	25	32	2

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tion for Appx 'B' to MMIA TS/G/29 of 26 Sep 44

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Appx 'A' to 1605/57/G(3D1)
dated 10 Oct 44

	Offrs	ORs	LMGs	PIAT	MMGs	Cars 4-str	Cars 2-str	Trucks 15-cwt	Lorries 30-cwt	Lorries 3-ton GS	Lorries 3 ton special	Trailers water	Motor Ambs
	4	36(-1)	2	2	5(-1)	1	2	2	-	3	-	1	
	1	49(-2)	6	6	3	-	1	1	-	31(-3)	-	1	
	-	136(-10)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
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	9	323(-1)	28	27	19(-1)	1	7	8	-	132(-12)	4	6	
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	6	186	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	6	-	6	
	7	(-55) 221	(-8) -	(-1) -	22(-8)	2(1)	4(-7)	-(-6)	2(+2)	8(+2)	-(-4)	2(-3)	75
	-	39(+10)	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-
	7	260(+2)	-	-	22	2	4	-	2	8	-	2	75
	40	1415	84	81	85	5	25	34	2	410	12	26	75

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FROM MAA

TO AFHQ

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Request early approval of War Establishment of Italian Combat Force Reinforcement Training Depot sent you under AAI 1701/53/G(SIR) of 24 Sep (.) [illegible] ROME AREA _____ [illegible]

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SUBJECT: War Establishments - An Italian Combat Group

MILITARY MISSION ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
File No. S/G/29/20
7 Oct 44

TO : LMT ADNAP

Ref : Your Signal DMT 1-97(597) of 6 October

1. I enclose 2 copies of War Establishment of an Italian Combat Group.

Maj Gen
M M I A

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FROM RMIA

TO DMT. Adnan

SS 157

07 A 1750

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Your DMT/97 (597) dated 6 refers (.) PAREN RIME AREA_____PAREN (.) 2 copies W.E. Despatched this evening (.) Summary forwarded with TS/0/29 on 6 October

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From : MMIA

To(for action) : AFHQ

To(for info) : A.B.C.D SLUs.

Date - Time

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For D M X (.) Jaren MMIA Area _____ Jaren (.) Mechanical Engineer Coy in an Italian Combat Group now forming corresponds to our R E M X organisation (.) To settle certain technical points on organisation within N.B authorised I suggest a meeting at A F H Q between Staff Capts R E M X of A B C and L MMIA British Liaison units and your representatives concerned (.) If held between 14 and 16 Oct representative M M I A could also attend (.) Signal your reactions

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATING OFFICER Lt Col Gray Sec.
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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND

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FULL WE OF AN ·ITALIAN GRUPPE. PLEASE SEND FASTEST MEANS AND TREAT AS VERY URGENT AS TIME VERY SHORT

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7 OCT 1944
A. C. C.

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HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel: FILPOT 101

1701/23/48/G(SD2)

5 Oct 44

SUBJECT: War - Auxiliary units of an Italian Combat Group

AFHQ, G-3 (Org-3) (5 copies)

Copy to: AFHQ, G-3 (Org-2) (Manpower)
G-3 (Org-4)
Allied Control Commission (Army Sub Commission) (3 copies)
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Further to this HQ 1701/23/48/G(SD2) dated 25 Sep 44.

1. Attached at Appendix 'A' are the proposed war establishments for the following auxiliary units of an Italian Combat Group:

War Establishment	No of units to be formed
(a) An Italian field park company	3
(b) An Italian field bakery	6
(c) An Italian transit camp	1

2. It is requested that the above mentioned war establishments, which were approved in principle by the AAI War Establishments Committee at meeting 28 held 28 Sep 44, be submitted to AFHQ War Establishments Committee for approval.

3. Attached at Appendix 'B' is a summary of Italian army personnel, arms and motor transport required to form these units.

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General,
Commander in Chief.

MB one copy also in 1/6/3a/86.

Col P/forw 5/10

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Appendix 'A' to
1701/23/A.A./G(SD2)
dated 5 Oct 44

ITALIAN FIELD PARK COMPANY

(Italian Army)

Proposed war establishment

(i) Personnel

Unit No / Date	
Officers	5
OR	129
TOTAL	134
MCs	12
Vehicles	31
Trailers	1

Detail	Headquarters	Workshop platoon	Stores platoon	Equipment platoon	Italian field park company (Italian Army)
Captain	1				1
Subalterns	2	1		1	4
Total, officers	3	1		1	5
Company sergeant-major	1				1
Company quarter-master-sergeant	1				1
Military mechanist (mechanical)(staff-sergeant)		1			1
Transport sergeant	1				1
Sergeants		1	1	1	3
Total, warrant officers, staff-sergeants and sergeants	3	2	1	1	7
Corporals - Sapper class	2	2	1	1	6
Driver class	1		1	2	4
Sappers	16	35	7	12	70
Drivers	6	4	6	18	34
Total, rank and file	25	41	15	33	114
Total, other ranks	28	43	16	34	121
Total, all ranks	31	44	16	35	126
Attached - Armourer (sergeant)	1				1
Cooks	2	2	1	2	7
Total, attached	3	2	1	2	8

Detail	Headquarters	Workshop platoon	Stores platoon	Divisional bridging motor platoon	Total, Italian field park company (Italian army)	Field park company (British army)
Captain	1					1
Subalterns	2	1		1		4
Total, officers	3	1		1		5
Company sergeant-major	1					1
Company quarter-master-sergeant	1					1
Military mechanist (mechanical)(staff-sergeant)		1				1
Transport sergeant	1					1
Sergeants		1	1	1		3
Total, warrant officers, staff-sergeants and sergeants	3	2	1	1		7
Corporals - Sapper class	2	2	1	1		6
Driver class	1		1	2		4
Sappers	16	35	7	12		70
Drivers	6	4	6	18		34
Total, rank and file	25	41	15	33		114
Total, other ranks	28	43	16	34		121
Total, all ranks	31	44	16	35		126
Attached - Armourer (sergeant)	1					1
Cooks	2	2	1	2		7
Total, attached	3	2	1	2		8
Total, Italian field park company (Italian army)	34	46	17	37	134	

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties

Tradesmen -						
Blacksmiths		2				2
Bricklayer		1				1
Carpenters and joiners		5				5
Clerks	4					4
Driver mechanics (driver class)	1	1	2			4
Electricians (maintenance)		3				3
Engine fitters - I.C. and pumps		3				3
Mechanical equipment		1				1
Engine hands (I.C.)		2				2
Equipment repairer		1				1
Fitters		4				4
Painters and decorators		3				3
Pioneers for duty as - General dutymen	2	2	1	10		15
Motor cyclists	3		1	2		6
Stretcher	3	1	6			10
Batmen	3	1		1		5
Smithy dutyman	1					1
Water dutyman	1					1

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Detail	Headquarters	Workshop platoon	Stores platoon	Divisional bridging platoon	Total, Artillery field park company (Heavy)
Plumbers and pipefitters	1	2			2
Sawyers		2			2
Sheet metal worker		1			1
Surveyor (engineering)					1
Turner		1			1
Vehicle mechanics (driver class)	1				1
Welders		2		2	2
Total, tradesmen	20	38	10	15	83
Non-tradesmen -					
Drivers L.C. for duty as -	4	3	4	16	27
Drivers of vehicles	1		1	2	4
Transport NCOs					
Total, non-tradesmen	5	3	5	18	31
Total, rank and file	25	41	15	33	114

(iii) Transport

Bicycles	1				1
Motor cycles, solo	5	2	2	3	12
Cars, 5-cwt, 4x4	2			1	3
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4x2 - G.S.	1		3	1	5
Machinery, type K.L		1			1
Lorries, 3-ton, 4x4 - G.S.	2	1	3	14	20
Winch		1			1
Lorry, 3-ton, 6x4, machinery, 24 KW, RE		1			1
Trailer, 15-cwt, 2-wheeled, water, 180 gallons	1				1

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Officers	1
ORs	11
Total	12
MCs	1
Vehicles	1
Trailers	1

AN ITALIAN FIELD BAKERY

(ITALIAN ARMY)

(Designed to work in three shifts and capable of producing approximately 10,000 lbs of bread daily)

Proposed war establishment

(i) Personnel

Captain	1	
Total, officers	1	
Staff-serjeant(baker)	1	
Serjeants(bakers)	4	(1 for supervision and maintenance) 1 for each shift
Total, staff serjeants & serjeants	5	
Corporal(clerk)	1	
Privates	23	
Total, rank and file	24	
Total, other ranks	29	
Total, all ranks	30	
Attached-		
Cooks	2	
Total, Italian field bakery (Italian army)	32	

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties

Tradesmen -		
Bakers	12	(4 for each shift)
Clerk	1	
Storemen	3	(1 for each shift)
Total, tradesmen	16	
Non-tradesmen-		
Batman	1	
General dutyman	2	

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Total, officers	1	
Staff-sergeant(baker)	1	
Sergeants(bakers)	4	(1 for supervision and maintenance.1 for each shift)
Total, staff sergeants & sergeants	5	
Corporal(clerk)	1	
Privates	23	
Total, rank and file	24	
Total, other ranks	29	
Total, all ranks	30	
Attached-		
Cooks	2	
Total, Italian field bakery (Italian army)	32	

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties

Trademen -		
Bakers	12	(4 for each shift)
Clerk	1	
Storeman	3	(1 for each shift)
Total, trademen	16	
Non-trademen-		
Batman	1	
General dutyman	2	
Drivers, MT	2	
Issuers	3	(1 for each shift)
Total, non-trademen	8	
Total, rank and file	24	

(iii) Transport

Motor cycle, solo	1
Lorry, 3 ton, 4 x 2, GS	1
Trailer, 15 cwt, 2 wheeled, water, 180 gallons	1

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dated 5 Oct 44

AN ITALIAN TRANSIT CAMP
(ITALIAN ARMY)

(Capable of being used in three parts)

Proposed war establishment

Amdt No	
Date	
Officers	6
ORs	105
Total	111
MCs	4
Vehicles	14
Trailers	-

(i) Personnel

DETAIL	Officers	Warrant Officers Class I	Warrant Officers Class II	Staff Serjeants	Serjeants	Corporals	Lance-Corporals	Privates	Total
Headquarters									
Officer commanding (lieutenant-colonel or major)	1								1
Adjutant (captain)	1								1
Subaltern	1								1
Total, officers	3								3
Clerks					1			3	4
Company quartermaster-serjeant				1					1
Drivers, I.C.								2	2
Motor cyclist								1	1
Medical orderly						1			1
Orderlies								4	4
Telephonists								2	2
Total, other ranks				1	1	1		12	15
Total, headquarters	3			1	1	1		12	18
Camp Unit (each)									

DETAIL	officers	Warrant officers Class I	Warrant officers Class II	Staff Sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Lance-corporals	Privates	Total
Headquarters									
Officer commanding(lieutenant-colonel or major)	1								1
Adjutant(captain)	1								1
Subaltern	1								1
Total, officers	3								3
Clerks					2			3	5
Company quartermaster-serjeant				1					1
Drivers, L.C.						1		2	3
Motor cyclist								1	1
Medical orderly								1	1
Orderlies								4	4
Telephonists								2	2
Total, other ranks				1	2	1	1	12	17
Total, headquarters	3			1	1	1		12	18
Camp Unit (each)									
Captain or lieutenant	1								1
Total, officers	1								1
Clerks for pay and accounts					1	1			2
Drivers, LC								4	4
General dutymen								15	15
Motor cyclist								1	1
Orderly serjeants					3				3
Total, other ranks					4	1		20	25
Attached - Cooks						1		4	6
Total, camp unit (each)	1				4	2		24	31
Total, three camp units	3				12	6		72	93
Total, Italian transit camp (Italian army)	6			1	13	7		84	111

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(ii) Transport

HQ	Camp Unit (each)	Total
Motor cycles, solo	1	
Cars, 2 seater, (4 x 2	1	
Trucks, 4 x 2 G.S.	1	
Trucks, 4 x 2, G.S. water	1	
Lorries, 4 x 2, G.S.	1	

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Summary of personnel, arms and motor transport required to form following auxiliary units of an Italian Combat Group

UNIT	Officers	O/Rs	L.M.G.	M.T.G.	Bicycles	Motor cycles, s/car	Cars, 2 seater	Cars, 2 seater, 5 cwt., 4 x 4	Trucks, 15 cwt., 4 x 2 G.S.	Trucks, 15 cwt., 4 x 4 G.S.	Trucks, 15 cwt., 4 x 4 W.T.	Trucks, 15 cwt., 4 x 4 Tanker	Lorries 3 ton 4 x 4 G.S.	Lorries 3 ton 4 x 4 W.T.
3 Italian Field Park Companies	15	387	21	9	3	36		9	15		3		60	
6 Italian Field Bakeries	6	186				6						6		
1 Transit Camp	6	105				4		4	3	3		4		

Note - Personnel will be Italian army personnel

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APPENDIX 'B' to 1701/23/AE/G(SD2)
dated 5th Oct 44.

Summary of personnel, arms and motor transport required to form following auxiliary units of an Italian Combat Group

	Officers	OR	L.M.Gs	S.T.G.F.	Bicycles	Motor cycle, solo	Cars, 2 seater, 4 x 4	Cars, 2 seater, or 5 cwt., 4 x 4	Trucks, 15 cwt., G.S. & L.T.C.	Trucks, 45 cwt., G.S.	Trucks, 15 cwt., signals	Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 (G.S.)	Lorries 3 ton 4 x 4 (G.S.)	Lorries 3 ton 4 x 4 special tools	Lorries 3 ton 4 x 4 special	Trailers, water.
Companies	15	387	21	9	3	36		9	15		3		60	3	3	3
ties	6	186				6						6				6
	6	105				4		4	3	3		4				

Note - Personnel will be Italian army personnel

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TO AFHQ

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SUBJECT: Carrier Platoons in Infantry Bns.

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File No. 8/0/29/SD
Cat 46

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Copy to: MINISTRY OF WAR (2)

1. In a signal Q31 dated 29/9/44, CC A ZLU raised the question and asked for a ruling as to how the personnel of the platoon were to be disposed amongst the vehicles.

2. Given at Appx A is a provisional ruling.

3. This should be tried out by A & B groups and a report and any recommendations forwarded to this HQ as soon as possible

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Appx "A" to our letter
B/G/29/20 dated 4 Oct. 44.

DISPOSAL OF PERSONNEL OF THE CARRIER PLATOON OF AN INFY BN.

VEHICLE.	PERSONNEL.	OFFRS.	SGTS.	CPLS.	PTES.
Platoon H.Q.					
Carrier	1. Subaltern C.C. platoon.	1	-	-	-
	Driver Bren.	-	-	-	1
1 T.C.	1. Orderly.	-	-	-	1.
1 T.C.	2. Orderly.	-	-	-	1
15-cwt Ammn. Blankets. Greatcoats.	1. Driver.	-	-	-	1
15-cwt Stores.	2. Driver.	-	-	-	1.
1st. Squadron.					
Carrier No. 1.	Sgt. REO i/c squad Cpl. Driver Mech. Driver.	-	1	1	2
Carriers, 2,3,4,5 and 6.	Cpl. Driver Mech. Driver Gunner.	-	-	5	15 4342
2nd. Squadron.					
Carrier No. 1.	As for 1st. Squadron	-	1	1	2
Carriers, 2,3,4,5, and 6.	As for 1st. Squadron.	-	-	5	15
TOTAL.		1	2	12	39
TOTAL ALL RANKS 52					

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SUBJECT: Law Establishing
Italian Field Park Company

MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
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APO 794 (20)
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A,B,C,D,E,F M.M's
Ministry of War

Attached please find copy of the revised T.O. for an Italian Field Park Company for the Gruppi Contabilmeti.

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WAR ESTABLISHMENT

ITALIAN FIELD PARK COMPANY

ORGANICO DI GUERRA - COMPAGNIA PARCO CAMPALE DEL GENIO

(i) Personnel (i) Personale

Detail	Description	Headquarters Comando	Workshop Platoon Plotone Laboratorio	Stores Platoon Plotone Magazzini	Div Bridging Platoon Plotone Pontieri Divisionale	Total Italian Field Park Coy Totale Compagnia Parco Campale del Genio
Officer Commanding (Capt)	Comandante (capitano)	1				1
Subalterns	Subalterni	2	1		1	4
Total Officers	Ufficiali Totali	3	1		1	5
Company Sergeant-Major	Sottufficiale ai contabilita	1				1
Company Quartermaster Sergeant	Sottufficiale ai viveri e materiali	1				1
Military Mechanist (Mechanical) Staff Sergeant	Sottufficiale meccanico		1			1
Transport Sergeant	Sergente ai trasporti	1				1
Armourer Sergeant	Sergente armaniolo	1				1
Sergeants	Sergenti		1	1	1	3
Total Warrant Officers, Staff Sergeants & Sergeants	Sottufficiali Totali	4	2	1	1	8
Corporals (Sapper class)	Caporali (Artieri)	2	2	1	1	6
Corporals (Driver Class)	Caporali (Automobilisti)	1		1	2	4
Sappers	Artieri	14	28	8	13	63
Drivers i/c	Automobilisti	11	5	9	23	48

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		Headquarters Comando	Workshop Platoon Plotone Laboratorio	Stores Platoon Plotone Magazzino	Div Bridging Platoon Plotone Ponti Div.	Total Italian Element Totale Componente Italiana del	
Officer Commanding (Capt)	Comandante (capitano)	1					1
Subalterns	Subalterni	2	1		1		4
Total Officers	Ufficiali Totali	3	1		1		5
Company Sergeant-Major	Sottufficiale ai contabilita	1					1
Company Quartermaster Sergeant	Sottufficiale ai viveri e materiali	1					1
Military Mechanist (Mechanical)Staff Sergeant	Sottufficiale meccanico		1				1
Transport Sergeant	Sergente ai trasporti	1					1
Armourer Sergeant	Sergente armaniolo	1					1
Sergeants	Sergenti		1	1	1		3
Total Warrant Officers, Staff Sergeants & Sergeants	Sottufficiali Totali	4	2	1	1		8
Corporals (Sapper class)	Caporali (Artieri)	2	2	1	1		6
Corporals (Driver Class)	Caporali (Automobilisti)	1		1	2		4
Sappers	Artieri	14	28	8	13		63
Drivers i/c	Automobilisti	11	5	9	23		48
Total rank & file	Graduati totali e truppe	28	35	19	39		121
Total other ranks	Sottufficiali Totali e truppe	32	37	20	40		129
TOTAL ITALIAN FIELD PARK COY	COMPAGNIA PARCO CAMPALE DEL GENIO TOTALI	35	38	20	41		134

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ITALIAN FIELD PARK COMPANY

COMPAGNIA PARCO CENTRALE DEL GENIO

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties
(ii) Distribuzione dei Graduati e truppa nei diversi servizi

Detail	Descrizione	Headquarters Comando	Workshop Platoon Plotone laboratorio	Stores Platoon Plotone Magazzini	Div Bridging Platoon Plotone Pontieri Divisionale	Total Italian Field Park Coy Totale Compagnia Parco Campale del Genio
Blacksmiths	Fabbri		2			2
Bricklayer	Muratori		1			1
Carpenters & Joiners	Falegnami e Carpentieri		4			4
Clerks	Scritturali	4				4
Cooks	Cucinieri	4			1	5
Draughtsman (mechanical)	Disegnatori (meccanico)	1				1
Driver Mechanics	Meccanico automobilista	1	1	2		4
Electricians (maintenance)	Elettricisti		3			3
Engine Fitters:	Montatori:					
I.C. & Pumps	Motore pompisti		3			3
Mechanical equipment	Armamento meccanico		1			1
Engine Hand I.C.	Macchinista		2			2
Equipment repairer	Riparare armamento		1			1
Fitters	Meccanici aggiustatori		2			2
Painters & Decorators	Pittori		2			2
Pioneers for duty as:-	Genieri in servizio come:					
General Dutyman	Servizi generali			2	11	13
Motor Cyclists	Motociclisti	3		1	2	6
Storemen	Magazziniere	3	1	6		10
Batman	Attendenti	3	1		1	5
Sanitary Dutyman	Servizi Sanitari	1				1
Water dutyman	Servizi idrici	1				1
Plumbers and Pipefitters	Tubisti piombisti		2			2
Sawyers	Segatori		2			2
Sheet metal worker	Stagnino		1			1
Surveyor (engineering)	Ispettore (ingegneria)	1				1
Turner	Tornitore		1			1

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		Headquarters Comando	Workshop Platoon Plotone Lavoro	Stores Platoon Plotone Magazzini	Div Bridging Platoon Plotone Ponti	Total Italian Totale Compagnia	
Blacksmiths	Fabbri		2			2	
Bricklayer	Muratori		1			1	
Carpenters & Joiners	Falegnami e Carpentieri		4			4	
Clerks	Scritturali	4				4	
Cooks	Cuocinieri	4			1	5	
Draughtsman (mechanical)	Disegnatori (meccanico)	1				1	
Driver Mechanics	Meccanico automobilista	1	1	2		4	
Electricians (maintenance)	Elettricisti		3			3	
Engine Fitters:	Montatori:						
I.C. & Pumps	Motore pompisti		3			3	
Mechanical equipment	Armamento meccanico		1			1	
Engine Hand I.C.	Macchinista		2			2	
Equipment repairer	Riparare armamento		1			1	
Fitters	Meccanici aggiustatori		2			2	
Painters & Decorators	Pittori		2			2	
Pioneers for duty as:-	Genieri in servizio come:						
General dutymen	Servizi generali			2	11	13	
Motor Cyclists	Motociclisti	3		3	2	6	
Storemen	Magazziniere	3	1	6		10	
Batmen	Attendenti	3	1		1	5	
Sanitary Dutyman	Servizi Sanitari	1				1	
Water dutyman	Servizi idrici	1				1	
Plumbers and Pipefitters	Tubisti piombisti		2			2	
Sawyers	Segatori		2			2	
Sheet metal worker	Stagnino		1			1	
Surveyor (engineering)	Ispettore (ingegneria)	1				1	
Turner	Tornitore		1			1	
Vehicle mechanic	Motoristi	1				3	
Welders:	Saldatore:						
Acetylene	Acetelene		1			1	
Electric	Elettrico		1			1	
Drivers i.c. for duty as:	Automobilisti in servizio come:						
Drivers of vehicles	Automobilisti	4	3	7	20	34	
Transport NCOs	Caporali trasporto	1		1	2	4	
Total Rank & File	Graduate totali e truppe	28	35	19	39	121	

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ITALIAN FIELD PARK COMPANY

COMPAGNIA PARCO CAMPALE DEL GENIO

(iii) Transport (iii) Trasporto

Detail	Descrizione	Headquarters Comando	Workshop Platoon Plotone Laboratorio	Stores Platoon Plotone Magazzini	Bridging Platoon Plotone Pontieri Divisionale	Total Italian Field Park Company Totale Compagnia Parco Campale del Genio	
Bicycle	Bicicletta	1				1	
Motor Cycles Solo	Motocicli	5	2	2	3	12	
Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4	Jeep	2			1	3	
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2	Camioncini						
" GS	" Servizi generale	1		3	1	5	
" Machinery RAOC type K.L.	" Meccanici RAOC KL		1			1	
Lorries 3 ton	Autocarro leggero:						
" 4 x 4 GS	" servizi generali	2	1	3	14	20	
" 4 x 4 winch	" verricello		1			1	
" 6 x 4 Machinery RE 24 KW	" 6 x 4 Meccanici RE 24 KW		1			1	
Trailers:- 15 cwt 2 wheeled water 180 gallons	Rimorchio:- 180 gallon cisterna mobili	1				1	

Vehicles Veicoli

Trailer Rimorchio

M.Cs. Motocicli

Details	Descrizione	Headquarters Comando	Workshop Platoon Plotone Laboratorio	Stores Platoon Plotone Magazzini	Div Bridging Platoon Plotone Ponti Div	Total Italian Company Totale Compagnia Campale	
Bicycle	Bicicletta	1				1	
Motor Cycles Solo	Motocicli	5	2	2	3	12	
Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4	Jeep	2			1	3	
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2	Camioncini						
" GS	" Servizi generale	1		3	1	5	
" Machinery RAOC type K.L.	" Meccanici RAOC KL		1			1	
Lorries 3 ton	Autocarro leggero:						
" 4 x 4 GS	" servizi generali	2	1	3	14	20	
" 4 x 4 winch	" Verricello		1			1	
" 6 x 4 Machinery RE 24 KW	" 6 x 4 Meccanici RE 24 KW		1			1	
Trailers:-	Rimorchio:-						
15 cwt 2 wheeled water 180 gallons	180 gallon cisterna mobili	1				1	

	Vehicles Veicoli	Trailer Rimorchio	M.Cs. Motocicli
Total vehicles	31	1	12
Veicoli totali			

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MESSAGE FORM.

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To (For Action) AAI

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Please forward further 50 copies of W.E. for Italian Combat Group (*) W.E. forwarded this HQ under your 1701/23/4E/G(SD2) dated 25 Aug

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Q FOLGORE Gp, 29 Sep 44

To:- MMIA

From :- MMIA LO, FOLGORE

8/Sep
29/22
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Subject - STRENGTH RETURN 30 Sep 44

1. Ref your S/G/29/24 of 27 Sep 44, to "D" BLU.
2. As yet there is no member of "D" BLU, neither offr nor OR, at this HQ. Capt C G HODGART, RE is with FOLGORE Engrs.
3. Str return as of 30 Sep will be forwarded by 2 Oct 44. As many inter-unit transfers are in course there is some delay.

Q 3/10

T. A. Philips
Capt.

Copy to :
O2E, AFHQ. Your of Sep refers.

noted / file 29/22 WP

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SUBJECT:- War Establishments - auxiliary units of an Italian Combat Group

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1701/23/40/G(SD2)

25 Sep 44

5/6/29/20

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Allied Control Commission (Army Sub Commission (3 copies)
A Med
Q Ord
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Further to this HQ 1701/23/40/G(SD2) dated 23 Aug 44.

1. It is requested that the war establishments attached at Appendix 'B' for the auxiliary medical and ordnance unit of an Italian Combat Group be submitted to AFHQ War Establishments Committee for approval :-

War Establishment	No of units to be formed
(a) An Italian Field Hospital	12
(b) An Italian Field Surgical Unit	4
(c) An Italian Mobile X-Ray Unit	2
(d) An Italian Mobile Dental Unit	2
(e) An Italian Advanced Depot of Medical Stores	2
(f) An Italian Mobile Laundry Company	1
(g) An Italian Mobile Bath Unit	4

2. The above mentioned war establishments were approved in principle by the Allied War Establishments Committee at Meeting 27 held 21 Sep 44.

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Further to this HQ 1701/23/4/G(Sx) dated 23 Aug 44.

1. It is requested that the war establishments attached at Appendix 'B' for the auxiliary medical and ordnance unit of an Italian Combat Group be submitted to AFHQ War Establishments Committee for approval :-

War Establishment	No of units to be formed
(a) An Italian Field Hospital	12
(b) An Italian Field Surgical Unit	4
(c) An Italian Mobile X-Ray Unit	2
(d) An Italian Mobile Dental Unit	2
(e) An Italian Advanced Depot of Medical Stores	2
(f) An Italian Mobile Laundry Company	1
(g) An Italian Mobile Bath Unit	4

2. The above mentioned war establishments were approved in principle by the AAI War Establishments Committee at meeting 47 held 21 Sep 44.

3. Attached at Appendix 'A' is an army of Italian military personnel, arms and motor transport required to form these units.

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noted WP only one OR in Depot Med Store

for General,
Commander in Chief.

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Summary of personnel, arms and motor transport for auxiliary medical and ordnance units of Italian Combat Groups.

Unit	Officers	ORs	L.M.Gs	P.I.A.T.	Bicycles	Motor-cycles, solo	Cars, 4 seater, 4 x 2	Cars, 2 seater, 5 cwt, 4 x 4	Trucks, 15 cwt GS & L.M.G.	Trucks, 15 cwt, water	Trucks, 15 cwt, special	Lorries, 3 ton, 4 x 2 GS or 6 x 4 GS	Lorries, 3 ton, special
12 Italian Field Hospitals (each)	7	58			2				1			1	
4 Italian Field Surgical Units (each)	3	23					1						
2 Italian Mobile X-Ray Units (each)	1	6											
2 Italian Mobile Dental Units (each)	1	3											1
2 Italian Adv Depot Med Stores (each)	1	7										1	
Total, Medical Services	102	820			24		4		12			14	2
1 Italian Mobile Laundry Coy	5	120				6		1					
4 Italian Mobile Bath Units (each)	1	18						1	1			1	
Total, Ordnance Services	9	192				6		5	4			4	

NOTE:- Personnel will be Italian military personnel.

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and motor transport for auxiliary
ts of Italian Combat Groups.

ORs	L.A.Gs	P.A.T.	Bicycles	Motor-Cycles, solo	Cars, 4 seater, 4 x 2	Cars, 2 seater, 5 cwt, 4 x 4	Trucks, 15 cwt GS & L.M.G.	Trucks, 15 cwt, water	Trucks, 15 cwt, special	Lorries, 3 ton, 4 x 2 GS or 6 x 4 GS	Lorries, 3 ton, special	Lorries, 6 ton, 6 x 6	Ambulances, 4 stretcher	Tractors, 4 x 4 medium	Trailers 18 ton	Trailors, laundry type	Trailers, water	Italian vehicles
58			2				1			1								1
23					1													2
6																		2
3											1							
7										1								
820			24		4		12			14	2							21
120				6		1						16				16		
18						1	1			1								
192				6		5	4			4		16				16		

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AN ITALIAN FIELD HOSPITAL

(Italian military personnel)

Proposed War Establishment

Amdt No Date	
Officers O.Rs.	7 58
Total	65
Motor cycles Vehicles Trailers	1 3 -

(i) Personnel

DETAIL	Officers	Warrant Officers Class I	Warrant Officers Class II	Staff Sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Lance-Corporals	Privates	Total
Officer commanding (major or captain)	1								1
Captains or lieutenants	3								3
Pharmacist	(a)1								1
Administrative officer	(a)1								1
Total, officers	6								6
Company serjeant-major			1						1
Batmen								7	7
Barber								1	1
Carpenter								1	1
Clerk for pay duties					(b)1				1
Cyclists								2	2
Cooks (includes one for officers' mess)								3	3
Drivers, I.C.								4	4
General dutyman								1	1
Nursing orderlies							(c)7	12	19
Pharmacist's assistant					(b)1				1
Stretcher bearers					3			12	15
Sanitary orderly								1	1
Tailor								1	1
Total, other ranks			1		5	7	45		58
Total, all ranks	6		1		5	7	45		64

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DETAIL	Officers	Warrant Offr. Class I	Warrant Offr. Class II	Staff Sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Lance-Corporals	Privates	Total
Officer commending (major or captain)	1								1
Captains or lieutenants	3								3
Pharmacist	(a)1								1
Administrative officer	(a)1								1
Total, officers	6								6
Company serjeant-major			1						1
Batmen								1	1
Barber								1	1
Carpenter								1	1
Clerk for pay duties						(b)1			1
Cyclists								2	2
Cooks (includes one for officers' mess)								3	3
Drivers, I.C.								4	4
General dutyman								1	1
Nursing orderlies							(c)7	12	19
Pharmacist's assistant						(b)1			1
Stretcher bearers						3		12	15
Sanitary orderly								1	1
Tailor								1	1
Total, other ranks			1			5	7	45	58
Total, all ranks	6		1			5	7	45	64
Attached:- Chaplain	1								1
Total, Italian field hospital	7		1			5	7	45	65

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(ii) Transport

Bicycles	2	
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4 x 2, G.S.	1	
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 2, G.S.	1	
Lorry, 3-ton, 4 x 2, disinfestor	1	(Italian)

Following transport will be allotted when necessary to move unit :-

Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 2, G.S.	5	

(a) captain or lieutenant
(b) may be serjeant
(c) may be corporals

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Amdt No Date	
Offrs ORs	3 23
Total	26
MCs Vehicles Trailers	3

AN ITALIAN FIELD SURGICAL UNIT

(Italian military personnel)

Proposed War Establishment

(i) Personnel

DETAIL	Officers	Warrant Officers Class I	Warrant Officers Class II	Staff Sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Lance-Corporals	Privates	Total
Specialist in surgery (major or captain)	1								1
Medical officers (captains or lieutenants)	2								2
Total, officers	3								3
Batmen								2	2
Batman-driver								1	1
Drivers, IC								2	2
Electrical-mechanics								2	2
Nursing orderlies						4		6	10
Stretcher bearers								6	6

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(i) Personnel

Trailers

DETAIL	Officers	Warrant Officers Class I	Warrant Officers Class II	Staff Sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Lance-Corporals	Privates	Total
Specialist in surgery (major or captain)	1								1
Medical officers (captains or lieutenants)	2								2
Total, officers	3								3
Batmen								2	2
Batman-driver								1	1
Drivers, IC								2	2
Electrical-mechanics								2	2
Nursing orderlies					4			6	10
Stretcher bearers								6	6
Total, other ranks					4			19	23
Total, Italian field surgical unit	3				4			19	26

(ii) Transport

Car, 4 seater, 4 x 2	1
Lorries, 3 ton, 4 x 2, GS	2 (Italian)

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Amdt No / Date	
Offrs	1
ORs	6
Total	7
MCs	
Vehicles	2
Trailers	

AN ITALIAN MOBILE X-RAY UNIT

(Italian Military Personnel)

Proposed War Establishment

(i) Personnel

DETAIL	Officers	Warrant Officers Class I	Warrant Officers Class II	Staff Sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Lance-Corporals	Privates	Total
Radiologist (major or captain)	1								1
Radiographer					1				1
Batman								1	1
Electrical mechanics								2	2
Total, all ranks	1				1			3	5
Attached -									
Drivers, IC.								2	2
Total, an Italian mobile x-ray unit.	1				1			5	7

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(ii) Transport

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DETAIL	Officers	Warrant Officers Class I	Warrant Officers Class II	Staff Sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Lance-Corporals	Privates	Total
Radiologist (major or captain)	1								1
Radiographer					1				1
Batman								1	1
Electrical mechanics								2	2
Total, all ranks	1				1			3	5
Attached -									
Drivers, IC.								2	2
Total, an Italian mobile x-ray unit.	1				1			5	7

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(ii) Transport

Lorries, 3 ton (x-ray) - 2 (Italian)

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dated 25 Sep 44.

Amdt No Date	
Offrs	1
ORs	3
Total	4
MCs	
Vehicles	1
Trailers	

AN ITALIAN MOBILE DENTAL UNIT

(Italian military personnel)

Proposed War Establishment

(i) Personnel

DETAIL	Officers	Warrant Officers Class I	Warrant Officers Class II	Staff Sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Lance-Corporals	Privates	Total
Dental surgeon (captain or lieutenant)	1								1
Dental mechanic						1			1
Batman								1	1
Driver, IC								1	1
Total, Italian mobile dental unit	1					1		2	4

(ii) Transport

Lorry, 3 ton, 4 x 2, GS (fitted with pent-house) - 1

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(i) Personnel

DETAIL	Officers	Warrant Officers Class I	Warrant Officers Class II	Staff Sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Lance-Corporals	Privates	Total
Dental surgeon (captain or lieutenant)	1								1
Dental mechanic						1			1
Batman								1	1
Driver, IC								1	1
Total, Italian mobile dental unit	1					1		2	4

(ii) Transport

Lorry, 5 ton, 4 x 2, GS (fitted with pent-house) - 1

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Amdt No Date	
Offrs	1
ORs	7
Total	8
MCs	-
Vehicles	1
Trailers	-

AN ITALIAN ADVANCED DEPOT OF MEDICAL STORES

(Italian military personnel)

Proposed War Establishment

(i) Personnel

DETAIL	Officers	Warrant Officers Class I	Warrant Officers Class II	Staff Sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Lance-Corporals	Privates	Total
Pharmacist (captain or lieutenant)	1								1.
Batman								1	1.
Corporals						(a)2			2.
Clerk								1	1.
Driver, IC								1	1
General dutyman								2	2
Total, Italian advanced depot of medical stores	1					2		5	8

(ii) Transport

Lorry, 3 ton, 4 x 2, GS - 1

(a) may be sergeants.

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DETAIL	Officers	Warrant Offr Class I	Warrant Offr Class II	Staff Sergts	Sergeants	Corporals	Lance-Corporals	Privates	Total
Pharmacist (captain or lieutenant)	1								1.
Batman								1	1.
Corporals						(a)2			2.
Clerk								1	1.
Driver, IC								1	1
General dutymen								2	2
Total, Italian advanced depot of medical stores	1					2		5	8

(ii) Transport

Lorry, 3 ton, 4 x 2, GS - 1

(a) may be serjeants.

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Appendix 'B' to
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Amdt No Date	
Offrs	1
ORs	18
Total	19
MDs	-
Vehicles	3
Trailers	-

AN ITALIAN MOBILE BATH UNIT

(Italian military personnel)

Proposed War Establishment

(i) Personnel

DETAIL	Officers	Warrant Officers Class I	Warrant Officers Class II	Staff Sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Lance-Corporals	Privates	Total
Officer commanding (captain)	1								1
Clerk, general duties								1	1
Driver mechanic							1		1
Barber								1	1
Batman-driver								1	1
Drivers, IC								2	2
General dutymen					1	1		8	10
Cooks								2	2
Total, Italian mobile bath unit.	1				1	1	1	15	19

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DETAIL	Officers	Warrant Officers Class I	Warrant Officers Class II	Staff Sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Lance-Corporals	Privates	Total
Officer commanding (captain)	1								1
Clerk, general duties								1	1
Driver mechanic							1		1
Barber								1	1
Batman-driver								1	1
Drivers, IC								2	2
General dutymen					1	1		8	10
Cooks								2	2
Total, Italian mobile bath unit.	1				1	1	1	15	19

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(ii) Transport

Car, 2 seater, 4 x 2	1
Truck, 15 cwt, 4 x 2, GS	1
Lorry, 3 ton, 6 x 4, GS	1

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Amdt No Date	
Offrs ORs	5 120
Total	125
MCs Vehicles Trailers	6 17 16

AN ITALIAN MOBILE LAUNDRY COMPANY

(Italian military personnel)

Proposed War Establishment

(i) Personnel

DETAIL	Officers	Warrant Officers Class I	Warrant Officers Class II	Staff Sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Lance-Corporals	Privates	Total
Headquarters									
Officer commanding (major)	1								1
Batman-driver								1	1
Clerks, general duties						1		1	2
Cook								1	1
Electrician (vehicle & plant)								1	1
Fitters, MV				1				1	2
NCO for regimental duties				1					1
Total, headquarters	1			2		1		5	9
Four platoons (each)									
Captain or subaltern	1								1
Batman								1	1

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DETAIL	Officers	Warrant Officers Class I	Warrant Officers Class II	Staff Sergeants	Sergeants	Corporals	Lance-Corporals	Privates	Total
Headquarters									
Officer commanding (major)	1								1
Batman-driver								1	1
Clerks, general duties						1		1	2
Cook								1	1
Electrician (vehicle & plant)								1	1
Fitters, MV				1				1	2
NCO for regimental duties				1					1
Total, headquarters	1			2		1		5	9
Four platoons (each)									
Captain or subaltern	1								1
Batmen								1	1
Cook								1	1
Driver-mechanic						1			
Storemen (laundry)					4	1		20	25
Total, each platoon	1				4	2		22	29
Total, four platoons	4				16	8		88	116
Total, Italian mobile laundry	5			2	16	9		93	125

(ii) Transport

Motor-cycles, solo	6
Car, 2 seater, 4 x 2	1
Lorries, 6 ton, 6 x 6	16
Trailers, 3 ton, 4 wheeled laundry CCS	16

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SUBJECT: Italian Combat Group
WE of Administrative Units

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Copy to:-
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Headquarters Reinforcement Training Depot
Headquarters Infantry Battalion Reinforcement Training Depot.
Headquarters Mixed Battalion Reinforcement Training Depot.

1. Proposals as submitted by MMIA in respect of the above establishments are forwarded in accordance with Minute 308 of the AAI War Establishments Committee, 27th meeting.

2. It was agreed that these should be considered by the AFHQ War Establishments Committee in conjunction with MMT.

L. K. Truscott Jr.
Lt General
Commander-in-Chief

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ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

SECRET

A REINFORCEMENT TRAINING DEPOT

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

1. The Depot will comprise:

Depot H.Q.

2 Infantry Battalion H.Qs

1 Mixed Battalion H.Q.

2. Only the Depot permanent staff are included in the Establishments.

3. The Reinforcements will be organised as follows:

Three Battalions

		Total - All Ranks
No 1 Battalion -	Infantry	1900
No 2 Battalion -	"	1900
No 3 Battalion -	Mixed	1900
TOTAL:		5700

Each Battalion - Three Coys.

Nos 1 and 2 Bns - 6 Coys i.e. one per Group.

			Total - All Ranks
No 3 Battalions:	No 1 Company -	Artillery	450
	No 2 "	"	450
	No 3 "	- Eng 300	
		Sigs 150	
		Mech 150	600
	No 4 "	- Misc	400
		TOTAL	1900

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No 3 Battalion:	No 1 Company -	Artillery	450
	No 2 "	"	450
	No 3 "	- Engr 300	
		Sigs 150	
		Mech 150	600
	No 4 "	- Misc	400
		TOTAL	1900

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A HEADQUARTERS REINFORCEMENT TRAINING DEPOT

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

DETAIL	OFFICERS	W.O.'s	SERJEANTS	CORPORALS	PRIVATES	TOTAL
Depot Commander (Colonel)	1					1
Adjutant (Major or Captain)	1					1
Orderly Officer	1					1
H.Q. Platoon						
Platoon Commander (Subaltern)	1					1
Clerical Section						
Chief Clerk		1				1
Clerks			2	2	3	7
Orderlies (incl 2 D.Rs)					6	6
Administrative Section						
Clerks for Pay and Accounts			3	1		4
Medical Orderly				1		1
General Duties (incl cooks)					9	9
M.T. Section						
M.T. Serjeant			1			1
Drivers					9	9
General Duties					4	4
TOTAL	4	1	6	4	31	46

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DETAIL	OFFICERS	W.O's	SERJEANTS	CORPORALS	PRIVATES	TOTAL
Depot Commander (Colonel)	1					1
Adjutant (Major or Captain)	1					1
Orderly Officer	1					1
H.Q. Platoon						
Platoon Commander (Subaltern)	1					1
Clerical Section						
Chief Clerk		1				1
Clerks			2	2	3	7
Orderlies (incl 2 D.Rs)					6	6
Administrative Section						
Clerks for Pay and Accounts			3	1		4
Medical Orderly				1		1
General Duties (incl cooks)					9	9
M.T. Section						
M.T. Serjeant			1			1
Drivers					9	9
General Duties					4	4
TOTAL	4	1	6	4	31	46

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(ii) Transport

Motor cycles, solo	-	2
Cars, 4 seater, 4 x 2	-	1
Trucks, 15-cwt, G.S.	-	2
Trucks, 15-cwt, Water	-	1
Lorries, 3-ton, G.S.	-	5

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AN INFANTRY BATTALION HEADQUARTERS OF A REINFORCEMENT TRAINING DEPOT

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(1) Personnel

DETAIL	OFFICERS	W.O's	SERJEANTS	CORPORALS	PRIVATES	TOTAL
Battalion Commander (Lt-Col or Major)	1					1
Adjutant	1					1
Clerical Section						
Chief Clerk		1				1
Clerks				1	2	3
Orderly					1	1
Administrative Section						
Clerks for Pay and Accounts			1	1		2
Armourer				1		1
Medical Orderly				1		1
General Duty Men					5	5
M.T. Section						
Vehicle Mechanic			1			1
Drivers					3	3
General Duty Men					3	3
TOTAL	2	1	2	4	14	23

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DETAIL	OFFI	N.O.I	SERJ	CORPO	PRIV	TOTAL
Battalion Commander (Lt-Col or Major)	1					1
Adjutant	1					1
Clerical Section						
Chief Clerk		1				1
Clerks				1	2	3
Orderly					1	1
Administrative Section						
Clerks for Pay and Accounts			1	1		2
Armourer				1		1
Medical Orderly				1		1
General Duty Men					5	5
M.T. Section						
Vehicle Mechanic			1			1
Drivers					3	3
General Duty Men					3	3
TOTAL	2	1	2	4	14	23

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(ii) Transport

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Motor Cycles, solo	- 2
Car, 2-seater, 4 x 2	- 1
Lorries, 3-ton, G.S.	- 1
Trucks, 15-cwt, Water	- 1

NOTE: The establishment for a Mixed Battalion Headquarters is the same except that 4 officers are included instead of 2.

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SECRETO

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

N° 7193 /Ord. di prot. P.M.151, li 24 settembre 1944

OGGETTO : Gruppi di combattimento.
Cambi/gruppo - Rettifiche -

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE DI CONTROLLO PER L'ESERCITO
(M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

M.M.I.A. 46a
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Seguito foglio 7134/Ord. del 23 corr.-

Pregasi apportare le seguenti rettifiche allo schema di organizzazione del gruppo di combattimento "Cremona" :

a)- Com.te 21° rgt.ftr. = Col. MUSCO Ettore,
anziché Col. VALENTE Gustavo;

b)- Com.te 22° rgt.ftr. = Col. SILVESTRI Emilio,
anziché Col. TOMMASINI Lorenzo;

c)- Com.te 7° rgt.art. = Col. OTTONE Angelo,
anziché Col. CATANEA Amedeo, deceduto in seguito ad incidente.-

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

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anziché Col. CATANEA Amedeo, deceduto in seguito ad incidente.-

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(Alessandro Santi)

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UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE
- Sezione Ordinamento -

N° 7134/Ord. di prot. P.M.I5I, li 23 settembre I944

M.M.I.A.	5ª Sez.
FILE REF	1
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OGGETTO : Gruppi di combattimento.

Cor. dal Gruppo

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE DI CONTROLLO PER L'ESERCITO
(M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

Seguito foglio n° 7039/Ord. del 20 corr.

Pregasi apportare le seguenti rettifiche agli schemi di organizzazione dei gruppi di combattimento appresso indicati :

1°) - "Friuli"

- vice-comandante : Gen.Brig. TICCHIONI Gian Carlo, anziché Col. i.g.s. MARINACCI Manfredo;

2°) - "Mantova"

Servizi

- deposito mobile "Mantova", anziché 104° deposito mobile
- officine meccaniche "Mantova", anziché officine meccaniche.

Trasmette all'Alleata Sez. Sezione

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Sezione Ordinamento

SEGRETO
Urgente

n° 7179 /Ord. di prot. P.M. 151, 24 settembre 1944

OGGETTO: Trasformazione della df. "Piceno" in gruppo di combattimento.-
Alleg.2.- Transforming of Piceno Inf Div into Combat group

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE DI CONTROLLO PER L'ESERCITO (M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

M.M.I.A. FILE REF 816 Date Recd 25/9/44

Si trasmettono, per l'approvazione, i seguenti documenti riguardanti la trasformazione della df. "Piceno" in gruppo di combattimento :

- progetto di massima per la trasformazione (alleg.1);
- schema di organizzazione (alleg.2).-

S.M.R.E. UFF. ORD. Mob.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
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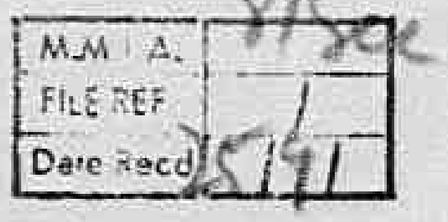

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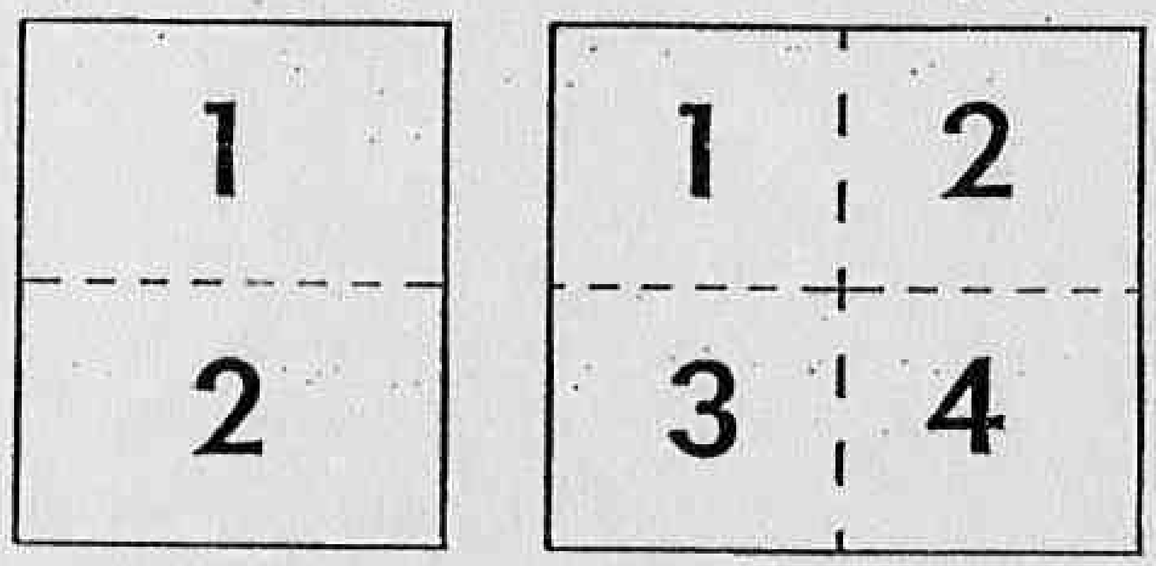

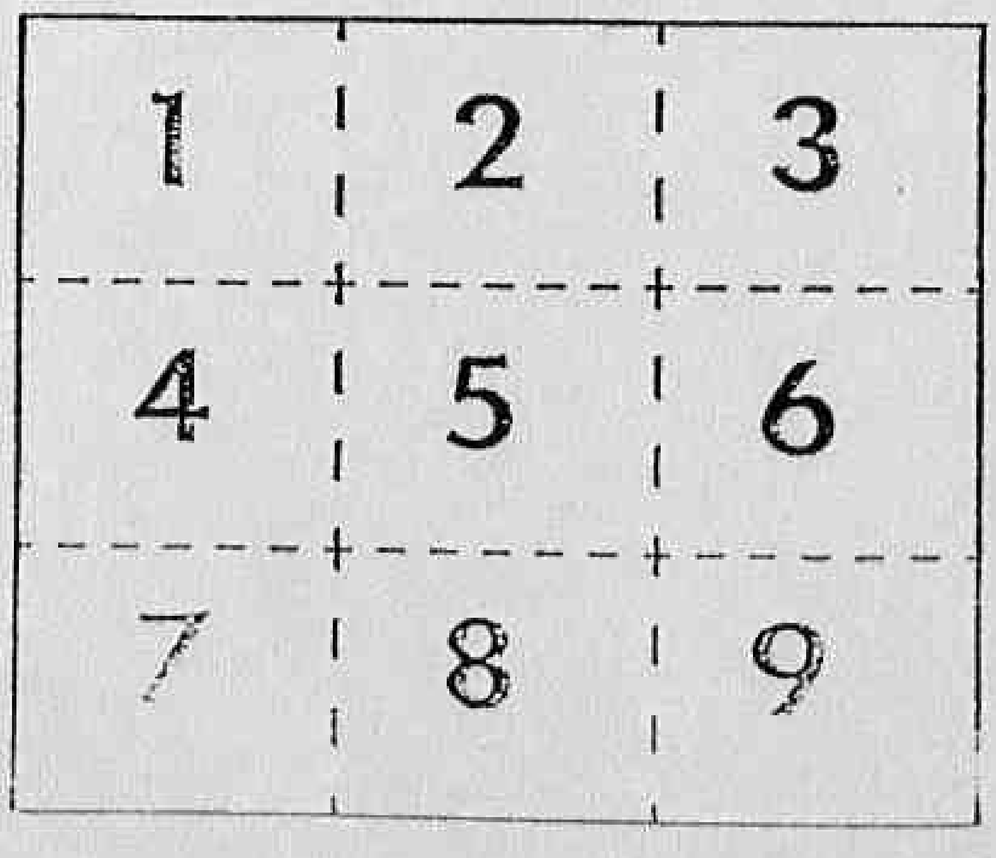

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PROGETTO DI MASSIMA PER LA TRASFORMAZIONE DIV. "LUPO" IN GRUPPO DI COMBATT

COSTITUZIONE ATTUALE	ORGANICO DA ASSUMERE SECONDO LE DISPOSIZIONI INVIATE CON Nº 6655/OPI. DELL'11.9.1944
Comando divisione - quartier generale - 155ª sezione CC.RR.	Comando gruppo di combattimento - quartier generale - 2 sezioni mobili CC.RR.
235º rgt. fanteria (su 2 btg. 1 cp. mortai) 336º rgt. fanteria (1) (su 2 btg., 1 cp. mortai)	235º rgt. fanteria (su 3 btg., 1 compagnia mortai, 1 compagnia cannoni) 336º rgt. fanteria (su 3 btg., 1 compagnia mortai, 1 compagnia cannoni)
93º rgt. fanteria (su 2 btg., 1 cp. mortai) 152º btg. mitraglieri	
152º rgt. artiglieria (su 3 gr., 1 btr. da 20) 4º rugger. art. C.A.(comando)	152º rgt. artiglieria (su 6 gruppi)
152º btg. misto genio - comando - nucleo artieri e vari - nucleo mezzisti e tel.	152º btg. misto genio - comando - 152ª e 162ª cp. artieri - 252ª cp. teleradio

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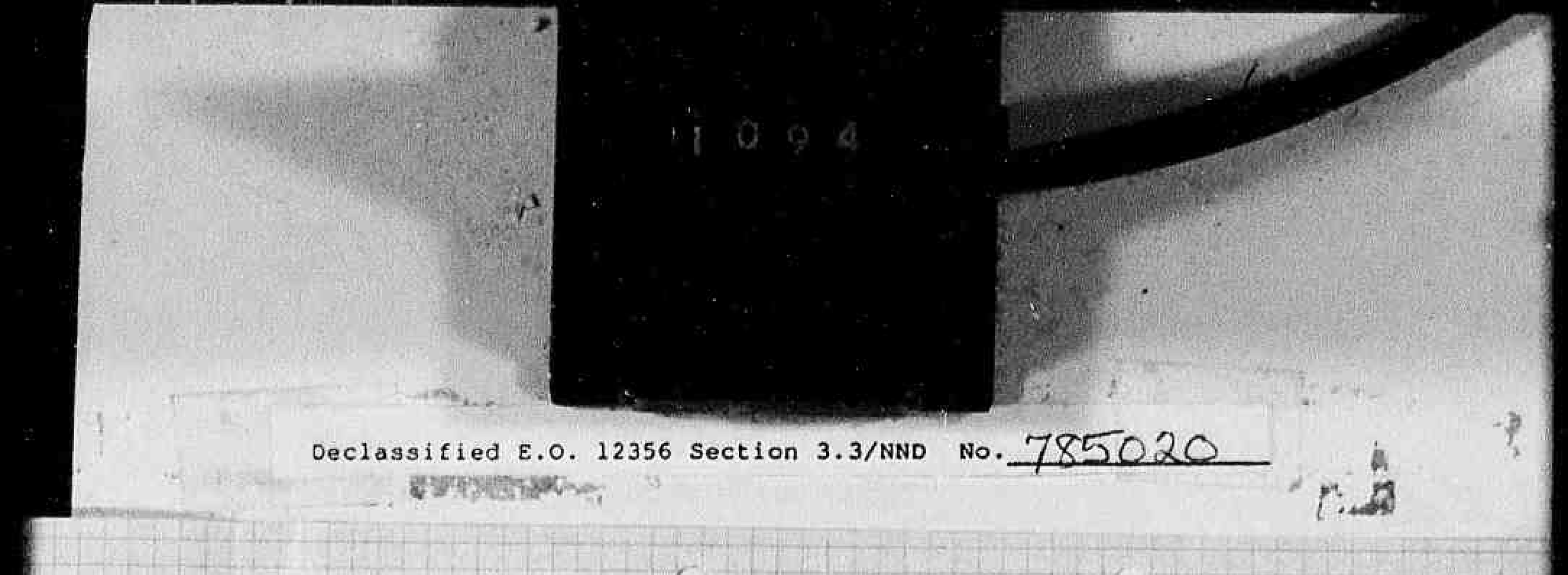

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SSIMA PER LA TRASFORMAZIONE DELLA
IO" IN GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO

O SECONDO DE POSIZIONI /ORD DELL'11.9.1944	PROVVEDIMENTI
ombattimento C.RR.	- Già assegnato la 198ª aus. CC.RR. della Delegazione "A"
nia mortai, 1 compa-	- Saranno completati con il 93° fanteria e con il 152° btg. mitr. da sciogliere.
nia mortai, 1 compa-	
	- Da sciogliere per completare i rimanenti reggimenti fanteria
ri	- Sarà impiegato il comando 4° raggruppamento art. C.A. per per formare i comandi dei 3 gruppi mancanti.
o rtieri	- La 152ª cp. artieri, già a disposizione degli A.A., viene restituita alla divisione.- Comunicazione a parte.- La 162ª cp. artieri è assegnata alla divisione.- Comunicazione a parte.- I pl. artieri arresto in organico alle nuove cp. artieri saranno forniti dalla 13ª e 164ª cp. artieri di arresto.- Comunicazione a parte.- - La 252ª cp. T.Rt., in atto alla Puglia e Lucania, viene restituita alla divisione: comunicazione a parte. - Completamento delle tre cp. genio con personale che verrà assegnato da questo C.A. sulla base delle segnalazioni che perverranno.-

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235° rgt.fanteria (su 2 btg. 1 cp. mortai)	235° rgt.fanteria (su 3 btg., 1 compagnia mortai, 1 compagnia cannoni)
336° rgt. fanteria (1) (su 2 btg., 1 cp. mortai)	336° rgt.fanteria (su 3 btg., 1 compagnia mortai, 1 compagnia cannoni)
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152° rgt. artiglierie (su 3 gr., 1 btr. da 20) . 4° raggr.art. C.A.(comando)	152° rgt. artiglieria (su 6 gruppi)
152° btg. misto genio - comando - nucleo artieri e vari - nucleo marconisti e tel.	152° btg. misto genio - comando - 152^ e 162^ cp. artieri - 252^ cp. teleradio
Servizi - 152^ sezione sanità - 83° e 91° ospedale da campo - 152^ sez.sussistenza, 25^ cp.panettieri	Servizi - 152^ sezione sanità - 83° e 91° ospedale da campo - 1 cp.trasp. e rif., 1 dep.mob., - 1 off.di gr., 6 off.mobili.

(1) - Compreso il I e II/336° già a disposizione degli A.A. e di cui sarà disposto i

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ia mortai, 1 compa-	- Saranno completati con il 93° fanteria e con il 152° btg. mitr. da sciogliere.
ia mortai, 1 compa-	
	- Da sciogliere per completare i rimanenti reggimenti fanteria
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	- Completamento delle tre cp. genio con personale che verrà assegnato da questo S.M. sulla base delle segnalazioni che perverranno.-
tà e da campo ., 1 dep.mob., ff.mobili.	- Completamento elementi non specializzati con elementi di ftr. per quanto possibile a cura della divisione.-

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di cui sarà disposto il rientro.

S.M.P.E. UFF. ORD. e MOB.

Allegato 2 al foglio 7179 del 24/9/1944.

nento "PICENO"

di Comb. Comandante: Gen. brg. Beraudo di Pralormo Emanuele
r. Generale Capo di S.M.: Ten. Col. s. S.M. Inghilleri Salvatore
sez. CC.RR. Vice Com.te: Gen. brg. Canistra Domenico

336° rgt. ftr. Col. Fanizza Ruggero

I btg. | II btg. | III btg. | Cp. mortai da 76 | Cp. cann. da 6 l.

CLII btg. misto genio

252ª cp. teleradio | 152ª cp. artieri | 162ª cp. artieri

VIZI

Deposito mobile | officine meccaniche

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336° rgt. ftr.
Col. Fanizza
Ruggero

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CLII btg.
misto genio

252° cp. teleradio | 152° cp. artieri | 162° cp. artieri

VIZI

Deposito mobile "Piceno"

officine meccaniche "Piceno"

3 nuclei autieri riserva

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Gruppo di combattim

Com.° Gr.
Quartie
155ª 19

235° rgt. ftr.
Col. Borello
Ferdinando

I btg. | II btg. | III btg. | Cp. mortai da 76 | Cp. cann. da 6 l.

152° rgt. art.
Col. Campagna
Giovanni

I gr. da 25 l.	II gr. da 25 l.	III gr. da 25 l.	IV gr. da 25 l.	V gr. c.c. da 77 l	VI gr. c.a. da 40 mm.
4 p. 4 p.	4 p. 4 p.	4 p. 4 p.	4 p. 4 p.	4 p. 4 p.	6 p. 6 p.

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152 sez. sanità

152 cp. trasporti

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152° sez. sanità

83 o.c. | 91 o.c.

152° cp. trasporti e riforn.

3 pleteni trasporti | 2 pleteni misti

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Gruppo di combattimento

Com.° Gr.° di Comb.
— Quartier Generale
— 155ª e 191ª sez. CC.RR.

235° rgt. ftr.
Col. Borello
Ferdinando

I btg. | II btg. | III btg. | Cp. mortai da 76 | Cp. cann. da 6 l. | I

152° rgt. art.
Col. Campagna
Giovanni

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SERVIZI

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combattimento "PICENO"

Com.° Gr.° di Comb.
Quartier Generale
155ª e 198ª sez. CC.RR.

Comandante: Gen. brg. Beraudo di Pralormo Emanuele
Capo di S.M.: Ten. Col. s. S.M. Inghilleri Salvatore
Vice Com.te: Gen. brg. Canistra Domenico

336 rgt. ftr.
Col. Fanizza
Ruggero

I btg. | II btg. | III btg. | Cp. mortai da 76 | Cp. cann. da 6 l.

CLII btg.
misto genio

252 cp. teleradio | 152 cp. artieri | 162 cp. artieri

...cann. ...l.
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SERVIZI

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235° rgt. ftr.
Col. Borello
Ferdinando

I btg. | II btg. | III btg. | Cp. mortai da 76 | Cp. cann da 6 l.

152° rgt. art
Col. Campagna
Giovanniti

I gr. da 25 l. | II gr. da 25 l. | III gr. da 25 l. | IV gr. da 25 l. | V gr. c.c. da 77 l | VI gr. c.a. da 40 mm.

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SERVIZI

152° sez. sanità

83° o.c. | 91 o.c.

152° cp. trasporti e riforn.

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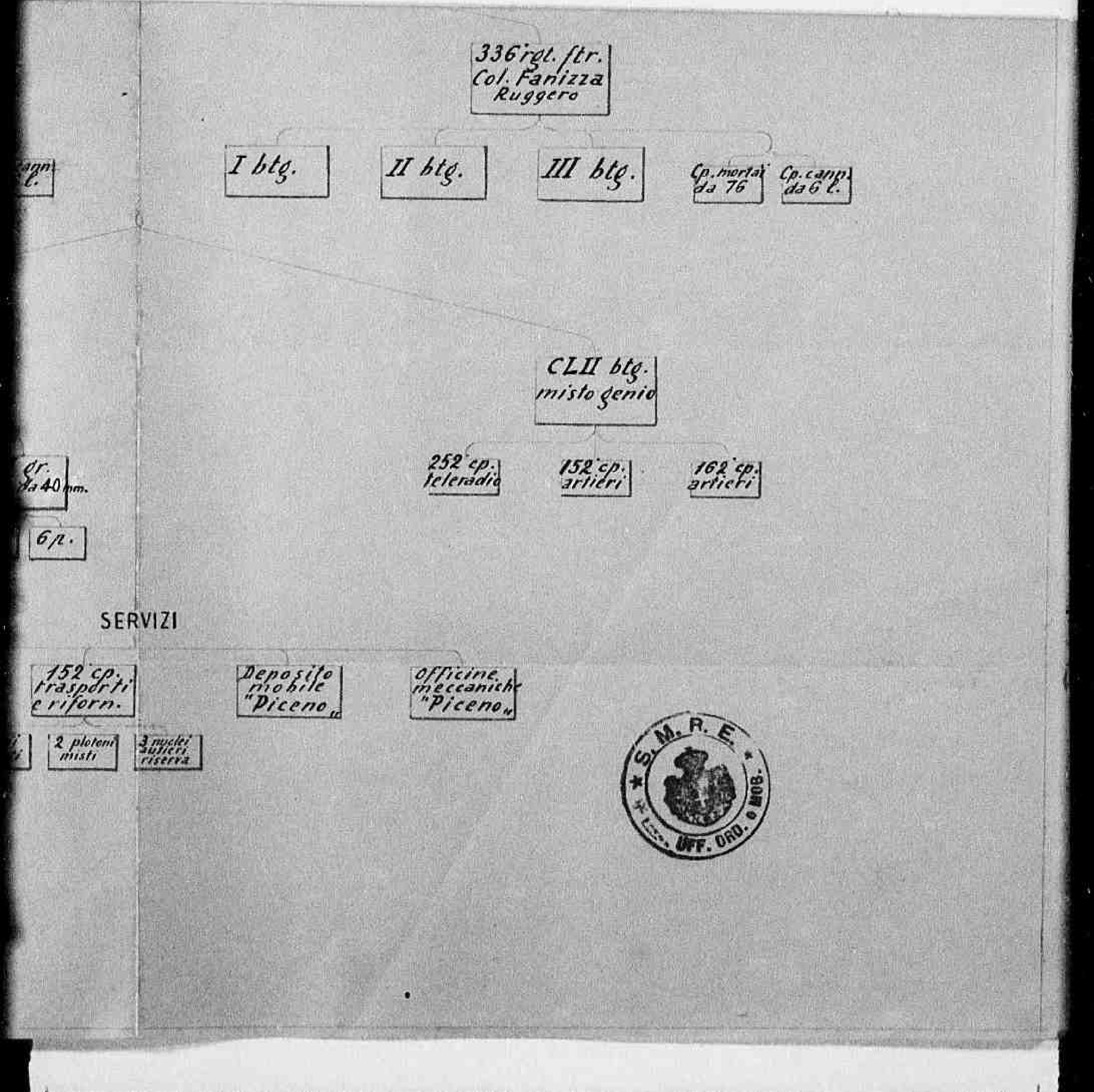

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SEGRETO
Urgente

n° 2039 /Ord. di prot. P.M. 151, 20 settembre 1944

OGGETTO: Gruppi di combattimento.-
Combat groups

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE DI CONTROLLO PER L'ESERCITO (M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

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a) Comandante 88° rgt.ftr.: col. s.p.e. CIANCABILLA Fulvio, anzichè col. s.p.e. BOVI Angelo;

b) 20^ cp. teleradio, anzichè 20^ cp. T.R.T.;

c) Servizi :

- deposito mobile "Friuli", anzichè deposito materiali mobili artigl. e genio,
- officine meccaniche "Friuli", anzichè officine meccaniche.-

2°)- "CREMONA"

a) 77^ cp. artieri, anzichè 13^ cp. artieri;

b) Servizi :

- 54^ sezione sanità, anzichè 58^ sezione sanità,
- deposito mobile "Cremona", anzichè deposito materiali mobili artigl. e genio,

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- officine meccaniche "Cremona", anzichè officine meccaniche.-

3°)- "LEGNANO"

a) 39^ e 51^ sezione CC.RR., anzichè sezioni CC.RR.;

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b) Servizi :

- deposito mobile "Legnano", anzichè deposito materiali mobili artigl. e genio,
- officine meccaniche "Legnano", anzichè officine meccaniche.-

4°)-"FOLGORE"

a) 314^ e 315^ sezione CC.RR., anzichè sezioni CC.RR.;
b) comandante rgt. "S.Marco": Cap.Vasc.TESI Augusto, anzichè Cap.Freg. CORRADINI Corradino;
c) III btg. "Caorle", anzichè III btg. marina (da costituire);
d) Servizi :

- deposito mobile "Folgore", anzichè deposito materiali mobili artigl. e genio,
- officine meccaniche "Folgore", anzichè officine meccaniche.-

S.M.R.E. UFF. ORD. MOB.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

Cafet
Commde

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- officine meccaniche "Folgore", anzichè officine meccaniche.-

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

Capot
Commde

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SECRET

Subject:- War Establishments - Italian Combat Force.

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

ROME.

S/G/29/20.
11 Sept. 44.

To :- H.Q. A.A.I.

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3. With the exception of the Mobile Dental Unit and the Advanced Depot of Medical Stores, it is proposed to retain the existing establishments and Italian equipment for all the medical units, non-specialist vehicles and consumable stores only being supplied from British sources. The only Italian vehicles retained are the specialist vehicles in the Field Surgical and Mobile X-Ray units, which the SMRE is very keen to use in preference to British equipment. The Italians are confident that they can maintain them for a year. (See our letter S/G/29/7 of 30th. Aug. 44)

4. As the Force is not expected to operate outside Italy no establishment is included for a Grave Registration Unit. The SMRE is of the opinion that the custom of the Italian Army should be followed, and that this duty should be left to the unit Chaplains and Medical Services.

5. When differences occur between the proposed establishments and corresponding British ones, they are due to the C.M.S. instruction that the Groups should be organised on a "Ford Utility" rather than a "Rolls-Royce" basis.

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W Pudsley Colonel.
Major General.
for Sub Comm. A.C.C.

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Discussed Col GRAFF & Dupes 14/9 are appx from this Letter quoted GHQ to Pudsley. Do SMRE want to start on this before official OK Read? to Col Pudsley

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and Remarks if SMRO
should be held before any
S & T units at this.

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SECRET

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PERSONNEL, ARMS AND MOTOR TRANSPORT FOR AUXILIARY UNITS OF ITALIAN COM-BAT GROUPS.

	Officers.	O.R.	L.M.G.	M.M.	Bicycles.	M/Cycles, solo.	Cars 4-str.	Cars 2-str or 5 cwt 4 x 4	Trucks 15 cwt G.S. LNG.	Trucks 15 cwt, water.	Trucks 15 cwt, special.	Trucks 15 cwt, G.S.	Lorries 3 ton special	Lorries 3 ton	Ambulances, 4 stretchers.	Tractors, 4 x 4 medium.	Trailers 8 ton	Trailers, tank, fuel, 400 gals.
ENGINEER FIELD PARK COY	5	155	7	3	1	12	2	2	5	4	3	24	3		3	3		
3 " " " "	15	465	21	9	3	36	6	6	15	12	9	72	9		9	9		
H.Q. General Transport Coy	4	37	2	2		6	1	2	2			3						
4 Transport Platoons (Each)	1	51	6	6		3		1	1			34						
2 MTIs (Each)	-	31																
1 Mechanical Engineers Pl	1	39	2	1		2		1	2			5	4					
TOTAL G.T. COY	9	342	28	27		20	1	7	8			144	4					
TOTAL 3 G.T. COYS.	27	1026	84	81		60	3	21	24			432	12					
Field Bakery	1	31				1						1						
6 Field Bakeries.	6	186				6						6						
H.Q. MT Coy., M.A.C.	3	22	1			3		2	1			2						
5 Transport Platoons (Each)	1	42				3		1	1			1		25				
2 MTIs (Each)		29																
1 Mechanical Engineers Pl	1	39	2	1		2		1	2			5	4					
1 Medical Platoon.		12																
TOTAL MOTOR AMBULANCE COLUMN.	7	75	3	2		14	1	6	4			10	4	75				
TOTAL SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT	40	1.5		82		80	4	27	30			42	16	75				
12 Field Hospitals (each)	7	58			2				1			1						
4 Field Surgical Units (each)	3	23					1											
2 Mobile X-Ray Units (each)	1	6																
2 Mobile Dental Units (each)	1	3											1					
2 Adv Depot Med Stores (each)	1	8										2						
TOTAL MEDICAL SERVICES.	102	122			24		1		12			16	2					

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PERSONNEL, ARMS AND MOTOR TRANSPORT FOR AUXILIARY UNITS OF ITALIAN COMBAT GROUPS.

	Officers.	Jeeps.	L.M.G.	M.M.G.	Cycles.	M/Cycles, solo.	Cars 4-str.	Cars 2-str or 5 cwt 4 x 4	Trucks 15 cwt G.S. LWB.	Trucks 15 cwt, water.	Trucks,15 cwt, special.	Lorries 3 ton G.S.	Lorries 3 ton special	Ambulances, 4 stretchers.	Tractors, 4 x 4 medium.	Trailers 18 ton	Trailers, laundry CCS type	Trailers, water.	Italian Vehicles.
	3	15	7	3	1	5	2	2		4		24	3		3	3		1	
	15	45	21	9	3	23	6	6	15	12	9	72	2		9	9		3	
	4	37	2	2		6	1	2	2			3						1	
	1	51	6	6		3		1	1			34						1	
	1	31																1	
	1	39	2	1		2		1	2			5	4					1	
	9	342	28	27		20	1	7	8			144	4					6	
	27	1026	84	81		60	3	21	24			432	12					18	
	1	31				1						1						1	
	6	186				6						6						6	
	3	22	1			3		2	1			2						1	
	1	46				3		1	1			1		25				1	
		29																	
	1	35	2	1		2		1	2			5	4					1	
	7	70	3	1		4	2	6	4			10	4	75				5	
	10			82		80	4	27	20			46	16	75				2	
	7	58			2				1			1							2
	3	23					1												2
	1	6																	
	1	3											1						
	1	8										2							
	102	222			24		4		12			16	2						12

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1 Medical Platoon.																						
TOTAL MOTOR AMBULAN*	7	70	3						6						10		4	75				
USE COLUMN.																						
TOTAL [illegible] AND TRANSPORT	40	[illegible]		82		60	4	25	20						[illegible]		16	75				
12 Field Hospitals (each)	7	58			2				1						1							
4 Field Surgical Units (each)	3	23					1															
2 Mobile X-Ray Units (each)	1	6																				
2 Mobile Dental Units (each)	1	3															1					
2 Adv Depot Med Stores (each)	1	8													2							
TOTAL MEDICAL SERVICES.	102	122			24		1		12						76		2					
1 Mobile Laundry Coy	5	120				6		1							16							16
4 Mobile Bath Units (each)	1	18						1	1						1							
1 Transit Camp.	6	105				4		4	3	3					4							
H.Q. Reinforcement Trg Depot	4	42				2	1		2	1					5							
2 H.Qs Infantry Bn RTD (each)	2	21				2		1		1					1							
1 H.Q. Mixed Bn RTD	4	21				2		1		1					1							
TOTAL R.T.D.	12	105				8	1	3	2	4					8							
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS.	27	409				10	1	12	9	7					32							16
TOTAL AUXILIARY UNITS.	184	3163	100	91	27	134	15	75	66	19					568	27	75	9	9	16		
3 Sections CC.RR (TOTAL)	6	150	3			42		3	9						3							

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ILAN*	7	19 76	3	1		[illegible]	[illegible]	6	[illegible]			10	4	75				5	
.	40	[illegible]	[illegible]	82		80	4	27	20			[illegible]	16	75				[illegible]	
	7	58			2				1			1							
)	3	23					1												
	1	6																	2
	1	3											1						2
)	1	8										2							
	102	822			24		4		12			16	2						12
	5	120				6		1				16					16		
	1	18						1	1			1							
	6	105				4		4	3	3		4							
	4	42				2	1		2	1		5							
)	2	21				2		1		1		1							
	4	21				2		1		1		1							
	12	105				8	1	3	2	4		8							
OUS.	27	402				16	1	13	9	7		32					16		
	184	1168	108	51	27	134	15	45	66	19		568	27	75	9	9	16	32	12
	6	150	3			42		3	9			3							

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

ITALIAN FIELD PARK COMPANY

ORGANICO DI GUERRA - COMPAGNIA PARCO CAMPALE DEL GENIO

(i) Personnel (i) Personale

Detail	Description	Headquarters Comando	Workshop Platoon Plotone Laboratorio	Stores Platoon Plotone Magazzini	Div Bridging Platoon Plotone Pontieri Divizionale	Total Italian Field Park Coy Totale Compagnia Parco Campale del Genio
Officer Commanding (Capt)	Comandante (Capitano)	1				1
Subalterns	Subalterni	2	1		1	4
Total Officers	Ufficiali Totali	3	1		1	5
Company Serjeant Major	Sottufficiale ai Contabilita	1				1
Company Quartermaster Serjeant	Sottufficiale ai viveri e materiali	1				1
Military Mechanist (Mechanical) Staff Serjeant	Sottufficiale meccanico		1			1
Transport Serjeant	Sergente ai Trasporti	1				1
Armourer Serjeant	Sergente armaiolo	1				1
Serjeants	Sergenti		1	1	1	3
Total Warrant Officers, Staff Serjeants & Serjeants	Sottufficiali totale	4	2	1	1	8
Corporals(Sapper Class)	Caporali (Artieri)	2	2	1	1	6
Corporals(Driver Class)	Caporali (Automobilisti)	1		1	2	4
Sappers	Artieri	14	28	16	13	71
Drivers i/c	Automobilisti	14	7	19	23	63
Total rank & file	Graduati totali e truppe	31	37	37	39	144
Total other ranks	Sottufficiale Totali e truppe	35	39	38	40	152
TOTAL ITALIAN FIELD	COMPAGNIA PARCO					

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		Headq Comm	Workg Platn	Store Platn	Div Platn	Total Totale Comp
Officer Commanding (Capt)	Comandante (Capitano)	1				1
Subalterns	Subalterni	2	1		1	4
Total Officers	Ufficiali Totali	3	1		1	5
Company Serjeant Major	Sottufficiale ai Contabilita	1				1
Company Quartermaster Serjeant	Sottufficiale ai viveri e materiali	1				1
Military Mechanist (Mechanical) Staff Serjeant	Sottufficiale meccanico		1			1
Transport Serjeant	Sergente ai Trasporti	1				1
Armourer Serjeant	Sergente armaniolo	1				1
Serjeants	Sergenti		1	1	1	3
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Total other ranks	Sottufficiale Totali e truppe	35	39	38	40	152
TOTAL ITALIAN FIELD PARK COY	COMPAGNIA PARCO CAMPALE DEL GENIO TOTALE	38	40	38	41	157

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WAR ESTABLISHMENT

ITALIAN FIELD PARK COMPANY

COMPAGNIA PARCO CAMPALE DEL GENIO

(ii) Distribution of rank & file by trades & duties
(ii) Distribuzione dei Graduati e truppa nei diversi servizi

Detail	Descrizione	Headquarters Comando	Workshop Platoon Plotone	Stores Platoon Plotone Magazzini	Div Bridging Platoon Plotone Pontieri Divisionale	Total Italian Field Park Coy Totale Compagnia Parco Campale del Genio
Blacksmiths	Fabbri		2			2
Bricklayers	Muratori		1			1
Carpenters & Joiners	Falegnami e Carpentieri		4			4
Clerks	Scritturali	4				4
Cooks	Cuochi	1			1	2
Draughtsman (Mechanical)	Disegnatori (Meccanico)	1				1
Driver Mechanics	Meccanico Automobilista	1	1	2		4
Electricians (maintenance)	Elettricisti		3			3
Engine Fitters:	Montatori:					
I.C. & Pumps	Motore pompisti		3			3
Mechanical equipment	Armamento meccanico		1			1
Engine Hand I.C.	Macchinista		2			2
Equipment repairer	Riparare armamento		1			1
Fitters	Meccanici aggiustatori		2			2
Operators excavator	Macchinista escavatori			8		8
Painters & Decorators	Pittori		2			2
Pioneers for duty as:	Genieri in servizio come:					
General dutymen	Servizi Generali			2	11	13
Motor cyclists	Motociclisti	3		1	2	6
Storemen	Magazzinieri		1	6		10
Batman	Attendenti	3	1		1	5
Sanitary Dutyman	Servizi sanitari	1				1
Water dutyman	Servizi idrici	1				1
Plumbers & pipefitters	Tubisti piombisti		2			2
Sawyers	Segatori		2			2

		Headquarters Comando	Workshop Platoon Plotone laboratorio	Stores Platoon Plotone Magazzini	Div Bridging Pk Plotone Ponti Div	Total Italian Totale Compagnia
Blacksmiths	Fabbri		2			2
Bricklayers	Muratori		1			1
Carpenters & Joiners	Falegnami e Carpentieri		4			4
Clerks	Scritturali	4			1	5
Cooks	Cucinieri	1				1
Draughtsman (Mechanical)	Disegnatori (Meccanico)	1	1	2		4
Driver Mechanics	Meccanico Automobilista		3			3
Electricians (maintenance)	Elettricisti		3			3
Engine Fitters:	Montatori:					
I.C. & Pumps	Motore pompisti		1			1
Mechanical equipment	Armamento meccanico		2			2
Engine Hand I.C.	Macchinista		1			1
Equipment repairer	Riparare armamento		2			2
Fitters	Meccanici aggiustatori		2	8		10
Operators excavator	Macchinista excavatori					
Painters & Decorators	Pittori		2			2
Pioneers for duty as:	Genieri in servizio come:					
General dutyman	Servizi Generali	3		2	11	16
Motor cyclists	Motociclisti	3	1	6	2	12
Storemen	Magazzinieri	3	1		1	5
Batman	Attendenti	1				1
Sanitary Dutyman	Servizi sanitari	1				1
Water dutyman	Servizi idrici		2			2
Plumbers & pipefitters	Tubisti piombisti		2			2
Sawyers	Segatori		1			1
Sheet metal worker	Stagnino	1				1
Surveyor (engineering)	Ispettore (ingegneria)		1			1
Turner	Tornitore	1				1
Vehicle Mechanic	Motoristi				2	3
Welders:	Saldatore:					
Acetylene	Acetelene		1			1
Electric	Elettrico		1			1
Drivers i.c. for duty as:	Automobilisti in servizio come:					
Drivers of vehicles	Automobilisti	7	5	17	20	49
Transport NCOs	Caporali trasporto	1		1	2	4
Total Rank & File	Graduati totale e truppe	31	37	37	39	144

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WAR ESTABLISHMENT

ITALIAN FIELD PARK COMPANY

COMPAGNIA PARCO CAMPALE DEL GENIO

(iii) Transport (iii) Trasporto

Detail	Descrizione	Headquarters Comando	Workshop Platoon Plotone Laboratorio	Stores Platoon Plotone Magazzini	Div Bridging Platoon Plotone Pontieri Divisionale	Total Italian Field Park Company Totale Compagnia Parco Campale del Genio
Bicycle	Bicicletta	1				1
Motor Cycles Solo	Motocicli	5	2	2	3	12
Cars 4 str 4 x 2	Auto 4 situati	1			1	2
" 5 cwt 4 x 4	Jeep	2				2
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2:	Camioncini:					
" GS	" Servizi generali	1		3	1	5
" Air Compressor	" Compressa aria			2		2
" Water	" Autobotte			4		4
" Machinery R4OC type K.L.	" Meccanici R4OC KL		1			1
Lorries 3 ton:-	Autocarro leggero:-					
" 4 x 4 GS	" Servizi generali	4	3	3	14	24
" 4 x 4 winch	" verricello		1			1
" 6 x 4 Machinery RE 24 KW	" 6 x 4 Meccanici RE 24 KW		1			1
" Crane	" Gru			1		1
Tractors 4 x 4 Medium	Trattore 4 x 4 medio			3		3
Trailers:-	Rimorchio:-					
" 15 cwt 2 whld water 180 galls.	" 180 gallon cisterna mobile	1				1
" 18 ton 8 whld low loading	" 18 ton 8 ruota			3		3

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		Headquarters Comando	Workshop Platone	Stores Platone	Div Bridge Platone	Total Italian	Totale Corpo Campo
Bicycle	Bicicletta	1					1
Moter Cycles Solo	Motocicli	5	2	2	3		12
Cars 4 str 4 x 2	Auto 4 situati	1			1		2
" 5 cwt 4 x 4	Jeep	2					2
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2:	Camioncini:						
" GS	" Servizi generali	1		3	1		5
" Air Compressor	" Compressa aria			2			2
" Water	" Autobotte			4			4
" Machinery RAOC type K.L.	" Meccanici RAOC KL		1				1
Lorries 3 ton:-	Autocarro leggero:-						
" 4 x 4 GS	" Servizi generali	4	3	3	14		24
" 4 x 4 winch	" verricello		1				1
" 6 x 4 Machinery RE 24 KW	" 6 x 4 Meccanici RE 24 KW		1				1
" Crane	" Gru			1			1
Tractors 4 x 4 Medium	Trattore 4 x 4 medio			3			3
Trailers:-	Rimorchio:-						
" 15 cwt 2 whld water 180 galls.	" 180 gallon cisterna mobile	1					1
" 18 ton 8 whld low loading	" 18 ton 8 ruota			3			3

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	Vehicles Veicoli	Trailers Rimorchio	M.Cs. Motocicli
Total vehicles Veicoli totale	46	4	12

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GENERAL TRANSPORT COMPANY
WAR ESTABLISHMENT
HEADQUARTERS OF COMPANY

(i) Personnel

OC	Major	1
	Captains (a)	2
	Subaltern	1
	TOTAL OFFICERS	4
	C.S.M.	1
	C.Q.M.S.	1
	Sgts.	2
	TOTAL TO S/Sgt. & Sgts.	4
	Corporals	3
	Lance Corporals	8
	Drivers	18
	Privates	22
	TOTAL R & F	37
	TOTAL O.Rs.	41
	TOTAL ALL RANKS	

(ii) Distributation of other Ranks by duties

Sergeants:-		
	Technical M.T. Stores Clerk	1
	M. T.	1
		2
Corporals:-		
	Administrative	1
	Clerk	1
	Regimental Police	1
	LMG Detachement (Driver's vehicle)	1
		4
Lance Corporals:-		
	Driver	1
	LMG Detachement (Driver's vehicle)	1
	M/Cyclist	1
		3
Drivers for duty as:-		
	Batmen/Drivers	2
	Drivers of vehicles	5
	Motorcyclists	1
		8

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GENERAL TRANSPORT COMPANY (Continued)

Privates for duty as:-

Batman	1
Butcher	1
Clerks	3
General Dutyman	4
Officer Mess Orderly	1
Orderly	1
Policeman	1
Sanitary Duties	2
Water Duties	1
Storeman	1
Cooks	2
	18

(iii) Transport

M/Cyclists, solo	6	(1 for Subaltern; 1 for Sgt., 4 for M/cyclists)
Cars, 2 Seater	2	
Cars, 4 Seater	1	
Trucks, 15 CWT. LAD	2	
Lorries, 3 Ton	3	(1 Baggage, 1 Cook, 1 Unit Patrol)
Trailer, 15 CWT. water	1	

(iv) Weapons

Pistols	9
Rifles	30
Machine Carbines	2
LMGs.	2
P.I.A.T.	2

NOTES:

(a) For allotment to duties with transport platoons as required.
For every 2 Platoons in excess of 1 add 1 Captain and 1 Batman/Driver to the W/E together with Pistol 1 and Rifle 1.

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(iii) Transport

M/Cyclists, solo	6	(1 for Subaltern;1 for Sgt.,4 for M/cyclists)
Cars, 2 Seater	2	
Cars, 4 Seater	1	
Trucks, 15 CWT. LMG	2	
Lorries, 3 Ton	3	(1 Baggage, 1 Cooks, 1 Unit Petrol)
Trailer,15 CWT.water	1	

(iv) Weapons

Pistols	9
Rifles	30
Machine Carbines	2
LMGs.	2
P.I.A.T.	2

NOTES:

(c) For allotment to duties with transport platoons as required.
For every 2 Platoons in excess of 1 add 1 Captain and 1 Batman/Driver to the H/Q together with Pistol 1 and Rifle 1.

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GENERAL TRANSPORT COMPANY
WAR ESTABLISHMENTS
TRANSPORT PLATOON

(i) Personnel

DETAIL	H. Q.	1 - 5 Sections each.	Total Tpt Platoon
Subaltern	1		1
Serjeants	2		2
Corporals	1	1	6
Drivers	5	6	35
Privates	8		8
			52

(ii) Distribution of other Ranks by duties.

Serjeants:-
- i/c Platoon 1
- Administration 1

Corporals:-
- i/c Sections 5
- HQ. M.T. 1

Drivers for duty as:-
- Batman/Driver 1
- Driver/Mechanics 5
- Motorcyclists 2
- Driver i/c vehicles 27

Privates for duty as:-
- Clerks 1
- General Dutyman 3 (To be trained in LMG.)
- Cooks 2
- Fitter 1
- Water Duties 1

(iii) Transport
- Motorcycles, solo 3
- Car, 2 Seater 1
- Trucks, 15 CWT. LMG 1
- Lorries, 3 Ton -
- Task 30 (6 each section)
- 10% reserve 3
- Cooks and Baggage 1
- Trailers, 15 CWT. Water 1

(iv) Weapons
- Pistols 1
- Machine Carbines 3
- LMG. 6 (HQ & Sections 1 each)
- P.I.A.T. 6 (HQ & Sections 1 each)
- Rifles 48

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	Administration	1
Corporals:-		
	i/c Sections	5
	HQ. M.T.	1
Drivers for duty as:-		
	Batman/Driver	1
	Driver/Mechanics	5
	Motorcyclists	2
	Driver i/c vehicles	27
Privates for duty as:-		
	Clerks	1
	General Dutymen	3 (To be trained in LMG.)
	Cooks	2
	Fitter	1
	Water Duties	1
(iii) Transport		
	Motorcycles, solo	3
	Car, 2 Seater	1
	Trucks, 15 CWT. LMC	1
	Lorries, 3 Ton -	
	Task	30 (6 each section)
	10% reserve	3
	Cooks and Baggage	1
	Trailers, 15 CWT. Water	1
(iv) Weapons		
	Pistols	1
	Machine Carbines	5
	LMG.	6 (HQ & Sections 1 each)
	P.I.A.T.	6 (HQ & Sections 1 each)
	Rifles	43

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GENERAL TRANSPORT COMPANY

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

RELIEF DRIVER'S INCREMENT

(i) Personnel

Serjeant	1
Drivers (a)	30
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(ii) Weapons

Machine Carbine	1
Rifles	30

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TRANSPORT COMPANY (AUXILLARY UNIT FOR COMBAT GROUPS)

Composed of:

1. Headquarters
2. 4 Transport Platoons
3. 2 Reserve Driver increments
4. 1 Workshop Platoon

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HEADQUARTERS

Personnel

Officer Commanding (Major)		1
Captains		2
Subalterns		1
	Total Officers	4
NCO's (1)		4
Other Ranks (2)		34
	Total NCO's and other ranks	38
	Total Officers, NCO's and men	42

NOTE:-

(1) Consisting of 1 Warrant Officer, 1 Staff Sergeant for administration, 1 Sergeant Clerk, 1 MP Sergeant.

(2) Consisting of 1 Corporal for administration, 2 driver batmen, 1 Batman, 1 Butcher, 4 Clerks, 5 Drivers, 6 for LMG crews, 4 Motor-cyclists, 2 Mess Servants, 2 OC.Rd, 2 variously employed, 1 Storeman, 1 Water Duties man, 2 Cooks.

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LOGISTICS (TRANSPORT & WEAPONS)

Transport

Motorcycles, solo	6
Cars, Two seater	5
Cars, Four seater	1
Trucks, 15 CWT	2
Lorries, 3 Ton	3
Trailer, 2 Wheeled, water	1

Weapons

Pistols	9
Rifles	32
Machine Carbines	4
LMG's	2
Anti-tank rifles	2

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TRANSPORT PLATOON (Of 5 Sections)

1. Personnel

Officer Commanding (Subaltern)		1
Sergeants		2
Corporals and other ranks		12
Drivers	(1)	35
Total All Ranks		50

2. Transport

One seater Motorcycles	8
Cars	1
Trucks (with three in reserve)	36

3. Weapons

Pistols	9
Rifles	43
Anti-tank Rifles	2

NOTE:

(1) Consisting of 1 Adjuster, 5 Driver mechanics, 1 Corporal for Administration, 5 Corporals section leaders, 1 Driver Batman, 22 Drivers, 3 for LAD crew, 2 Motorcyclists, 4 Reserve Drivers, 1 Water Duties man, 2 Cooks.

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RESERVE DRIVER ESTABLISHMENT

1. Personnel

Sergeants	1
Drivers (including 1 Corporal)	30
Total other ranks	31

2. Weapons

Rifles	31

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TABULATION TRANSPORT COMPANY

	PERSONNEL			TRANSPORT			WEAPONS		
	Offrs	NCO's	OR's	Cars	Trucks M/Cs		Pistol	Rifle	A's
Headquarters	4	4	34	1	5	6	9	32	2
4 Tpt Platoons	4	8	180	4	44	32	36	172	8
2 Rec Dvrs Incr	-	2	60	-	-	-	-	62	-
1 Wkshps Platoon	1	3	36	1	12	2	-	-	-
TOTAL	9	17	318	9	161	40	45	266	10

FIELD BAKERY

To work in 3 shifts and capable of producing approx 10,000 lbs of bread daily.

(i) Personnel.

Capitano	1	
Furiere (Baker)	1	
Sergente Maggiore (Baker)	4	- (1 for supervision and maintenance 1 for each shift).
Caporali Maggiore	1	- Clerical duties
Soldati.		
For duty as:-		
Bakers	12	- 4 for each shift.
Storeman	3	- 1 for each shift.
Issuers	3	- 1 for each shift.
Batman	1	
General Dutyman	2	
Cooks	2	
Drivers	2	
Total all ranks	32	

(ii) Transport.

Motorcycles, solo	1	
Truck 3 Ton	1	(Cooks, baggage).
Trailer, water, 180 gall.	1	

(iii) Weapons.

Pistols	2
Rifles	30
L.M.G.	1

Note:-

If mobile bakery equipment is issued, the requisite numbers of drivers will require to be added, plus 1 driver mechanic, 1 Fitter and 1 Electrician.

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Storeman	4	- 4 for each shift.
Issuers	3	- 1 for each shift.
Batman	3	- 1 for each shift.
General Dutyman	1	
Cooks	2	
Drivers	2	
Total all ranks	32	

(ii) Transport.

Motorcycles, solo	1	
Truck 3 Ton	1	(Cooks, baggage).
Trailer, water, 180 gall.	1	

(iii) Weapons.

Pistols	2
Rifles	30
L.M.G.	1

Note:-

If mobile bakery equipment is issued, the requisite numbers of drivers will require to be added, plus 1 driver mechanic, 1 Fitter and 1 Electrician.

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MOTOR AMBULANCE COLUMN
WAR ESTABLISHMENT

Headquarters

(1) **Personnel**

OC	Major	1	
	Captains	2	
	TOTAL OFFICERS		3
	C.S.M.	1	
	C.Q.M.S.	1	
	Sergeants (a)	2	
	TOTAL W/O & Sergeants		4
	Corporals	2	
	Drivers	9	
	Privates	7	
	TOTAL R & F.		18
	TOTAL O.Rs.		22
	TOTAL ALL RANKS		25

(2) **Distribution of rank & file by duties.**

Corporals:-

Administration.	1
M. T.	1
	2

Drivers for duty as:-

Driver/Batmen.	1
Motorcyclists	3
Drivers	3
	7

Privates for duty as:-

Clerks	2
Water Duties	1
Cooks	2
Orderly	1
Sanitary & General duties	1
	7

(3) **Transport**

Cars, 4 seater	1
Cars, 2 Seater	2
M/Cycles	3
Trucks, 15 CWT. LMG.	1
Lorries, 3 Ton	2
Trailer, 15 CWT. Water	1

(4) **Weapons**

Pistols	4	(Officers & CSM)
Mach/ Carbine	6	(CQMS, Sgts., & M/Cyclists)
Rifles	15	
LMG.	1	

NOTES:

(a) 1 Sergeant for Administrative duties.
1 Sergeant for M.T. [illegible]

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(2) Distribution of rank & file by duties.

Corporals:-

Administration.	1
M. T.	1
	2

Drivers for duty as:-

Driver/Batmen.	3
Motorcyclists	3
Drivers	2
	8

Privates for duty as:-

Clerks	2
Water Duties	1
Cooks	2
Orderly	1
Sanitary & General duties	1
	7

(3) Transport

Cars, 4 seater	1
Cars, 2 Seater	2
M/Cycles	3
Trucks, 15 CWT. LMG	1
Lorries, 3 Ton	2
Trailer, 15 CWT. Water	1

(4) Weapons

Pistols	4	(Officers & CSM)
Mach/ Carbine	6	(QMS, Sgts., & M/Cyclists)
Rifles	15	
LMG.	1	

NOTES:

(a) 1 Serjeant for Administrative duties.
1 Serjeant for M.T. and general duties.

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MOTOR AMBULANCE COLUMN

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

MEDICAL PLATOON

(i) Personnel

DETAIL	H. Q.	1 - 3 Sections each	Total Platoon
Staff Serjeants	1		1
Serjeants		1	3
Medical Orderlies		5	15
			19

(ii) Destribution of other Ranks by duties

Not applicable

(iii) Transport

NIL.

(iv) Weapons

NIL.

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(ii) Redistribution of other Ranks by duties

Not applicable

(iii) Transport

NIL.

(iv) Weapons

NIL.

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MOTOR AMBULANCE COMPANY
H.Q. & MAINTENANCE
MOTOR DRIVEN 3" GUN BTY

1
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1
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(i) Personnel

Sergeant
Drivers

(ii) Arms.

Machine Carbines
Rifles

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MOTOR MACHINE GUN
TRANSPORT PLATOON
WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

DETAIL	H.Q.	1 - 5 Sections each	Total Platoon (5 Sec.)
Subaltern	1		1
Serjeants	2		2
Corporals		1	5
Privates	8		8
Drivers	6	5	31
			47

(ii) Distribution of other Ranks by duties

Serjeants:-
- i/c Platoon Administration 1
- Corporals i/c Sections 1

Privates for duty as:-
- Clerks 5
- LAG Detachement 1
- Cooks 3
- Mechanic 2
- Water Duties 1

Drivers for duty as:-
- Batman/Driver 1
- Driver/Mechanics 1
- Motorcyclists 5
- Drivers i/c Vehicles 2

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(iii) Transport

Motorcycles, solo	5	(Sgt. i/c Pl & M/Cyclists)
Cars, 2 Seater	1	
Truck, 15 CWT. LAG	1	
Ambulances & Stretcher	25	(5 each Section)
Lorries, 3 Ton	1	
Trailer, 15 CWT. Water	1	

(iv) Arms

Pistol	1
Machine Carbines	3
LAG.	6
P.I.A.T. or LAG.	6
Rifles	31

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		O/C Platoon	1
		Administration	1
	Corporals i/c Sections		5
	Privates for duty as:-		
		Clerks	1
		LMG Detachement	3
		Cooks	2
		Mechanic	1
		Water Duties	1
	Drivers for duty as:-		
		Batman/Driver	1
		Driver/Mechanics	5
		Motorcyclists	2
		Drivers i/c Vehicles	22
(iii)	Transport		
	Motorcycles, solo	5	(Sgt i/c Pl & M/Cyclists)
	Cars, 2 Seater	1	
	Truck, 15 CWT. LMG	1	
	Ambulances & Stretcher	25	(5 each Section)
	Lorries, 3 Ton	1	
	Trailer, 15 CWT. Water	1	
(iv)	Arms		
	Pistol		1
	Machine Carbines		3
	LMG.		6
	P.I.A.T. or LMG.		6
	Rifles		43

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MOTOR AMBULANCE COLUMN

Consisting of:-

1. Headquarters
2. 3 Motor Ambulance Platoons
3. 2 Reserve Driver Increments
4. 1 Workshop Platoon
5. 1 Medical Platoon

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H E A D Q U A R T E R S

Personnel

Officer Commanding (Major)		1
Captains		2
	Total Officers	3
NCO's (1)		3
Other Ranks (2)		19
	Total NCO's and other ranks	22
	TOTAL ALL RANKS	25

NOTE:-

(1) Consisting of 1 Staff Serjeant for Administration, 1 Serjeant Clerk, 1 MT Serjeant.

(2) Consisting of 1 Corporal for Administration, 3 Driver Batmen, 2 Clerks, 4 Drivers, 2 Motorcyclists, 2 Mess Servants, 1 variously employed, 1 Water Duties man, 2 Cooks.

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HEADQUARTERS (TRANSPORT)

Transport

Motorcycles, solo	3
Cars	1
Trucks, 15 CWT	3
Lorries, 3 Ton	1
Trailer, 15 CWT, 2 Wheeled, Water	

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MOTOR AMBULANCE CONVOYS

1. Personnel

Officer Commanding (Subaltern)		1
Sergeants		2
Corporals and other ranks	)	11
Drivers	) (1)	32
	Total all ranks	46

2. Transport

Motorcycles	5
Cars	1
Motor Ambulances	25
Trucks	1

3. Weapons

Pistols	6
Rifles	40

NOTE:-

(1) Consisting of 1 Adjutant, 4 Driver Mechanics, 1 Corporal for Administration, 5 Corporals section leaders, 1 Driver Batman, 22 Drivers, 2 Motorcyclists, 8 Reserve Drivers, 1 Water Duty man.

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RESERVE DRIVER INCREMENT

1. Personnel

Sergeants	1
Drivers (including 1 Corporal)	28
Total other ranks	29

2. Weapons

Rifles	29

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MEDICAL PLATOON

Personnel

Staff Serjeants (Medical)	1
Serjeants (Medical)	3
Medical Orderlies	15
Total other ranks	19

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TRANSPORTATION MOTOR AMBULANCE COMPANY

	PERSONNEL			TRANSPORT				WEAPONS	
	Offrs	NCO's	CR's	Cars	Mot. Amb.	Trucks H/Cr		Pistol	Rifles
Headquarters	3	3	19	3	-	4	3	-	-
3 Mot. Amb. Pls.	3	6	129	3	75	3	15	18	120
2 Res. Dvr. Incr.	-	2	56	-	-	-	-	-	58
1 Wkshp Pl.	1	3	36	1	-	12	2	-	-
1 Med. Pl.	-	4	49	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	7	18	289	7	75	19	20	18	178

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EXISTING WAR ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ITALIAN FIELD HOSPITAL
(Ospedale da Campo)

(i) Personnel by Trades & Duties	Officers	N.C.Os.	Men
Officer Commanding (Medical Major or Capt)	1		
Medical Officers	3		
Pharmacist Officers	1		
Administrative Officers	1		
Chaplain (attached)	1		
Sergeant Major W.O. II		1	
Pharmacist Assistant Sgt or Cpl		1	
Clerk Sgt or Cpl (Pay)		1	
Nursing Orderlies Cpls or L/Cpls		7	
Stretcher Bearer Cpls		3	
Privates: Nursing Orderlies			12
Stretcher Bearers			12
Sanitary Orderly			1
Cyclist			2
G.D.Os. (inc. barber, tailor, carpenter)			7
Batmen			7
Drivers			4
	7	13	45

Total All Ranks = 65

(ii) a. Transport with Unit

Bicycles	2
Trucks 15-cwt G.S.	1
Lorries 3-ton G.S.	1
Disinfestor on wheels ("Giannoli")	1 (Italian)

b. Transport [illegible]

Sergeant Major R.C. II			
Pharmacist Assistant Sgt or Cpl		1	
Clerk Sgt or Cpl (Pay)		1	
Nursing Orderlies Cpls or L/Cpls		1	
Stretcher Bearer Cpls		7	
Privates: Nursing Orderlies		3	
Stretcher Bearers			12
Sanitary Orderly			12
Cyclist			1
G.D.Os. (inc. barber, tailor, carpenter)			2
Batman			7
Drivers			7
			4
	7	13	45

Total All Ranks = 65

(ii) a. Transport with Unit

Bicycles	2
Trucks 15-cwt G.S.	1
Lorries 3-ton G.S.	1
Disinfestor on wheels ("Giannoli")	1 (Italian)

b. Transport Required to move Unit (allotted when necessary)

2½-Ton Lorries	6
or 3- Ton Lorries	5

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(iii) EQUIPMENT

Packed in 206 containers or boxes and weighs approximately 10 tons and occupies 40 Cubic Yards.
Equipment and personnel can be transported in

6 x 2½-ton lorries
or 5 x 3- ton lorries
or 15 carts
or 94 mules (except disinfectors).

Main details of equipment:-

Boxes or containers:	
1 - 18	Surgical instruments, operation table and accessories, Thomas arm splints (12). Thomas leg splints (12), microscope and reagents.
19 - 36	Medical supplies, disinfectants and pharmacy equipment
37 - 45	Medical comforts
46 - 47	Reserve rations - 4 days
48 - 107	Linen, clothing, bedding materials, camp beds (50) mattresses (50) paillasses (20)
108- 109	Stretchers (6) on wheels - collapsible
110- 111	Kitchen Oven
112- 113	Food boxes, hay boxes
114- 120	Crockery, kitchen utensils
121	Spades, entrenching tools, flags, trestles for stretchers alpine sticks
122- 123	Camp chairs (12) portable food or medicine containers
124- 126	Bath tub, hot water stoves, primus stoves, paraffin containers
127	Pump "Gatteschi"
128- 130	Lighting apparatus or acetylene

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122- 123	Camp chairs (12) portable food or medicine containers
124- 126	Bath tub, hot water stoves, primus stoves, paraffin containers
127	Pump "Gatteschi"
128- 130	Lighting apparatus or acetylene
131- 132	Water filters
133- 134	Equipment for treatment of gas casualties
135- 136	Paraffin containers
137 -206	Tents for patients 3 each 7m. x 11m., 1 - 7m. x 7m. for operation 1 for stores 1

The Hospital can accommodate 50 patients on beds, 20 on paillasses in the field. If located in buildings it can, with extra beds etc., expand up to and deal with 200 patients.

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EXISTING ITALIAN WAR ESTABLISHMENTS OF

(i) A FIELD SURGICAL UNIT (Nucleo Chirurgico)

(ii) A MOBILE X-RAY UNIT (Ambulanza Radiologica)

PROPOSED WAR ESTABLISHMENTS FOR

(iii) A MOBILE DENTAL UNIT (Ambulanza Odontoiatrica)

(iv) AN ITALIAN ADVANCED DEPOT OF MEDICAL STORES

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(i) EXISTING ITALIAN WAR ESTABLISHMENT OF A FIELD SURGICAL UNIT

	Personnel by Trades	Vehicles
Officer i/c - Surgical Specialist (Capt or Major)	1	1 car 4-s
Medical Officers	2	(added to estab)
Cpls - Nursing Orderlies	4	
Privates - Nursing Orderlies	6	
" - Stretcher Bearers	6	
" - Electrical-Mechanic	2	
" - Batmen (inc. 1 driver)	3	
Drivers	2	2 (Italian)
Total - A Field Surgical Unit	26	3

(ii) EXISTING ITALIAN WAR ESTABLISHMENT OF A MOBILE X-RAY UNIT

Officer i/c	- Radiologist	1	
Sergeant	- Radiographer	1	
Privates	- Electrical-Mechanic	2	
"	- Batmen	1	
	Drivers (attached)	2	2 (Italian)
Total - A Mobile X-Ray Unit		7	2

(iii) PROPOSED WAR ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ITALIAN MOBILE DENTAL UNIT

Officer i/c	- Dental Surgeon	1	
Corporal	- Dental Mechanic	1	
Batmen		1	
Driver		1	1 (3-ton 4x2 GS with pent-house)

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Total - A Field Surgical Unit	26	3	

(ii) EXISTING ITALIAN WAR ESTABLISHMENT OF A MOBILE X-RAY UNIT

Officer i/c - Radiologist	1		
Sergeant - Radiographer	1		
Privates - Electrical Mechanic	2		
" - Batmen	1		
Drivers (attached)	2		2 (Italian)
Total - A Mobile X-Ray Unit	7	2	

(iii) PROPOSED WAR ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ITALIAN MOBILE DENTAL UNIT

Officer i/c - Dental Surgeon	1		
Corporal - Dental Mechanic	1		
Batman	1		
Driver	1		1 (3-ton 4x2 GS with pont - house)
Total - A Mobile Dental Unit	4	1	

(iv) PROPOPOSED WAR ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ITALIAN ADVANCED DEPOT OF MEDICAL STORES

Officer i/c - Pharmacist	1		
Sergeant or Corporal	2		
Clerk	1		
Privates - General Duty Orderlies	2		
" - Batmen	1		
" - Drivers	2		2 (3-ton 4x2 GS)
Total - An Adv. Depot Medical Store	9	2	4289

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ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

Officers.	5
O. Rs.	120
Total	125
Vehs	17
Trailers.	16
M. C.	6

MOBILE LAUNDRY COMPANY.
WAR ESTABLISHMENT.
(Based on British NA/66/1)

(i) Personnel.

	Officers.	Warrant Officers. Class 1.	Warrant Officers. Class 11.	Staff serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Lance Corporals.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Headquarters									
Officer Commanding (Major)	1								1
Clerks.						1		1	2
Regimental Duties.				1					1
Batman-driver.								1	1
Fitters, M.V.				1				1	2
Electrician								1	1
Cook.								1	1
TOTAL, headquarters	1			2		1		5	9
Four platoons (Each)									
Officer Commanding (Captain or Subaltern)	1								1
Storemen, laundry					4	1		20	25
Driver-mechanic						1			1
Batman								1	1
Cook								1	1
Total, each platoon	1				4	2		22	29
Total, four platoons	4				16	8		88	116
TOTAL, Mobile Laundry				2	16	9		93	125

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	Off.	War. Cl.	War. Cl.	Staff	Sergt.	Corpl.	Lance	Priv.	TOTAL
Headquarters									
Officer Commanding (Major)	1								1
Clerks.						1		1	2
Regimental Duties.				1					1
Batman-driver.								1	1
Fitters, M.V.				1				1	2
Electrician								1	1
Cook.								1	1
TOTAL, headquarters	1			2		1		5	9
Four platoons (Each)									
Officer Commanding (Captain or Subaltern)	1								1
Storemen, laundry					4	1		20	25
Driver-mechanic						1			1
Batman								1	1
Cook								1	1
Total, each platoon	1				4	2		22	29
Total, four platoons	4				16	8		88	116
TOTAL, Mobile Laundry Company	5			2	16	9		93	125

(ii) Transport.

Motor Cycles	6
Car, 2-seater, 4 x 2	1
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 2	16
Trailer, laundry, C.C.S. Type	16

(iii) Weapons.

Pistols, .38 inch.	7
Rifles, .303 inch	101
Machine carbines.	17

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ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

MOBILE BATH UNIT

War Establishment

(Based on British III/216/1)

(1) - Personnel

DETAIL	Offrs	WO 11	Sjt	Cpl	L/Cpls	Ptes	TOTAL
Officer Commanding (Captain)	1						1
Clerks						1	1
Driver Mechanic					1		1
Drivers						2	2
Barber						1	1
General Duty Men			1	1		8	10
Batman Driver						1	1
Cooks						2	2
TOTAL - MOBILE BATH UNIT	1		1	1	1	15	19

(11) - Transport

Cars 2 Seater 4 x 2 - 1

Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS - 1

Lorries 3 ton 6 x 4 GS - 1

(111) - Weapons

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Clerks						1	1
Driver Mechanic					1		1
Drivers						2	2
Barber						1	1
General Duty Men			1	1		8	10
Batman Driver						1	1
Cooks						2	2
TOTAL - MOBILE BATH UNIT	1		1	1	1	15	19

(11) - Transport

Cars 2 Seater 4 x 2 - 1

Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS - 1

Lorries 3 ton 6 x 4 GS - 1

(111) - Weapons

Pistols .38 in. - 1

Rifles .303 in. - 18

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ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE. RESTRICTED

A TRANSIT CAMP
(Capable of being used in three parts)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

(1) Personnel.

	Officers.	W.Os.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Privates.	TOTAL.
HEADQUARTERS						
Officer Commanding (Lt.Col or Major)	1					1
Adjutant (Captain)	1					1
Orderly officer	1					1
Clerks.			1		3	4
Quartermaster			1			1
Orderlies					4	4
Telephonists					2	2
Medical Orderly				1		1
Drivers					2	2
Motor cyclist.					1	1
TOTAL H.Q.	3		2	1	12	18
EACH CAMP UNIT						
Officer Commanding	1					1
Clerks for Pay and Accounts.			1	1		2
Orderly Sjts.			3			3
Drivers.					4	4
Motor cyclists.					1	1
General duty men (incl. cooks, orderlies and guards.)					20	20
TOTAL 1 CAMP UNIT.	1		4	1	25	31
TOTAL 3 CAMP UNITS.	3		12	3	75	93
TOTAL A TRANSIT CAMP	4		14	4	87	111

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	Offic	W.Os.	Serja	Corpo	Priva	TOTAL.
HEADQUARTERS						
Officer Commanding (Lt.Col or Major)	1					1
Adjutant (Captain)	1					1
Orderly officer	1					1
Clerks.			1		3	4
Quartermaster			1			1
Orderlies					4	4
Telephonists					2	2
Medical Orderly				1		1
Drivers					2	2
Motor cyclist.					1	1
TOTAL H.Q.	3		2	1	12	18
EACH CAMP UNIT						
Officer Commanding	1					1
Clerks for Pay and Accounts.			1	1		2
Orderly Sjts.			3			3
Drivers.					4	4
Motor cyclists.					1	1
General duty men (incl. cooks, orderlies and guards.)					20	20
TOTAL 1 CAMP UNIT.	1		4	1	25	31
TOTAL 3 CAMP UNITS.	3		12	3	75	93
TOTAL A TRANSIT CAMP	6		14	4	87	111

(11) Transport.

	H.Q.	Each Camp Unit	TOTAL.
M/Cycles, solo	1	1	4
Cars, 2-str 4 x 2	1	1	4
Trucks, 15-cwt, G.S.	-	1	4
Trucks, 15-cwt, water.	-	1	4
Lorries, 3-ton, G.S.	1	1	4

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A REINFORCEMENT TRAINING DEPOT.

WAR ESTABLISHMENTS.

1. The Depot will comprise:

Depot H.Q.

2 Infantry Battalion H.Qs

1 Mixed Battalion H.Q.

2. Only the Depot permanent staff are included in the Establishments.

3. The Reinforcements will be organised as follows:

Three Battalions. — Total - All Ranks.

No 1 Battalion -	Infantry	1900
No 2 Battalion -	"	1900
No 3 Battalion -	Mixed.	1900
	TOTAL:	5700

Each Battalion - Three Coys.

Nos. 1 and 2 Bns - 6 Coys i.e. one per Group — Total - All Ranks

No 3 Battalion:	No 1 Company - Artillery		450	
	No 2 " "		450	
	No 3 " - Engr	300		
	Sigs	150		
	Mech	150	600	
	No 4 " - Misc.		400	4280
		TOTAL	1900	

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ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

A HEADQUARTERS REINFORCEMENT TRAINING DEPOT.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

(i) Personnel.

Detail.	OFFICERS.	W.O.'s.	SERGEANTS.	CORPORALS.	PRIVATES.	TOTAL.
Depot Commander (Colonel).	1					1
Adjutant (Major or Captain)	1					1
Orderly Officer.	1					1
H.Q. Platoon.						
Platoon Commander (Subaltern)	1					1
Clerical Section.						
Chief Clerk.		1				1
Clerks.			2	2	36	176
Orderlies (incl 2 D.Rs.)						
Administrative Section.						
Clerks for Pay and Accounts.			3	1		4
Medical Orderly.				1		1
General Duties (incl cooks).					9	19
M.T. Section.						
M.T. Sergeant.			1			1
Drivers.					9	94
General Duties.					4	
TOTAL.						

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	OFFICERS.	W.O's.	SERJEANTS.	CORPORALS.	PRIVATES.	TOTAL.
Depot Commander (Colonel).	1					1
Adjutant (Major or Captain)	1					1
Orderly Officer.	1					1
H.Q. Platoon.						
Platoon Commander (Subaltern)	1					1
Clerical Section.						
Chief Clerk.		1				1
Clerks.			2	2	3	7
Orderlies (incl 2 D.Rs.)					6	6
Administrative Section.						
Clerks for Pay and Accounts.			3	1		4
Medical Orderly.				1		1
General Duties (incl cooks).					9	9
M.T. Section.						
M.T. Serjeant.			1			1
Drivers.					9	9
General Duties.					4	4
TOTAL.	4	1	6	4	31	46

(ii) Transport.

Motor Cycles Solo	- 2
Cars 4 Seater 4 X 2	- 1
Trucks 15 cwt GS	- 2
Trucks 15 cwt Water	- 1
Lorries 3 ton GS	- 5

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ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

AN INFANTRY BATTALION HEADQUARTERS OF A REINFORCEMENT TRAINING DEPOT.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

(1) Personnel.

Detail	OFFICERS.	W. O.s.	SERJEANTS.	CORPORALS.	PRIVATES.	TOTAL.
Battalion Commander (Lt-Col. or Major)	1					1
Adjutant.	1					1
Clerical Section.						
Chief Clerk.		1				1
Clerks.				1	2	3
Orderly.					1	1
Administrative Section.						
Clerks for Pay and Accounts.			1	1		2
Armourer.				1		1
Medical Orderly.				1		1
General Duty Men.					5	5
M.T. Section.						
Vehicle Mechanic.			1			1
Drivers.					3	3
General Duty Men.					3	3
TOTAL.	2	1	2	4	14	23

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Detail	OFFICERS.	W. O.s.	SERJEANTS.	CORPORALS.	PRIVATES.	TOTAL.
Battalion Commander (Lt-Col. or Major)	1					1
Adjutant.	1					1
Clerical Section.						
Chief Clerk.		1				1
Clerks.				1	2	3
Orderly.					1	1
Administrative Section.						
Clerks for Pay and Accounts.			1	1		2
Armourer.				1		1
Medical Orderly.				1		1
General Duty Men.					5	5
M.T. Section.						
Vehicle Mechanic.			1			1
Drivers.					3	3
General Duty Men.					3	3
TOTAL.	2	1	2	4	14	23

(ii) Transport.

Motor Cycles Solo.	- 2
Cars 2 Str 4 X 2	- 1
Lorries 3 ton GS	- 1
Trucks 15 cwt. Water	- 1

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NOTE: The establishment for a Mixed Battalion Headquarters is the same except that 4 officers are included instead of 2.

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

n. 6398 /Ord. di prot. P.M. 151, 9 settembre 1944

OGGETTO: Formazioni e organici provvisori del gruppo di combattimento.-

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO (M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

Riferimento foglio T.S./G /29/1 del 31 agosto u.s.-

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

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HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel: FILPOT 101

1701/23/48/G(SD2)

28 Aug 44

SUBJECT: Organisation Italian Combat Groups

Army Sub Commission,
(Allied Control Commission).

1. The proposed War Establishments of the units of the Combat Group were approved at the 22nd meeting of the AAI War Establishments Committee and have since been forwarded to AFHQ.

2. There remain the war establishments of the auxiliary units. A list of the latter units has been forwarded to you as Appendix 'B' to this HQ 1605/50/36/G(SD1) dated 15 Aug.

3. You are requested to examine the war establishments for these units in conjunction with the respective branches of this HQ, bearing in mind the policy outlined in para 4 this HQ letter 1605/50/47/G(SD1) dated 7 Jul (copy att) and forward your recommendations not later than 1 Sep 44.

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H.R. Jacques
Major

for Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

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SUBJECT:- Organisation Italian Army Service Units under British Command

HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.
1605/50/47/G(SD1)

7 Jul 44.

1. Proposals received from branches in response to this HQ 1605/50/3/G(SD1) of 18 May have been forwarded to AFHQ for approval in principle.

2. All Italian Army Service units serving under British comd will be organised on British WE's in accordance with the following principles :-

(a) Units will be administratively self contained.

(b) No piecemeal substitution of Italians for British on existing British WE's will normally be agreed. Where it is necessary to dilute an existing British unit, separate WE's will be drafted for the British and Italian portions. The Italian portion will be self contained. British and Italian Army personnel will not be included on the same WE.

(c) The general organisation of British units will be followed.

(d) Only the minimum quantity of transport required will be included in the WE.

(e) Weapons will not be shown on the WE.

3. Branches and Services will submit their proposals to WEC as soon as possible.

4. Equipment and transport in British units are provided to cover a wide variety of tasks. Italian Service units will only be employed on certain of these tasks. Italian units, therefore, will require less transport and equipment than the corresponding British units. Use of existing WE's would be uneconomical. Certain existing WE's, however, may be suitable for Italian units. Branches and Services will forward a list of such WE's.

AF's G1098

5 (a) After a WE has been approved by WEC, the Branch or Service concerned will prepare a modified AF G1098 and forward it to Q(AE) for agreement and onward transmission to AFHQ. Only the bare minimum of equipment necessary will be included in these AF's G1098.

(b) AF's G1098 have already been approved for certain Italian units. Q(AE)3 will provide infm of these AF's G1098. New AF's G1098 will not be required for these units unless changes are made in the organisation and function of the units.

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(c) Ref para 4 above, in cases where existing WE's can be applied economically to Italian units, Branches and Services should consider what reductions can be made on AF G1098.

6. The effective ceiling of the Italian forces may be fixed at a figure considerably less than requirements. Manpower will not be available to meet all the bids which have been made. Many items of equipment are in short supply. It is essential that Italian army manpower and Allied equipment is employed as economically as possible.

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Conclusion

7 Branches and Services are requested:

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(a) To submit to WEC WE's for Italian Service units.

(b) To submit subsequently to Q(AE) proposed AF's G1098.

(c) To forward to G(SD) lists of existing WE's which can be economically applied to Italian units.

(d) Subsequently to forward to Q(AE) modified AF's G1098 in respect of WE's accepted as being applicable to Italian Army Service units.

K. M. McClellan Mcl jr

Brigadier,
G(SD & T).

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COMANDO COMPAGNIA CC.RR. (1)

Comprende:

- il comandante
- 1 plotone comando

	Personale				Mezzi di trasporto			
	Ufficiali	Sottufficiali	Truppa: CC.RR.	Truppa: Automobil.	Autovetture	Autocarri leggeri	Motocicli	Biciclette
Comandante (capitano)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Comandante (maresc.capo o d'all.)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prima squadra: comando								
Vice brigadiere di contabilità	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Appuntato o carabin.di contab.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Carabiniere trombettiere	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
" motociclisti	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
" staff.in bicicletta	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
" portaferiti	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-
Seconda squadra: servizi								
Vice brigadiere	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Conduttori di autoveicoli	-	-	-	3	1	2	-	-
Carabiniere allievo armaiolo	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Meccanico	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Carabinieri per servizi vari(cucinieri attend., ecc.)	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
Totale plotone comando	-	3	18	4	1	2	2	2
Totale comando compagnia	1	3	18	4	1	2	2	2

(1) - Deve inquadrare 3 sezioni miste CC.RR. del tipo "gruppo di combattimento".-

	Uff.	Sott.	CC.	Aut.	Aut.	Aut. leg.	Mot.	Bic.
Comandante (capitano)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Comandante (maresc.capo o d'all.)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prima squadra:comando								
Vice brigadiere di contabilità	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Appuntato o carabin.di contab.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Carabiniere trombettiere	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
" motociclisti	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-
" staff.in bicicletta	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
" portaferiti	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-
Seconda squadra:servizi								
Vice brigadiere	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Conduttori di autoveicoli	-	-	-	3	1	2	-	-
Carabiniere allievo armaiolo	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Meccanico	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Carabinieri per servizi vari(cucinieri attend., ecc.)	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
Totale plotone comando	-	3	18	4	1	2	2	2
Totale comando compagnia	1	3	18	4	1	2	2	2

(1) - Deve inquadrare 3 sezioni miste CC.RR. del tipo "gruppo di combattimento".-

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SECRET. 3

Subject:- Combat Group Establishments.

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

RMF.

T.S./G/29/1. 31 Aug. 44. S/6/13/20

To :- S.M.R.F.

1. Attached, with summary, are copies of the Establishments of a Combat Group, as approved by H.Q. A.A.I. They have been forwarded in this form to A.F.H.Q. and it is unlikely, though not impossible, that they will be amended.

2. Your establishments will be brought into line with the figures shown on the attached sheets and distributed to H.Qs interested. Please send M.M.I.A. six copies of the S.M.R.F. edition.

3. In accordance with Para 4 of T.S./G/29 of 28th. August the FRIULI and ~~GRUPPO~~ Groups will be brought into conformity with these establishments before 17th. September. (Cancelled by 30 e/p)

W. Padley. Brig

for Major General.
Army Sub Comm. A.C.C.

gb.JAD.

Encl. Appendices 'A' 'B' and 'C' to
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SUBJECT:- War Establishments -
AT ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

AAI phoned (Jacques) 1 Sep
that AFHQ have approved
these in toto WP

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel: FIELPOT 101

1701/23/48/G(SD2)

29 Aug 44

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G-3 (Org-4)

Allied Control Commission
(Army Sub Commission) (3 copies)

G(Ops)	RA	Med
A	RE	Ord
Q	X	RAOC
G(AG)	SC	Pro

1. The Proposal

(a) It is requested that approval be given to 18 new war establishments upon which it is proposed to organise the units of the Italian Gruppo di Combattimenti.

(b) All are new war establishments

(c) Not applicable

2. The effect of the Proposal

(a) The increase in officers, other ranks, motor cycles and vehicles involved in the formation of each Combat Group is shown in the Summary attached at Appendix 'B'.

(b) None

(c) It is proposed to form 6 Groups

(d) The proposal involves an overall increase of vehicles required

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G-3 (Org-4)

Allied Control Commission
(Army Sub Commission) (3 copies)

G(Ops)	RA	MoS
A	RE	Ord
Q	X	PWIB
Q(AB)	ST	Pro

1. The Proposal

(a) It is requested that approval be given to 16 new war establishments upon which it is proposed to organise the units of the Italian Gruppo di Combattimenti.

(b) All are new war establishments

(c) Not applicable

2. The effect of the Proposal

(a) The increase in officers, other ranks, motor cycles and vehicles involved in the formation of each Combat Group is shown in the Summary attached at Appendix 'B'.

(b) None

(c) It is proposed to form 6 Groups

(d) The proposal involves an overall increase of vehicles required for this theatre. Personnel are available from Italian Military resources.

(e) Not applicable

(f) The formation of the Combat Group on the proposed war establishments was approved in principle by the AAI War Establishments Committee at the 22nd Meeting.

(g) The proposed new war establishments are attached in accordance with the table at Appendix 'C'. 427.

3. The Reason for the Proposal

(a) It was decided that the employment of certain Italian 4277 Groups would considerably strengthen the Allied Armies in Italy in their advance from Pisa - Rimini line northwards.

/..... (b)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

WAR ESTABLISHMENTS COMMITTEE

22nd Meeting held on 21st August 44

Present: Brig K.C. Cooper — Chairman
Brig C.M. Paton — DAG
Brig W.H.D. Ritchie — DQMG
Col R.N.M. Jones — Q(AE)
Lt-Col R.H. Burnett — FA
Maj H.K. Jacques — G(SD)

MINUTES

Serial Number

The Committee agreed to recommend to A.F.H.Q. the following war establishments upon which it is proposed to organise the Italian Gruppo di Combattimento.

237 HEADQUARTERS, ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

Strength :- Officers 28
Other ranks 113
Vehicles 19

238 PROVOST SECTION FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

Strength :- Officers 2
Other ranks 50
Vehicles 5 See Note (a)

239 AN ARTILLERY REGIMENT FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

Strength :- Officers 93
Other ranks 1433
Vehicles 222

Composed of :-

Regimental Headquarters

Strength :- Officers 11
Other ranks 74
Vehicles 19

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237 HEADQUARTERS, ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

Strength :-	Officers	28
	Other ranks	113
	Vehicles	19

238 PROVOST SECTION FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

Strength :-	Officers	2	
	Other ranks	50	
	Vehicles	5	See Note (a)

239 AN ARTILLERY REGIMENT FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

Strength :-	Officers	93
	Other ranks	1439
	Vehicles	222

Composed of :-

Regimental Headquarters

Strength :-	Officers	11
	Other ranks	74
	Vehicles	19

Battery Headquarters and two Troops (Fd)

Strength :-	Officers	15
	Other ranks	239
	Vehicles	39

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Battery Headquarters and two Troops (A.Tk)

Strength :-	Officers	9
	Other ranks	172
	Vehicles	32

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Battery Headquarters and two Troops (Lt AA)

Strength :-	Officers	13
	Other ranks	231
	Vehicles	34

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240 AN INFANTRY REGIMENT FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

Strength :- Officers 24
Other ranks 958
Vehicles 80

Composed of :-

Regimental Headquarters Staff

Strength :- Officers 11

Headquarters Company

Strength :- Officers 4
Other ranks 101
Vehicles 29

Mortar Company

Strength :- Officers 3
Other ranks 95
Vehicles 14

6 Pdr Gun Company

Strength :- Officers 6
Other ranks 162
Vehicles 37

241 AN INFANTRY BATTALION FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

Strength :- Officers 31
Other ranks 742
Vehicles 66

242 HEADQUARTERS ENGINEER BATTALION FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

Strength :- Officers 6
Other ranks 16
Vehicles 4

243 FIELD COMPANY ENGINEER BATTALION FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

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Strength :- Officers 4
Other ranks 101
Vehicles 29

Mortar Company

Strength :- Officers 3
Other ranks 95
Vehicles 14

6 Pdr Gun Company

Strength :- Officers 6
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Vehicles 37

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Other ranks 742
Vehicles 66

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Strength :- Officers 6
Other ranks 16
Vehicles 4

243 FIELD COMPANY ENGINEER BATTALION FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

Strength :- Officers 5
Other ranks 227
Vehicles 30

244 SIGNALS COMPANY ENGINEER BATTALION FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

Strength :- Officers 7
Other ranks 327
Vehicles 59

245 HEADQUARTERS, SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT COMPANY FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

Strength :- Officers 4
Other ranks 36
Vehicles 8

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246	RELIEF DRIVER INCREMENT, SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT COMPANY FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP			
	Strength :-	Other ranks	13	See Note (d)
247	TRANSPORT PLATOON, SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT COMPANY FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP			
	Strength :-	Officer	1	
		Other ranks	49	
		Vehicles	33	
248	COMPOSITE PLATOON, SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT COMPANY FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP			
	Strength :-	Officers	3	
		Other ranks	36	
		Vehicles	4	See Note (c)
249	MEDICAL SECTION FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP			
	Strength :-	Officers	14	
		Other ranks	237	
		Vehicles	40	
250	FIELD HOSPITAL FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP			
	Strength :-	Officers	6	
		Other ranks	44	
		Vehicles	5	
251	ORDNANCE FIELD PARK FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP			
	Strength :-	Officers	4	
		Other ranks	69	
		Vehicles	38	See Note (e)
252	MECHANICAL ENGINEERS WORKSHOP FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP			
	Strength :-	Officers	6	
		Other ranks	168	
		Vehicles	48	See Notes (b,f)
253	MECHANICAL ENGINEERS PLATOON FOR			

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	Strength :-	Officers	3	
		Other ranks	36	
		Vehicles	4	See Note (c)
249	MEDICAL SECTION FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP			
	Strength :-	Officers	14	
		Other ranks	237	
		Vehicles	40	
250	FIELD HOSPITAL FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP			
	Strength :-	Officers	6	
		Other ranks	44	
		Vehicles	5	
251	ORDNANCE FIELD PARK FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP			
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		Other ranks	69	
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252	MECHANICAL ENGINEERS WORKSHOP FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP			
	Strength :-	Officers	6	
		Other ranks	168	
		Vehicles	48	See Notes (b,f)
253	MECHANICAL ENGINEERS PLATOON FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP			
	Strength :-	Officer	1	
		Other ranks	39	
		Vehicles	12	
254	LIGHT AID DETACHMENT FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP			
	Strength :	Other ranks	12	
		Vehicles	3	

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NOTES.

(a) Personnel are Carabinieri. It was decided that a scale of transport be authorised on this establishment and not on that of the Combat Group H.Q., as originally proposed.

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(b) It was agreed that the recommendations of the Committee with regard to repair and recovery organisation should be subject to final decision to be made by Q branch in conjunction with the services concerned. Confirmation of the proposals has since been received.

(c) It was decided that the needs of the Supplies and Transport Company would require the formation of two Composite platoons.

(d) The proposal to form one relief driver increment for each combat group was regarded as insufficient. It was decided that three should be formed, one for each transport platoon.

(e) The proposed scale of transport was considered excessive; and was reduced by 14 vehicles.

(f) Since no tanks or SP artillery are authorised on the war establishments of the gruppo, heavy recovery vehicles were excluded from the proposed scale of transport.

A chart showing the outline organisation is attached at Appendix 'A' for easy reference.

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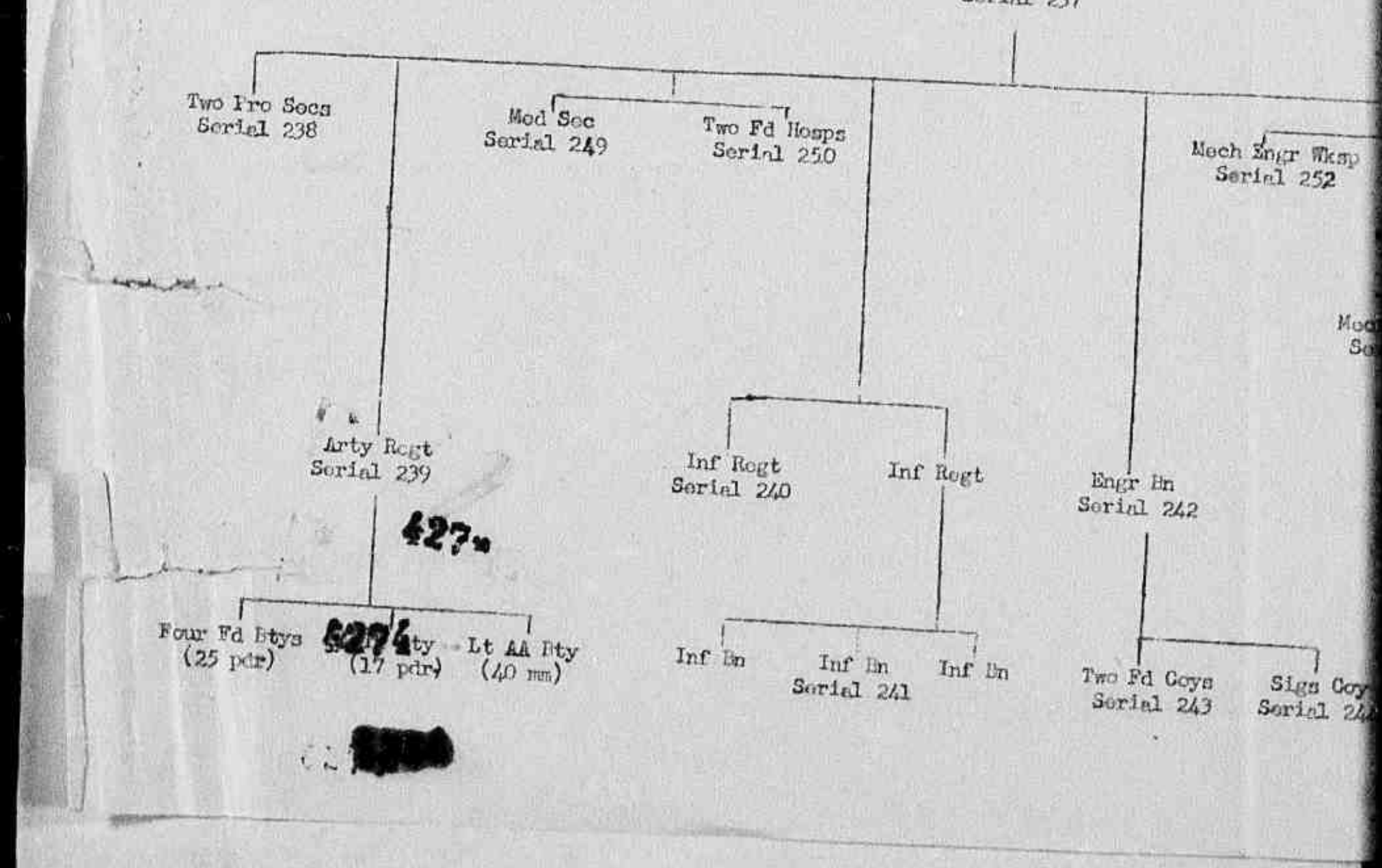

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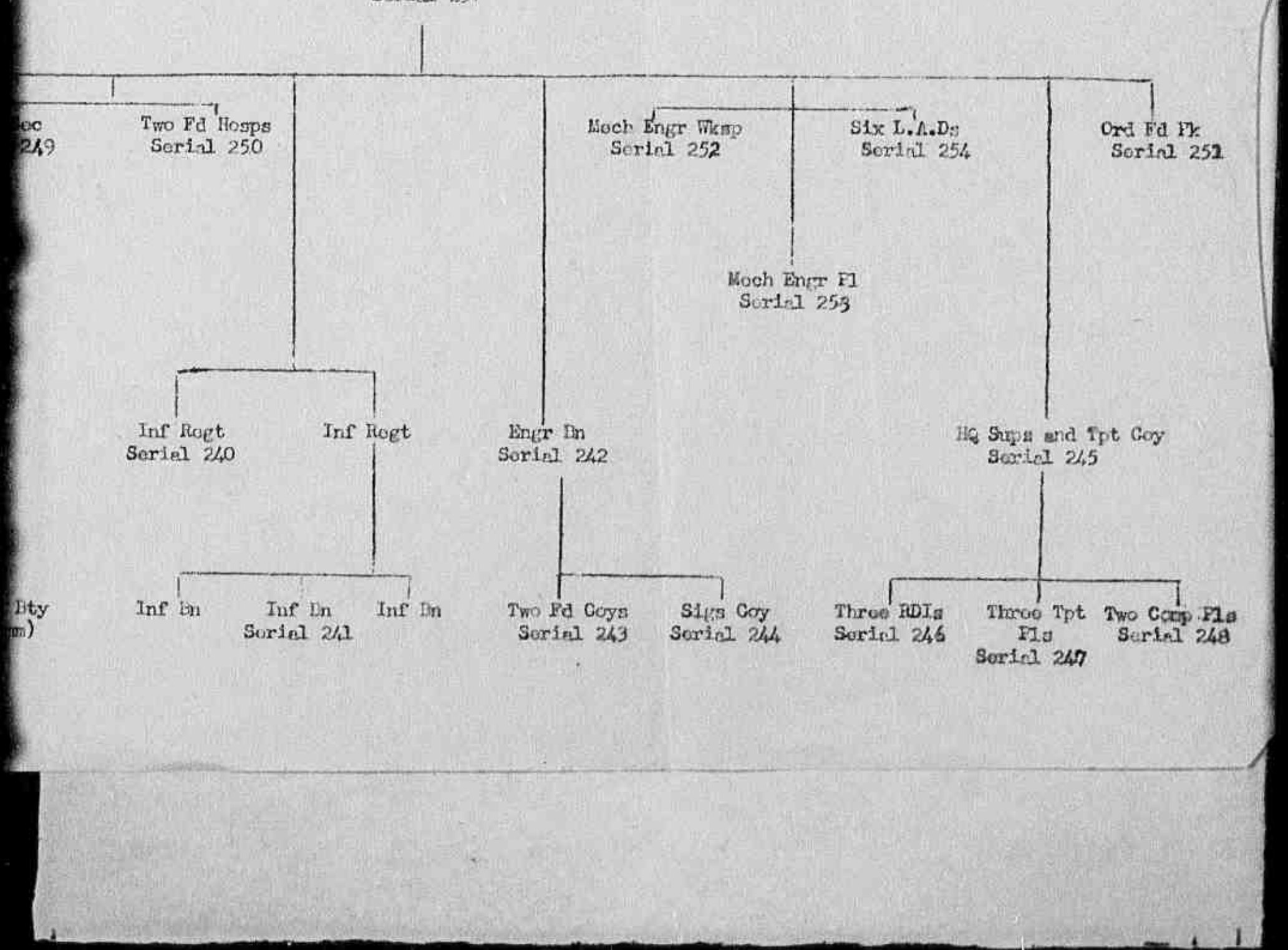

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