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MAIN HQ EIGHTH ARMY GMF
M 13680 SD2

9 Mar 45

SUBJECT : WE Italian Gruppi

CG FIFTH ARMY (for Brit Inc) (3)
5 CORPS (3)
10 CORPS (3)
13 CORPS (3)

Copy : AFHQ
CG 15 ARMY GP
1 DISTRICT
MMLA
50 BLU (2)
51 BLU (2)
52 BLU (2)
53 BLU (2)

Main : G of S : Brig AQ : Col GS :
S(O) : A : FW : RA : E

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Apprx 'E' - Recommended amendments to [illegible] CM/535/1.

Apprx 'F' - WE CCRR - CM/524/1 (Pro Rear Eighth

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1 DIVISION
MMTA

50 RLU (2)
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Appx 'F' - WE GCRA - CM/524/1 (Pre Mbr Eighth Army requested to submit recommendations)

Appx 'G' - Additional tpt for Gruppo Siga.

Appx 'H' - Amendment to HQ Italian Combat Gp.

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3. Addressees are requested to fwd their comments on the amendments which have already been suggested and to propose any further amendments they consider op essential.

4. It is not proposed to put fwd any basic alterations to the present composition of the Gruppi, and proposed amendments should only be put fwd as adjustments to enable the Gruppi to op more effectively on their present org and existing basic scale of eqpt.

5. As already notified in this HQ letter M 13680 SM2 dated 16 Feb (not to all addressees) authority has been given to equip Gruppi with up to a maximum holding of 50 x cars 5 cwt 4 x 4, providing the commanding fmn considers such vchs op essential. Except in individual cases it is

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considered improbable that large amendments to incl more cars 5 cwt 4 x 4 in unit WEs would be considered by higher authority. When forwarding their replies, however, addressees are requested to state what units they consider must have additional cars 5 cwt 4 x 4 in lieu of Cars 4 x 2 Lt Utility to enable them to op.

6. It is requested that replies to this letter should reach this HQ by 31 Mar. In view of the fact that the three Gruppi are under comd of Eighth Army, 15 Army Gp have agreed that proposals from the LEGNANO GRUPPO should be submitted through FIFTH ARMY to this HQ for co-ordination.

7. It is anticipated that there will be a divergence of opinion in the recommendations submitted to this HQ. It is proposed therefore to consolidate at this HQ all replies to para 5 above, and fwd them to 15 Army Gp together with the Eighth Army recommendations in each case. 15 Army Gp have agreed that if necessary they will call a conference to decide any final pts. before submitting firm proposals to AFHQ.

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Lt Col
for LT-GEN
G GOC
EIGHTH ARMY

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PROPOSED NEW WE FOR INF BN ITALIAN GRUPPO

1. While Gruppi were still under comd of SDGE a number of proposals to amend WE of the Inf Bn (CM/527/1) were made to MMIA. These proposals were mostly as a result of the abolition of the Scouts Pl. MMIA have now re-written the Inf Bn WE which is shown in its new form at Annx 'A'. It is based on experience in the org and trg period only and may require certain alterations as a result of op experience.

2. The following pts are to be noted in the att WE :-

(a) On the suggestion of all Groups, supported by the Italian Gen Staff, a Bn 2IC (Maj) has been introduced.

(b) Two offrs of the Bn HQ originally unassigned, have been nominated QM and Int Offrs.

(c) The proposal that Bn MOs should be reduced from 2 to 1 (as in the Brit Bn) has not been adopted as it was strongly opposed by the Italians.

(d) No provision is made for LOs at Regt HQ, and they are not incl in the present WE for the Inf Regt. They are found in practice (3 per Regt) from offrs who become surplus on the abolition of the original Scouts pl.

(e) No provision is made for jeeps.

(f) No tpt is allotted to the asslt pnr secs.

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Annx 'A' to Appx 'A' to
M 13680SD2 dated 9 Mar 45

ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

AT INFANTRY BATTALION

War Establishment

Amdt No Date	
Offrs	31
OR	735
Total	766
MCs	18
Vehs	65
Trailers	1

(1) Personnel

Detail	HQ COMPANY						SUPPORT COMPANY						3 RIFLE COYS				
	HQ Offrs	HQ Platoon	'I' Section att to HQ Platoon	Sappers Section HQ Platoon	Signals Platoon	Pioneer Platoon	TOTAL - HQ Coy	HQ Platoon	3 in Mortar Platoon	Carrier Platoon	4.2 in Platoon	TOTAL - Support Coy	HQ Platoon	3 Rifle Platoons (each)	TOTAL - Rifle Coy	TOTAL - Infantry Bn
Officer Commanding (Lt Col)	1															1
2IC (Major)	1															1
Adjutant (Capt or Subaltern)	1															1
Medical Offrs (subaltern)	2															2
Intelligence Offr (Subaltern)	1															1
Quartermaster (Capt or Subaltern)	1															1
Captains		1			1	1	3	1		1	1	3	1	1	3	9
Subalterns		1						1	1	1		2	1		1	4
TOTAL - Officers	7	2			1	1	4	2	1	1	1	5	2	1	5	31
Warrant Offrs		1					1						1		1	3
Quartermaster Sjts		1					1	1				1				3
Ration Sjts													1		1	2
Signals Sjts					3		3									3
[illegible] Sjts													1		1	2

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Detail	HQ Officers	HQ COMPANY						SUPPORT COMPANY					3 RIFLE COYS			TOTAL - Infantry Bn
		HQ Platoon	'I' Section attd to Sappers Section Hq Pl		Signals Platoon	Pioneer Platoon	TOTAL - HQ Coy	HQ Platoon	3 in Mortar Platoon	Carrier Platoon	4.2 in Mortar Platoon	TOTAL - Support Coy	HQ Platoon	3 Rifle Platoons (each)	TOTAL - Rifle Coy	
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Intelligence Offr (Subaltern)	1															1
Quartermaster (Capt or Subaltern)	1															1
Captains		1					1	1				1				3
Subalterns		1			1	1	2	1	2	1	1	4	1	1	4	12
TOTAL - Officers	7	2			1	1	4	2	2	1	1	5	2	1	5	31
Warrant Offrs		1					1									1
Quartermaster Sjts		1					1	1				1				3
Ration Sjts													1	1	2	3
Signals Sjts					3		3						1	1	2	5
Armourer Sjts		1					1									1
MT Sjt		1					1									1
Sjt Majors or Sjts			1	1		4	6	1	5	2	3	11		2	6	35
TOTAL - WOs and Sjts		4	1	1	3	4	13	4	5	2	3	12	3	2	9	52
Corporals		4			9	4	17	9	4	12	4	29	6	5	21	109
Privates		21	8	6	34	23	92	28	27	42	16	107	23	34	125	574
TOTAL - Other ranks		29	9	7	46	31	122	33	36	56	23	148	32	41	155	735
TOTAL - An Infantry Battalion	7	31	9	7	47	32	135	33	37	57	27	153	34	42	160	766

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(iii) Transport

Details	HQ Officers	HQ COMPANY						SUPPORT COMPANY					3 RIFLE COYS (each)			TOTAL - Infantry Bn
		HQ Platoon	'I' Section) att to Sniper Section) HQ Pl	Signals Platoon	Pioneer Platoon	TOTAL - HQ Coy	HQ Platoon	3 Mortar Platoons	Carrier Platoon	A tk Platoon	TOTAL - Support Coy	HQ Platoon	3 Rifle Platoons (each)	TOTAL - Rifle Company	
Motor-cycles, solo		1					4			1	6	2		2	18
Cars 2 str 4 x 2		1				1	1				1				2
Cars 4 str 4 x 2		1				1									1
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS		4		3	1	8	1	3	2	1	7	3		3	24
Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 Water		1				1									1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS		8			2	10	1				1				11
Trailers water		1				1									1
Carriers universal									13		13	1		1	16
Carriers mortar								5			5				5
Carriers Loyd										5	5				5

NOTES

An infantry platoon is organized as follows :

HQ 1 Officer 11 OR

Subaltern 2 in Mortar Group 3 per

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Detail	Hq Offices	Hq Platoon	'A' Section	Snipers	Signals Pl	Pioneer Pl	TOTAL - Hq	Hq Platoon	3 in Mortar	Carrier Pl	A tk Platoon	TOTAL - 3	Hq Platoon	2 Rifle Sec	TOTAL - Rifle	TOTAL - Inf
Motor-cycles, solo		2			3		5	1	2	2	1	6	2		2	18
Cars 2 str 4 x 2		1					1	1								2
Cars 4 str 4 x 2		1					1									1
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS		4			3	1	8	1	3	2	1	7	3		3	24
Truck 15 cwt 4 x 2 Water		1					1									1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS		8				2	10	1				1				11
Trailers water		1					1									1
Carriers universal										13		13	1		1	16
Carriers mortar									5			5				5
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HQ — 1 Officer, 11 OR

Subaltern		2 in Mortar Group	5 men
Serjeant		LMG Group	3 men
L cpl		PIAT	2 men
Runners			

Three Sections — Each — 10 OR

Rifle Group	LMG Group
1 Cpl (Cord of Section)	1 L cpl (2IC)
6 Riflemen	2 Ptes LG
1 T M C	1 LMG
6 Rifles	2 Rifles

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO WE TRANSPORT AND SUPPLY COMPANY

	WE	Proposed Amendment	Proposed by	Recommended by	Reas
1	C%/533/1	Tpt Pl			
	(a)	Add MCs 3 Dvrs 3	50 BLU	51 BLU	Control of tpt coy tfc, with existing low stan difficult with present
	(b)	Add 3 ton 4 x 2 GS 3	50 BLU	51 BLU (but 3 additional dvrs should be added)	Present est has been cu for one VOR. Suggested line with the Brit Tpt
2.	C%/532/1	MDI			
		Add Dvrs MDI 5	50 BLU	51 BLU	At present there are on and 25 MCs. Proposed a into line with the Brit
1.	C%/539/1	Mech Engr Pl			
		Add Electricians 1 Fitters 4	50 BLU	* see note	To bring the pl into li

* The addition of 1 El but the addition of 4 51 BLU consider the its present org.

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D AMENDMENTS TO WE TRANSPORT AND SUPPLY COMPANY

	Proposed by	Recommended by	Reasons
	50 BLU	51 BLU	Control of tpt acy tfc, particularly in the fwd areas, with existing low standard of driving is extremely difficult with present scale of DRs.
3	50 BLU	51 BLU (that 3 additional dvrs should be added)	Present ent has been cut too fine and does not allow for any VOR. Suggested increase will bring pl into line with the Brit Tpt Pl.
	50 BLU	51 BLU	At present there are only 36 spare dvrs for 119 vehs and 26 MCs. Proposed amendment will bring this pl into line with the Brit MDT for a Tpt Pl.

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1 4	50 BLU	* see note	To bring the pl into line with Serial III Brit RASC Wksp * The addition of 1 Electrician is agreed by 51 BLU but the addition of 4 fitters is not agreed as 51 BLU consider the pl capable of functioning on its present org.

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	WE	Proposed Amendment	Proposed by	Recommended by	
1.	GL/539/1	Mech Engr P1 (Continued) Add 3 ton 4 x 2 Stores 2	50 BLU	* see note	One is essential to ... enable p1 to split ...
2.		Addition of one Aldershot Shelter	50 BLU	Not agreed by 51 BLU. See Note *	

* It is agreed by 5... is essential. It ... additional Stores ... for two 3 ton 4 x ... hold sufficient ve...

* 51 BLU consider th... already held is ca... by 51 BLU that the ... and one Blacksmith ... useful.

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Appx 'D' (Continued)

at	Proposed by	Recommended by	Reasons
ntinued)			
2 Stores 2	50 BLU	* see note	One is essential to carry spares and second would enable pl to split into two indep sub units.
			* It is agreed by 51 BLU that one additional lorry is essential. It is suggested however that the additional Stores lorries could be substituted for two 3 ton 4 x 2 GS lorries as the unit already hold sufficient vehs to carry its G 1098.
ldershot	50 BLU	Not agreed by 51 BLU. See note *	* 51 BLU consider that the 1 Aldershot Shelter already held is sufficient. It is suggested by 51 BLU that the addition of two L&D Shelters and one Blacksmiths' Shelter would be more useful.

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will have proposed that the existing entitlement of 18 Amb Cars should be amended to read :-

Amb Cars 4 stretcher	...	12
Cars 2 stretcher	...	4
Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4 with stretcher gear	...	4

This pr... agreed ... amendm... be consi...

WE - CMRA

Considerable correspondence has already taken place on this subject.

Pro MAIN EIGHTH ARMY are requested to discuss this question direct with Corps and ELOs concerned and t... recommended solution to this problem.

WE - GRUPPO SIGNALS

On the recommendation of CSO MAIN EIGHTH ARMY, the following additional tpt has been authorised to ens... adequate maint of comms for the type of vehs on which GRUPPI are employed. When forwarding replies ad... state how these vehs are held and show which WEs require amendments.

Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4	-	6
Scout Car	-	1

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WE - MED SEC FOR AN ITALIAN GRUPPO
CS/535/A

this entitlement of 18 Arb Cars should be amended to read :-

Arb Cars 4 stretcher	...	12
Cars 2 stretcher	...	4
Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4 with stretcher gear	...	4

REMARKS

This proposed amendment has been agreed by this HQ. No further amendments to this WE will therefore be considered.

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WE - CONR

freely taken place on this subject.

d to discuss this question direct with Corps and HQs concerned and to put FWd an agreed and

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WE - GRUPPO SIGNALS

EIGHTH ARMY, the following additional tpt has been authorised to enable the provision and type of ops on which GRUPPI are employed. When forwarding replies addressees are requested to show which WEs require amendments.

Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4	-	6
Scout Car	-	1

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Proposed Amendment	Proposed by	Rea
Addition of one Batman-driver and one car 5 cwt 4 x 4	Land Forces Sub Com .C. (22L.)	A proposal to add a 22 was submitted by 22L. 4 Nov 44 refers). Th was made for a batman

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ADDENDUM TO WB - HQ 4th ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP - G/523/1

Amendment	Proposed by	Reasons
...er and one car 5 cwt 4 x 4	Land Forces Sub Com MC (2IL)	A proposal to add a 2F offr to the HQ Italian Combat Gp was submitted by 2IL to MAAF (their M/3/29/26 dated 4 Nov 44 refers). Through an oversight, no provision was made for a batman-driver and car for this offr.

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AMENDMENTS TO AE - BLU - GM/508/1

	Proposed amendment	Proposed by	Re
1.	Addition of one Car 5 cwt 4 x 4 for Staff Capt R&E	51 BLU	The duties of the Staff Capt R&E to FWI areas in connection with r to visit LADs. For many of these practicable veh in daylight hrs.
2.	Upgrading of :- (a) Camp Coml from Subaltern to Capt (b) Adm SJt from SJt to S SJt (c) MT Cpl from Cpl to SJt	51 BLU	(a) Camp Coml and Clerk. Comds are pen att to the BLU. Amon Tpt Tech, Photo Interpretatio Medical etc. Many of the att periods and arrive at short n str of the BLU in often in t all questions of pay and dist MinT are the responsibility suggested that the responsibi of this offr to Capt, and tha essential to enable him to ca
	Addition of one clerk for Camp Coml's office (no rank stated)		(b) Adm SJt There are 12 SJts o the Adm SJt, and at times up t been att. It is proposed tha upgraded to S SJt in order to
			(c) MT Cpl At present there are BLU. Att personnel bring tha there are approx 30 vehs to be therefore proposed that the Cp to SJt.

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AMENDMENTS TO WE - BLU - G/508/1

Amendment	Proposed by	Reasons
4 for Staff Capt RE E	51 BLU	The duties of the Staff Capt R E E entail the numerous visits to fwd areas in connection with repair and recovery, and also to visit LADs. For many of these journeys a jeep is the only practicable veh in daylight hrs.
turn to Capt S/Sjt o Cond's office hated)	51 BLU	(a) Comp Cond and Clerk. Considerable number of personnel are now att to the BLU. Amongst these are Pro, Security Trg Team, Photo Interpretation Unit, Line party, POW parties etc. Many of the att stay only for short periods and arrive at short notice. The average ration str of the BLU is often in the region of 200 all ranks. All questions of pay and distribution of rations and MT are the responsibility of the Comp Cond. It is suggested that the responsibility warrants the upgrading of this offr to Capt, and that an additional clerk is essential to enable him to carry out his duties. (b) Adm S.Jt There are 12 sjts on the str of the BLU excl the Adm S.Jt, and at times up to 20 additional sjts have been att. It is proposed that the Adm S.Jt should be upgraded to S S.Jt in order to strengthen his posn. (c) MT Cpl At present there are 19 vehs on the WE of the BLU. Att personnel bring their own vehs and in practice there are approx 30 vehs to be looked after. It is therefore proposed that the Cpl MCO should be upgraded to S.Jt.

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	Proposed Amendment	Proposed by	
3.	Addition of one Jeep fitted for stretcher carrying.	56 BLU	At present there is no [illegible] or Lt RAMC mbs. The ju[illegible] an evacuation veh from t[illegible]
4.	XII/882/1 - The Italian Increment for a BLU addition of : (a) 1 Batman (b) 1 Batman/Gvr for Capt or Lt RAMC (c) 3 Gen Duty Men (d) 1 Clerk	56 BLU	(a) For CRO III (I) (b) For Capt or Lt RAMC (c) Present WE is insuff[illegible] all required duties. (d) None on est. No further reasons have b[illegible] proposed amendments.

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...rnment	Proposed by	Reasons
...tted for stretcher	55 BLU	At present there is no tpt available for the Capt or Lt RAMC MOs. The jeep would also be available as an evacuation veh from the BLU.
...n Increment for a BLU	56 BLU	
...atman		(a) For GSO III (I)
...tman/Svr for Capt or ...RAMC		(b) For Capt or Lt RAMC
...n Dutyman		(c) Present WE is insufficient to cope with all required ration.
...erk		(d) None on est.
		No further reasons have been given for these proposed amendments.

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Minute to :

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15 Mar

Main HQ Eighth Army letter M 13680 SD2 of 9 March 45 is circulated for information and any comments you may have.

Lt Col
GS

15 March 45

No comments.

No objection to any of these proposals.

There is a big difficult amendment under consideration which I do NOT support.

There is a proposal to form a F.S. section from the CCRR detachment. I consider that, although CCRR existing may be used temporarily because they happen to have been trained for it by mistake, we should ultimately use ordinary army personnel for this (as we do in Bn army). CCRR ceilings etc have to be considered.

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No Comments. 17/3.

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ALLIED FORCE HEAD QUARTERS 29/20/1

G-3 DIVISION

29 March, 1945.

File No: A3B/922.8(A) 13
Subject: Proposed Amendment to ME G/241/2
33 Military Mission (Land Forces Sub Commission AC (AI.)

Memo to: G-3 (Org-3) - 7 copies

Reference AI.A letter S/AG/38 of 15 February amended by even reference dated 23 February, both to action addressee only.

1. The proposal for the reorganisation of AI.A War Establishment has been examined by branches and sections of this HQ whose opinions are summarised at Appendix 'A'. The present ME appears to differ in some points from that shown in the AI.A. comparative table, so a revised comparative table is attached to include also some COUNTER PROPOSALS.

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Appendix 'D' - Revised COMPARATIVE FIGURES, 33 Military Mission, showing COUNTER PROPOSALS.

Appendix 'E' - Detailed analysis of A.M.I. proposals.

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6. Information addressees are requested to study both proposals and counter-proposals in Appendix 'D' in case they wish to comment at the War Establishments Committee Meeting, 1550 hrs on FRIDAY, 23 Mar 45.

W. HARRIS,
Colonel, GSC.,
G-3(Org-A).

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G-4 (M & Tn)
G-5
G-3 Org-2 (Manpower)
Engr (B)
Sigs (B)
DST
Catering (B)
Med (B)
Ord (B)
REMT
PM (B)
D.Lab.
Welfare
O2E
DPIC
Spares - 5 copies

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FHQ Memo AFHQ/922.6(A) 13
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SUMMARY OF BRANCH COMMENTS
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CM/24.1/2
33 MILITARY MISSION (AMI.)

[ADJMS]

G-1 (B)

(a) Appointment of Col as head of Adjutant General's Branch needs strongest justification, and if approved, title should be 'Colonel A' and not D.A.G.

(b) On D.A.G, one Staff Captain, agreed. Other D.A.Gs imply excessive interference with Italian matters contrary to implications of F.M 407.

(c) Welfare additions agreed as additional to Welfare Pool.

(d) Provost additions agreed subject to amendment of detail (see counter proposals) NOT agreed that appointment absorbs officer now at CRS.NO.

(e) Medical amendments agreed subject to correction of titles.

G-2 (B)

(f) Appointment of two GSO III (Int) agreed: scale of interpreters agreed.

G-3 Org-P (Manpower)

(g) Remarks will be forwarded direct to G-3 Org-3

A.T

(h) Agree proposals for training staff but would prefer addition of AGS or Col (SD & T) 1950

G-4 (B)

(i) No comment.

(Maint)

(j) Consider appointment A.Q.M.G (Maint) open to doubt since D.A. and Q.M.G now relieved of 'A' responsibilities.

(k) Should the senior A appointment not be Colonel 'Q' rather than D.Q.M.G ?

G-5

(l) No comment.

Engr (B)

(m) No comment

Sigs (B)

(n) No comment

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(c) Welfare additions agreed as additional to Welfare Pool.

(d) Provost additions agreed subject to amendment of detail (see counter proposals) NOT agreed that appointment absorbs officer now at CMS.NO.

(e) Medical amendments agreed subject to correction of titles.

G-2 (B) (f) Appointment of two GSO III (Int) agreed: scale of interpreters agreed.

G-3 Org-2 (Manpower) (g) Remarks will be forwarded direct to G-3 Org-3

D.A.T (h) Agree proposals for training staff but would prefer addition of BGS or Col (SD & T) 50

G-4 (B) (i) No comment.

(Maint) (j) Consider appointment of DDG (Maint) open to doubt since D. and QMG now relieved of 'I' responsibilities.

(k) Should the senior G appointment not be Colonel 'Q' rather than DQMG ?

G-5 (l) No comment.

Engr (B) (m) No comment

Sigs (B) (n) No comment

ST (o) Increase of D.D.T and one Staff Captain agreed.

(p) Recommend following personnel added:-

Catering Advisor (Major)	- 1
Supervising Travelling Instructor (RCT II)	- 1
Clerk R.S.C (Pte)	- 1
Driver batman	- 1

(q) Large increase in R.S.C clerks may be desirable but is unlikely to be forthcoming.

ORD (r) Proposals agreed.

REME (s) Personnel agreed: additional car 2 str 4 x 2 required.

(t) Agree to provide two REME offrs for MT Control Service.

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2691 (MGHL) Ccy US and 33 Military Mission (CM/211/2) - INTEGRATED STAFF LAYOUT PROPOSED BY MMLA

DIRECTOR
Major General
ML - Capt

DEPUTY DIRECTOR - US
Colonel
Aide - Lt US

GSO I Trg*
(Lt Col)

MT 1 (Field)
GSO II *
GSO II *

MT 2 (Trg)
GSO II *
GSO II *

GSO I Ops and SD
(Lt Col)

Ops and Org
GSO II US

Ops and SD
GSO II
GSO III *

ENGRS
SORE II

SIGS
SO R SIGS

WE & Orbat
GSO II
GSO III

Int
GSO II US
GSO III (Int)
GSO III (Fd Int)

GSO I Liaison
(Lt Col)

M of War
GSO II
DAMG *
(Liaison)

(Main
(Lt Co
DA(MD
SC '2
SC '4

SARDINIA
LO (Col) US
Exec Offr US
Capt US

SICILY
Lt Col US
Lt (Supn) US

FIFTH ARMY
LO Major US

FIFTH ARMY
Brit Incr
GSO III
GSO III

EIGHTH ARMY
GSO II
GSO III
GSO III

Supn & Tnt
ADST (Lt Col)
Major US
DADT*
SC ST
SC ST
Capt R.SC
Interpreter Lt*

DADST(Naples)
Capt US Supn (Naples)
Capt US Supn (Bari)
SC ST(Bari) *
SC ST(Toronto)

1 District
GSO III

2 District
GSO II
(Temp att St Andrews Camp)

3 District
GSO II
GSO III
(Brindisi)

3 District (East)
GSO II
GSO III
(Trani)

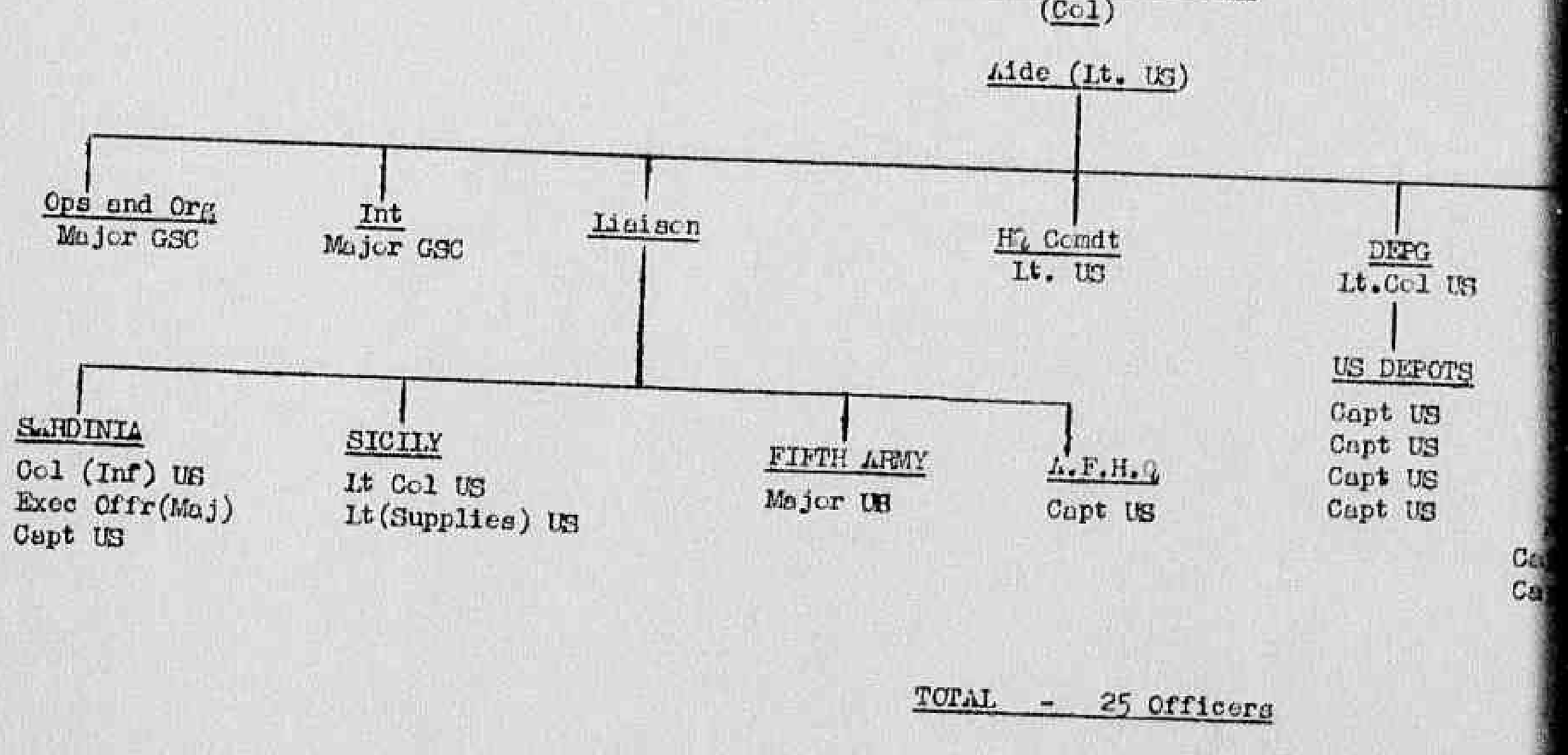
LFH
GSO III
Capt US

SPARE
GSO II
GSO II *
GSO III*
GSO III*
SO (L)

NOTES: (1) New appointments are marked by Asterisk *
(2) Appointments which might be deleted to effect new appointments are marked in YELLOW.
(3) United States personnel are shown in panels thus:- Capt US
(4) Total of US and British Officers as shown - 100

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AMERICAN STAFF 2691 (MMLA) COY
FOR COMPARISON WITH BRITISH STAFF



TOTAL - 25 Officers

REVISED COMPARATIVE TABLES
33 MILITARY MISSION CM/24.1/2
(Land Forces Sub Commission AC(46)A)

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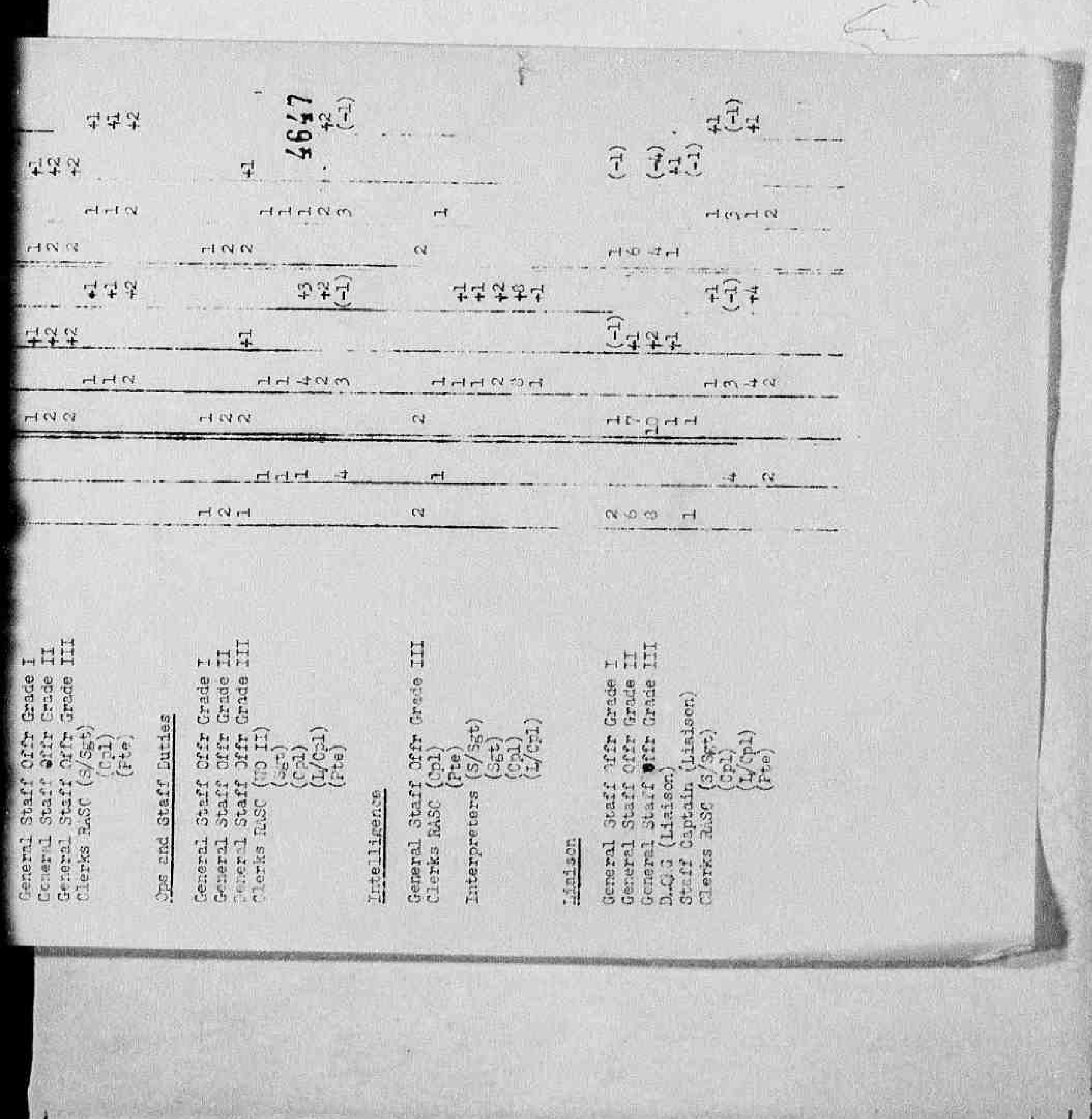
Part (i) Personnel

Detail	Present WE		LMA Proposal Proposed WE		LMA Proposal Increase or Decrease		Counter Proposal Proposed WE		Counter Proposal Increase or Decrease	
	Offr	ORs	Offr	ORs	Offr	ORs	Offr	ORs	Offr	ORs
Commander (Brigadier) (c)	1									
Commander (Maj Gen)			1				1			
Military Assistant (Capt)	1		1				1			
Clerk RASC (Cpl)				1		+1		1		+1
STAFF										
GENERAL STAFF BRANCH										
Training										
General Staff Offr Grade I			1		+1		1		+1	
General Staff Offr Grade II			2		+2		2		+2	
General Staff Offr Grade III			2		+2		2		+2	
Clerks RASC (S/Sgt)				1		+1		1		+1
(Cpl)				1		+1		1		+1
(Pte)				2		+2		2		+2
Ops and Staff Duties										
General Staff Offr Grade I	1		1				1			
General Staff Offr Grade II	2		2				2			
General Staff Offr Grade III	1		2		+1		2		+1	
Clerks RASC (WO II)		1		1				1		
(Sgt)		1		1				1		
(Cpl)		1		4		+3		1		
(L/Cpl)				2		+2		2		+2
(Pte)		4		3		(-1)		3		(-1)
Intelligence										
General Staff Offr Grade III	2		2				2			
Clerks RASC (Cpl)		1		1				1		
(Pte)				1		+1				
Interpreters (S/Sgt)				1		+1				
(Sgt)				2		+2				
(Cpl)				3		+3				
(L/Cpl)				1		+1				
Liaison										
General Staff Offr Grade I	2		1		(-1)		1		(-1)	

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General Staff Offr Grade I
General Staff Offr Grade II
General Staff Offr Grade III
Clerks RASC (S/Sgt)
(Cpl)
(Pte)

Ops and Staff Duties

General Staff Offr Grade I
General Staff Offr Grade II
General Staff Offr Grade III
Clerks RASC (CO II)
(Sgt)
(Cpl)
(L/Cpl)
(Pte)

Intelligence

General Staff Offr Grade III
Clerks RASC (Opl)
(Pte)
Interpreters (S/Sgt)
(Sgt)
(Cpl)
(L/Cpl)

Liaison

General Staff Offr Grade I
General Staff Offr Grade II
General Staff Offr Grade III
D.A.G (Liaison)
Staff Captain (Liaison)
Clerks RASC (S/Sgt)
(Cpl)
(L/Cpl)
(Pte)

Detail	Present ME		M.I. Proposal ME		Increase or Decrease		Counter Proposal ME		Increase or Decrease	
	Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs
BRANCH OF THE ADJUTANT & QUARTERMASTER GENERAL										
Colonel 'A' (or DAG(Col))			1		+1					
Assistant Adjutant General							1		+1	
Deputy Assistant Adjutant General			3		+3		1		+1	
Staff Captain 'A'	1		3		+2		2		+1	
Clerks RASC (WO I)				1		+1		1		+1
(WO II)										(-1)
(S/Sgt)		1		1						+1
(Sgt)				2				1		+1
(Cpl)				2		+1		1		+1
(L/Cpl)				6		+1		1		+1
(Pte)						+3		3		+3
Colonel 'Q' (or DQMG(Col))			1							
Deputy Adjutant & Quartermaster General (Col)	1						1			
Assistant Quartermaster General			1		+1					
Deputy Asst Quartermaster General			2				1		(-1)	
Deputy Asst Adjt & Quartermaster General	2									
Staff Captain Q	1		2		+1		2		+1	
Clerks RASC (WO II)				1		+1		1		+1
(Sgt)				1		+1				
(Cpl)				3		+3		3		+2
(L/Cpl)				5		+4		3		
(Pte)		1								
ATTACHED TO GENERAL STAFF										
Engineers										
Staff Offr RE Grade II	1		1				1			
Engineer Clerks (Cpl)		1		1				1		
(L/Cpl)		1		1				1		
Signals										
Staff Offr R Sigs Grade II	1		1				1			
Clerk R Sigs (L/Cpl)		1		1				1		
Despatch Rider R Sigs (Pte)		3		3				3		
Dvr Mech R Sigs (Pte)		1		1				1		
Instrument Mech (Pte)		1		1				1		
Operators Wireless & Line (Sgt)		1		1				1		
(Pte)		5		5				5		

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Detail	Present WE		MCIA Proposals Proposed WE		Increase or Decrease		Counter Proposals Proposed WE		Increase or Decrease	
	Offr	ORs	Offr	ORs	Offr	ORs	Offr	ORs	Offr	ORs
SERVICES										
Supplies & Transport										
Assistant Director, Supplies & Tpt	1		1				1			
Deputy Asst Director, Supplies	1		1				1			
Deputy Asst Director, Tpt			1		+1		1		+1	
Catering Adviser ACC (Major)							1		+1	
Staff Captain ST	1		2		+1		2		+1	
Interpreter (Capt or Lt)			1		+1					
Supervising Travelling Instructer ACC.(WO II)								1		+1
Clerks RASC (S/Sgt)		1		1				1		
(Sgt)				2		+2		2		+1
(Cpl)		1		1				1		+1
(L/Cpl)				1		+1		2		+1
(Pte)		2		3		+1		4		+2
Transport Control										
Inspectors (Maj) (any arm)			5		+5		5		+5	
Medical										
Asst Director Med Services(Lt.Col)	1		1				1			
Staff Capt RAMC(non-medical)			1		+1		1		+1	
Clerks RAMC (Col)						+1		1		+1
(L/Cpl)		1				(-1)				(-1)
(Pte)				1		+1		1		+1
Ordnance										
Deputy Asst Director Ord Services	1		1				1			
Clerks ROOC (Col)				1		+1		1		+1
(L/Cpl)		1				(-1)				(-1)
(Pte)				1		+1		1		+1
REME										
Deputy Asst Direct Mech Engineers	2		2				2			
Clerks REME (L/Cpl)		1		1				1		
(Pte)				1		+1		1		+1
Labour										
Deputy Asst Direct of Labour	1		1				1			

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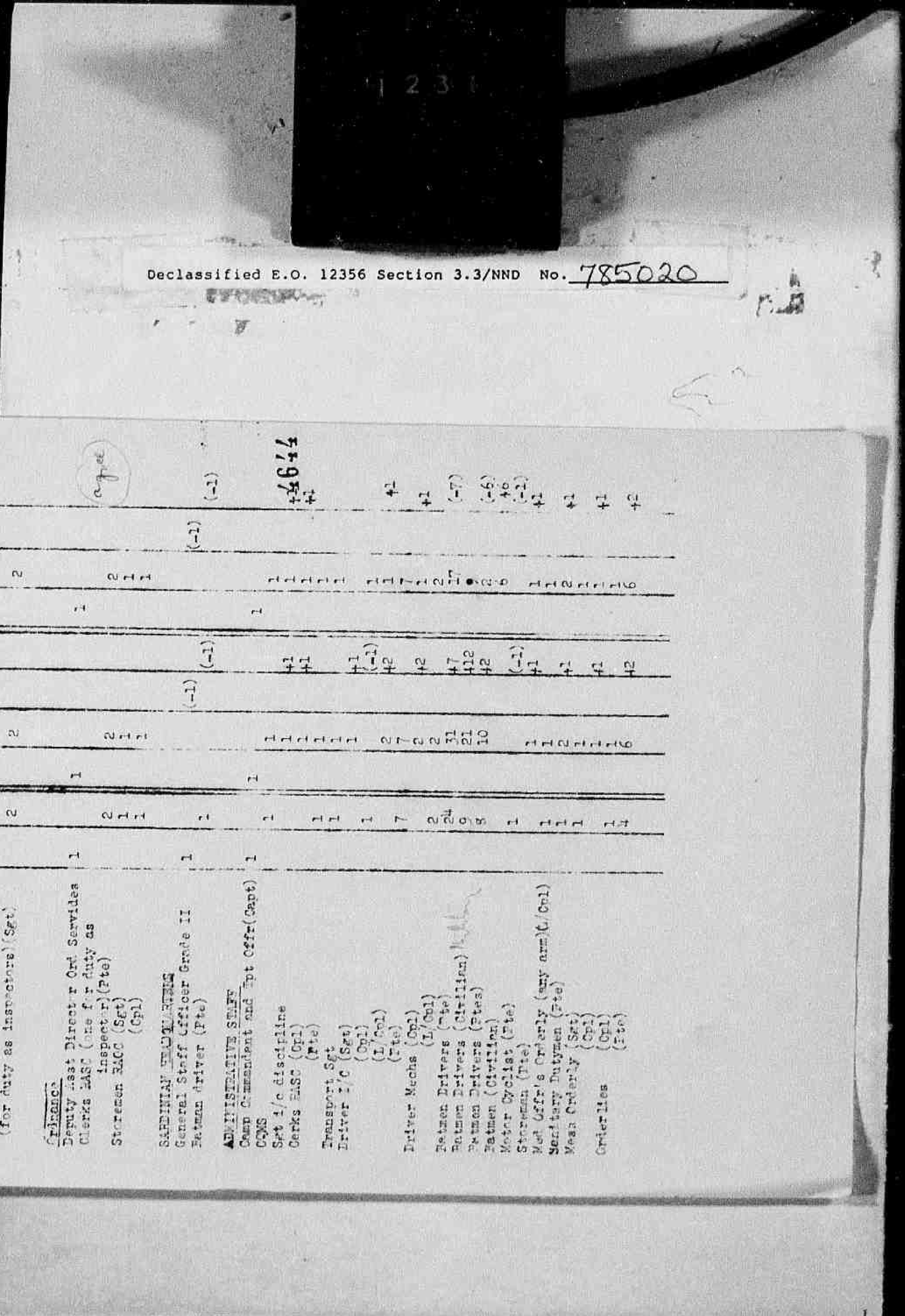
Detail	Present WE		MAIA Proposal Proposed WE		Increase of Decrease		Counter Proposal Proposed WE		Increase of Decrease	
	Offr	ORs	Offr	ORs	Offr	ORs	Offr	ORs	Offr	ORs
SUPPLY & ACCOUNTANCY CONTROL										
Supplies and Transport										
Deputy Asst Director of Supplies	1				(-1)				(-1)	
Captain RASC	3		3				3			
Staff Captain RASC	1				(-1)				(-1)	
Inspectors RASC (WO II)		3		3				3		
Clerks RASC (Col)		3		3				3		
(L/Col)		1		1				1		
Medical										
Staff Capt RAMC	1				(-1)				(-1)	
Captain RAMC (Non-medical)	1		1				1			
Dispensers RAMC (Sgt)		2		2				2		
Nursing Orderlies RAMC (for duty as inspectors) (Sgt)		2		2				2		
Ordnance										
Deputy Asst Director Ord Services	1		1				1			
Clerks RASC (one for duty as inspector) (Pte)		2		2				2		
Storemen RAOC (Sgt)		1		1				1		
(Cpl)		1		1				1		
SARDINIAN HEADQUARTERS										
General Staff Officer Grade II	1				(-1)				(-1)	
Batman driver (Pte)		1				(-1)				(-1)
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF										
Camp Commandant and Tpt Offr (Capt)	1		1				1			
CQMS		1		1				1		
Sgt i/c discipline				1		+1		1		+1
Clerks RASC (Cpl)		1		1		+1		1		+1
(Pte)		1		1				1		
Transport Sgt				1		+1		1		
Driver I/C (Sgt)		1		1		(-1)		1		
(Cpl)				2		+2		2		+1
(L/Cpl)		7		7				7		
(Pte)				2		+2		2		+1
Driver Mecha (Cpl)		2		2				2		
(L/Cpl)		24		31		+7		17		(-7)
Batmen Drivers (Pte)		9		21		+12		2		(-6)
Batmen Drivers (Civilian)		8		10		+2				

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Detail	Present WE		MMIA Proposal Proposed WE		Increase or Decrease		Counter Proposal Proposed WE		Increase or Decrease	
	Offr	ORs	Offr	ORs	Offr	ORs	Offr	ORs	Offr	ORs
Attached										
Corps ACC (Col)		1		1		+1		1		+1
(L/Col)				1				1		
(Pte)		7		7				7		
Total Personnel 35 Military Mission (Including attached personnel and civilians)	50	132	75	216	+25	+84	62	161	+12	+29
Part (ii) Transport										
Motor Cycles, Solo		8		8				8		
Cars 2 str 4 x 2		10		17		+7		20		+10
Cars 4 Str 4 x 2		14		15		+1		8		(-6)
Cars 6 str 4 x 2		1		1				1		
Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4		8		10		+2		3		(-5)
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.		9		11		+2		5		
Total Vehs (excl MCs)		42		54		+12		41		(-1)

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(Pte)		7		7				7		
Total Personnel 33 Military Mission (Including attached personnel and civilians)	50	132	75	216	+25	+84	62	161	+12	+29
Part (ii) Transport										
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Cars 2 str 4 x 2		10		17		+7		20		+10
Cars 4 Str 4 x 2		14		15		+1		8		(-6)
Cars 6 str 4 x 2		1		1				1		
Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4		8		10		+2		3		(-5)
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Total Vehs (excl MCs)		42		54		+12		41		(-1)

Notes (c) This appointment may be temporarily held by Major General with effect from 4 April 44.

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DETAILED ANALYSIS
Proposed Amendments to WE CM/241/2
33 Military Mission (MMIA)

1. DESIGNATION

It is suggested that an editorial amendment be made to the title of the unit so that it conforms to the current postal address, or to an agreed title.
Suggestions are:-

(a) Army Sub Commission, Allied Commission, Italy (ASCAC)
(b) 33 Military Mission to Italian Army, Allied Commission (33 MMIAAC)

2. COMMANDER

(a) As the title of the appointment is 'Director', it is suggested that the WE should show this word in preference to 'Commander.'
(b) Amendment No. 3 to CM/241/2 states:-

"For Commander (Major General) - 1
Substitute: Commander (Brigadier(c) - 1
Add footnote (c) "This appointment may be temporarily held by Major General with effect from 4 April 44.'

3. GENERAL STAFF

(a) Training
The proposal is agreed by IMT, who would prefer the inclusion of a BGS or Col (SD and T)

(b) Ops and Staff Duties
The addition of one GSO III is supported. Eleven clerks for five officers is a high allowance. It is suggested that eight clerks should suffice, especially in view of S & T comments (Appx 'A')

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(c) Intelligence

(i) The addition of a clerk (RASC) (pte) needs justification as only one GSO III is to be at the HQ itself.
(ii) All interpreters were deleted in amendment No.2 to CM/241/2. If interpreters are to be added again they will be an overall increase on the WE. It is understood interpreters were transferred to another WE (AFH, Pool of Interpreters).

(d) Liaison
(i) As British Staffs are being provided with all Italian Formations and Training and Eft Depots, and as commitments in SARDINIA and SICILY are now to be handled entirely by American officers, it is considered that the number of Liaison Officers can be substantially reduced.
(ii) Referring to MMIA Appendix 'C' (or appendix 'B' attached,) it is

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the WE should show this word in preference to 'Commander.'

(b) Amendment No. 3 to CM/241/2 states:-

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3. GENERAL STAFF

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The proposal is agreed by DMT, who would prefer the inclusion of a BGS or Col (SD and T)

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(ii) Referring to MMIA Appendix 'C' (or appendix 'B' attached,) it is considered that the following appointments are redundant:-

GSO III (Afragola Camp) The British Cadre (plus temp Mobilisation Cadre) should be able to look after this commitment, for which it was designed.

GSO III (Rear Eighth Army): One GSO II and one GSO III should be adequate representation at Eighth Army HQs

GSO III (Irani Camp): Remarks as for Afragola Camp above.

GSO III (Brit Incr 5th Army for 13 Corps): This commitment can be adequately covered by the Major and Captain with Eighth Army.

GSO III (AFHQ Liaison): This officer long since ceased to visit this HQ. If a liaison officer is required to visit AFHQ, either the US Officer, or one of the 'spare' LOs can come, as for example the GSO III (L) shown as 'now with G(Ops and SD) MMIA.' Movements liaison is carried out by the attached Movements LO. Any more important subject would require the attendance of a senior officer at AFHQ.

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GSO III)
~~GSO III)~~ two new appointments : In view of the foregoing these appointments are NOT supported.

GSO II (AQ-LO, Ministry of War): This appointment is in excess of WE of six grade II Liaison officers. It is recommended that the appointment should be approved but amended to read:-

DAQMG (Liaison) - 1

GSO II (Formerly at RTC ICF CESANO). In view of the adequate provision of LOs shown below, it is considered that this appointment should NOT be re-implemented.

(e) If recommendations at para (d) above are approved, the following will be the allocation of remaining LOs :-

SARDINIA	FIFTH ARMY	3 DISTRICT	STAFF
Col (US)	Major (US)	GSO II (Brit)	(for visits etc)
Maj (US)			
Capt(US)	BR INCR FIFTH ARMY	3 DIST (EAST)	GSO I (Brit)
			GSO II(Brit)
SICILY		GSO II (Brit)Bari	GSOIII(Brit)
	GSO III (Brit)	Capt (US Sups) Bari	
Lt Col (US)		SC/ST(Brit) Bari	Capt (US)(for AFHQ when required)
Lieut (US)	EIGHTH ARMY	SC/ST(Brit) Taranto	
		Capt Non-Med(Brit)Taranto	
NAPLES	GSO II (Brit)		att SC/Q(Mov)
	GSO III(Brit)	GSO II (Brit)(Temp)	att Maj. (Maltese)
Major (US)			
Major (US)	1 DISTRICT	MINISTRY OF WAR	
DADST (Brit)			
Capt (US)	GSO III (Brit)	GSO II(Brit)	
		DAQMG(L) (Brit)	
	2 DISTRICT		
	GSO II (Brit) (now with St Andrews Camp ; might be GSO III)		

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(f) The up-grading of one Cpl to S/Sgt is supported. It is considered that the addition of four L/Cpls is excessive and should be cut to one only.

4. ADJUTANT and QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

(a) Since the 'A' work of the Italian Army is entirely the responsibility of the Italian Authorities, the executive functions of the proposed MMIA 'A'

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Col (US)
Maj (US)
Capt(US)

SICILY

Lt Col (US)
Lieut (US)

NAPLES

Major (US)
Major (US)
DADST (Brit)
Capt (US)

Major (US)

BR INCR FIFTH ARMY

GSO III (Brit)

EIGHTH ARMY

GSO II (Brit)
GSO III(Brit)

1 DISTRICT

GSO III (Brit)

2 DISTRICT

GSO II (Brit)
(now with St Andrews Camp ? might be GSO III)

GSO II (Brit)

3 DIST (EAST)

GSO II (Brit)Bari
Capt (US Sups) Bari
SC/ST(Brit) Bari
SC/ST(Brit) Taranto
Capt Non-Med(Brit)Taranto

GSO II (Brit)(Temp)

MINISTRY OF WAR

GSO II(Brit)
DAQMG(L) (Brit)

(for visits etc)
GSO I (Brit)
GSO II(Brit)
GSOIII(Brit)

Capt (US)(for AFHQ when required)

att SC/Q(Mov)
att Maj.
(Maltese)

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(f) The up-grading of one Cpl to S/Sgt is supported. It is considered that the addition of four L/Cpls is excessive and should be cut to one only.

4. ADJUTANT and QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

(a) Since the 'A' work of the Italian Army is entirely the responsibility of the Italian Authorities, the executive functions of the proposed MMIA 'A' Staff will be strictly limited as far as the requirements of this HQ are concerned. The establishment of this staff should not be confused with the present ad hoc 'special section' whose functions have now come to a successful conclusion with the completion of Combat Groups and the establishment of the RTC ICF.

(b) The A(Org) staff is agreed by G-1(B) and it is considered that this staff should be able to deal with 'call-up', thus relieving G(SD) of a function which interferes with normal staff-duties.

(c) The appointment of DAG or Colonel 'A' will need very considerable justification. The appointments of two further DAAGS, as G-1(B) point out (Appx 'A'), imply an unwarranted interference with the Italian Staff and are in direct opposition to the terms of FAN 487.

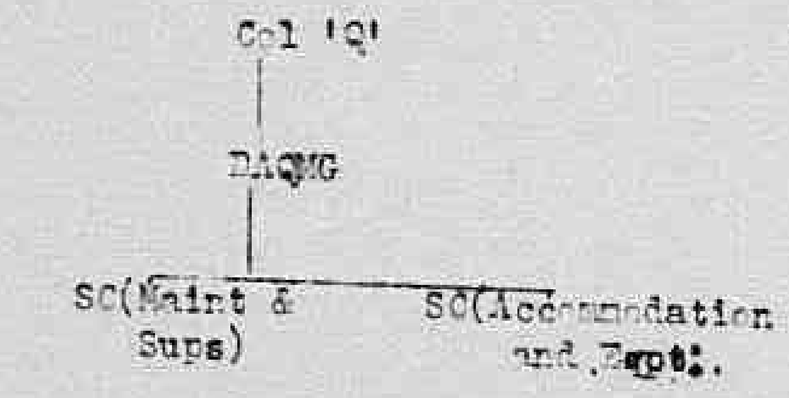
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(d) It is considered that the chief clerk 'A' should NOT be senior to chief clerks of G and Q, and should be not more than a WO II or Staff Sergeant. If the number of 'A' officers is reduced to four as recommended, it is considered that seven clerks will be sufficient allowance for them. The two orderlies should be shown with the remainder under 'ADM STAFF'.

(e) Now that 'A' work has been taken off the DA and QMG staff, it is not thought that additions to 'Q' could be easily justified after such a long period of working. If it is considered that responsibilities justify the continued appointment of Colonel 'Q', it is recommended that the new appointment of AQMG (Maint) be subjected to very careful examination.

(f) The layout of 'Q' after removal of 'A' should be adequate as follows:-



(g) A total of EIGHT officers should be adequate to carry out the work formerly done by FOUR. In addition there is the DAQMG (Liaison) at the Ministry of War.

(h) The increase of clerks on the 'Q' side will require justification, since the entire 'A' work has been removed from them. The addition of a sgt, a cpl, and a pte shown on the COUNTER PROPOSAL should be adequate if an increase is approved.

5. ATTACHED TO GENERAL STAFF

No comments.

6. SERVICES

(a) Supplies and Transport

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(i) The interpreter offr shown by MGIA on present WE was deleted by Amendment No.2 to CM/241/2. If MGIA require this officer, the appointment will be an ADDITION to WE.

(ii) S & T recommend addition of Catering Advisory staff - see Appendix 'A'.

(b) Medical

Upgrading of DADMS to ADMS has been approved by WEC already.

(c) Ord

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SC(Maint & Sups) | SC(Accommodation and Rqts).

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(c) Ord

No comment

(d) ~~EME~~

No comment, except on tpt, see Appx 'A' and below.

7. SUPPLY AND ACCOUNTANCY CONTROL

(a) It is suggested that the staffs shown under this section should be transferred to 'Services' when the WE is re-written.

(b) The present WE for Medical contains Staff Capt RAMC - 1 , Capt RAMC Non-medical - 1, and not Capt QM RAMC (non-medical) - 2 as shown .

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8. [redacted] STAFF

(a) The Camp Commandant's appointment includes the duties of offr i/c tpt. This note appears on the present WE.

(b) Amendment No.4 to CM/241/2 deleted the word 'Italians' from the WE and substituted the word 'Civilians.' Additional Italian personnel should be civilian and not Italian Army, to conform with the rule which has been generally imposed. If it is desired to hold a small Italian Army Section carried within the ITI-ITI category, there is no objection, provided a separate WE is prepared and personnel deleted from CM/241/2.

(c) The allowance of batmen and batmen-drivers based on ranks would be 29 in the MMLA proposal with a possible increase of eleven for LOs and outstations, a total of 40. The MMLA proposal shows a total of 57. The scale for officers shown on the COUNTER PROPOSAL would be 24 with a possible increase of 9 for LOs and outstations a total of 33.

9. TRANSPORT

While transport can be decided only when the number of officers by ranks is approved, the ratio of cars to officers is one car to two officers in the counter proposal. It is considered that 15 staff cars on the present WE are too many as there are only 8 officers of the rank of Lt Col and over. Substitution of other vehs would depend on availabilities. It is considered that cars 5 cwt 4 x 4 could be withdrawn with the exception of three for use by Fifth and Eighth Army LOs.

10. CONCLUSION

While the efficiency of the organisation is of first importance, it is considered that this efficiency can be achieved without adding 109 persons to the war establishment. The counter proposals show an increase of 41 only.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MMIA

TO : MMIA LO 54 AREA

INFO : DISTREE FOR MMIA LO

20 [illegible] A

ORIGINATOR'S NO SD 2494

RESTRICTED

REF OUR SD 2343 OF 25 FEB (.) REQUEST YOU RECOMMEND EARLY SCALE OF VEHS AND MCs FOR 230 DIV (.) PLEASE TREAT AS URGENT

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATED

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Subject: WE-Censorship Unit

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

File No SD/18

21 March 45

War Ministry

Reference 110647/0-Cens of 11 Jan 45 from SMG (IAI & SP) to Allied Commission, copy attached at Appendix "A".

1. This proposal for a WE of an Italian Army Censorship Unit is agreed, and is set out in summarised form at Appendix "B"

2. WE number will be 543/SUTE/1.

3. This unit is carried in Category 5(C) ITI-ITI.

for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: AFHQ for G3 Org(For) (3) -(Serial 11 of Appendix"A"
" " G2 (2) to TS/SD/31 of 26 Dec refers)
Communications Sub Commission AC

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GENERAL STAFF

Appendix "A" to MMIA Letter SD/18 dated 21 March 45

IAI and SP
Inspectorate Military Censorship

No. 110647/O-Cens

11th Jan 1945

Subject: WEs Censorship Units

TO: ALLIED COMMISSION
Communications Sub Commission
Att: Colonel JL. Henderson

Reference our preceding 110522/O Cens of 10 Jan.

We submit you WEs of Italian Army Censorship Units requested by you in our conversation of yesterday.

WEs of Italian Army Censoship Units

1)	Superior Officers (Lt Cols - Majors)	45
2)	Inferior Officers(Capts -1st and 2nd Lieuts)	35
3)	N.C.O. (Warrant Officers - Serjeant Majors)	50
4)	Serjeant - Lance Serjeant - Corporal)	15
5)	Privates	15
		160

The Inspectorate of Military Censorship, which is part of the General Staff has been included in WEs tables of this organisation section (IAI & SP), and thus not considered in the above table.

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SECTION CHIEF
Lt Col Paolo Ducros

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Appendix "B" to MMIA Letter SD/18 dated 21 March 45.

Offrs	80
ORs	80
Total	160
MCs Vehs	Nil
Amdt No Date	

Effective date 1 March 1945

CM/543/SMRE

ITALIAN ARMY CENSORSHIP UNIT

War Establishment

(i) Personnel

Serial (a)	Detail (b)	Number (c)	Remarks (d)
1.	Senior Officers (Lt Cols & Majors)	45	
2.	Junior Officers Capts & Subalterns)	35	
3.	Warrant Officers	50	
4.	Serjeants & Corporals	15	
5.	Privates	15	
6.	Total	160	

(ii) Transport

Nil

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MMIA 22 1030 A

TO : 15 ARMY GROUP

ORIGINATOR'S NO SS 679 RESTRICTED

REF EIGHTH ARMY M 680 SD2 OF 18 MARCH (.) CONSIDER ITS SECT FOR COMBAT GROUPS SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE CARABINIERI (.) OTHERWISE NO COMMENTS

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S/G/ 29/20/A

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATED GP HOLT Major

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Subject: WEs of BR-ITI units

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

File No SD/103

16 March 45

War Ministry

1. It is desired to ensure that War Ministry are in a position to maintain a complete and accurate set of WEs of BR-ITI units.

2. Please therefore forward lists showing by unit, and when possible, by WE No,

(a) all Br-ITI units for which War Ministry hold official English version of WE

(b) all BR-ITI units for which they do NOT hold the official English version

(c) all BR-ITI units of which War Ministry have produced separate Italian versions of the official WE.

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3. Please note that

(a) all WEs having the prefix NA should now bear the prefix CM instead.

(b) Italian versions of official BR-ITI WEs should bear the same numbering as the English version with the letter A inserted after the central figure

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Italian " CM/483A/1

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Major General
M.M. I.A.

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Q/G4 (4)

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Appx "A" to MMIA letter
SD/94 of 15 Mar 1945

24241 III

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CEILINGS FOR ITALIAN ARMY

Serial No. (a)	Nationality (b)	Employment (c)	Ceiling (d)	REMARKS (e)
1.	US-ITI	P.B.S.	51,500	
2.		Fifth Army	17,000	
3.		U.S.A.A.F.	5,500	
4.		CORSICA	5,000	
5.		Reinforcements	4,500	
6.	ER-ITI	Combat troops incl staff at CESANO	50,750	
7.		AFHQ Combat Reserve	700	
8.		Combat reinforcements	11,250	
9.		Service troops	93,000	
10.		Service reinforcements	4,800	
11.	ITI-ITI	Administration	27,000	4634
12.		Allied Commission	3,000	
13.		Guard Bns	17,500	
14.		IAI	1,500	
15.		Internal Security Divs	15,000	
16.		Miscellaneous (Searchlights Guard Regtl HQ etc)	1,200	
17.		Rfts	3,700	
18.		TOTAL	313,000	

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29/20/1 CONFIDENT 789

SUBJECT:- Disbandment of Trg Increments

HQ 15 ARMY GROUP (BS)

Tele:- FILPOT 126

2004/38/G-3 Trg

7 Mar 45

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10/3

MMIA

Copy to:- AFHQ for G-3 Org
DMT

216 file 5/G/24/12

Ref your S/G/29/12 dated 1 Mar and this HQ signal SD 1319 dated 6 Mar.

29/20/1

1. It has for the present been found necessary to retain a portion of the Trg Increment with each BLU for the trg of rfts.

2. It is considered that as these increments are only likely to be required for a further six - eight weeks they should not become part of the permanent establishment of a BLU.

noted. WP 15/3.

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Major-General,
Chief of Staff.

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FROM : HQ 15 ARMY GROUP 131515A

TO : MMIA

INFO : AFHQ

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SD 1345 CONFIDENTIAL

YOUR SD/18 OF 9 MAR (.) FORMATION OF FS SECS FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GPS ON SIMILAR LINES TO SEC PROPOSED BY 56 BLU NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION BY EIGHTH ARMY WHOSE M 13680 SD2 OF 9 MAR REFERS

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C. (SD). I hope these sections will be composed of soldiers (~~one~~ in our army) and not of 663rd. with non represent this (which is also the Italian) ~~army~~ S

~~to~~ AFHQ WD 18/3

Lt Col C.

SW - SD/18

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Subject: Field Coy - Combat Group

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

File No SD/103

17 March 45

War Ministry

1. Please confirm that you are in possession of WE CM/529/2 for a Field Coy, Combat Group. (NA)

2. This WE, which allows 6 offrs and 224 ORs, Total 230, has superseded MA/529/1 which allowed 5 offrs and 227 ORs, total 232.

G P Wolff Maj 45

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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FROM MG 15 ARMY KP 881265 A

TO AFHQ

INFO MMIA

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SD1326.

RESTRICTED. YOUR FX39562 CITE FHQCT OF 27 MAR. WILL FWD MMEA PROP-
-OSED AGMT DATED 2 MAR TO W E CM/323/1 TO ARMIES FOR CONSIDERATION
WITH OTHER PROPOSALS. MY S D 1315 OF 3 MAR REFERS.

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RECD MT 3215 AT 1643A WB AB KKMO

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FROM: HQ 15 ARMY GP

TO : AFHQ

INFO: MMIA
MAIN 8TH ARMY

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SD 1330

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YOUR FX 39776 CITE FHCCT OF 8 MAR (.) REQUEST YOU POSTPONE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO M.E. ITALIAN MED SEC TO MEC UNTIL ARMIES HAVE COORDINATED ALL PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

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Subject: Field Security Sections

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

File No SD/18

March 45

HQ 15 Army Group

1. Attached is copy of letter 2/1 G of 4 March from 56 BLU.

2. Your SD1219 of 1 Feb states, with reference to Field Security Sections in Combat Groups, that there is insufficient experience to justify amendments to WE at present.

3. Your guidance on the attached letter from 56 BLU is therefore requested so that any action taken in the Mantova Group will be in line with what is to be done in other Groups.

for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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AFHQ for G-3 Org (Por)
56 BLU

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Subject: Italian Field Security Section - War Establishment. 56 BLU 2/1 G

4 March 45

MAIA

Copy to: AFHQ G2 (C1)
Combat Group, MANTOVA

1. A Field Security Section is at present being formed and trained in Combat Group, MANTOVA.

2. As it appears to be the policy to draw this section from personnel within the Group and form a section entirely divorced from the Carabinieri, which has been done in the case of MANTOVA, may information be given as to whether a War Establishment exists or has been proposed for an Italian Field Security Section.

3. If no establishment exists the following proposal which follows the lines of a British Field Security Section is forwared for consideration :-

Personnel.		
	Capts or Lieuts	1
	Warrant Officer	1
	Sjts or L/Sjts	10
	Batman Driver	1
	Clerky	1
Transport.		
	Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2	1
	Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4	2
	Motorcycles	4

4. It is suggested that the section should be armed with Pistol Revolver .38. In addition to normal equipment it will require a typewriter and office equipment.

5. It is requested that the provision of transport for this section may be treated as urgent. The section cannot operate in the field without transport and at present there is no authority under which it can be obtained. 4627

Sgd ??????????????? Lt Col.
GS

In the Field
AG/ec

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FROM LAEE 081310

TO EIGHTH ARMY, MMIA

INFO 15 ARMY GROUP, 56 BLU DISTONE REAR EIGHTH ARMY
FIFTH ARMY

FX 39776 CONFIDENTIAL

EIGHTH ARMY CABLE SD 2298 OF 06 MARCH NOT TO ALL (.)
PRESENT SUBMISSION OF W E AMENDMENTS FOR ITALIAN COMBAT
GROUPS BY BLUS DIRECT TO MMIA IS CAUSING DUPLICATION OF
PROPOSALS AND WASTE OF TIME (.) INFORMATION TO FIFTH ARMY
FOR BRIT INCR SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGCT (.) PROPOSALS FROM
BLUS WILL IN FUTURE BE SUBMITTED ONLY THROUGH ARMIES (.)
FOR 15 ARMY GROUP (.) IF MMIA AMENDMENT TO MED SEC IN
LETTER SD/12 OF 25 FEB IS ONLY AMENDMENT TO THIS UNIT 4626
DESIRED BY ARMIES IT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO WEC (.) IF
FURTHER AMENDMENT REQUIRED ARMIES WILL INCLUDE MMIA PROPOSAL
IN THEIR PROPOSALS

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DISTR:
29/20/1 ACTION COPY ✓
MED
SD/12

Cpl White

1. Copies of this, marked "for info" for all recipients of our mstr. re submission of WE proposals
2. Copy for the file that mstr went out on.
3. " " " mse.

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M.M.I.A.
SIGNALS

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FROM LAEE 051312Z
TO EIGHTH ARMY, MMIA
INFO 15 ARMY GROUP, 56 ELL, DISTONE, REAR EIGHTH ARMY, FIFTH ARMY
GR119 ET
CONFIDENTIAL (.) FX35776 (.)
EIGHTH ARMY CABLE SUGAR DOG TWO TWO NINE EIGHT OF ZERO SIX MARCH
NOT REPEAT NOT TO ALL X PRESENT SUBMISSION OF WE AMENDMENTS FOR ITALIAN
COMBAT GROUPS BY BLUS DIRECT TO MMIA IS CAUSING DUPLICATION OF PROPOSALS
AND WASTE OF TIME X INFORMATION TO FIFTH ARMY FOR BRIT INCREMENT SIGNED
SACMED CITE FHGCT X PROPOSALS FROM BLUS WILL IN FUTURE BE SUBMITTED ONLY
THROUGH ARMIES X FOR ONE FIVE ARMY GROUP X IF MMIA AMENDMENT TO MED SEC
IN LETTER SUGAR DOG SLANT ONE TWO OF TWO FIVE FEBRUARY IS ONLY AMENDMENT
TO THIS UNIT DESIRED BY ARMIES IT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO MEC X IF FURTHER
AMENDMENT REQUIRED ARMIES WILL INCLUDE MMIA PROPOSAL IN THEIR PROPOSALS
ET 051310A
SENT NR17 1530A JAP B1 KK
R-17---1530A---J O E-----KK

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Ø72Ø35A
TO 15 ARMY GROUP
INFO MMIA
GR 67 ET
RESTRICTED FX 39562

SUBJECT MMIA SUGAR ~~SLANT~~ GEORGE ~~SLANT TWO~~ NINE SLANT TWO ZERO SLANT ~~ONE~~ OF ZERO TWO AMENDMENT TO WE CHARLIE MIKE SLANT FIVE TWO THREE ~~SLANT ONE~~ X SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGCT X WILL SUBMIT PROPOSAL TO WEC ONLY IF ARMIES HAVE NO FURTHER AMENDMENTS FOR THIS WE X OTHERWISE REQUEST YOU ARRANGE FOR ARMIES TO INCLUDE IN CONSOLIDATED PROPOSALS IF THEY CONCUR WITH APPLICATION

DT Ø72Ø35A

SENT NR 36 Ø7/2203A MG B K

RECD NR 36 Ø7/2203 A AAA AR KKK

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Subject: Italian Medical Section

Land Forces Sub Comm AC
(M.M.L.A.).
File No SD/12
25 Feb 45.

AFHQ G-3 Org (For) (7)
G-3(Org-4) (1)

I. THE PROPOSAL

(a) Medical Section for an Italian Combat Group

CM/535/1

(b) Amendment to existing War Establishment.

(c) Not applicable.

II. THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL.

(a) Delete Ambulance Cars 18

Add " " 4 str 12
" " 2 str 4
Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4 (with stretcher gear) 4

(b) NIL

(c) Five

(d) Personnel. No increase proposed, as two extra vehicles involved can be matched out of the four spare drivers in the Section.

Vehicles. Overall increase of two.

G-3(Org-4) (1)

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Vehicles. Overall increase of two.

(e) Not applicable
(f) " "
(g) " "
(h) " "

III. REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL

Four wheel drive vehicles are considered necessary for evacuation of forward medical posts.

NOTE: AFHQ Med have approved the proposal.

A. M. Gruddens. A-G
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copies to: 15 Army Group (2)
HQ Main Eighth Army (2)
HQ Rear Eighth Army (2)
A/Q (2) Med Spec Sec

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LRKB V LAEE NR22

QVB-1

FROM LAEE Ø71716A

TO FMIA

INFO 15 ARMY GROUP

GR 53 BT

RESTRICTED

FX39291

AMENDMENT TO WE ~~CHARLIE NIKE SLANT FIVE THREE NINE SLANT ONE~~ SUBMITTED IN YOUR ~~SUGAR SLANT GEORGE SLANT TWO NINE SLANT TWO ZERO SLANT ONE~~ OF ~~ZERO TWO~~ 2 ALREADY APPROVED BY WEC ~~(PAREN SIGNED SACMED CITE FHCGT PAREN)~~ EXCEPT VEHICLE TO BE LORRY THREE TON FOUR BY TWO STORE ~~PAREN~~ (BINNED) ~~PAREN~~

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SENT NR22 Ø7/1345A ZE B B B

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FM HQ 15 ARMY GP DTG 061505 A

TO ACTION . MAIN EIGHTH ARMY
INFO CG FIFTH ARMY FOR BRIT INCREMENT-MMIA-ATHQ

O/N SD 1319

CONFIDENTIAL .

FIRST . PLUS ATT TO ITALIAN COMBAT GPS ARE AT PRESNT TIME SUBMITTING PROPOSALS TO AMEND ITALIAN WE DIRECT TO MMIA . THESE PROPOSALS ARE IN DUE COURSE REFERRED TO THIS HQ FOR COMMENT .
SECOND .
IT IS AGREED THAT PROPOSALS TO AMEND WE OF COMBAT GPS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A WHOLE IN LIGHT OF OP EXPERIENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH EIGHTH ARMY LETTER M13680 SD2 OF 26 JAN
THIRD .
REQUEST THEREFORE THAT YOU INSTRUCT PLUS OF POLICY AT PARA SECOND ABOVE AND SUGGEST SUITABLE DATE FOR MEETING WITH ADDRESSEES TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS
FOURTH .
MEANTIME NO ACTION IS BEING TAKEN ON PROPOSALS RECEIVED

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

: S E C R E T :
: Auth: S.C.A.F. :
: Initials: :
: 3 March 1945 :

3 March 1945

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AG 370.092/001 GCT-O

SUBJECT: Capacity of Italian (BR-ITI) Rft Depots and Training Center

TO: All Concerned

326 dg 29/10/A

1. Reference is made to letter, this headquarters, file reference DMT/37/ITI, dated 9 January 1945 (not to Headquarters 1 District, Rome Area).

2. Clothing and equipment has now become available in sufficient quantity to allow of an increase in the planned intake of Italians into the Army. As a result it will be necessary to increase the capacity of Italian Base Rft Depots and ITC ICF beyond the figures agreed at the DMT meeting. These figures were:

	Permanent Staff	Rfts
Italian Combat Forces Rft Trg Center	2,100	7,800
Base Rft Depots, ORVIETO, AFRAGOLA, TRANI		2,000

3. Revised figures will be:

Italian Combat Force Rft Trg Center	2,500	11,250
Base Rft Depots, ORVIETO, AFRAGOLA, TRANI	600	6,000

4. Addressees are requested to base plans for training, maintenance and final accommodation on these increased figures.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

R. H. Frese

R. H. FRESE
Captain, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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SD/42/1
Special ~~SD/45/1~~
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ACTION

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29/20/1

Subject: War Establishments

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

File No SD/103

4 March 45.

(6)
Spec Section
G(SD) - Major Stainton
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The following WEs have now arrived and can be seen in the G(SD) WE (Major HOLT's) office.

CM/730/1	Italian Base Rft Depot (CERVETO, TRANI, ATRAGOLA)
CM/597/1	Italian Inter to n Pack Syt Trg Centre.
CM/702/1	" " " Base Ordnance Depot.
CM/703/1	" " " General Stores Coy.
CM/704/1	" " " Technical Stores Coy.
CM/705/1	" " " Returned Stores Coy.
CM/706/1	" " " MT Stores Coy.
CM/734/1	Headquarters Reinforcement Training Centre
CM/735/1	Ration and POL Depot. & Clothing Store.
CM/736/1	Hygiene Section.
CM/737/1	Carabinieri Coy
CM/738/1	HQ Reception Regt.
CM/739/1	Bn HQ Reception Regt.
CM/740/1	HQ Inf Trg Regt.
CM/741/1	Bn HQ Inf Trg Regt.
CM/742/1	Composite Rcft HQ.
CM/743/1	Artillery Rft Depot & School.
CM/744/1	HQ Mixed Rft Bn .
CM/745/1	HQ Engr Rft Bn.
CM/746/1	Field Engr School.
CM/747/1	Signals Trg Centre.
CM/748/1	HQ M P Rft Coy.
CM/749/1	Trg School HQ.
CM/750/1	Infantry School.
CM/751/1	Instructors School all Arms.
CM/752/1	Mechanics School.

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The following have now arrived and can be seen in the G(SD) WE (Major HOLT's) office.

CM/730/1	Italian Base Rft Depot (CHIETO, TRANI, AVRAGOLA)
CM/697/1	Italian Incr to a Pack Tpt Trg Centre.
CM/702/1	" " " Base Ordnance Depot.
CM/703/1	" " " General Stores Coy.
CM/704/1	" " " Technical Stores Coy.
CM/705/1	" " " Returned Stores Coy.
CM/706/1	" " " MT Stores Coy.
CM/734/1	Headquarters Reinforcement Training Centre
CM/735/1	Ration and POL Depot & Clothing Store.
CM/736/1	Hygiene Section.
CM/737/1	Carabinieri Coy
CM/738/1	HQ Reception Regt.
CM/739/1	Bn HQ Reception Regt.
CM/740/1	HQ Inf Trg Regt.
CM/741/1	Bn HQ Inf Trg Regt.
CM/742/1	Composite Reft HQ.
CM/743/1	Artillery Rft Depot & School.
CM/744/1	HQ Mixed Rft Bn .
CM/745/1	HQ Engr Rft Bn.
CM/746/1	Field Engr School.
CM/747/1	Signals Trg Centre.
CM/748/1	HQ M E Rft Coy.
CM/749/1	Trg School HQ.
CM/750/1	Infantry School.
CM/751/1	Instructors School all Arms.
CM/752/1	Mechanics School.

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Subject: Proposed WE for Italian Cinematographic Unit

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

File No SD/148

4 March 45

AFHQ for G-3 Org(For) (7 copies)
G-3 Org 4 (1 copy)

I. THE PROPOSAL

(a) Cinematographic Unit for the Italian Army.

(b) New War Establishment.

(c) Nil.

II. THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL

(a) Increases : Officers - one
Other ranks - one
Vehicles - one

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Two

(d) Overall increase. (Italian Personnel)

(e) Nil

(f) All

(g) Approved by MMIA.

(h) Draft attached.

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III. REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL

The unit is required for recording the deeds of the

G-3 Org 2 [illegible]

I. THE PROPOSAL

(a) Cinematographic Unit for the Italian Army.

(b) New War Establishment.

(c) Nil.

II. THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL

(a) Increases : Officers - one
Other ranks - one
Vehicles - one

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Two

(d) Overall increase. (Italian Personnel)

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(e) Nil

(f) All

(g) Approved by MMIA.

(h) Draft attached.

III. REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL

The unit is required for recording the deeds of the Italian fighting forces. The pictures obtained will be extremely valuable for :-

(a) Recruiting.

(b) Poularising the Italian Army and so raising its morale.

(c) Training.

L. M. Ingledew. Lt-Col.
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: A
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Offrs(Uff)	1
ORs(Sottuff e truppa)	3
Total(Totale)	4
Vehicles (Veicoli)	1

CINEMATOGRAPHIC UNIT FOR THE ITALIAN ARMY
(Nucleo Cinematografico per L'Esercito Italiano)

PROPOSED WAR ESTABLISHMENT
(Organico di Guerra)

Serial No (Numero Progressivo)	Detail (Descrizione)	Cinematographic Unit (Nucleo Cinematografico)
1.	(i) Personnel (Personale) Comd(subaltern) Capo nucleo (subal'erno)	1
2.	Operator (sjt) Operatore(sott'uff)	1
3.	Photographer (cpl) Fotografo (graduato)	1
4.	Driver i/c Automobilista	1
5.	Total all ranks (Totale personale)	4
6.	(ii) Transport (Mezzi di trasporto) Truck 8 cwt or 15 cwt (Autocarro leggero)	1

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SUBJECT: Combat Group Artillery Establishments.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/29/20/1
1 March 45

TO : 52 BLU.

Copy to: 15 Army Group (for R.A.)

Ref your query at conference at HA 15 Army Group on 26 Feb, and Part VI of the Notes on the conference.

1. The Establishment for the Artillery Regiment as detailed in the SMIR's publication "Formazione ed organici provvisori per gruppo di combattimento" has been carefully checked against WE CM/525/1, An Artillery Regiment for an Italian Combat Group.

2. It has been found that there are no differences either in the numbers of officers and OR's, or in the allocation of vehicles.

3. WE CM/525/1 corresponds exactly as regards vehicles to the SMI. for the Artillery Regiment, SME No 134/1, so there is no doubt about the entitlement. It can only be suggested that you continue to press, through you higher formation, for the issue of the full scale.

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W. Pidsley Brig
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: No 1 G.T. Company.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/C/20/20/1
March 65

TO : Ministry of War.

Copy to: MLU, RTC ICF, CESANO.

1. It is anticipated that the above Company will be required to move to the forward area about 9 March. By this time the whole of No. 2 G.T. Company will have arrived at CESANO and progress should have been made in the drawing of vehicles against the Centre's own establishment.

2. Between now and 9 March you are requested to put all vehicles at the disposal of RTC ICF, as required for necessary work, with the following limitation : opportunity must be given to the G.C. Company for complete inspection and thorough maintenance of every vehicle so that the highest possible number are roadworthy by 9 March. Arrangements for vehicles required will be made directly between you and RTC ICF.

3. Please make a report on 5 March on the state of vehicles in the Company. 4615

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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CONFIDENTIAL

Subject: Amendment to WE of Italian Mech Engr Platoon.

Land Forces Sub Com AC
M.M.I.A.).
File No S/G/29/20/1

2 March 45

AFHQ for G-3 Org(For) - (7 copies)
G-3 Org 4 - (1 copy)

I. THE PROPOSAL

(a) Mech Engr Pl for an Italian Combat Group

CM/539/1

(b) Amendment to existing WE

(c) Not applicable

II. THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL

4614

(a) Increases:- OR (Driver i/c- - one
Lorry 3 ton 6 x 4 - one
Stores(Binned)

(b) Not applicable

(c) Five

(d) Overall increases (Italian personnel)

(e) Nil

(f) Nil

(g) Not applicable
(h) "

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(f) Nil

(g) Not applicable
(h) " "

III. REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL

Provision of a stores lorry omitted from original WE, essential for work of unit.

L.M. Ingles
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: 15 Army Group (4)
A
G (3)
MMIA

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Subject Amendment to WE of HQ Italian Combat Group

Land Forces Sub Com AC
(M.M.I.A.).
File No S/G/29/20/1

2. March 45.

AFHQ for G-3 Org (For) (7 copies)
G-3 Org 4 (1 copy)

I. THE PROPOSAL

(a) HQ, An Italian Combat Group
CM/523/1

(b) Amendment to existing WE

(c) Not applicable

II. EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL

(a) Increase- CR (Batman-Driver) - one
Car 5cwt 4 x 4 - one

(b) Not applicable

(c) Five

(d) Overall increase on (Italian personnel)

(e) Nil
(f) Nil

(g) Not applicable
(h) " "

III REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL

This was omitted by oversight from Amdt No 4 submitted under ref S/G/29/20 of 4 Nov 44 adding an MT officer to HQ Combat Group. It is understood that this has now been accepted.

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L. M. Inglesby.
Major General Lt-Col.

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CM/523/1

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II. EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL

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f. H. Tuckwell. Lt. Col.
Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: 15 Army Group (4)
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C (4)
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FROM : MMIA LO REAR 8 ARMY 270900

TO : MMIA HQSF

MM 362 RESTRICTED

REF YOUR SD 2343 DATED 25 (*) SCALE OF TPT NOW BEING RECOMMENDED THROUGH G(SD) THIS HQ FOLLOWS (*) MOTOR CYCLES 6 CARS 6 LIGHT TRUCKS 4 LORRIES 15

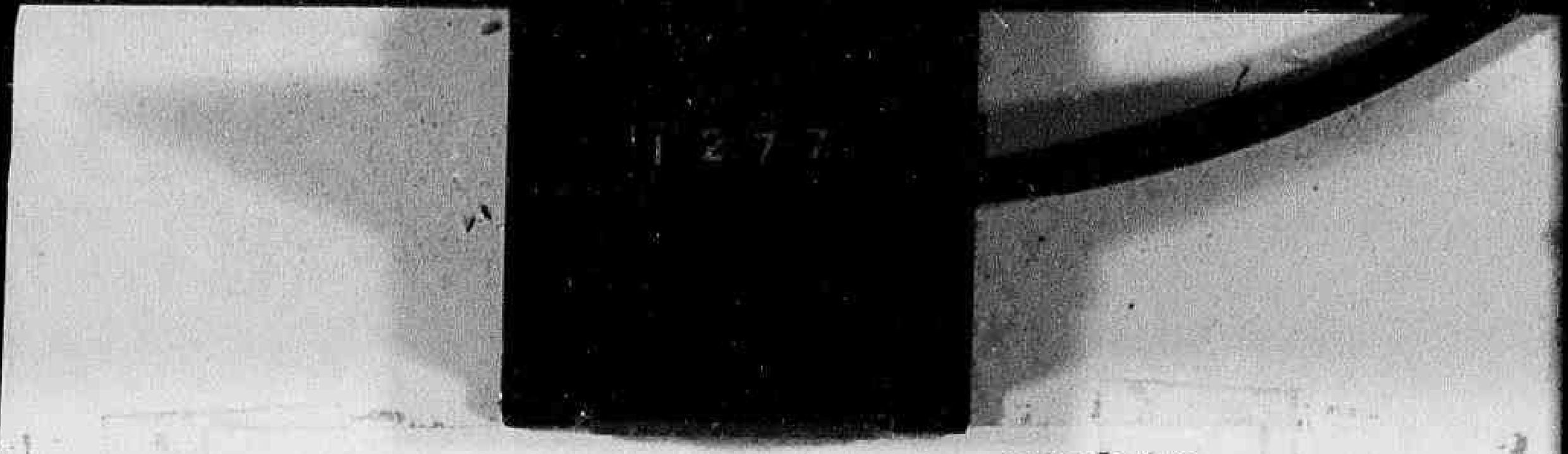
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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMLA

25 1630 A
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TO: MMLA LO REAR HQ FIFTH ARMY(BR ENCR), MMLA LO/EIGHTH ARMY
MMLA LO 1 DISTRICT, MMLA LO 3 DISTRICT

INFO: AFHQ FOR G-3 ORG(PDR), MMLA LO 54 AREA, WAR MINISTRY

ORIGINATOR'S NO SD 2343

RESTRICTED

REFERENCE MMLA LETTER S/G/29/45 DATED 4 FEB (.) REQUEST YOU RECOMMEND EARLY SCALE VEHS AND MCs FOR EACH ADM DIV HQ UNDER YOUR COMD (.) FOR LO 3 DISTRICT SD 650 OF 24 FEB ALSO REFERS

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATED Peter Herbert Capt for Maj Hutt

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A/Q (3)
FILE SD/7
Spec Section

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SUBJECT: Formation of New Units - TRAINING

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CR/11082/G-1(Sk)(Ser.1064)
25 Feb 45

"F" BRITISH LIAISON UNIT FOR THE ITALIAN REINFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTRE, ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE
"G" TRAINING UNIT TO THE ITALIAN ARMY
"H" BRITISH TRAINING INCREMENT FOR ITALIAN REINFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTRE, ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

1. (a) The above mentioned units will be formed as shown below under the sup supervision of HQ Rome Area Allied Command at CESANO.

Unit (i)	W.E. (ii)	Serial No. Allowed (iii)	Effective Date (iv)
"F" BLO, Italian Rft Trg Centre, Italian Combat Force	CM/732/1	93909	9 Feb 45
"G" Tr. Unit to the Italian Army	CM/700/1	93910	5 Jan 45
"H" British Trg Incr, Italian Rft Tr. Centre, Italian Combat Force	CM/733/1	93911	9 Feb 45

(b) Copies of the W.Es. will be distributed automatically by HQ Rome Area Allied Command. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from No. 10 Publications Depot. Indents should state that these copies are in addition to those received from HQ Rome Area Allied Command.

(c) The alphabetical designations will be retained pending the allotment of unit numbers by the War Office.

2. PERSONNEL

Postings will be effected as follows:-

(a) Officers - (i) Staff Officers by Dep Mil Sec, AFHQ. (ii) Others by G-1 (B), AFHQ. } in conjunction with Heads of Services concerned.

(b) Other Ranks - by DAG GHQ 2nd Echelon

3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by HQ Rome Area Allied Command:-

4610

(a) Replacements of clothing, necessaries and personal equipment to scale.
(b) Unit equipment to scale A.F.G. 1098-1000 (incl anti-gas stores).
(c) Any other special or technical equipment of Ordnance supply

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sup supervision of HQ Rome Area Allied Command

Unit (1)	W.E. (2)	Serial No. Allotted (3)	Effective Date (4)
"F" HLU, Italian Rft Trg Centre, Italian Combat Force	CM/732/1	93909	9 Feb 45
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(c) Any other special or technical equipment of Ordnance supply required additional to A.F.G.1098 scale, in accordance with Special Equipment List issued by Q(AE), AFHQ.
(d) (i) Transport to complete to W.E. (subject to restrictions in (ii) and (iii) below).
(ii) Cars, 4x2, light Utility, will be issued in lieu of cars, 2 str, 4x2, shown in W.Es. CM/732/1 and CM/733/1.
(iii) Two cars, 4x2, Light Utility, will be issued in lieu of the transport shown in W.E. CM/700/1.

4. STATIONERY

Demands, based on two months' estimated requirements, will be submitted as indicated below:-
(a) Army Forms, Books & Stationery (indent form A.F.I.1393)- to the nearest Stationery Depot (see GRO. 337/44).

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(b) Publications (indent form A.F.L.1394) - to No. 10 Publications Depot (indents to be endorsed "Initial Demand").
(c) Office Machinery (indent form A.F.L.1392) - to ADPSS, AFHQ.

5. PAY

(a) Application for the allotment of Imprest Numbers for "F" BLU and "G" Trg Unit will be made to the nearest Area or Fd Cashier.
(b) "H" British Trg Lnor will be paid by the unit or formation to which attached.

6. POSTAL

Postal addresses will be:-

"F" BLU, Italian Rft Trg Centre, Italian Combat Force, CMF.

"G" Trg Unit to Italian Army CMF

"H" Br. Trg Lnor, Italian Rft Trg Centre, Italian Combat Force, CMF.

7. COMPLETION

(a) HQ Rome Area Allied Command will report to G.1.(B), AFHQ, when formations are complete, with copy to GHQ 2nd Echelon certifying that casualties have been rendered to them showing all personnel "t.o.s.".
(b) If deficiencies of personnel still exist on 18 Mar 45, a statement will be rendered showing such deficiencies by ranks and trades.

8. ACK

(S.d)
for Field Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

DISTRIBUTION:-

The Under Secretary of State, The War Office (S.D. 2)	(4)	ENS MIL SEC.
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CG FIFTH (US) ARMY (rer Br Lnor)	(2)	G.1.(B) A.10
HQ EIGHTH ARMY	(3)	*** G.3 (Ops.2) Manpower) (2)
HQ NO. 1 DISTRICT	(3)	G.5 (Ops.2) ORB.T)
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HQ NO. 3 DISTRICT	(3)	G.3 Trg
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HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND	(11)	G. A.E. (3)
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HQ EIGHTH ARMY	(3)	*** G.3 (Gen. Sec) Manpower) (2)
HQ NO. 1 DISTRICT	(3)	G.3 Ops. (2 ORB&T)
HQ NO. 2 DISTRICT	(3)	G.3 Gen'l (Foreign)(2)
HQ NO. 3 DISTRICT	(2)	G.3 Trg.
GHQ 2nd ECHELON	(3)	D.M.S.
GHQ 2nd ECHELON (STATS)		Q. MAINT)
HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND	(11) *	Q. A.E. (3)
LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION ALLIED COMMISSION (MMIA)	(5)	P.M. ARTY SEC
		SIGS (BR)
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		ORD. (BR)
		R.E.M.E.
		R.A.
		D.P.I.O.
		A.D.P.S.S.
		D.P.s.P.S.
		HISTORICAL SEC (2)
		WAR DIARY (2)
		M & D
		FILE CR/1160/G-1(BR)

*** WSD/134 of 19 Feb 45
and
WSD/131 of 19 Feb 45 refer.

* Incl copies for new units and distribution as necessary.

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SUBJECT:- Formation of New Units - TRAINING

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CR/1162/G-1(BR)(Ser. 1684)
25 Feb 45.

'F' BRITISH LIAISON UNIT FOR THE ITALIAN REINFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTRE, ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE
'G' TRAINING UNIT TO THE ITALIAN ARMY
'H' BRITISH TRAINING INCREMENT FOR ITALIAN REINFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTRE, ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

A/c SD/45/1
Mto S/Sec
" SD/1/2

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(c) The alphabetical designations will be retained pending the allotment of unit numbers by the War Office.

2. PERSONNEL

Postings will be effected as follows:-

(a) Officers - (i) Staff Officers by Dep Mil Sec, AFHQ. (ii) Others by G-1(B), AFHQ. } in conjunction with Heads of Services concerned.

(b) Other Ranks - by DAG GHQ 2nd Echelon } in conjunction with Heads of Services concerned.

3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by HQ Rome Area Allied Command:-

(a) Replacements of clothing, necessaries and personal equipment to scale.

(b) Unit equipment to scale A.F.C.1098-1000 (incl anti-gas stores).

(c) Any other special or technical equipment of Ordnance supply required additional to A.F.C.1098 scale, in accordance with Special Equipment List issued by Q(AE), AFHQ.

(d) (i) Transport to complete to W.E. (subject to restrictions [illegible] in (ii) and (iii) below)

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'G' Trg Unit to the Italian Army	CM/700/1	93910	5 Jan 45
'H' British Trg Incr, Italian Rft Trg Centre, Italian Combat Force	CM/733/1	93911	9 Feb 45

(b) Copies of the W.Es. will be distributed automatically by HQ Rome Area Allied Command. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from No.10 Publications Depot. Indents should state that these copies are in addition to those received from HQ Rome Area Allied Command.

(c) The alphabetical designations will be retained pending the allotment of unit numbers by the War Office.

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(ii) Cars, 4x2, Light Utility, will be issued in lieu of Cars, 2 str, 4x2, shown in W.Es. CM/700/1 and CM/733/1.

(iii) Two Cars, 4x2, Light Utility, will be issued in lieu of the transport shown in W.E. CM/700/1.

4. STATIONERY

Demands, based on two months' estimated requirements, will be submitted as indicated below:-

(a) Army Forms, Books & Stationery (indent form A.F.L.1393) - to the nearest Stationery Depot (see GRO. 337/42).

(b) Publications (indent form A.F.L.1394) - to No.10 Publications Depot (indents to be endorsed 'Initial Demand').

(c) Office Machinery (indent form A.F.L.1392) - to AIPSS, AFHQ.

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5. PAY

(a) Application for the allotment of Imprest Numbers for 'F' BLU and 'G' Trg Unit will be made to the nearest Area or Fd Cashier.

(b) 'H' British Trg Incr will be paid by the unit or formation to which attached.

6. POSTAL

Postal addresses will be:-

'F' BLU, Italian Rft Trg Centre, Italian Combat Force, CMF.

'G' Trg Unit to Italian Army, CMF.

'H' Br. Trg Incr, Italian Rft Trg Centre, Italian Combat Force, CMF.

7. COMPLETION

(a) HQ Rome Area Allied Command will report to G.1.(B), AFHQ, when formations are complete, with copy to G&Q 2nd Echelon certifying that casualties have been rendered to them showing all personnel "t.o.s.".

(b) If deficiencies of personnel still exist on 18 Mar 45, a statement will be rendered showing such deficiencies by ranks and trades.

8. ACK

Field-Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

DISTRIBUTION:-

The Under Secretary of State, The War Office (S.D. 2)	4	
CG 15 Army Group	6	
CG Fifth (US) Army (for Br Incr)	2	
HQ Eighth Army	3	
HQ No.1 District	3	
HQ No.2 District	3	
HQ No.3 District	3	
GHQ 2nd Echelon	9	
GHQ 2nd Echelon (STATS)	11	*
HQ Rome Area Allied Command	5	
Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (MMIA)		
No. 9 Publications Depot, RASC		
No.10 Publications Depot, RASC		
No. 8 Command Pay Office		
Signalmaster, CASERTA		

	Dep Mil Sec.	
	G.1.(B) A.9	
	G.1.(B) A.10	
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	G-3 (Org.A)(Foreign)	(2)
	G.3 (Trg)	
	D.M.T.	
	Q. (Maint)	
	Q. (A.E.)	(3)
	Fd Arty Sec	
	Sigs (Br)	
	P.M. (Br)	
	HQ Infantry	(2)
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	Ord. (Br)	
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	A.D.P.S.S.	
	D.D.A.P.S.	
	Historical Sec	(2)
	War Diary	(2)
	M & D	
	File CR/1160/G-1(BR)	

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and
WSD/131 of 19 Feb 45 refer.

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SUBJECT: Combat Force Ceilings.

LAND FORCES SUB CMD, A.C.
(N.E.I.A.)
S/G/20
24 February 45

TO : G(SD).

1. The War Establishment strengths of the Combat Force are :-

5 Combat Groups (5 X 8807)	44,485
Auxiliary Units (incl those planned but not formed)	3,053
Permanent Staff of RTC ICF	2,500
	50,038

2. Reinforcements authorised to be held for the Combat Groups are 11,250 or 25% of 45,000 (AFHQ AG.370.092/001 OCT-0 of 30 January refers).

3. Please confirm that reinforcements for the Auxiliary Units are additional to the above 11,250 for the Groups and should be supplied from RTC ICF CESAN?

4. The following is recommended as the breakdown of ceilings for Combat Groups, Auxiliary Units and reinforcements [redacted] :-

Category 2 (BR-ITI)	
5 Combat Groups at 9,000	45,000
Auxiliary Units and Permanent Staff at RTC ICF	5,000
TOTAL	50,000
Category 6(B) (BR-ITI unassigned)	
Reinforcements for Combat Groups (25% of 45,000)	11,250
Reinforcements for Auxiliary Units and Staff of RTC ICF (15% of 5,000)	750

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Reinforcements for Auxiliary Units and Staff of RTC ICF (15% of 5,000)	750
TOTAL	12,000

COMBAT FORCE TOTAL 62,000

5. If it were decided to form a sixth Combat Group, it would be necessary to increase the above total ceiling proportionately :- i.e. by 12,400.

6. The above figures do not include CC.RR. who are included in Category 7.

Colonel

(Draft approved by Col. Pickeby)

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FROM WEIA 21 A

TO 53 BLU

RESTRICTED

SU 653 SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

SUBJECT I AMENDMENTS TO W E OF MORTAR COMPANY PROPOSED IN GROUPS 512/M OF 12 FEB TO SMRS (.) PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS TO W E'S SHOULD BE PASSED BY YOU TO YOUR HIGHER OPERATIONAL FORMATION AS PER ARMY AG 021.112/1A GCT-O OF 20 DECEMBER FORWARDED UNDER M M I A 23/G/29 OF 23 DEC (.) S M R L REPORTS PROPOSALS MENTIONED

ROUTINE

PRECEDENCE

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SEGRETO

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

S/6/29/20

N° 10778/Ord.di prot. R.M.3800, 12 febbr. 1915

OGGETTO: Modifiche agli organici del reggimento di artiglieria per gruppo di combattimento.-

LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION A.C.(ALLIA)

R O M A

Questo S.M. ha esaminato lo studio di codesta M.M.I.A. relativo a proposte di modifiche agli organici del reggimento di artiglieria per gruppo di combattimento.-

Nell'allegato N° 1 è indicato a fianco di ciascun argomento il pensiero di questo S.M.; nell'allegato N° 2 sono indicate le varianti che si ritiene dovrebbero essere apportate.-

Si gradirà conoscere quanto sarà in definitiva stabilito.-

I Army acted upon the proposal. No final action on Amendment

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

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

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Roma 16.2.1945

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Ministero della Guerra

Direz.Gen.Pers.Ufficiali

Divisione **Movimento** *Sez.* **1ª**

Prot. **T 340/1007** **Mov.** *Allegati*

Risposta al f. del **19/1/45**

Div. *Sez.* **S.G. 29/43**

Al L.F.S.C.-A.C.(M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

OGGETTO **Centro Addestramento Complementi I.C.F.**
Complementi speciali fanteria =

e, per conoscenza: Infantry Officials Training Center

M.G. - GABINETTO **S E D E**
(Rif.f.300-948/C.A.del 22/1/45)

S.M.R.E. - Uff.Ord.Mobil. **P.M.3800**
(Rif.f.11795/mob.del 30/1/45)

In conseguenza di quanto richiesto da codesta Commissione con il foglio in riferimento, è stata disposta l'assegnazione alla Divisione Piceno (Centro Addestramento Complementi Forze Italiane di Combattimento) dei seguenti ufficiali appartenenti alle specialità a fianco di ciascuno indicate:

Ten.Col.	Ftr.	(c)	s.p.	PERRONE Renato	- carristi
Maggiore	"	(g)	"	D'AMBROSIO Felice	- granatieri
"	"	(p)	"	GALEO Vittorio	- paracadut.
"	"	(a)	"	SILVESTRO Raffaele	- alpini
"	"	(b)	"	VITOLO Guido	- bersaglieri

P. IL MINISTRO
(Gen.di Div.G.Falugi)

P. C. C.
Il Capo Divisione Movimento
(Col. F. Faraone)

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FROM 51 BLU

TO AFHQ FOR G-3(ORG) TSR

MAIN 8 ARMY MAIN 5 CORPS MMIA

A2/1. RESTRICTED. WE 51 BLU. NO COPIES

YET RECEIVED WE NA/508/1 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT (FOR GRUVPI

DI COMBATRIMENTO) AN NA/509/1 ITALIAN INCREMENT

TO BRITISH LIAISON UNIT, ONLY PROPSED WE HELD

THIS HQ. REQUEST SIX COPIES EACH FORWARDED

SOONEST TOGETHER WITH ALL AMENDMENTS AFTER NOR 2 FOR

NA/508/1 AND NO 1 FOR NA/509/1

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SENT NR17 190224A JLP B1

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AFHQ

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SUBJECT: War Establishments

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/S/29/20/1
4 Feb 45

TO : 56 S.I.U.

Ref your letter S/10 dated 29 Jan 45.

Para 1. This matter is being examined. In any case the published A.F.H.Q. W.E. is the final authority.

Para 2. M.M.I.A. has issued a new bi-lingual proforma (Proforma Mod. "A") which should answer this problem. Ref our signal SD 2257 dated 3 Feb 45.

Para 3. We regret that amendments are always very slow but this matter has nothing to do with M.M.I.A.

K.S.A. Fraser-Kerr
Capt
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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FROM 50 BLY/// BLU 031600A
TO MMIA
GS750 • CONFIDENTIAL •
REF YOUR SD2220 DATED 01 • AGREED THAT ONE GERMAN SPEAKING ITALIAN OFFICER IS REQUIRED.
TWO. AN OFFICER ATTACHED SURPLUS TO WE IS NOT CONSIDERED NECESSARY OR DESIRED PROVIDED SMRE ENSURE THAT ONE OF EXISTING OFFICERS OF PRESENT OPERATIONS OR INTELLIGENCE SEC CAN SPEAK GERMAN.
THREE • IN CASE OF THIS GP SUCH AN OFFR IS ALREADY AVAILABLE
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RECD 6656 2118 REB AR

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Spare Sim. Offrs could be found

Subject :- War Establishments.

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29 Jan 45.

MEDIA.

1. A comparison of the WE's of an Italian Combat Group as held by this HQ in English and as issued by SM RE has been made with the following results :-

	English version	Italian version
(a)	Infantry Regiment WENA/526/1	
(i) Clerks	14	Clerks 8
		I Sec 6
(ii) Signallers		
Corporals	1	
Privates	3	
		Observation Personnel 4
(b)	Infantry Battalion WENA/527/1	
(i) Signallers		
Corporals	1	
Privates	2	
		Observation Personnel 3
(ii) A tk Platoon		
Motor cyclists	NIL	
		Motor cyclists 1
(iii) Signal Platoon		
Drivers	5	
		Drivers 4
(c)	Artillery Regiment WENA/525/1	
(i) 17 pr Troop		
Motor cyclists	1 (No motor cycle is alloted to the troop)	Motor cyclists NIL
(ii) Orderlies and batmen	17 (There are 93 officers on the WE)	Batmen 93

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(iii) 15 cwts are translated as 1½ ton trucks.

(d)	Mechanical Engineers Platoon	WENA/539/1
(i) Mechanist Sergeant Major	1	Administrative Sgts 2
Mechanist Staff Sergeant	1	

May a ruling be given as to which establishment is to be worked on.

see 39/201 of 47/t

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2. Great difficulty is experienced in arriving at the exact description of a British army trade in Italian. The translations in the WEs are in many cases inexact. The various grades of mechanical tradesmen i.e. artificer, fitter, vehicle mechanic etc. in particular, give much trou 4599 It would be of great value if a list of all the trades shown in the WEs with their exact Italian counterparts could be issued through both British and Italian channels.

3. No official numbered amendments have yet been received in this office. The amendments detailed in your S/G/29/20 dated 23 Nov 44 and 20 Dec 44 have been noted although the disposal of the surplus men and vehicles arising from the abolition of the Scout Pl of the infantry battalion is somewhat obscure. A recent indent on 10 Publications Depot only produced copies of the original WEs including the obsolete WE for a Field Company.

In the Field.
AG/ec

W.H. Gabbett
Maj
for Lt-Col.
GS.

Para 1 — Keep books in. Keep any eye on the published AFHQ WE as the final authority

Para 2 — Is now operative - for para 4 Quote Signal

Para 3 — Amendments always up slow, and nothing if

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In the Field.
AG/ec

O.C. Gadsden
Maj
for Lt-Col.
GS.

Para 1 — being looked into. Any amendments to published AFHQ WE to be forwarded

Para 2 — Lt now specialist - performs Quartermaster Signal duties

Para 3 — Amendments always welcome, and nothing to do with MI8

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AFHQ FOR G3 ORG FOR

16th Army Gp

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M M I A SUPPORTS PROPOSAL IN 15 ARMY GROUP 1701/23/48/G-3

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AFHQ - 15 ARMY GROUP - 50 BLU - 51 BLU - 52 BLU -
53 BLU - 56 BLU

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IEGHAND GROUP HAS REPRESENTED TO CMHK NEED FOR A GERMAN SPEAKING ITALIAN OFFICER TO BE ATTACHED TO I SECTION OF EACH COMBAT GROUP Hq FOR INTERROGATION DUTIES (.) WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND QUERY

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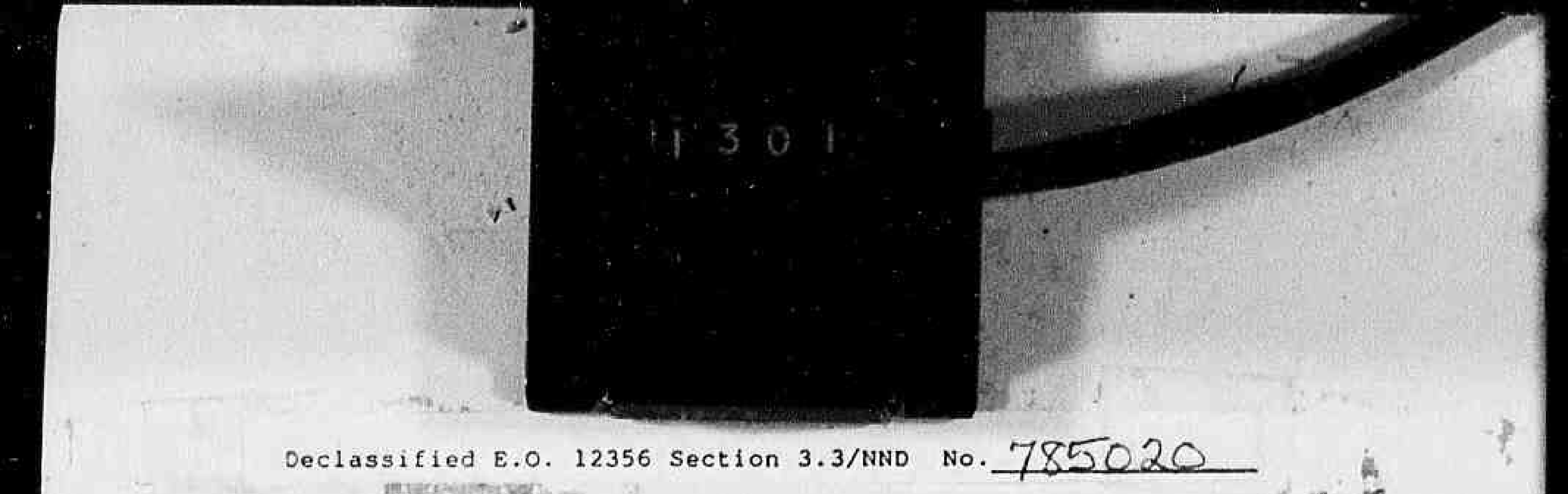
FROM HQ 15 ARMY GROUP
TO AFHQ
INFO HMIA .
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FROM HQ 15 ARMY GP 241500A

TO AFKQ

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RESTRICTED. YOUR FX 842 53 CITE FHGCT OF 15 JAN. THESE ADDITIONS ARE RECOMMENDED

BT 241530A

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DID YOU GET THAT LAST MESSAGE OUR 550

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REPORT

Subject :- Operational Directive of 91st British Liaison Unit

91st British Liaison Unit

G 3/4

To :- G (S&O) Main 1 Cdn Corps. (2)

IONLA
50 BEM
52 BEM
53 BEM
56 BEM

S/Sec 4594

1. 50 BEM have subscribed to 1 Gldg with copies to AFHQ., 15 Army Gp and Fifth Army supplemented amendments to the BI for the Resupply Org of an Italian Combat Gp.

2. These amendments have been studied by this unit with the result that we all now in accordance with our own ideas.

3. Please find at Appx A a detailed list of the amendments made by 50 BEM together with the remarks made by this unit.

Lieut Col
General Staff

Appx A.
24 Jan 45
IONLA

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Apnx "A" to 51 NLU G 3/4
dated 22 Jan 45.

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Suggested Amendments to WE Comando Trasporti of a Gruppo

Serial No.	Recommended by 50 NLU: WE No	Amdt Proposed	Remarks	Remarks by 51 NLU
1.	MA/533/1 Tpt Pl	Add 3 m/c Add 3 dvrs	Already requested BUT NOT recommended by MMLA on the grounds that m/c is an ineffective veh. Control of Tpt Coy traffic particularly in fwd areas with existing low standard of driving is extremely difficult with present scale of MMs.	1. Agreed
2.	MA/533/1	Add 3 x 3 ton	Present Coy, 3 pls has 90 load carriers and no 10% res. 2nd line amn and explosives account for 54 vehs. 2nd line pet 15 vehs. present system of drawing the bulky Italian ration occupies 20 vehs every two days: it is calculated that on a daily drawing basis 14 vehs will be used per day drawing supn. This leaves 7 vehs to carry all engr and ord stores, blankets, and does NOT allow for any VOR. Further it means that any tpt required within the ICC for tp carrying must either come from outside (NOT always available) or be torn from various units of the ICC in order to mobilise other units.	2. Agreed wholeheartedly. The present est is too fine. Good as the Tpt Coy CREMONA GRUPPO is now it still has VOR. In addition to 3 x 3 ton lorries per pl being required the WE will need to be increased to allow for extra dvrs.

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3.	M/532/1 R D I.	Add 5 dvrs	To correspond with British RDI for Tpt pl. This is considered necessary whether the additional 3 x 3 ton are authorised as in Serial 2. or not. At present there are only 36 spare dvrs for 119 vehs plus 26 m/cs.	3. Agreed. In addition to requiring the extra res of dvrs, present lab facilities as provided by RDIs are insufficient. These extra men will help.

/Sheet 2. Serial 4.....

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Serial No.	WE No	Amdt Proposed	Remarks	
4.	H/534/1 Composite Pl.		Of the two composite pls at present with this ICG, one is for internal requirements of the ICG, the other is for allotment to a higher fmn which this ICG might have to work under. At present both composite pls are fully engaged on internal requirments of the ICG and if at some future time one of them is taken away by a higher fmn, a second composite pl will be required by the ICG. May a ruling be given please.	4. The experience of this HQ is quite different. One Comp Pl is quite sufficient to look after the Gruppe under normal conditions. The second is useful and may eventually be essential during more active ops. Our experience is that higher fmns do not require to use the second pl.
5.	Mech Engr Pl	Add 1 Electrician	This unit looks after 7[illegible] vehs	5. It is agreed that the addition
6.	" " "	Add 4 Fitters	and it is considered that this pl should be increased to correspond with Serial III in H/30 Wksp particularly as VOR stone is always high with this ICG.	6. of one electrician is necessary, but not that the four additional fitters are essential. The pl seems quite capable of functioning as at present org. It should be noted that in CHECHAR it looks after 119 vehs and 26 m/cs.
7.	" " "	Add 2 stores lorries.	One is absolutely essential to carry spares and the addition of two would enable the pl to split into two independent sub-units.	7. Agreed that one stores lorry absolutely essential and that second would be useful. It is suggested however that two GS lorries at present on the WE be exchanged for two stores lorries, as sufficient GS vehs for the remainder of

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8.	" " " Add 1 ALDERSHOT Shelter.		8. NOT agreed. The one already held in sufficient of this type. As an alternative it is suggested the addition of 2 LAD shelters and 1 Blacksmiths shelter would be more useful.

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SECRET

Subject :- W E of B L U

To :-
Main 1st Canadian Corps

51 British Liaison Unit

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52 B L U
53 B L U
56 B L U

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2 As was to be expected a number of British or - in the case of this Gruppo - Canadian personnel have had to be attached to the Gruppo to bolster up its quite insufficient equipment and W E and also for liaison purposes. It is obvious that if the Gruppi take their places in Allied formations they must conform roughly with the layout and technique of an Allied Div. Thus this Gruppo has now roughly 150 Br and Canadian personnel attd. These are Provost, Security Trg Team, Photo Interpretation Unit, a Line Party, six F O O Parties, a Hq RA complete with CRA etc. All these very necessary personnel are necessarily attd to the B L U for accommodation rations and administration.

3 This means that the Camp Commandant of the B L U has a very considerable volume of work. Many of the attd stay for short periods and all arrive at short notice. Since the beginning of Dec the average ration str of the B L U has been in the region of 200. All questions of pay, rations and their distribution to numbers of small scattered parties, NAAFI issues etc fall on the Camp Comdt.

4 I submit that this officer should be graded as a Capt and that he should have a clerk to assist him. The present W E of clerks are fully extended dealing with the same amount of work as falls to a Br Div Hq in the Field.

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5 The Camp Comdt has as his sole assistant an Admin Sgt. This NCO has considerable responsibilities fully equal to those of a C Q M S. There are 12 Sgts on the str of the B L U excl the Admin Sgt and about 30 attd, and to strengthen the Admin Sgt's position I gave him permission to wear the badges of a Colour Sgt some months back. I submit this NCO should be graded as a Colour Sgt.

6 There are at present some 19 vehs on estab of the B L U. A number of the attd personnel bring their own vehs. I have been informed that the Maltese interpreters are to have a scale of tpt. It appears, therefore, that the M T Compl of the B L U will always have something in the neighbourhood of 30 vehicles to look after. I submit that this NCO be graded as a Sgt.

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7 The amendments suggested are therefore :-

(a) Upgradings — Camp Comdt from Subaltern to Capt
Admin Sgt from Sgt to Colour Sgt
MP Corpl from Corpl to Sgt

(b) Addition — One clerk for Camp Comdt Office.

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STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE

P.Militare 3800, li 11 gennaio 1945

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Ufficio Informazioni
Ispettorato Censura Militare

NR.110547/0-Cens. di prot.

OGGETTO : Organici Uffici Censura di Guerra.-

COLONNELLO J.L. HENDERSON - A.C.
Sottocommissione Telecomunicazioni e Poste

Riferimento precedente n.110522/0-Cens.del 10 corr..-

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ORGANICO DEGLI UFFICI MILITARI CENSURA DI GUERRA DEL R.ESERCITO :

1°)-Ufficiali Superiori.....n. ~~45~~ 23 x
2°)-Ufficiali Inferiori.....~~45~~90 53
3°)-Sottufficiali(marescialli e serg.magg.)....." 50
4°)-Graduati (sergenti,cap.magg. e caporali)....." 15
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2°)-Ufficiali Inferiori.....: 4590
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IL CAPO SEZIONE
(Ten.Col. Paolo Ducros)

X Amended verbally by Col Henderson.

Translation on the other side.

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GERERAL STAFF
I A I and S P
Inspectorate Military Censorship

nºII0647/O Cens. 11 January I945

Subject: WEs Censorship Units.

To ALLIED COMMISSION
Comunications Sub-Commission
att.Colonel J.L. Henderson

Reference our preceding II0522/O Cens. of IO January.

We submit you the WEs of Italian Army Censorship Units requested by you in our conversation of yesterday.

WEs of Italian Army Censorship Units

1) Superior officers (Lt.Cols-Majors) 45
2) Inferior officers (Captains- 1th-2nd Lieutenants) 35
3) N.C.Os (Warrant officers -Serjeant Majors).....50
4) Serjeants - lance serjeants -corporal).....15
5) Privates 15

The Inspectorate of Military Censorship, which is part of the General Staff has been included in WEs tables of this organisation section (IAI andSP), and thus not considered in the above table.-

SECTION CHIEF
Lt.Col. Paolo Ducros

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SUBJECT: Amendment to WE.

1580/25/G(SD)
21 Jan 45

To: 50 BLU

1. Reference your signal No.SD 671 dated 16 Jan 45.

The minutes of AFHQ WE Committee Meeting held on 1 Jan 45 have not yet been received in this HQ. Information has, however, been received from AFHQ by phone that the following addition to the WE of a BLU was approved :-

GSO III (Intelligence)	- 1
Capt or Lieut, non-medical	- 1
Motor-cycle	- 1

The addition of a Staff Capt "Q" was not approved in view of the recent addition of a Camp Commandant.

2. In view of

(a) your signalled request for further addition to transport of your WE, and

(b) your letter No.G/4/17/B dated 16 Jan 45 recommending higher rank for the MT Cpl and the addition of a driver mechanic,

it is suggested that you consolidate your recommendations for final amendment of the WE as a result of your recent training experience. The proposal should then be submitted in accordance with the pro-forma attached.

3. It is pointed out that such proposals are not normally accepted by AFHQ within four months of last amendment of a unit's WE. Exceptions to this rule may, however, be permitted if the proposal is considered by the sponsor to be of such importance as to warrant immediate consideration by the WE Committee.

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Lt-Col,
GSO I,
No.1 District.

C.M.F.
BLU/JAE

Copies to: AFHQ G-3 (Org)
HQ Eighth Army
MMIA
52 BLU

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Subject :- Increase in H.E. of 51 BLU

SECRET

To :-
H4 10 Corps

51 British Liaison Unit

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50 BLU
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As a result of experience during the last three months and especially during the recent move of the Gruppo to which this BLU is accredited, I am convinced that certain additions to the staff of the BLU is essential for efficient co-operation of the Gruppo with British or other Allied units.

The additions which I recommend are a Staff Captain 'Q' and a G III "I".

As regards the Staff Captain. The present A/A Q staff is represented by a DAA & QMG. This officer has in normal routine a very full day's work. A complication is apt to arise in that it has been found by experience that the DAA & QMG has occasion to visit higher formations and it has been found that these visits have materially assisted the object of the BLU. At our original location this officer had to keep in close touch with AFHQ and 3 District. He now visits 10 Corps at intervals and I am sure you will agree that it is necessary that he should. The difficulty then arises that there is no A or Q representative present at the BLU to meet routine calls from the Gruppo etc. Although it is laid down that the BLU has NO executive role, I find in practice that all orders in connexion with a move of the Gruppo are necessarily given to the BLU. This entails various conferences etc. A large amount of this work falls on the only A/Q officer on my staff. An advance party has to go forward and the DAA & QMG is the most essential person to proceed on this. This - you will appreciate - leaves no A/Q rep at BLU and Gruppo HQ during a vital period. I suggest therefore that another A/Q officer is necessary and suggest that he be a Staff Captain Q.

As regards the G III 'I'. It has been a surprise to me to discover the complete bankruptcy of the Italian Army as regards what we call "I" work. There seems to be no use of maps at all in all levels of this Gruppo. The use of co-ordinates to pin point a place is utterly strenge to the Staff and the Regts. Security, as such, is non-existent. It will be appreciated that the instruction of a whole division in intelligence work starting at the beginning is a monumental task. It is with this in view that I have asked you for the loan - during this training period - of three "I" officers. The officers of my Trg Increment

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What especially concerns me is the question of passing back information to Corps when the Gruppo is in the line. I can see at present little prospect of any coherent information reaching the BLU for onward transmission although the information in question may in fact be available. I feel that an officer of the BLU must be available for this aspect of liaison alone and I urge most strongly that a G III "I" be added to the BLU.

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10 Tr[illegible]ing Team R.A.
(for [illegible]alian Forces)
C.M.F.

17 Jan 45. 1/109.

Headquarters Royal Artillery, A.F.H.Q.
Headquarters Royal Artillery, A.A.I.

Copy to: MMIA (without enclosures).

I enclose copies of a proposed new WE for the Italian Artillery Regt which I have submitted already to MMIA for their consideration. When the Italian War Office increased the English War Establishment no objection was raised because it was felt that there would have to be a certain amount of give and take to fit Italian trained personnel into the various specific and sometimes multiple functions on the English WE. It was hoped that people found Surplus would be l.o.b. In fact the tendency has been the opposite. Officers Commanding regiments appear desirous of increasing even more the already top heavy organisation. There are two reasons for this :-

a) Realising that the English method of deployment demands people performing certain jobs not usually in an Italian WE they wish to create these jobs by increasing the number of soldiers rather than by making those soldiers do the new jobs who are already on the establishment and are now virtually jobless because they only have functions in an Italian WE.

b) Some Regiments are still trying to administer the troop as an autonomous unit like our battery. Naturally personnel and transport are insufficient. They are trying to do this because they have translated Troop, Batteria and though this is correct when only the number of guns is taken into account, it is not correct when adm is being considered. Tradition is a very strong factor here.

One of the Colonels who appeared in discussion to agree generally with my view has submitted me a draft WE. Calling not for a diminution of personnel but for an increase, on a considerable scale

Officers	+3
O.R's	+61
15 cwt	+16
3 ton	+20
Tractors	+ 1
Motor Cycles	+17

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3 tons	+2

The disadvantages of change at this late stage are clear. The advantages are as follows :-

a) The regiment would be more mobile, which seems important whatever the role allotted.

b) The more careful definition of functions and their accurate translation into Italian makes the redistribution of duties clearer.

c) About 1,000 men are saved in the 5 Group together which may help the reinforcement situation, and provide rather less low grade reinforcements than at present. It will do this of course, without decreasing the mobility and efficiency

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Lt Col, C.S.
Field. Commanding 10 Try Team P.A. (for Italian Forces)

Enclosure: Proposed T.O.

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SUBJECT : Org and Functions - CC RR — 50 Brit Liaison Unit

G/5/19

HQ EIGHTH Army (2)
HQ MILA (2)

18 Jan 45

1. The CC RR of an ICG are the equivalent of the Div Pro Coy. Their org as at present is shown at Appx "A".

2. As a result of investigations by GSI 15 Army Gp and of detailed investigations by APM 59 Area - who spent 10 days trg CC RR of this ICG - certain recommendations have been made.

a) By GSI 15 Army Gp

The formation of a Security Sec as shown at Appx "B". This is already under consideration by 15 Army Gp. No increase in total personnel will result BUT the additional tpt involved CANNOT be found within the ICG.

b) By APM 59 Area and strongly recommended by this unit.

The formation of a HQ to control all CC RR Secs and, in conjunction with newly appointed Security Offr (a Staff Offr at ICG HQ), to control the security sec. The need for such a HQ is so obvious that it needs no emphasis.

The proposal is to add

1 capt
1 sjt clerk
1 dvr
1 batman
1 x 2 str

to form HQ of CC RR. There is no existing est, but the est of CC RR Secs is NA/524/1, dated 1 Sep 44.

c) Proposed org is given at Appx "B".

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3. Other difficulties arising out of the CC RR are as follows :-

a) The CC RR are in ill repute, at least as far as this ICG is concerned. The reasons for this are that their own morale is low, they are disliked throughout the ICG, and it has been stated that 'most of the soldiers and many of the offrs' consider the CC RR as 'just plain stupid or not to be trusted! The result is that the disciplinary, or any other effect of the CC RR is scarcely noticeable. It is considered that either or both of the following proposals

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i) the posting of really suitable men to the CC RR. It is requested that PMIA will take the necessary action in this matter.

ii) the establishing of some sort of real authority in the CC RR, similar to that of CMP. The minimum rank in the CC RR is that of CARABINIERI, which is the equivalent of Cpl, but in this ICG this seems to carry no weight at all. This factor is related to para 3(b) below.

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* One copy also in Carabinieri file 5/apa/19

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b) The relations between personnel of Allied Forces and Italian CC RR.
At present Allied Forces take no notice of CC RR even when they are doing traffic control. It is realised that in rear areas CC RR always have Brit CMP with them, but in forward areas, where ICO CC RR must necessarily work alone - at least in endeavouring to control the movement o their own ICV - some sort of policy must be laid down.

4. May an early ruling, particularly on 3(b) be given please.

CMF
FTKP/SYD

Lt col
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Copy to : HQ 15 Army Gp (your 1470/GSI(L) dated 13 Jan refers).
HQ V Corps
51 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
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Annex "A" to 50 FDI le

EXCISION OF 2 ORG CC HQ

To HQ

95 Sec CC RR (C)
(as for 93 Sec)

93 Sec CC RR(C)

HQ { 1 offr
1 marescialllo
1 a/t clerk
6 CC RR (incl 2 Cyclists)
1 MO
1 x 2 str
1 x 3 ton

1st Ft Squad

1 a/t
2 L a/ts
(b) 6 CC RR
1 x 15 cwt

2nd Ft Squad

(as 1st Ft Squad)

NOTE: (a) This is NOT yet an official establishment, BUT as they can be found within the CC RR and is under instruction with V Corps.
(b) 3 CC RR taken from each ft squad to form Security Sec.
(c) The two CC RR seen between them are reduced by one maresciallo and one a/t on the esta up the Security Sec.
(d) The equivalent ranks in CC RR to Brit are -

CC RR	=	Cpl
Appuntato	=	L a/t
Vice Brig	=	S/t
Brigadier	=	S.
Maresciallo	=	WO I

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Annex "A" to 5th BLT letter G/5/19 dated 18 Jun 45

EXISTING WE & ORG OC RR

No HQ

98 Sec OC RR(C)	(a) Security Sec OC RR
HQ(1 offr (1 maresciallo (1 sjt clerk (6 OC RR(incl 2 Cyclists) (1 MO (1 x 2 str (1 x 3 ton	1 maresciallo 1 sjt 12 OC RR
2nd Ft Squad	HQ Squad
(as 1st Ft Squad)	1 sjt 1 L sjt(MO) 13 OC RR(LDs) 13 LDs 1 x 15 cwt

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Sec.
ranks in OC RR to Brit are - OC RR = Cpl
Appuntato = L sjt
Vice Brig = Sjt
Brigadier = S.
Maresciallo = WO I

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Appx "B" to SO [illegible]

PROPOSED TO/O&C CC HR

HQ	1 comd
	1 sgt clerk
	1 dvr
	1 batman
	1 x 2 str car

55 Sec CC HR	96 Sec CC HR
(as in typx "A")	(as in typx "A")

NOTE: (a) This establishment was proposed by CMH, 15 Army Gp and is already under consideration in total TE is in typ A only.

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Appx "B" to 30 INF letter G/5/19 dated 18 Jan 45

REVISED AUTH'D CC HQ

HQ 1 cmdr
1 sjt clerk
1 dvr
1 batman
1 x 2 str cmr

96 Sec CC HQ
(as in Appx "A")

(a)
Security Sec
CC HQ
1 maresciallo
1 sjt
12 CC HQ
1 x 5 cmt hqs
2 x 15 cmt
6 MGs

was proposed by CSI, 15 Army Gp and is already under consideration by that HQ. Increase
dpt only.

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SUBJECT:- Proposal for Amendment to War Establishment

HQ 15 ARMY GROUP (BS)

Tel: FILPOT 73

17Cl/23/[illegible]/G-3 SD2

19 Jan 45

AFHQ G-3 Org (For) (7)
AFHQ G-3 (Org 4)
Land Forces Sub Commission AMMIA (3)

Copy to :- G-2

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(b) It is proposed to amend the above mentioned WE.
(c) Not applicable.

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3 motor cycles solo

in each Provost Section (CCRR) of an Italian Combat Group also 1 truck 5-cwt 4 x 4 for every two sections.
(b) No upgradings or down gradings are involved.
(c) The ten Provost Sections of five Italian Combat Groups.
(d) The overall increase of vehicles in the theatre involved, is

10 trucks 15-cwt 4 x 2 GS
5 trucks 5-cwt 4 x 4
30 motor cycles solo

(e) No increase of personnel is involved.
(f) Not applicable.
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(a) The tpt is required to enable security duties to be carried out by the Provost Sections(CCRR) in the Italian Combat Groups.
(b) At present no specialist security personnel exist nor was any provision made for them in the WE for Provost Sections (CCRR) with Italian Combat Groups.
(c) The two Provost Sections of each Combat Group are together forming a special detachment of twelve men to carry out Security duties.
(d) These duties will include such tasks as:

(i) Collection and evacuation of 'line crossers' for screening.
(ii) Transportation of suspects for interrogation.
(iii) Operation of Security patrols and check posts.
(iv) Investigation of suspicious incidents reported by units

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✓ * One Rso in each Division HQ 24/A. [illegible]

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(e) It is not considered that the transport necessary for these security duties could be provided permanently from provost work without impairing the effectiveness of the latter.

(f) Since the duties of these special security detachments are to be similar to those of a FS Section, it is considered that they should be equipped with transport on a similar scale. The present WE of a FS Section provides for 1 x 15-cwt truck, 4 x 2 GS, 1 x 5-cwt Truck 4 x 4 and 9 MC. this has been found in practice to be unsuitable and quite inadequate, and it has already been recommended that the WE be revised to provide for 2 x 15-cwt trucks, 4 x 2 GS, 2 x 5-cwt trucks 4 x 4, 1 Car 2-str and 4 MC. Since an Italian Combat Group is somewhat smaller than a British Division and will normally cover a smaller area, its security detachment will require slightly less transport than the revised scale recommended for FS Sections. It is considered that 2 x 15-cwt trucks, 4 x 2 GS, 1 x 5-cwt truck 4 x 4 and 6 MC would be required. If it is the general policy to equip all Italian units on a lower scale than equivalent British units, and if the scale recommended above is rejected as being too high, then it is submitted that the minimum transport which would enable these security detachments to perform their functions with any degree of efficiency would be 1 x 15-cwt truck, 4 x 2 GS, 1 x 5-cwt truck 4 x 4 and 6 MC. this reduced scale would, however, not be adequate for the full performance of their proper function, and might necessitate the provision of an additional truck from Army resources.

for Commanding General.

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SUBJECT: War Establishment - Supply and Transport Company - Italian Combat Group

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/S/29/30
18 Jan 45

TO : AFHQ

Copy to: 15 ARMY GROUP
1 DISTRICT
50 MIU

Reference your GR 57 of 13 January and 1 District's 1546/S/3(SD) of 12 January, below are MMIA's comments on the proposals for amendments to the WE of a Transport Company ITC given in Appendix "A" to 50 MIU letter No G/S/17 of 8 January.

It is understood, in accordance with your AG 391.113/119 GOT-0 of 20 Dec 1944, that decisions on these proposals will be taken by you.

Serial	Comments
1	No strong views
2	MMIA's original proposals included 10% new vehicles which is standard practice and absolutely essential if the unit is to do its job. It is not known why they were omitted from the final WE. 10% = 9 x 3 ton vehs per company.
3	Agreed, apart from the consideration of ceiling figures, which governed the original numbers.
4	It is felt that the ruling is NO. The composite Platoon is very much the same as the British Composite PI which handles with ease fresh rations for a full British Division.
5 & 6	Not unreasonable.
7	Agreed.
8	Agreed necessary as no shelters are included in MIL.'s 125/1 and 125/1 for HQ and Transport Platoon.

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

Internal: S/T; A/S

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SUBJECT:- WE - Tpt Coy, ICG.

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1546/5/G(SD).

12 Jan 45.

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- 16 Jan

MMIA.

Reference 50 BLU letter No G/5/17 dated 8 Jan 45.

1. The proposed increases to the WE of a Tpt Coy, Italian Combat Group, are strongly recommended and it is considered that earliest implementation should be made.

2. Will you also please give the ruling requested in Serial No 4 of Appx 'A' to the 50 BLU letter quoted above.

C.A. Heydeman
Major-General.
Commander.
No 1 District.

CMF.

Copy to:- AFHQ (G-3 Org)
HQ 15 Army Group
50 BLU

Letter - reply 18 Jan

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REFERENCE REPORT BY MAJOR SUDDABY APM 59 XXXX AREA DATED 21 DECEMBER ON CC RR SECTIONS SHOWN TO MMIA BY SMRE (.) IF YOU WISH ACTION TAKEN ON PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE IN WE PLEASE REFER TO YOUR HIGHER FORMATION (.) AFHQ LETTER AG 091.112/119 GCT -O OF 20 DEC ATTACHED TO MMIA TS/G/29 OF 23 DEC REFERS

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Subject:- Proposed New W.E. for a Field Coy. Italian Combat Group.

56 BLU
2/1 G
9 Jan 45

MMLA.

167 8/Sec

Ref para 4 of your S/G/29/20 of 23 Nov 44 to Italian Ministry of War.

1. HQ "MANTOVA" Combat Group have now been instructed by SMRE that the proposed new W.E. of an Italian Field Coy has been approved and will be adopted forthwith both in respect of personnel and vehicles.

2. May confirmation please be given to this office that this new W.E. has been approved and will be implemented.

In the Field.
FHG/cwf.

Lt Col.
GS.

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50 British Liaison Unit
G/5/17
8 Jan 45.

Subject:- W.E. - Tpt Coy, ICG.

G (SD)
1 District.

1. It is requested that the alterations to WE of Tpt Coy ICG suggested at Appendix "A" to this letter be submitted to higher authority please.

2. These suggestions are based on four months experience with FRIULI ICG and in view of existing circumstances it is essential that a ruling one way or the other should be given quickly.

for Lt Col,
GS.

C.F
FFICB/AWB

Copy to:- AFHQ for G 3 (Org)
HQ 15 Army Gp for G (SD)
Fifth Army (Br Incr)
XIII Corps
MMIA
51 HLU
52 "
53 "
56 "

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Appendix "A" to 50 ELU letter
No G/5/17 dated 8 Jan 45

Suggested alterations to WE of Tpt Coy I C G

Serial No.	W.E. No.	Amendment Proposed.	Remarks,
1.	M/533/1 Tpt Pl	Add 3 m/c Add 3 dvrs	Already requested BUT NOT recommended by MELA on the grounds that m/c is an ineffective veh. Control of Tpt Coy traffic particularly in fwd areas with existing low standard of driving is extremely difficult with present scale of MRs.
	M/c strong argument, but I feel would soon become ineffective in practice		
2.	M/533/1 Tpt pl.	Add 3 x 3 ton	Present Coy, 3 pls has 90 load carriers and no 10% res. 2nd Line ammn and explosives account for 54 vehs. 2nd line pet 15 vehs. Present system of drawing the bully Italian ration occupies 20 vehs every two days: it is calculated that on a daily drawing basis 14 vehs will be used per day drawing sups. This leaves 7 vehs to carry all engr and ord stores, blankets, and does NOT allow for any VOR. Further it means that any tpt required within the ICG for tp carrying must either come from outside (NOT always available) or be torn from various units of the ICG in order to mobilise other units. This has already happened - with very unsatisfactory results. The suggested increase only brings the pl into line with the British Tpt pl - in which standard of driving is normally a good deal higher than with this ICG.
	My original proposals included 10% recce vehicles which is standard practice and absolutely essential if unit is to do its job. *I do not know why they were omitted from final W.E.* *10% = 9 x 3 Ton vehs per Company.*		
3.	M/532/1 R D I.	Add 8 dvrs	To correspond with British R D I for Tpt pl. This is considered necessary whether the additional 3 x 3 ton are authorised or not in Serial 2 above. At present there are 36 spare dvrs for 119 vehs plus 26 m/c.
	I agree apart from consideration of ceiling figures which governed original numbers		
4.	M/534/1 Composite Pl.		Of the two composite pls at present with this ICG., one is for internal requirements of the ICG., the other is for allotment to a higher formation which
	I think the ruling is NO		

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Tpt pl.

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5. 14/532/1 Add 3 dvrs
R D I.

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4. R/534/1
Composite Fl.

I think the ruling is NO

The Comp. Pl. is very much the same as the Brokpl Comp. Pl which handles entire Unit Stock rations for a small Bn. Overseas.

5. Mech Engr Pl Add 1 electrician
6. " " " Add 4 fitters

Not unreasonable.

To correspond with British R D I for Tpt pl. This is considered necessary whether the additional 3 x 3 ton are authorised or not in Serial 2 above. At present there are only 36 spare dvrs for 119 vehs plus 26 m/cs.

Of the two composite pls at present with this ICG., one is for internal requirements of the ICG., the other is for allotment to a higher fmn which this ICG might have to work under. At present both composite pls are fully employed on internal requirements of the ICG and if at some future time one of them is taken away by a higher fmn, a second composite pl will be required by the ICG. Early ruling be given please.

7. " " " Add 2 stores lorries.

I agree but I thought they were authorised on the W E

This unit looks after 197 vehs and it is considered that this pl should be increased to correspond with Serial 1 III En RASC Wksp particularly as VCR stats is always high with this ICG.

8. " " " Add 1 ALDERSHOT Shelter.

NO. only 1 Vehicles & w/shop company mob shelters & tentage

One is absolutely essential to carry spares and the addition of two would enable the 2 to split into two independent sub-units.

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SUBJECT: War Establishment of a Field Company for an ITALIAN Combat Group.

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Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/29/20/1
5 Jan 45.

To: A.F.H.Q. (G3 Division)

Ref your 758/Org-3 of 30 December 44.

Copy of M/529/2 - A Field Coy for an Italian Combat Group was not attached to the above-mentioned letter.

May a copy please now be forwarded.

J. Robb Major
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: War Establishments.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/29/20/1
4 January 44

TO : Ministry of War.

Reference W.E's NA/523/1 to NA/540/1 which you have recently translated (Copy of translated W.E's attached)

1. Please arrange for copies of these bilingual establishments to be distributed to Italian HQ's concerned under serial numbers NA/523A/1 to NA/540A/1, inclusive.

2. Please send 6 copies of the newly printed edition to M.M.I.A.

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Major General
M.M.I.A.



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ADVICE NOTE

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To: H.Q. M.M.I.A. C.M.F.

Our Ref: 1206/5292

Your Indent SS509 dated 29/12/1941

will be completed/met when the (remaining) publications become available.

NO FURTHER INDENT IS REQUIRED

20 Copies AI/20/1
20 " AA/574/1
10 " AA/578/1
4 " AA/612/1

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Lieut, RASC,
OC, No.10 Publications Depot, RASC.

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G-3 DIVISION

2a/20/1.

30 December 1944

FILE NO : 758/Org-3

SUBJECT : War Establishment of a Field Coy For an ITALIAN Combat Group

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA)

Ref your SD/17 of 19 Dec.

W.E.C. 157 Serial 1708 passed NA/529/2-A Field Coy for an ITALIAN Combat Gp.

This est supersedes NA/529/1 w.e.f. 15 Dec 44.

Copy of est is attached.

By Command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER :

31 DEC 1944

for JOHN HARDING,
Lieut.General,
Chief of Staff.

JLWC/acn.

Copy to G-3 (Org) Fn.

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FROM AFHQ CITE FECCT 281110A

TO MMIA

INFO 15 ARMY GROUP 29/20/1

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DATED 27 DEC OUR FX 75022 (.) 15 ARMY GROUP SD 1001

DATED 23 DEC IS CABLE UNDER REFERENCE

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Please forward 20 copies each of following War Establishments (.) A1/30/1 (.) NA/574/1 to NA/578/1 incl (.) NA/596/1 (.) NA/597/1 (.) NA/599/1 (.) NA/612/1

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Subject: Personnel - Ord Fd Pk

To Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MMIA)

Ord

53 B.L.U.
Ref A15 - 5
26 Dec 44

1. Application has been made by Combat Group FOLGORE for an increase in the W.E. of their Ord Fd Pk of the undermentioned personnel :-

Drivers	10
Storemen	10

2. The reason given by the Gp for these increases is that as the Fd Pk has been issued with 20 3 ton stores lorries in lieu of 10 6 ton stores lorries, these additional men are essential to that unit.

3. It is considered that this is a case of authority being given not to increase the W.E. of the unit but to hold the additional men permanently attached from other units in the Group.

4. May the authority suggested in para 3 above please be given.

Agreed WP

G. H. Brooks.

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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G-3 SECTION.

29/20/1

25 December, 1944.

FILE NO : 758/Org-3

SUBJECT : Translation of W.Es NA/523/1 to NA/540/1.

MEMO TO : M.M.I.A.

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1. The att draft W.Es NA/523/1 to NA/540/1 are returned herewith.

2. It is considered that owing to the wide distribution given to these ests, it would not be practical to reissue them simply to amend the ITALIAN translation.

3. It is, therefore, considered that the most economical solution is for you to issue a limited edition to ITALIAN units only correctly translated.

This edition will be allotted the serial numbers NA/523A/1 to NA/540A/1 inclusive, so as to avoid confusion with the official ests.

4. It is requested that copies of the new ests be forwarded to this HQ for infm.

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

JLWC/fek.

Col Priestley

Shall we get SHAEF to print them ?

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Re letter of 4 Dec

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Subject :- Radio Repair Section.

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

S/G/29/20/1.
27 Dec., 44.

To :- M.M.I.A. L.O. 51 B.L.U.

Reference your A2/2 of 19 December.

1. The question of splitting up a Technical Maintenence Section into two parts, so that it can serve two groups at the same time, is now under consideration by 15 Army Group and A.F.H.Q. You will be advised in due course of their decision.

2. If in the meanwhile CREMONA needs the services of 181 Technical Maintenence Section it is a matter for the Group's higher formation.

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Major General.
M.M.I.A.

Copy : S.O.R.Sigs (with copy of original letter).

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Subject: Radio Repair Section

51 British Liaison Unit.

A 1/2

To :

M.M.I.A.

1. A radio repair section (Italian) was some time ago authorised on the basis of one section between two Combat Groups.

2. The section in which this Combat Gp has a half share arrived at the Friuli Group when they were in the S.GIORGIO area and it is presumed that they are still with that Group.

3. As there is no Z waggon with Cremona and therefore no repair facilities, will you please make some arrangements either for the section now with Friuli to be allotted to Cremona for a period, or for a new section to be allotted to us permanently.

Field.
19 Dec 44.
PME/KS.

Major
MMLA 2365

51 B.L.U.

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SUBJECT: Amdts to WE BLU N./508/1

HQ 15 ARMY GROUP

Tel: FILFOT 99

1701/23/48/G(SD2)

23 Dec 44

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

Copy to:-
MAIN EIGHTH ARMY LAND FORCES SUB-COM A.C.
GSI) without copies of
Q) Eighth Army letter

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Ref Main Eighth Army letter M13680 SD2 dated 15 Dec and Land Forces Sub Commission ACC letter S/G/29/20/1 of 13 Dec copy attached.

1. The proposals to add a GSO III(I) and a staff capt 'Q' to the WE of a BLU (N./508/1) are both recommended by this HQ.

2. It is understood that efforts are being made through GSI channels to form an instructional party which it is intended should visit each Italian Combat Group. By this method it is hoped to teach the elementary principles of the British 'I' organisation and to inculcate the necessity for 'I' consciousness amongst the Italian army.

3. However, in addition to the work of this instructional party it is considered that a GSO III(I) is essential if useful information is to be obtained from the Italian Groups during operations.

4. The proposal to add a Brit Offr, for medical duties, with tpt and driver is also strongly recommended.

5. In view of the world shortage of medical offrs RAMC it is considered that para 2 (a) (i) of the second letter under reference should be amended to read:-

"1 officer Non Medical RAMC Captain".

6. An officer holding a rank below that of capt is undesirable in view of the nature of his duties which would be :-

(a) Maintenance of liaison with the A.D.M.S. Div., D.D.M.S. Corps or Army under which the Group

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Q) Eighth Army letter

Ref Main Eighth Army letter M13680 SD2 dated 15 Dec and Land Forces Sub Commission ACC letter S/G/29/20/1 of 13 Dec copy attached.

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(a) Maintenance of liaison with the A.D.M.S. Div., D.D.M.S. Corps or Army under which the Group is serving.

(b) Representation of the views of the British Medical Authority to the S.M.O. the Group, i.e., the Lt. Col. (Italian) commanding the Sezione di Sanita. Experience with C.I.L. proved this to be particularly important.

(c) Supervision of medical stores and equipment and their supply.

(d) The supervision of Hygiene matters and the rendition of statistics and returns.

(e) The co-ordination of clearance of casualties on British Div. and Corps lines of evacuation.

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for Commanding General

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FROM: Mq 15 ARMY GROUP

TO : AFHQ 231550A

INFO: MMIA

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Your FX 72928 of 22nd Dec (.) FIRST (.)

Agree addition 10 Red Cross Italian nurses

to W.E. MA/574/1 (.) SECOND (.) Request

you clarify list of Field Hospitals affected

as your signal shows 14 against CREAT 12

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SAC CITE FHCCT

TO : HQ 15 ARMY GROUP

INFO: MMIA

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FX 72928

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MMIA PROPOSE ADDITION 10 RED CROSS ITALIAN NURSES TO EACH ITALIAN FD HOSP FOR GRUPPI (NA/574/1) (.) AMENDMENT WOULD APPLY TO 229 (292, 250, 351, 252, 315, 331, 429, 470, 519, 520, 522, 576, 866, 964, FD HOSPS (.) DO YOU CONCUR (.) NOTE 229 FD HOSP IS REDESIGNATED 292 FD HOSP ON ARRIVAL YOUR AREA

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FROM 15 ARMY GP 22.1910A

TO AFHQ

INFO MMIA

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:Auth: SACMT :
:Initials: RHF :
:20 December 1944 :

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

AG 091.112/119 GGT-O

20 December 1944

SUBJECT: Responsibilities of Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA) to Italian Gruppi.

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

1. In order to clarify the responsibilities of the Land Forces Sub-Commission towards the Italian Gruppi when the latter pass from under command of SMGE (General Staff Headquarters of the Italian Army) to that of Allied formations, authorization is made for the Land Forces Sub-Commission to communicate direct with MLOs attached to Combat Groups under command of Allied formations on the following points:

a. All matters of purely Italian administration.
b. Strengths and reinforcements.
c. Discipline.
d. Conditions of service, welfare, etc.

2. Copies of all correspondence on the above matters should be sent to the Allied Headquarters concerned.

3. All operational, executive and policy matters, also proposals by MLOs or Combat Groups for changes in organization will be made through normal staff channels to the Allied Headquarters concerned for decisions or recommendation to MMIA.

By command of Field Marshall ALEXANDER:

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Gruppi.

Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA) to Italian

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

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c. Discipline.
d. Conditions of service, welfare, etc.

2. Copies of all correspondence on the above matters should be sent to the Allied Headquarters concerned.

3. All operational, executive and policy matters, also proposals by MLOs or Combat Groups for changes in organization will be made through normal staff channels to the Allied Headquarters concerned for decisions or recommendation to MMIA.

By command of Field Marshall ALEXANDER:

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Captain, AGD,
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MMLA Responsibilities to Combat Groups

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

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15 Dec 44

AFHQ

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Reference MMLA TS/G/29 dated 24 Nov 44 and draft proposals submitted by AFHQ to HQ AAI for comments.

1. It is recommended that MMLA be authorised to communicate direct with BLUs attached to Combat Groups under command of Allied formations, on the following:-

(a) All matters of purely Italian administration.

(b) Strengths and reinforcements.

(c) Discipline

(d) Conditions of service, welfare etc.

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Copies of all correspondence on the above matters should be sent to the Allied HQ concerned.

2. On all other matters MMLA should deal direct with the Allied HQ concerned. It is NOT agreed that questions of Combat Group organisation should be referred in the first place to MMLA. Proposals made by BLUs or Combat Groups for changes in organisation should follow normal staff channels so that the approval of Allied Commanders having operational experience of the Groups is obtained before recommendations are forwarded to MMLA.

Noted. - file with my 28/20/1 of 18 Dec

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for Field Marshal,
Commander in Chief.


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SUBJECT: Translation of WE's MA/523/1 to 540/1.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/29/20/1
21 December 44

TO : A.F.H.Q.

1. Attached are two copies of the above establishments for an Italian Combat Group, as translated by the Italian Ministry of War from the WE's forwarded to A.F.H.Q. under A.A.I. reference 1701/23/48/G(SD2) of 28 August.

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2. It is requested that the bilingual WE's already published be withdrawn and these substituted.

3. Bilingual copies of WE's for auxiliary units are now being produced.

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Major General
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Italian Combat Group
Gruppo di combattimento italiano

Appendix C to 1701/23/48/G (SD2)
Allegato C al 1701/23/48/G (SD2)

dated 28 aug 44
datato 28 agosto 44

List of proposede war establishments attached.
Elenco degli organici di guerra proposti.

1. Headquarters, italian combat group
Comando di un gruppo di combattimento italiano — NA/523/I

2. PROVOST SECTION FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
Sezione polizia per gruppo di combattimento italiano — NA/524/I

3. AN ARTILLERY REGIMENT FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
un reggimento di artiglieria per gruppo di combat.it. — NA/525/I

4. AN INFANTRY REGIMENT FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
Un reggimento fanteria per gruppo di combattimento it. — NA/526/I

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5. AN INFANTRY BATTALION FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
Un battaglione fanteria per gruppo di combattimento it. — NA/527/I

6. HEADQUARTERS ENGINEER BATTALION FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP NA/528/I
Comando battaglione genio per gruppo di combatt. italiano

7. FIELD COMPANY ENGINEER BATTALION FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP NA/529/I
Compagnia genio artieri per gr.di combattimento it.

8. SIGNALS company ENGINEER BATTALION FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP NA/530/I
Compagnia genio teleradio per gr.di combattimento it.

9. HEADQUARTERS, SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT COMPANY FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
Comando del reparto trasporti e rifornimenti per gr.comb.it. NA/531/I

10. RELIEF DRIVER INCREMENT, SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT COMPANY FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP = Nucleo autieri di riserva del reparto trasporti e rifornimenti per gruppo di combattimento italiano NA/532/I

11. TRANSPORT PLATOON, SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT COMPANY FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
Plotone trasporti del reparto trasporti e rifornimenti per gruppi di combattimento italiano NA/533/I

12. COMPOSITE PLATOON, SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT COMPANY FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
Plotone misto del reparto trasporti e rifornimenti per gruppo di combattimento italiano NA/534/I

13. MEDICAL SECTION FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
Sezione di sanità per gruppo di combattimento italiano

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Nucleo degli organici di guerra proposti.

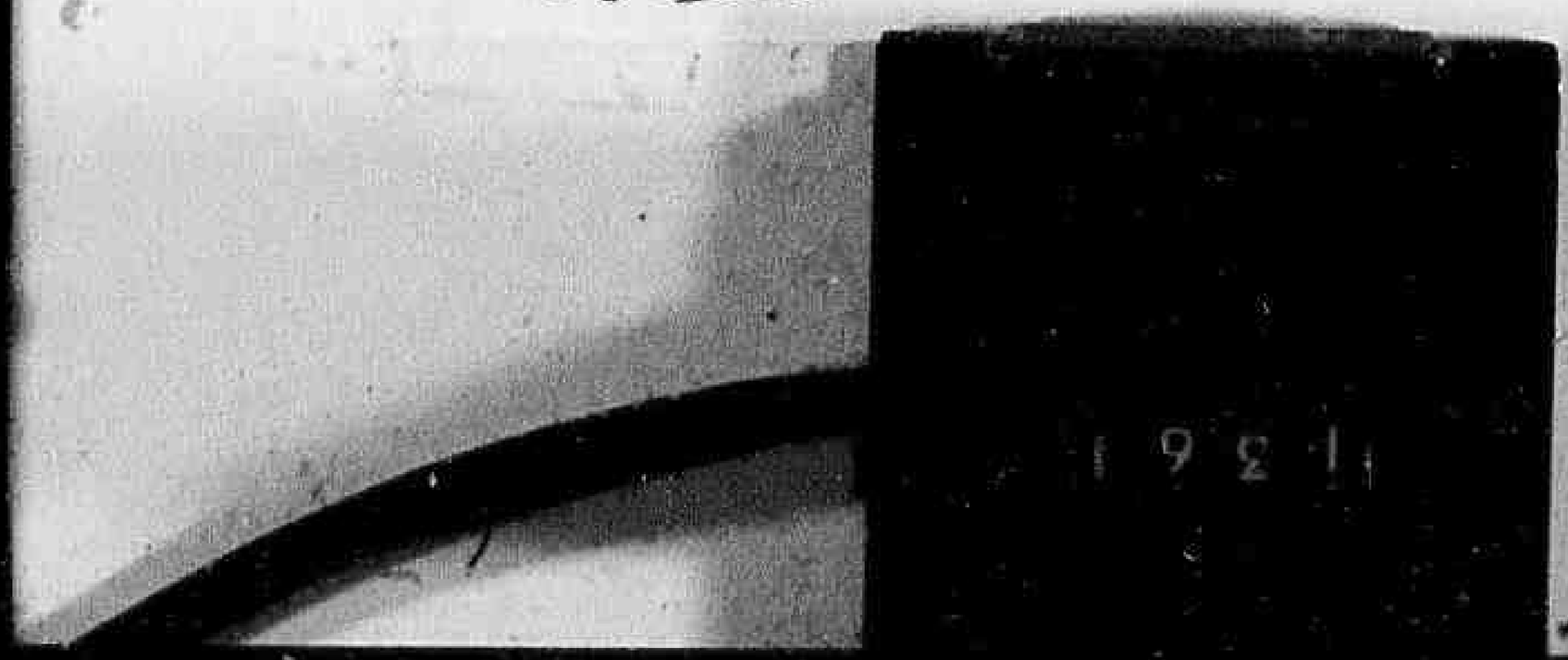
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14. FIELD HOSPITAL FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
    Ospedale da campo per gruppo di combattimento italiano — NA/536/I
15. ORDNANCE FIELD PARK FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
    Deposito mobile materiale art. e genio per gr.di combattimento it. — NA/537/I

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16. MECHANICAL ENGINEERS WORKSHOP FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
Officina mobile per gruppo di combattimento italiano NA/538/I

17. MECHANICAL ENGINEERS PLATOON FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
Plotone officina del reparto trasporti e rifornimenti per gruppo di combattimento italiano NA/539/I

18. LIGHT AID DETACHMENT FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
Officina mobile leggera dei rgt.ftr.art. e battaglione genio per gruppo di combattimento italiano NA/540/I

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RESTRICTED

HEAD QUARTERS, AN ITALIAN
(comando di un gruppo)

COMBAT GROUP
(Gruppo di combattimento)

Proposed war establishment
(organico di guerra proposto)

Amdt No (modifica n.) Date	
Offrs (ufficiali)	28
ORs (sott.tr.)	113
Total	141
MCs (motocicli)	10
Vehicles (veicoli)	19
Trailers (rimorchi)	-

(1) Personnel (Personale)

DETAIL (Designazione)	Headquarters staff (S.M. del comando)	Headquarters platoon (Plotone comando)	H.T. Section (sezione muli)	Post office (ufficio postale)	Equipment unit for O.R. (reparto dup (rep.e.equip. ESP. dep.dil ent. per ufficiali e comando.	Total, headquarters and Italian combat group (com.gruppo it.combatt.)
Commander (major-general) (maggiore generale)	1					1
Aide-de-camp (captain or lieutenant) (aiutante di campo)(capitano o ten.)	1					1
Staff (Stato Maggiore)						
Chief of staff (colonel or lieutenant-colonel)	1					1
Capo di S.M.(colonnello o t.col.)						
Operations and intelligence section. (sezioni operazioni e informazioni)						
Chief of section (lieutenant-colonel or major)	1					1
(capo sezione ten.col.o maggiore)						
Staff officers (any arm)	7					7
(ufficiali di S.M.)						
Personnel section						
(sezione personale)						

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(i) Personnel (Personale)

	(veicoli) Trailers (rimorchi)	-

DETAIL (Designazione)	Headquarters staff (S.M. del Comando)	Headquarters platoon (Plotone comando)	M.T. Section (sezione automobilistica)	Post office (ufficio postale)	Equipment unit for Or- (reparto equip. dep. del materiale)	Band e canzoni.	Total, headquarters an Italian combat group (com. gruppo tat. combatt.)
Commander (major-general) (maggiore generale)	1						1
Aide-de-camp (captain or lieutenant) (aiutante di campo)(capitano o ten.)	1						1
STAFF (Stato Maggiore)							
Chief of staff (colonel or lieutenant-colonel)	1						1
Capo di S.M.(colonnello o t.col.)							
Operations and intelligence section. (sezioni operazioni e informazioni)							
Chief of section (lieutenant-colonel or major)	1						1
(capo sezione ten.col.o maggiore)							
Staff officers (any arm)	7						7
(ufficiali di S.M.)							
Personnel section							
(sezione personale)							
Chief of section (lieutenant-colonel or major)	1						1
(capo sezione ten.col.o maggiore)							
Staff officers	2						2
(ufficiali di Stato Maggiore)							
Interpreters (interpreti)	2						2

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DETAIL (Designazione)	Headquarters staff (S.M. del Comando)	Headquarters platoon (Plotone comando)	M.T. section (sezione automobilistica)	Post office (ufficio postale)	Equipment unit for Ordnance dump (rep.equipag.per dep. serv.art.genio comune)	Total, headquarters and Italian combat group (tot.com.di 1 gr.comb. it.)
Commissariat (commissariato)						
Chief of section (lieutenant-colonel or major) (capo sezione ten.col.o magg.)	1					1
Captain (capitano)	1					1
Subaltern (subalterno)	1					1
Medical services (servizi medici)						
Director (lieutenant-colonel or major) (direttore ten.col.o maggiore)	1					1
Staff officer (captain or lieutenant) (ufficiali di S.M. capitano o ten.)	1					1
Majors or captains (magg.o cap.)		1		1	1	3
Captains or subalterns (capitani o subalterni)		2		2		4
Total, officers (tot.ufficiali)	21	3		3	1	28
Total, other ranks (totale sott.tr.)		73	33		7	113
Total, headquarters, Italian combat group (tot.comando di gruppo it.di comb.	21	76	33	3	8	141

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	Headquarters (S.M. del gruppo)	Headquarters (Reggimento)	Battalion (Battaglione)	Squadrons (Squadrone)	Post offices (Uffici postali)	Detachments (Distaccamenti)	Repair shops (Officine rip.)	Total, Italian combat troops (Tot. truppe combattenti it.)
Commissariat (commissariato)								
Chief of section (lieutenant-colonel or major) (capo sezione ten.col.o magg.)	1							1
Captain (capitano)	1							1
Subaltern (subalterno)	1							1
Medical services (servizi medici)								
Director (lieutenant-colonel or major) (direttore ten.col.o maggiore)	1							1
Staff officers (captain or lieutenant) (ufficiali di S.M. capitano o ten.)	1							1
Majors or captains (magg.o or.)					1			1
Captains or subalterns (capitani o subalterni)		4			2	1		7
Total, officers (tot.ufficiali)	21	3		3	1			28
Total, other ranks (totale sott.gr.)		73	33		7			113
Total, headquarters, Italian combat group (tot.comando di reggto it.di comb.	21	76	33	3	8			141

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A PROVOST SECTION (CC.RR.) FOR AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
Una sezione polizia militare (CC.RR.) per gruppo di combattimento italiano

(Consisting of Headquarters, 2 Foot Squads and 1 Motor-cycle Squad)
(Consiste di comando, 2 squadre a piedi e 1 squadra motociclisti)

Amdt No Date	
Offrs (Ufficiali)	2
ORs (Sott.e tr)	50
Total	52
MCs (Motocicli)	14
Vehicles (Automezzi)	5

Proposed war establishment

(i) Personnel

DETAIL (Dettaglio)	Headquarters (Comando)	2 Foot squads (each) (2 squadre a piedi di (ciascuna)	Motor-cycle squad (squadra motociclisti)	Total, provost section for an Italian combat group (Totale sezione polizia per gruppo di combattimento italiano
Officer commanding (subaltern) Ufficiale comandante (subalterno) Subaltern (subalterno) Total, officers Totale ufficiali	1 1 2			1 1 2
Squad leaders (serjeant) Capo squadra (brigadiere o vice brigadiere) Clerk for pay duties (serjeant) Scritturale di contabilità (brigadiere o vice brigadiere) Corporals (caporali)	1	1	1	3
Privates (carabinieri)	6(a)	2 11	1(b) 13(b)	1 5 41
Total, provost section (CC.RR.) for an Italian combat group Totale, sezione polizia (CC.RR.) per un gruppo di combattimento italiano)	9	14	15	52

(ii) Personnel (

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Proposed war establishment

(i) Personnel

DETAIL (Dettaglio)	Headquarters (Comando)	2 Foot squads (each) (2 squadre a piedi ciascuna)	Motor-cycle squad (squadra motociclisti)	Total, provost section for an Italian combat group (Totale sezione polizia per gruppo di combattimento italiano
Officer commanding (subaltern) Ufficiale comandante (subalterno) Subaltern (subalterno) Total, officers Totale ufficiali	1 1 2			1 1 2
Squad leaders (serjeant) Capo squadra (brigadiere o vice brigadiere) Clerk for pay duties (serjeant) Scritturale di contabilità (brigadiere o vice brigadiere) Corporals (caporali) Privates (carabinieri)	1 6(a)	1 2 11	1 1(b) 13(b)	3 1 5 41
Total, provost section (CC.RR.) for an Italian combat group Totale, sezione polizia (CC.RR.) per un gruppo di combattimento italiano)	9	14	15	52

(ii) Transport (mezzi di trasporto)

Motor cycles, solo (Motocicli ~~si~~ ecoposto)	1		13	14
Car, 2 seater, 4x2 (autovetture 2 posti 4x2)	1			1
Trucks, 15 cwt, 4x2 GS (Autocarri 1,5, 4x2, servizi vari		1	1	3
Lorry 3 ton, 4x2 GS (Autocarro, 3 ton 4x2, servizi vari)	1			1

(a) Includes 2 motor-cyclists (a) Compresi 2 motociclisti

(b) motor-cyclist (b) motociclisti

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AN ARTILLERY REGIMENT FOR AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP (Un Reggimento artiglieria per un gruppo di combattimento italiano)

Amdt No Date	
Offrs (ufficiale) ORs (uff. e truppa)	93 1433
TOTAL	1526
MCs (motocicli) Vehicles (automezzi) Trailers (trattori)	52 241 66

Proposed war establishment
organico di guerra proposto

(i) Personnel

DETAIL (Dettaglio)	Regimental Headquarters (Comando reggimento di art.)	4 Batteries x 25 pdr. (4 gruppi da 25 libbre)				1 Battery x 17 pdr (1 gruppo da 17 libbre)				1 Battery x 40 mm. (1 gruppo da 40 mm.)			TOTAL ARTILLERY REGIMENT Totale reggimento di art.)
		Battery H.Q. (Com.gruppo)	2 Troops (each) (2 btg.ciascuna)	TOTAL Battery (Totale Gruppo)	Battery H.Q. (Comando gruppo)	2 Troops (each) (2 sez.ciascuna)	TOTAL Battery (Totale gruppo)	Battery H.Q. (Comando gruppo)	2 Troops (each) (2 btg.ciascuna)	TOTAL Battery (Totale gruppo)			
Officer commanding (colonel or lieutenant-colonel (Comandante col.o t.col)	1												1
Adjutant (major or captain)(comandante magg. o cap.)	1												1
Survey officer (uffic.topografo)	1												1
Quartermaster (ufficiale ai viveri)	1												1
Medical officer (ufficiale medico)	1	1		1	1		1	1		1			7
Administrative officer (uff.d'amminis.)	1												1
Chaplain (cappellano)	1												1
Lieutenant-colonels (or mmjors) (ten. col. o maggiore)		1		1	1		1	1		1			6
Captains (or subalterns)(capitano o subalterno)	1	2	1	4	1	1	3	2	1	4			24
Subulterns (subalterni)	3	3	3	9	2	1	4	1	3	7			50
Total, officers (totale ufficiali)	11	7	4	15	5	2	9	5	4	13			93
Warrant officers (marescialli)	1	1		1	1		1	1		1			7
Sergeants (sergenti)			3	6	1	2	5	1	3	7			36

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(i) Personnel

DETAIL (Dettaglio)	Regimental Headquarters (Comando di Rgt.)	4 Batteries x 25 pdr. (4 gruppi da 25 libbre)			1 Battery x 17 pdr (1 gruppo da 17 libbre)			1 Battery x 40 mm. (1 gruppo da 40 mm.)			TOTAL ARTILLERY REGIMENT (Totale reggimento di art.)
		Battery H.Q. (Com.gruppo)	2 Troops (each) (2 btg.ciascuna)	TOTAL Battery (Totale gruppo)	Battery H.Q. (Comando gruppo)	2 Troops (Each) (2 sez.ciascuna)	TOTAL Battery (Totale gruppo)	Battery H.Q. (Comando gruppo)	2 Troops (Each) (2 btg.ciascuna)	TOTAL Battery (Totale gruppo)	
Officer commanding (colonel or lieutenant-colonel (Comandante col.o t.col)	1										1
Adjutant (major or captain)(comandante magg. o cap.)	1										1
Survey officer (uffic.topografo)	1										1
Quartermaster (ufficiale ai viveri)	1										1
Medical officer (ufficiale medico)	1	1		1	1		1	1		1	7
Administrative officer (uff.d'amminis.	1										1
Chaplain (cappellano)	1										1
Lieutenant-colonels (or majors) (ten. col. o maggiore)		1		1	1		1	1		1	6
Captains (or subalterns)(capitano o subalterno)	1	2	1	4	1	1	3	2	1	4	24
Subalterns (subalterni)	3	3	3	9	2	1	4	1	3	7	50
Total, officers (totale ufficiali)	11	7	4	15	5	2	9	5	4	13	93
Warrant officers (marescialli)	1	1		1	1		1	1		1	7
Serjeants (sergenti)			3	6	1	2	5	1	3	7	36
M.T. Serjeants (sergente automobilista	2	1	1	3	1		1	1	1	3	18
Ammunition serjeant (serg.addetto alle munizioni	1										1
Gunnery serjeants (serg.operaio di art	1	1		1							5
Signals serjeants (serg.ai collegamenti	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	12
Pay and accounts serjeants (serg.paga e contabilità)	1	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	19
TOTAL (totale)	17	6	5	16	4	4	12	5	5	15	98

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DETAIL (Dettaglio)	Regimental Headquarters (Comando gr.)	4 Batterie x 25 pdr. (4 gruppi da 25 libbre) Battery H.Q. (Com. gruppo)	2 Troops (Each) (2 btr.ciascuna)	TOTAL BATTERY (Totale gruppo)	1 Battery x 17 pdr (1 gruppo da 17 libbre) Battery H.Q. (Comando gruppo)	2 Troops (Each)	Total Battery (Totale gruppo)	1 Battery x 40 mm. 1 gruppo da 40 mm. Battery H.Q. (Comando gruppo)	2 Troops (Each) (2 btr.ciascuna)	TOTAL Battery (Totale gruppo)	TOTAL ARTILLERY REGIMENT (totale regt artiglieria)
Rank and file (graduati e truppa)	67	65	79	223	40	60	160	36	90	216	1335
Total, other ranks (graduati e tr.)	74	71	84	239	44	64	172	41	95	231	1433
Total, an artillery regiment for an Italian combat group (totale reggimento artiglieria per un gr.di combat.it	85	78	88	254	49	66	181	46	99	244	1526
(ii) Distribution of rank and file by duties (Distribuzione di graduati e truppa secondo i servizi)											
Ammunition storemen (magazzinieri per munizioni)			1	2		1	2		1	2	12
Clerks (corporals)(scritturali capor.)	1	1		1	1		1	1		1	7
Draughtsmen clerks(scritturali disegnatori)	3	1		1							7
Drivers (autieri)	20	10	16	42	12	12	36	9	14	37	261
Drivers operators(autieri spec.collegamento)		6		6							24
Motor cyclists (motociclisti)	5	3	1	5	4	1	6	5	5	15	46
Fitters Gun (operaio di batteria)			1	2		1	2		3	6	16
General dutymen (incl cooks)(addetti ai serv.generali compresi i cuochi)	11	6	3	12	6	4	14	5	5	15	88
Gun Nos 1 (capipezzo)			3	6		3	6		3	6	36
Gun numbers (serventi al pezzo)			24	48		24	48		48	96	336
LMG numbers (" dei fucili mitragl.		4	4	12	4	4	12		4	8	68
Medical orderlies (aiutanti di sanità	1	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	19
Stretcher bearers (portaferiti)	2										2
Survey personnel (personale topografo	12	6	4	14							68
Trumpeter (trombettieri)		1		1	1		1	1	1	3	8
Wireless operators (radiotelegrafisti	4	16	16	36	8	4	16	8	4	16	180
Orderlies and batmen (piantoni ed attendenti)	7		1	2		1	2				17

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	Regimental Hq (Comando)	Hq Battery (Com. gr.)	2 Troops (2 btr.)	TOTAL BATTALION (Totale Gr.)	Battery Hq (Comando)	2 Troops (2 btr.)	TOTAL Bty (Totale Bty)	Battery Hq (Comando)	2 Troops (2 btr.)	TOTAL Bty (Totale Bty)	TOTAL ARTY (totale Rgt)
Rank and file (graduati e truppa)	67	65	79	223	40	60	160	36	90	216	1335
Total, other ranks (graduati e tr.)	74	71	84	239	44	64	172	41	95	231	1433
Total, an artillery regiment for an Italian combat group (totale reggimento artiglieria per un gr.di combat.it	85	78	88	254	49	66	181	46	99	244	1526

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by duties
(Distribuzione di graduati e truppa secondo i servizi)

Ammunition storemen (magazzinieri per munizioni)			1	2		1	2		1	2	12
Clerks (corporals)(scritturali capor.)	1	1		1	1		1	1		1	7
Draughtsmen clerks(scritturali disegnatori)	3	1		1							7
Drivers (autieri)	20	10	16	42	12	12	36	9	14	37	261
Drivers operators(autieri spec.collegam.)	5	5	1	5	4	1	6	5	3	15	46
Motor cyclists (motociclisti)			1	2		1	2		3	6	16
Fitters Gun (operaio di batteria)	19	6	3	12	6	4	14	5	5	15	88
General dutymen (incl cooks)(addetti ai serv.generali compresi i cuochi)			3	6		3	6		3	6	36
Gun Nos 1 (capipezzo)			24	48		24	48		48	96	336
Gun numbers (serventi al pezzo)		4	4	12	4	4	12		4	8	68
LMG numbers (" dei fucili mitragl.	1	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	19
Medical orderlies (aiutanti di sanità	2										2
Stretcher bearers (portaferiti)	12	6	4	14							68
Survey personnel (personale topografo				1			1				8
Trumpeter (trombettieri)	4	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	3	180
Wireless operators (radiotelegrafisti		18	10	36	8	4	16	8	4	16	17
Orderlies and batmen (piantoni ed attendenti)	7		1	2		1	2				9
Pay and accounts corporal (caporali di contabilità e di paga)	1	1		1	1		1	1	1	3	131
Signallers (specializzati ai collegam.		9	10	29	2	4	10	5		5	
Total, rank and file (totale, graduati e truppa)	67	65	79	223	40	60	160	36	90	216	1335

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DETAIL (Dettaglio)	Reggimental Hqq.	4 Batterie x 25 pdr (4 gruppi da 25 libbre)			1 Battery x 17 pdr 1 gruppo da 17 libbre		1 Battery x 40 mm. 1 gruppo da 40 mm.			TOTAL ARTILLERY REGIMENT (Totale, reggimento art.)
	Comando Rgt.	Battery H.Q. (Com.gruppo)	2 Troop (Each) (2 btr.ciascuno)	TOTAL Battery (Totale gruppo)	Battery H.Q. (Comando gruppo)	2 Troops (Each) 2 sezioni ciascuna	TOTAL Battery (Totale gruppo)	Battery H.Q. (Comando gruppo)	2 Troops (Each) (2 btr. ciascuno)	TOTAL ARTILLERY BATTERY (totale gruppo)	
(iii) Trasporto (Mezzi di trasporto)											
Motor cycles, solo (motocicli monoposto)	5	5	1	7	4	4	5	5	5	15	52
Cars, 2-seater, 4x2 (autovettura a 2 posti	2	2	1	4	3	1	5	2	2	6	29
Cars, 4-seater, 4x2 (" a 4 posti	2	1		1							1
Trucks, 15 cwt, 4x2 GS (autocar.serv.vari	6	1	2	5	3	2	7	2	1	4	37
Trucks, 15 cwt, 4x2 Water (autocatto servizio idrico)	1	1		1	1		1		1	2	8
Trucks, 15 cwt, 4x2 office (autoc.per uff	1										1
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4x4 personnel (autocarro per trasporto truppa)	1										1
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4x2 fitted for wireless (Autocarri con apparati radio)	1	2	2	6				1	1		26
Lorries, 3-ton, 4x2, GS (autocarri da 3 tonnellate)	15	7	8	7 16	2 1	2	6 1	3	3	9	48 55
Trailers, artillery (Rimorchio artiglieria								1		1	1
Trailers, 15-cwt, 2-wheeled (rimorchio 15 cwt a 4 ruote per servizio idrico, 180 galloni					1	4	9				9
Tractors, A. tk (trattori per pezzi anticarro)		6	12					I	II		48
Tractors, FA (trattori per traino art.)								6	12		12
Tractors, LAA (Trattori difesa anticarro leggera)					1	1	3				3
Carriers, universal (autocarrette cingolate)	1	1	3								12
Cars, recce (autoveicoli da ricognizione											

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(Dettaglio)

	Reggimento	Comando Gr.	Battery H.Q. (Com.gruppo	2 Troop (Bae (2 btr.clas	TOTAL Batter (Totale grup	Battery H.Q. (Comando gru	2 Troops (Be sezioni c	TOTAL Batte (Totale gru	Battery H.Q. (Comando gru	2 Troops (Be (2 btr. cla	TOTAL ARTIL TERY (totale	TOTAL ARTIL (Totale, re
(iii) Trasporto (Mezzi di trasporto)												
Motor cycles, solo (motocicli monoposto)	5		5	1	7	4		4	5	5	15	52
Cars, 2-seater, 4x2 (autovettura a 2 posti	2		2	1	4	3		5	2	2	6	29
Cars, 4-seater, 4x2 (" a 4 posti	2		1		1	1		1				7
Trucks, 15 cwt, 4x2 GS(autocar.serv.veri	5		1	2	5	3	2	7	2	1	4	37
Trucks, 15 cwt, 4x2 Water (autocatto servizio idrico)	1		1		1	1		1		1	2	8
Trucks, 15 cwt, 4x2 office (autoc.per uff	1											1
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4x4 personnel (autocarro per trasporto truppa)	1											1
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4x2 fitted for wireless (Autocarri con apparati radio)	1		2	2	6				1		1	26
Lorries, 3-ton, 4x2, GS (autocarri da 3 tonnellate)	5		7		7	2	2	6	3	3	9	48
Trailers, artillery (Rimorchio artiglieria				8	16	1		1				65
Trailers, 15-cwt, 2-wheeled (rimorchio 15 cwt a 4 ruote per servizio idrico, 100 galloni												
Tractors, A. tk (trattori per pezzi anticarro)									1		1	1
Tractors, FA (trattori per traino art.)						1	4	9				9
Tractors, LAA (Trattori difesa anticarro leggera)				6	12				6	12	12	48
Carriers, universal (autocarrette cingolate)						1	1	3				12
Cars, recce (autoveicoli da ricognizione			1	1	3							3

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AN INFANTRY REGIMENT FOR AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP (Un reggimento di fanteria per un gruppo italiano di combattimento)

Amdt No Date	
Offrs ufficiali	24
ORs soldati e tr.	358
Total	382
MCs(motocicli)	19
Vehicles (veicoli)	80
Trailers (trattori)	2

Proposed war establishment
(organico di guerra proposti)

(i) Personnel (i)(personale)

DETAIL (Designazione)	Regtl H.Q. Staff Personale comando reggim.S.M.del comand.di rgt	H.Q.Company Compag.Comando			8" Mortar Coy(cp.mortai 3 pollici)		6 pdr Gun Coy(cp. cannoni da 6 libbre)			Total Infantry Regiment (Totale rgt. di ftr.)
		H.Q.Platoon (Plotone comando)	Platoon 7 (plotone servizi	Platoon (plotone autocarrette)	H.Q. Company (Totale cp. comando)	Platoon (plotone comando)	Mortar Platoons (each) (plotoni mortai (ciascuno)	TOTAL 8" Mortar Coy Totale cp. mortai	Platoon (Plotone comando)	Gun Platoons (each) (plotoni cannoni (ciascuno)	Gun Company Totale cp. cannoni	
-Officer- commanding (colonel)(Comandante colonnello	1											1
-Second-in-command(lieutenant-col)(Vice comandante - ten.colonnello	1											1
-Adjutant (lieutenant-colonelor major (aiutante maggiore ten.col. o maggiore	1											1
-Senior officer for general duties Ufficiale super.per incarichi vari	1											1
-Senior officer for legal duties Uff.super.per pratiche giudiziarie	1											1
-Quartermaster (captain or lieutenant) uff.addetto ai rifornimenti capitano o tenente	1											1
-Intelligence officer (captain or lieutenant) uff.addetto al servizio informazione (capit.o ten.)	1											1
-Medical officer (captain or lieutenant) Ufficiale medico cap.o t.	1											1
-M.T.officer(capitain or lieutenant)	1											1
-Administrative officer (captain or lieutenant)uff.d'amministrazione (capitano e ten.)	1											1
-Chaplain (coppellano)	1											1
-Major or captains (magg. o cap.)		1				1		1	1		1	3

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(Designazi one)

		Regtl H.Q. Staff Person.S.M.del comand.di
11	1	H.Q.Platoon (Plotone comando)
2	1	Duty Platoon (plotone servizi
4	1	M.T. Platoon (plotone autocarrette
1	1	TOTAL, H.Q. Company (Totale cp. comando)
4	3	
1	1	H.Q. Platoon (Plotone comando)
2	2	2 Mortar Platoons (each 2 pl.mortai (ciascuna)
6	5	TOTAL Mortar Coy Totale cp. mortai
2	2	H.Q. Platoon (Plotone comando)
4	4	4 Gun Platoons (each) 4 plotoni cannoni
6	5	Total, Gun Company Totale cp. cannoni
24	10	Total, Infantry Regiment (Totale rgt. di ftr.)

-Officer- commanding (colonel)(Colonello
-Comandante colonnello
-Second-in-command(lieutenant-col)
-(Vice comandante - ten.colonnello
-Adjutant (lieutenant-colonel
-Major (aiutante maggiore ten.col.
-Major
-Senior officer for general duties
-Ufficiale superiore per incarichi vari
-Senior officer for legal duties
-Ufficiale superiore per legali
-Quartermaster (captain or lieutenant)
-Quartiermastro (capitano o tenente
-Intelligence officer (captain or
-Ufficiale servizi informazioni
-Medical officer (captain or lieutenant)
-Medico capitano o tenente)
-Ufficiale medico
-Administrative officer (captain or lieutenant)
-Amministrativo ufficiale
-Chaplain (cappellano)
-Padre or cappellano (maggiore. o cap.
-Subalterns (subalterni)

-Total, officers (totale ufficiali

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DETAIL (Designazione)	Regtl H.Q. Staff (Pers.s.M. del comando di rgt)	H.Q. Platon (Plotone comando)	Duty Platoon (Plotone servizi)	M.T. Platoon (plotone autocarraggio)	TOTAL, Hqr. Company (totale cp. comando)	M.G. Platoon (plotone comando)	2 Mortar Platoons (each) 2 pl.mortai (ciascuno)	TOTAL, Mortar Coy totale cp. mortai)	H.Q. Platoon (plotone comando)	4 Gun Platoons (each) 4 pl.cannoni ciascuno)	Total Gun Company Totale cp. cannoni	Total, Infantry Regiment Totale rgt. di fanteria
-Warrant officers (marescialli)		2			2							2
-Pay & accounts serjeants (sergenti di contabilità ed addetti ai pagamenti)			1		1							1
-Rations serjeants (sergenti addetti ai viveri)												1
-M.T. serjeants (ser.automobilisti)				3	3				1		1	3
-Truppeter serjeants (sergenti trombettieri)		1			1							1
-serjeants (orcompany-serjeant-majors sottuf.(sottuf.più anziani di cp)		3	1		4	1	5	11	2	4	18	33
-Total, warrant officers & serjeants totale marescialli e sergenti		6	2	3	11	1	5	11	3	4	19	41
-Corporals (caporali) -Privates (soldati)		7 17	6 20	7 33	20 70	8 22	5 22	18 66	6 29	7 20	34 109	72 245
-Total, rank and file (totale graduati e truppa)		24	26	40	90	30	27	84	35	27	143	317
-Total, other ranks (totale sottufficiali e truppa)		30	28	43	101	31	32	95	38	31	162	358
Total, an infantry regiment for an Italian combat group (Totale, un reggimento di fanteria per un gruppo di combattimento italiano	11	32	29	44	105	32	33	98	40	32	168	382

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	Regtl H.Q. St. (Pers.S.M. d	H.Q. Platoon (Plotone com	Maty-Platoon servi	M.T. Platoon autocarri	TOTAL, H.Q. totale cp. co	M.G. Platoon comando	2 Mortar Plat 2 pl.mortai (	Mortar, totale cp. mo	H.Q. Platoon (plotone com	Gun Platoon 4 pl.cannoni	Total Gun totale cp.	Total Infantry totale rgt.
-Warrant officers (marescialli)		2			2							2
-Pay & accounts serjeants (sergenti di contabilità ed addetti ai pagamenti)			1		1							1
-Rations serjeants (sergenti addetti ai vivcri)												
-M.T. serjeants (ser.automobilisti)									1		1	1
-Trumpeter serjeants (sergenti trombettieri)				3	3							3
-serjeants (orcompany-serjeant-majors sottuf.(sottuf.più anzieni di cp)		1			1							1
		3	1		4	1	5	11	2	4	18	33
-Total, warrant officers & serjeants totale marescialli e sergenti		6	2	3	11	1	5	11	3	4	19	41
-Corporals (caporali)		7	6	7	20	8	5	18	6	7	34	72
-Privates (soldati)		17	20	33	70	22	42	66	29	20	105	245
-Total, rank and file (totale graduati e truppa)		24	26	40	90	30	47	84	35	27	143	317
-Total, other ranks (totale sottufficiali e truppa)		30	28	43	101	31	52	95	38	31	162	358
Total, an infantry regiment for an Italian combat group (totale, un reggimento di fanteria per un gruppo di combattimento italiano	11	32	29	44	105	32	53	98	40	32	168	382

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SEGUE NA/526/I

DETAIL (Designazione -)	Regtl H.Q. Comando di rgt: Regt.H.Q.Staff (Personale di S.M. com. e segretariato)	H.Q. Platoon Plotone comando	Duty Platoon (plotone servizi	M.T. Platoon Plotone autocarrette	TOTAL H.Q. Company Totale cp. comando	Mortar Company (Cp.Mortai: H.Q.Platoon Plotone comando	2 Mortar Platoons (each) 2 pl.mortai ciascuno	TOTAL Mortar Coy Totale cp. mortai	Gun Company Compagnia cannoni: H.Q. Platoon Plotone comando	4 Gun Platoons (each) 4 pl. cannoni	Total, Gun Coy Totale cp. cannoni	Total infantry Regiment Totale reggimento fanteria
Ammunition corporal(cap.Magg?addetti alle munizioni)						1		1	1		1	2
Ammunition numbers (addetti alle munizioni)						3	4	11	3	2	11	22
Armourer mechanics (meccanici armaioli)						2	1	4	2	1	6	10
Canteen orderlies(1corporal)Piantoni addetti allo spaccio(1 cap.magg.)		2			2							2
Clerks(scritturali) corporals cap.mag	5				5							5
privates soldati	9				9							9
Cooks (cuochi) corporals (cap.magg.		1			1							1
privates (soldati		3			3							3
Motor cyclists(incl 2 corporals)(Motociclisti compresi 2 caporali)		8			8	1	2	5	2	1	6	19
Drivers (autieri)	2		30		32	4	5	14	9	5	29	75
Driver mechanics (autieri meccanici)			6		6					3	12	18
General dutymen (includes 3 corporals (addetti ai servizi vari) compresi 3 cpp.		10	4		14	1		1	2		2	17
Gunnemetrist (goniometristi)						1	1	3	1		1	4
Gun numbers-corporals (serventi ai pezzi - cap.maggiore)										6	24	24
rprivates (soldati)										9	36	36
Medical orderlies (corporals)(infermieri cap.magg.)		1			1			1			1	3
Stretcher bearers (portaferiti)						1		3	3		3	6
Mortarmen (3") corporals (servente dei mortai (3")							4	8				8
privates (soldati)						2	8	16				16
Orderlies (piantoni)								2				2
Pay & accounts corporal(cap.magg.addetti alla contabilità ed alla cassa)												

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DETAIL (Designazione -)	Regt.H.Q.Staff (Pers. Com. reggim.)	H.Q. Platoon Plotone comando	Duty Platoon (plot. servizio)	M.T. Platoon Plotone autoveicoli	TOTAL H.Q. Company Totale sp.-comando	H.Q.Platoon Plotone comando	2 Mortar Platoons 2 pl.mortai ciascuno	TOTAL Mortar Coy Totale comp. mortai	H.Q. Platoon Plotone comando	4 Gun Platoons (each) 4 pl. cannoni	Total, Gun Coy Totale sp. cannoni	Total infantry Regt totale reggimento
Ammunition corporal(cap.Magg?addetti alle munizioni)						1		1	1		1	2
Ammunition numbers (addetti alle munizioni)						3	4	11	3	2	11	22
Armourer mechanics (meccanici armaioli)						2	1	4	2	1	6	10
Canteen orderlies(1corporal)Piantoni addetti allo spaccio(1 cap.magg.)		2			2							
Clerks(scritturali) corporals cap.magg. privates soldati	5	1	3		9	1		1	1			19
Cooks (cuochi) corporals (cap.magg. privates (soldati		3			3		2	5	2	1	6	75
Motor cyclists(incl 2 corporals)(Motociclisti compresi 2 caporali)	2	8	30		32	4	5	14	9	5	28	75
Drivers (autieri)			6		6					3	12	18
Driver mechanics (autieri meccanici)												
General dutymen (includes 3 corporals (addetti ai servizi vari) compresi 3 cap.		10	4	14	1	1	1	3	2		2	17
Gunners (artiglieri)						1	1	3	1		1	4
Gun numbers-corporals (serventi ai pezzi - cap.Maggiore)										6	24	24
rprivates (soldati)										9	36	36
Medical orderlies (corporals)(infermieri cap.magg.)		1		1	1	1		1			1	3
Stretcher bearers (portaferiti)						3		3	3		3	6
Mortarmen (3")corporals (serventi dei mortai (3")							4	8				8
privates (soldati)						2	8	16				16
Orderlies (piantoni)								2				2
Pay & accounts corporal(cap.magg.addetti alla contabilità ed alla paga)		1		1	1		1	1	1		1	3
Riflemen & LMG numbers (fucilieri e serventi a fucili mitragliatori) - corporals (caporal magg.)									2		2	2
- privates (soldati)									4		4	4
Signallers(addetti ai collegamenti) -corporal (cap.magg.)					1							1
-privates (soldati)	1				3		2	4				7

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Detail (designazione)	Regt H.Q. Staff (Personale di S.M. com. rgt.)	Regt H.Q. (Comando di reggimento) H.Q. Platoon (Plotone comando)	Duty Platoon (plotone servizi)	M.T. Platoon Plotone autoarreggio	TOTAL H.Q. Company (totale cp. comando)	Mortar Company (cp. mortai) H.Q. Platoon Plotone comando	Mortar platoons (each) Pl. mortai ciascuno	TOTAL Mortar Coy Totale cp. mortai	Gun Company cp. cannoni H.Q. Platoon Plotone comando	Gun Platoons (each) Pl. cannoni	Total Gun Coy Totale cp. cannoni	Total infantry Regiment Totale rgt. fanteria
Telephonist-linesmen (includes 2 cpls) telefonisti guardafili (compresi 2 caporali)						4		4	4		4	8
corporals (cap. Maggiore)		1			1	3		3				4
privates (soldati)		3			3	3		3				6
Total, rank and file Totale graduati e truppa		24	26	40	90	30	27	84	35	27	143	317
(iii) transport (mezzi di trasporto)												
Motor Cycles, solo (motocicli monoposto)			8	2	10	1	1	3	2	1	6	19
Cars, 2-seater, 4x2 (autovettura a 2 posti)				2	2	1		1	1		1	4
Cars, 4 seater, 4x2 (autovettura a 4 posti)				2	2							2
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4x2 GS (autocarri q.li 7,5 servizi vari				11	11	2	1	4	6	1	10	25
Trucks, office (autocarri per uff.				1	1							1
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4x2 Water (Autobotte q.li 7,5				1	1							1
Lorries, 3-ton 4x2 GS (autocarri da 3 tonn. servizi vari)				12	12							12
Trailes GS (rimorchi servizi vari)				2	2							2
Carriers, Mortar (autocarrette cingolate per mortai						1	4	9				9
Carriers, Loyd (autocarrette cingolate per cannoni Loyd									2	6	26	26

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(designazione)

	Regtl H.Q. di S.M.	H.Q. Platoon (Plotone comando)	Duty Platoon (Plotone agrmt.)	M.T. Platoon	Plotone	TOTAL H.Q. (totale comando)	H.Q. Platoon	Plotone	Mortar Pl. mortai	TOTAL Mortar (totale op.)	H.Q. Platoon	Plotone comando	Gun Platoon pl. cannoni	Total, unit (totale unità)	Total inf. (totale rgt.)
Telephonist-linesmen (includes 2 cpls) telefonisti guardafili (compresi 2 caporali)								4		4	4		4	8	
corporals (cap. Maggiore)		1				1		3		3				4	
privates (soldati)		3				3		3		3				6	
Total, rank and file Totale graduati e truppa		24	26	40	90	30	27	84	35	27	143	317			
(iii) transport (mezzi di trasporto)															
Motor Cycles, solo (motocicli monoposto)			8	2	10	1	1	3	2	1	6	19			
Cars, 2-seater, 4x2 (autovettura a 2 posti)				2	2	1		1	1		1	4			
Cars, 4 seater, 4x2 (autovettura a 4 posti)				2	2							2			
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4x2 GS (autocarri q.li 7,5 servizi vari				11	11	2	1	4	6	1	10	25			
Trucks, office (autocarri per uff.				1	1							1			
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4x2 Water (Autobotte q.li 7,5				1	1							1			
Lorries, 3-ton 4x2 GS (autocarri da 3 tonn. servizi vari)				12	12							12			
Trailes GS (rimorchi servizi vari)				2	2							2			
Carriers, Mortar (autocarrette cingolate per mortai						1	4	9				9			
Carriers, Loyd (autocarrette cingolate per cannoni Loyd									2	6	26	26			

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AN INFANTRY BATTALION FOR AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP — MA/527/I
(UN BATTAGLIONE DI FANTERIA PER UN GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO ITALIANO)

RESTRICTED (Riservato)

Amdt No Date	
Offrs Ufficiali O.R's sottufficiali	31 742
TOTAL	773
M.Cs Motocicli Vehicles Veicoli Trailer Rimorchio	21 66 7

Proposed war establishment
(Organico di guerra proposto)

(i) Personnel
(Personale)

DETAIL (Dettaglio)	Battalion Headquarters (Comando di btg.)	H.Q. Company (Compagnia comando)				Support Company (Compagnia appoggio)				3 Rifle Companies (Each) Cp.fucilieri			
		H.Q. Platoon Plotone comando	Signals Platoon Plotone collegamenti	Scouts Platoon Plotone esploratori	TOTAL H.Q. Company (Totale cp. c comando)	H.Q. Platoon Plotone comando	3" Mortar Platoon Plotone mortai	Carrier Platoon (plotone con veic.e cmpg.) A Tk. Platoon Plotone anticarro)	Pioneer Platoon Plotone genieri	TOTAL Company (Totale compagnia)	H.Q. Platoon Plotone comando	3 Rifle Platoons(each) 3 pl.fucilieri(ciascuno)	TOTAL Rifle Coy Tot.cp.fucilieri	TOTAL INFANTRY BN. Totale btr. di fr.
Officer Commanding (LtCol)(Comandante (Ten.Col.)	1													1
Adjutant captain or subaltern) Aiutante magg.(cap.o subalterno	1													1
Medical officers (subalterns) Uff.medici (subalterni)	2													2
Majors (maggiori)		1				1								3
Captains (capitani)														
Subalterns	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	3	5	1	3	4	22
Total, officers (Totale uff.)	6	2	1	1	4	2	1	1	3	5	2	1	5	31
Warrant officer (marescialli		1			1									1
Pay and accounts, sergeants (Sergenti di contabilità e paga)		1				1								
Rations, sergeants (sergenti addetti al viveri)					1					1	1		1	5

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DETAIL (Dettaglio)	Battalion Headquarters (Comando di btg.)	H.Q. Company (Compagnia comando)				Support Company (Compagnia appoggio)						3 Rifle Companies (Each) cp.fucilieri				TOTAL INFANTRY BN. Totale, btg. di fr.
		H.Q. Platoon	Plotone comando	Signals Platoon	Plotone collegamenti	Scouts Platoon	Plotone esploratori	TOTAL, H.Q. Company (Totale cp. comando)	H.Q. Platoon	Plotone comando	3" Mortar Platoon	Plotone mortai	Carrier Platoon (Plotone con veic.e cingol.)	A Tk. Platoon	Plotone anticarro)	Pioneer Platoon	Plotone genieri	TOTAL Company (Totale compagnie)	H.Q. Platoon	Plotone comando	3 Rifle Platoons (each)	3 pl. fucilieri (ciascuno)	TOTAL Rifle Coy	Tot.cp.fucilieri
Officer Commanding (LtCol)(Comandante (Ten.Col.)	1																							
Adjutant captain or subaltern) Aiutante magg.(cap.o subalterno	1																							
Medical officers (subalterns) Uff.medici (subalterni)	2																							
Majors (maggiori)																								
Captains (capitani)		1																						
Subalterns	2	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1							1	1	1	1			1	4	5
Total, officers (Totale uff.)	6	2	1	1	1	4	2	1	1							1	1	1	2	1	1	1	5	22
Warrant officer (marescialli		1				1																		1
Pay and accounts, serjeants(Sergenti di contabilità e paga)		1				1	1									1	1					1	5	
Rations, serjeants (sergenti addetti ai viveri)		1				3		3								1	1					1	3	
Signals, serjeants(sergenti addetti ai collegamenti)		1		3		3										1	1					1	6	
Armourer, serjeant (serg.armaioli		1				1																		1
M.T.serjeant (serg?automobilisti		1				1																		
Serjeant-majors or serjeants Sergente o segente maggiore																								
Total, warrant officers and serjeants(totale sott'ufficiali)		4	3	3	3	10	2	3	2							4	3	2	2	1	1	2	6	34

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DETAIL (Dettaglio)	Battalion Headquarters (Comando di btg.)	H.Q. Company (Compagnia Comando)				Support Company (Compagnia d'appoggio)					3 Rifle Companies (Each) 3 cp. fucilieri ciascuna			
		H.Q. Platoon (Plotone comando)	Signals Platoon Plotone collegamento)	Scouts Platoon (Plotone esploratori)	TOTAL H.Q. Company Tot.cp. comando)	H.Q. Platoon (Plotone comando)	3" Mortar Platoon (pl. mortai 3")	Carrier Platoon(Plotone veic.e coraz.leg.) A.Tk Platoon	Plotone anticarro)	Pioneer Platoon Plotone genieri)	TOTAL Company Totale compagnia	H.Q. Platoon (plotone comando	Rifle Platoons (each) 3 pl.fucilieri(ciasc.)	TOTAL Rifle Coy (totale cp.fucilieri)	TOTAL BN. INFANTRY BN.
Junior NCOs (Graduati)		6	8	9	23	9	4	12	4	4	33	6	9	33	15
Privates (soldati)		17	35	30	82	22	23	39	16	15	115	23	30	113	53
TOTAL other ranks (sott'ufficiale e truppa)		27	46	42	115	33	32	53	23	21	162	32	41	155	742
Total, an infantry battalion Totale, un battaglione di fr	6	29	47	43	119	35	33	54	24	22	168	34	42	160	773
(ii) Distribution of rank and file by duties Distribuzione di graduati e truppa secondo le cariche.															
Ammunition corporals(cap.add.muniz.)															
Ammunition mechanics(mecc.arm					1						1				
Ammunition numbers (serventi delle munizioni)					2	1		1			4	1	1	1	7
Blacksmiths (maniscalchi)					2	4		2			8	3		3	17
Carpenters Corporals (falegnami caporali)										4	4			1	4
Privates (soldati)										2	2				
Clerks: corporal (scritt.capor)		1			1					3	3			1	2
private (" sold.)		1			1									1	3
Cooks: corporal (cuochi capor.)														1	1
privates (" soldati		1			1	1								1	1
Motor cyclists (motociclisti)		2			2	3				1	1	1		1	5
Drivers (autisti)		1	5		6	1				3	3	3		3	14
Driver mechanics(meccanici aut.)		10	5	3	18	3	5	15	6	3	32	5		2	15
Electricians (elettricisti)		2			2									5	65
General dutymen(addet.ai servizi generali)										1	1			1	2
Quartermaster ([illegible])		2			2	3									1
[illegible]															

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Junior NCOs (Graduati)		6	8	9	23	9	4	12	4	41	33	6	9	33	155
Privates (soldati)		17	35	30	82	22	23	39	16	151	115	23	30	113	536
TOTAL other ranks (sott'ufficiale e truppa)		27	46	42	115	33	32	53	23	212	162	32	41	155	742
Total, an infantry battalion Totale, un battaglione di fr	6	29	47	43	119	35	33	54	24	222	168	34	42	160	773

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by duties
Distribuzione di graduati e truppa secondo le cariche.

Ammunition corporals(cap.add.munia.)					1										
Ammunition mechanics(mecc.arm					2	1		1		4	1		1		7
Ammunition numbers (serventi delle munizioni)					2	4		2		8	3		3		17
Blacksmiths (maniscalchi)										4					4
Carpenters Corporals (falegnami caporali)										2					2
Privates (soldati)										3					3
Clerks:corporal (scritt.capor)		1													1
private (" sold.)		1		1	1										3
Cooks:corporal (cuochi capor.)				1	1										1
privates (" soldati		1			1										1
Motor cyclists (motociclisti)		2			2	1				1					5
Drivers (autieri)		1	5		6	3				3					14
Driver mechanics(meccanici aut.)		10	5	3	18	3	2	15	6	32	5		3	2	81
Electricians (elettricisti)		2			2								5	5	12
General dutymen(addet.ai servizi generali)										1					1
Sanitarians (sanitari)		2			3										5
Gun numbers: corporals(serventi ai pezzi:caporali)							1			1					1
privates (soldati)									6	4					4
Masons:caporals (muratori capor.										6					6
privates (" soldati		1								2					2

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DETAIL (dettaglio)	Battalion Headquarters (Comando di Btg.)	H.Q.Company (Compagnia Comando)				Support Company (Compagnia Mitragliatrici)				3 Rifle Companies (Each) (3 Compagnie Fucilieri ciascuna)				TOTAL INFANTRY BN (Totale Btg. di Ftr.)
		H.Q. Platoon (Plotone comando)	Signals Platoon (Plotone collegamenti)	Pioneer Platoon (Plotone pionieri)	TOTAL H.Q. Company (Totale Comp. comando)	H.Q. Platoon (Plotone comando)	3" Mortar Platoon (Plotone mortai 3")	Carrier Platoon (Plotone con veic.e cornaglie)	A.Tk Platoon (Plotone anticarro)	Pioneer Platoon (Plotone genieri)	TOTAL Company (Totale Compagnia)	H.Q. Platoon (Plotone comando)	Rifle Platoons (3 Pl.Fucilieri (each) (ciascuno)	TOTAL Rifle Coy (Totale Compagnia fucil.	
Fitters Mechanics (meccanici)															
Medical orderly corporals (Aiutanti di sanità caporali		1			1							1	3	5	9
Stretcher bearers (portaferiti															
Mortarmen (2") corporals (serventi per i mortai (2") caporali						1	4				4				4
privates						3	8	1		2	8	1	3	5	8
Mortarmen (3") corporals (serventi per i mortai (3")									1		1				1
privates (soldati)									3		3				
Orderlies (Piantoni)	*	1			1							1	1	1	3
Pay and accounts corporals (Caporale di contabilità e di paga	1					1	1				2				
Riflemen and LMG numbers: (fucilieri e serventi dei fucili mitragliatori															
corporals (caporali)			6	6	12			12			12	4	12	54	70
privates (soldati)			21	21	42			24			24	30	90	36	156
Saboteurs (sabotatori)			9	9	18										18
Signallers: (addet.al serv.coll.															
corporals (caporale)		1		1	2										2
privates (soldati)		2		2	4	2		2			4	2	2	2	10
Swtchboard and fullerphone (centralinisti e operatori Fullerphone)															
operators (operatori)		7		7	14										14
Telephonist-linesmen (telefonisti e guardifili)		7		7	14										14
Wireless operators: (radio telegrafisti) corporals (capor.		8		8	16	5		5			10				26
privates (soldati		8		8	16	5		5			10				26
Total, rank and file Totale graduati e truppa	23	43	39	105	187	31	27	51	20	19	148	29	39	146	314

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	Battalion H.Q. (Comando Battaglione)	H.Q. Platoon (Plotone comando)	Signals Platoon (Plotone segnalatori)	Scouts Platoon (Plotone esploratori)	TOTAL H.Q. Coy. (Totale comando Cp.)	H.Q. Platoon (Plotone comando)	8" Mortar Platoon (Plotone mortai 8")	Carrier Platoon (Plotone con veicoli)	4 Tk Platoon (Plotone)	Pioneer Platoon (Plotone genieri)	TOTAL Coy. (Totale Cp.)	H.Q. Platoon (Plotone comando)	Rifle Platoon (Pl.fucilieri)	TOTAL Rifle Coy. (Totale comp.)	TOTAL INFANTRY BN. (Totale)
Fitters Mechanics (meccanici)										2	2				2
Medical orderly corporals (Aiutanti di sanità caporali		1			1	1					1	1		1	5
Stretcher bearers (portaferiti		1			1	3					3	5		5	19
Mortarmen (2") corporals (serventi per i mortai (2") caporali													1	3	9
privates													3	9	27
Mortarmen (3") corporals (serventi per i mortai (3")							4				4				4
privates (soldati)							8				8				8
Orderlies (Piantoni)									1		1	2	1	5	16
Pay and accounts corporals (Caporale di contabilità e di paga		1				1					1	1		1	5
Riflemen and LMG numbers: (fucilieri e serventi dei fucili mitragliatori															
corporals (caporali)				6	6				12		12		4	12	54
privates (soldati)				21	21				24		24		30	90	3
Saboteurs (sabotatori)				9	9										9
Signallers: (addet.al serv.coll.															
corporals (caporale)			1		1							2		2	1
privates (soldati)			2		2		2				2	2		2	10
Swtchboard and fullerphone (centralinisti e operatori Fullerphone)															
operators (operatori)			7		7										7
Telephonist-linesmen (telefonisti e guardifili)			7		7										7
Wireless operators: (radio telegrafisti) corporals (capor.			8		8	5					5				18
privates (soldati			8		8	5					5				18
Total, rank and file Totale graduati e truppa		23	43	39	105	31	27	51	20	19	148	29	39	146	6

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SEGUE NA/527/I .ii) Trasport.

DETAIL (Dettaglio)	Battalion Headquarters (Comando di btg.)	H.Q. Company (Compagnia Comando)			Support Company (compagnia d'appoggio)						3 Rifle Companies (each) 3 cp. fucilieri ciascuna			
		H.Q. Platoon (Platone comando)	Signals platoon Plotone collegamenti	TOTAL H.Q. Company (Totale cp.o comando)	Scouts Platoon Plotone esploratori	H.Q.Platoon Platone comando	3" Mortar Platoon Plotone mortai	Carrier Platoon (plotone con veic.e coraz.	A Tk. Platoon (Plotone antiarro)	Pioneer Platoon Plotone genieri	TOTAL COMPANY Totale compagnia	H.Q. Platoon Platone comando	3 Rifle Platoons (each 3 pl. fucilieri(ciasc.	TOTAL Rifle Coy Totale cp. fucilieri	TOTAL Infantry Bn. (Totale btg.fanteria)
Motor-cycles, solo (motocicli)	1	5	3	9	1	2	2		1		6	2		2	21
Cars, 2-seater, 4x2 (autoveicoli a due posti)	1			1	1						1				2
Cars, 4-seater, 4x2 (autoveicoli a 4 posti)	1			1											1
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4x2 G.S.(autoveicoli 7,5 servizio idrico)vari)		3	3	6	1	3	2	1	1	8	3		3	23
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4x2 water autoveicoli 7,5 servizio idrico)		1		1											1
Lorries, 3 ton, 4x2 G.S.(autoveicoli 3 ton 4x2 servizi vari)		8		8	1				2	3					11
Trailer, water(rimorchi per servizio idrico)		1		1											1
Carriers, mortar(autocarrette cingolate per mortai)							4			4					4
Carriers, universal (autocarrette cingolate)								13		13	1		1		16
Carriers, loyd (autocarrette cingolate per cannoni loyd)									5	5					5
Recce cars (autocarrette da ricognizione)					3	3									3

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DETAIL

(Dettaglio)

	Battalion Headqu. (Comando di bttg. H.Q. Platoon (Platone comando	Signals platoon Plotone segnalato TOTAL H.Q. Compa (totale op.o comand	Scouts Platoon Plotone esploratori H.Q.Platoon Platone comando	3" Mortar Platoon Plotone mortai	Carrier Platoon (P tone con veic.a ad A Tk. Platoon (Plotone anticarr	Pioneer Platoon Plotone genieri TOTAL COMPANY Totale compagnie	H.Q. Platoon Plotone comando	3 Rifle Platoons(e 3 Pl. Mortiferi(of TOTAL Rifle Coy Totale uf.-fucili	Totale Btg.Fanter
Motor-cycles, solo (motocicli)	1	5	3	1	2	2	1	6	2	21
Cars, 2-seater, 4x2 (autoveicoli a due posti)	1							1		2
Cars, 4-seater, 4x2 (autoveicoli a 4 posti)	1		1	1						1
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4x2 G.S.(autoveicoli 7,5 servizio vari)		3	3	6	3	2	1	8	3	23
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4x2 water autoveicoli 7,5 servizio idrico)		1		1						1
Lorries, 3 ton, 4x2 G.S.(autoveicoli 3 ton 4x2 servizi vari)		8	8	1			2	3		11
Trailer, water(rimorchi per servizio idrico)		1		1						1
Carriers, mortar(autocarrette cingolate per mortai)					4			4		4
Carriers, universal (autocarrette cingolate)						13		13	1	1 16
Carriers, loyd (autocarrette cingolate per cannoni loyd)							5	5		5
Recce cars (autocarrette da ricognizione)			3	3						3

NOTES

1. An infantry platoon is organised as follows:

a) Platoon H.Q. consisting of one officer, one runner, 2" mortar, N.C.O. and three mortar men

b) two rifle squads, each divided into 2 rifle section of seven men and 1 L.M.G. sections of 11 men and 4 L.M.Gs.

Un plotone [illegible] ftr. ha la seguente organizzazione:

Comando plotone comprende [illegible] ficiale, 1 porta ordini, mort[illegible] da 2 pezzi, [illegible] caduti e 3 [illegible] vanti al [illegible] b) 2 squadre cilieri di 7 uomini e un nucl fucili mitragliatori di 11 uo mini e 4 fucili mitragliatori

ciascuna composta di un nucleo fucilieri

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RESTRICTED

HEADQUARTERS, AN ENGINEER BATTAGLION
(comando di un battaglione genio)

FOR AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
(per gruppo di combattimento italiano)

(Desided to command two field companies and one signals company)
(destinato al comando di 2 compagnie artieri e 1 compagnia teleradio)

Proposed war establishment
(organico di guerra proposto)

Amdt No (modifica n.) date	
Offrs (ufficiali)	5
ORs (sottuff.tr.)	16
Total	22
MCs (motoveicoli)	1
Vehicles (automezzi)	4
Trailers (rimorchi)	

(i) Personnel

Officer commanding (lieutenant-colonel)(comandante t.col.)	1
Adjutant (captain) (aiutante maggiore capitano)	1
Field engineer (captain) (capit.specialista artieri)	1
Subalterns (subalterno)	2
Medical officer (ufficiale medico)	1
Total officers (totale ufficiali)	5
Warrant officers, class II (sottufficiali)	2
Total, warrant officers (totale sottufficiali)	2
Corporals (graduati)	3
Privates (soldati)	11
Total, rank and file (totale graduati e truppa)	14
Total, other ranks (totale sottuff. e truppa)	16
Total, headquarters, an engineer battalion for an Italian combat group (tot.comando di un btg.genio per gruppo di combattimento italiano)	22

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by duties

Clerks (scritturali)	2
Draughtsman (disegnatori)	1
Drivers (autisti)	5
Batmen (attendenti)	2
General dutymen (servizi vari)	3
Medical orderly (aiutante di sanità)	1
Total, rank and file (totale graduati e truppa)	14

(iii) Transport (Mezzi di trasporto)

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(dell'insieme 22 ossono di 2 compagnie
companies and one signals company)
(artieri e 1 compagnia teleradio)

Proposed war establishment
(organico di guerra proposto)

Total	22
MCs (motocicli)	1
Vehicles (automezzi)	4
Trailers (rimorchi)	

(i) Personnel

Officer commanding (lieutenant-colonel)(comandante t.col.)	1
Adjutant (captain) (aiutante maggiore capitano)	1
Field engineer (captain) (capit.specialista artieri)	1
Subalterns (subalterno)	2
Medical officer (ufficiale medico)	1
Total officers (totale ufficiali)	5
Warrant officers, class II (sottufficiali)	2
Total, warrant officers (totale sottufficiali)	2
Corporals (graduati)	3
Privates (soldati)	11
Total, rank and file (totale graduati e truppa)	14
Total, other ranks (totale sottuff. e truppa)	16
Total, headquarters, an engineer battalion for an Italian combat group (tot.comando di un btg.genio per gruppo di combattimento italiano)	22

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

Clerks (scritturali)	2
Draughtsman (disegnatori)	1
Drivers (autisti)	5
Batmen (attendenti)	2
General dutymen (servizi vari)	3
Medical orderly (aiutante di sanità)	1
Total, rank and file (totale graduati e truppa)	14

(iii) Transport (Mezzi di trasporto)

Motor cycles, solo (motociclo - monoposto)	1
Cars, 4-seater, 4 x 4 (autovetture 4 posti 4 x4	1
Trucks, 15 cwt, 4 x 2, G.S. (autocarri G.7, 5 4 x 2, servizi vari)	2
Lorry, 3-ton, 4x4, G.S. (autocarro, 3 tonn. 4x4 servizi vari	1

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(1) distribuzione della truppa secondo le cariche.

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A FIELD COMPANY FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
(Compagnia artieri per un gr. di combattimento it.

Proposed War Establishment
Organico di guerra proposto

Amdt No Date	
Offrs (uffic.) ORs (sott.tr.)	5 227
TOTAL	232
MCs (motocicli) Vehicles (veic.) Trailers(rimor.)	12 38 -

(i) Personnel
(i) Personale

DETAIL (Descrizione)	Headquarters (Comando)	Platoon Operai	2 plotoni Artieri	2 plotone artieri	Artieri d'arresto	Platoon (plotone artieri d'arresto)	Total Italian Field Company (totale compagnia artieri)
Officer commanding (capt) (Comandante capitano)	1						1
Subalterns (subalterni		1	1	1			4
Total Officers (totale ufficiciali)	1	1	1	1			5
Company Serjeant Major (sottuf.di contabilità)	1						1
Company Quartermaster Serjeant(sottuf.ai viveri e materiali)	1						1
Transport Staff Serjeant(Sottuff. automobilista)	1						1
Serjeants (sergenti)		1	1	4			7
Total, Warrant Officers Staff Serjeants & Serjeants Sottufficiali totale)	3	1	1	4			10
Corporals (caporali maggiori)	3	5	5	3			21
Sappers (Artieri)	10	41	38	39			166
Drivers i/c (automobilisti)	9	4	6	5			30
Total Rank & File(Totale graduati e Truppa)	22	50	49	47			217
Total Other Ranks (totale sott. e tr.)	25	51	50	51			227

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(i) Personnel
(i) Personale

Trailers(rimor.)

DETAIL (Descrizione)	Headquarters (Comando)	Platoons Operai Plotone operai	2 plotoons Artieri 2 plotone artieri	Artieri d'arresto Platoon (plotone artieri d'arresto)	Total Italian Field Company (totale compagnia artieri)
Officer commanding (capt) (Comandante capitano)	1				1
Subalterns (subalterni		1	1	1	4
Total Officers (totale ufficiciali)	1	1	1	1	5
Company Serjeant Major (sottuf.di contabilità)	1				1
Company Quartermaster Serjeant(sottuf.ai viveri e materiali)	1				1
Transport Staff Serjeant(Sottuff. automobilista)	1				1
Serjeants (sergenti)		1	1	4	7
Total, Warrant Officers Staff Serjeants & Serjeants Sottufficiali totale)	3	1	1	4	10
Corporals (caporali maggiori)	3	5	5	3	21
Sappers (Artieri)	10	41	38	39	166
Drivers i/c (automobilisti)	9	4	6	5	30
Total Rank & File(Totale graduati e Truppa)	22	50	49	47	217
Total Other Ranks (totale sott. e tr.)	25	51	50	51	227
Total Italian Field Company (Totale compagnia di Artieri per un gruppo di combattimento italiano	26	[redacted]	[redacted]	52	232

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DETAIL (Descrizione)	Headquarters comando	Operai Platoon Plotone operai	Artieri Platoon 2 plotone artieri	Artieri d'arresto platoon (plotone artieri d'arresto	Total Italian Troops Company (totale cp. artieri)
(ii) Distribuzione di graduati e tr. secondo le cariche					
Blacksmiths (fabbri)		3	1		5
~~Bricklayers~~ Masons (muratori e cementisti)		4	6		16
Carpenters & ~~Joiners~~ (falegnami e carpentieri)		6	9		24
Clerks (scritturali)	1				1
Cooks (cucinieri)	3				3
Draughtsman (disegnatore)					2
Dvr.Mechanics (meccanici automobilisti)	1	1	1	1	5
Electricians (elettricisti)		3			3
Engine Fitters(i/c & pumps) (meccanici pompisti)		7			7
Miners (minatori)			6		12
Painters & Decorators (~~pittori~~ Verniciatori e decoratori)		5			5
Pioneers for duty as:- Genieri in servizio come:					
General dutymen (servigi vari)	1	5	10	39	79
Stretcher bearers (portaferiti)	2				2
Medical Orderly (aiutante di sanità)	1				1
Bugler runner (Trombettieri staffetta)	1				1
Plumbers & Pipefitters (~~tubisti~~ Lattonieri, ~~piombisti~~, ~~fontanieri~~)		8			8
Shoemaker (calzolaio)	1				1
Vehicle mechanics (meccanici automobilisti)		4			4
Watermen (barcaioli)			2		4
Drivers for duty as: Automobilisti in servizio:					
Batman - drivers (automobilisti(anche attendenti)	1	1			2
Batman - motor cyclist (motociclisti " "			1	1	3
Drivers ~~of vehicles~~ (automobilisti)	8	3	6	5	28
Motor cyclist (motociclisti)	1				1
	22	50	49	47	217

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(Descrizione)	Nec.	Pal.	Lec.	Pal.	Cos.
(ii) Distribuzione di gradusti e tr. secondo le cariche					
Blacksmiths (fabbri)		3	1		5
Bricklayers (muratori e cementisti)		4	6		16
Carpenters & Joiners (falegnami e carpentieri)		6	9		24
Clerks (scritturali)	1				1
Cooks (cucinieri)	3				3
Draughtsman (designatore)	1			1	2
Dvr.Mechanics (meccanici automobilisti)	1	1	1	1	5
Electricians (elettricisti)		3			3
Engine Fitters(i/c & pumps) (meccanici pompisti)		7			7
Miners (minatori)			6		12
Painters & Decorators (pittori e decoratori)		5			5
Pioneers for duty as:- Genieri in servizio come:					
General dutymen (servigi vari)	1	5	17	39	79
Stretcher bearers (portaferiti)	2				2
Medical Orderly (aiutante di sanità)	1				1
Bugler runner (Trombettieri staffetta)	1				1
Plumbers & Pipefitters (tubisti, piombisti, font.)		8			8
Shoemaker (calzolaio)	1				1
Vehicle mechanics (meccanici automobilisti)		4			4
Watermen (barcaioli)			2		4
Drivers for duty as: Automobilisti in servizio:					
Batman - drivers (automobilisti(anche attendenti)	1	1			2
Batman - motor cyclist (motociclisti " "			1	1	3
Drivers of vehicles (automobilisti)	8	3	6	5	28
Motor cyclist (motociclisti)	1				1
	22	50	49	47	217

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(Iii) Trasport (Mezzi di trasporto)

DETAIL (dettaglio)	Headquarters (Comando)	Operai Platoon Plotone operai	Artieri Platoons 2 plotone artieri	Artieri d'arresto Platoon (plotone Artieri arresto)	Total Italian Field Company (Totale com pagnia Artieri)
Bicycles (biciclette)	2				2
Motor cycles, solo (motocicli monoposto)	2				2
Cars 5 cwt 4x4(autovettura)	2	1	3	1	12
Cars linght recce (autocarro blindato)					2
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2(autocarro q.15, 4x2)					2
G.S. (servizi vari)	1	1	1	1	5
Air compressor (compressore ad aria)			1		2
Water (servizio idrico)	1				1
Trucks 15 cwt 4x4 personnel (autocarro q.7,5, 4x4 personale	1	1	1	1	5
Lorries 3 ton 4x4 (autocarro 3 ton. 4x4)					
G.S. (servizi vari)	2	2	2	2	10
Winch (verricello)			1	1	3

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	Headquarters (Comando)	Operaï Platoon Plotone Operai		Artieri platoon	Artieri Platoon (Plotone Artieri)	Total Italian Company (Totale Compagnia Italiana)
Ricycles (bicicletta)	1			1		2
Motor cycles, solo (motocicli monoposto)	2	1			1	2
Cars 5 cwt 4x4(autovettura)	2		3		3	2
Cars linght recce (autocarro blindato)	2					2
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2(autocarro q.15, 4x2)						
G.S. (servizi vari)	1	1	1	1		5
Air compressor (compressore ad aria)			1			1
Water (servizio idrico)	1					1
Trucks 15 cwt 4x4 personnel (autocarro q.7,5, 4x4 personale	1	1	1	1		5
Lorries 3 ton 4x4 (autocarro 3 ton. 4x4)						
G.S. (servizi vari)	2	2	2	2		10
Winch (verricello)			1	1		3

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SIGNALS COMPANY FOR AN ENGINEER BATTALION FOR AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

(Compagnia teleradio del battaglione genio per gruppo di combattimento italiano)

Proposed war establishment
(Organico di guerra proposto)

Amdt No Date	
Offrs (ufficiali) ORs (sott.e tr.)	7 327
Total	334
MCs (motocicli) Vehicles (veicoli) Trailers (rimorchi)	35 59 1

(i) Personnel (Personale)

DETAIL

(Dettagli)

	Key Hq (Comando compagnia)	Wireless Squad-Squadra radiotelegrafica	Telegraph Squad (Squadra telegrafica)	Total HQ Platoon (Totale Pl per comando Div)	Wireless Squad (Squadra radiotelegrafica)	Telegraph Squad (Squadra telegrafica)	Total for Arty Regt Pl (Totale per Pl per Regt art	Wireless Squads (Squadre radiotelegrafiche)	Telegraph Squads (Squadre telegrafiche)	Total for Inf Regt Pl (Totale per Pl per rgt.ftry	Total for combat group signals (Totale per gruppi di combat.op. teleradio)
-Officer-commanding (major)(Comandante magg.)	1										1
-Subalterns (a) (subalterno)	2	1		1	1		1	1		2	6
Total, officers (totale ufficiali	3	1		1	1		1	1		2	7
-Warrant officer, class I (maresciallo class.I	1										1
-Company quartermaster-serjeant(sergente magg. si viveri)	1										

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Total	334
MCs (motocicli)	35
Vehicles (veicoli)	59
Trailers (rimorchi)	1

Proposed war establishment
(Organico di guerra proposto)

(i) Personnel (Personale)

DETAIL

(Dettagli)

	Hq Platoon Plotone comando di combat timento	Arty Regt Platoon per gr Plotone per rgt. artiglie- ria	Inf.Regt Platoon Plotone per reggimento fanteria	Totale per gruppi di combat.ep. telemadio
-Officer-commanding (major)(Comandante mag.)	1			1
-Subalterns (s) (subalterno)	2	1 1	2	6
Total, officers (totale ufficiali	3	1 1	2	7
-Warrant officer, class I (maresciallo class.I	1			1
-Company quartermaster-serjeant(sergente magg. di viveri)	1			1
-Staff-quartermaster-serjeant(serg.mag. contabilità)	1			1
-Company-quartermaster-serjeants (foreman of Signals)(serg.magg.radiomontatore serg.mag.apparecchiatori telefonici	2			2
-Chief wireless serjeants(sott.capo stazione		1 1	2	4
-Platoon serjeants(serg.comandante di plo.ecty		2 2	4	11
-Cipher operators(sott. Cifre)		1 1	2	5
-Total, warrant officers, staff-serjeants and serjeants(totale sottufficiali)	5	5 12 3 2 5 3 2 10		32

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DETAIL

(Dettaglio)

	Coy-HQ Comando compagnia	Wireless Squad (Squadra radiotelegrafisti) -- Telegraph Squad (Squadra telegrafisti) -- Total for Coy-HQ (Totale per Comando Cp.)	HQ Platoon (Plotone per comando di combattimento	Arty Regt Platoon (Plotone per rgt. artiglieria	Inf.Regt Platoon (Plotone per reggimento fanteria	Wireless Squad (Squadra radiotelegrafisti) -- Telegraph Squad (Squadra telegrafisti) -- Total for Arty Regt.Pl (Totale per Arty Regt.Pl)	Wireless Squad (Squadra radiotelegrafisti) -- Telegraph Squad (Squadra telegrafisti) -- Total for Inf.Regt.Pl (Totale per Inf.Regt.Pl)	Total for Bn HQ Platoon (Totale per Comando Pl. Btg.)	Total for Bn Signal Platoon (Totale per Pl. Segn. Btg.)	Total for Bn Combat Group Signal Co. (Totale per Cp. Segn. Gruppo di combattimento)
Cipher corporals (Cap.Magg.Cifratori)	1	2		2	2		2	2	4	8
Clerk (scritturali	1									1
Corporals (graduati)	4	4	8	12	3	5	8	3	4	14	38
Signalmen (truppa)	16	21	36	57	16	20	36	23	17	80	189
Drivers (autisti)	7	6	7	13	8	5	13	9	4	26	59
Total, rank and file (totale soldati)	28	33	51	84	29	30	59	37	25	124	295
Total, other ranks (totale sott.e graduati)	33	40	56	96	32	32	64	40	27	134	327
Total, signals company for an engineer battalion for an Italian combat group Totale compagnia teleradio del btg.genio per un gruppo di combattimento italiano	36	41	56	97	33	32	65	41	27	134	334
(ii) Distribution of rank and by duties Distribuzione graduati e truppa secondo le cariche										
Clerk (scritturali)	1									1
Motorcyclists (motociclisti)			12	12		4	4		3	6	22
Draughtsman (disegnatori)	1	1		1	1		1	1		2	5
Vehicle mechanic (meccanici autoveicolisti)	3					1	1		1	2	6
Electrician signals (apparecchiatori telefonici	4	2		2	1		1	4		8	15
Instrument mechanics (meccanici di precisione)	2				1		1	1		2	5
Electricians battery charging (elettricisti)			15	15		12	12		8	16	43
Linesmen (stenditori-guardafili)		22		22	16		16	20	8	10	76
Operators-wireless (radiotelegrafisti)			12	12		4	4		6		28
Operators-line (telegrafisti)											
Cooks (cuochi)											

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DETAIL

(Dettaglio)

	Coy-HQ Comando compagnia	Wireless Squad (Squadra radiotelegrafisti)	Telegraph Squad (squadra telegrafisti)	Total Div.HQ Platoon (totale Pl.per Comando DIV)	Wireless Squad (squadra radiotelegrafisti)	Telegraph Squad (squadra telegrafisti)	Total for Army Regt.Pl (totale per Pl per Reg.t Armata)	Wireless Squads (squadre radiotelegrafisti)	Telegraph squads (squadre telegrafiche)	Total for Inf Regt.Pl (totale per Pl per Reg.t Fanteria)	Total for combat group Pl (totale per Pl per GT.di combattimento)
Cipher corporals (Cap.Magg.Cifra)	1	2		2	2		2	2		4	8
Clerk (scritturali	1										1
Corporals (graduati)	4	4	8	16	8	5	13	8	4	14	38
Signalmen (truppa)	16	24	36	76	64	20	84	32	17	80	269
Drivers (autisti)	7	6	7	20	8	5	13	9	4	26	79
Total, rank and file (totale soldati)	28	33	51	84	29	30	59	37	25	124	295
Total, other ranks (totale sott.e graduati)	33	40	56	96	32	32	64	40	27	134	327
Total, signals company for an engineer battalion for an Italian combat group Totale compagnia teleradio del batg.genio per un gruppo di combattimento italiano	36	41	56	97	33	32	65	41	27	134	334

(ii) Distribution of rank and by duties
Distribuzione graduati e truppa secondo le cariche

Clerk (scritturali)	1										1
Motorcyclists (motociclisti)			12	12		4	4		3	6	22
Draughtsman (disegnatori)	1										1
Vehicle mechanic (meccanici automobilisti)	1	1		1	1		1	1		2	5
Electrician signals (apparecchiatori telefonici	3					1	1		1	2	6
Instrument mechanics (meccanici di precisione)	4	2		2	1		1	4		8	15
Electricians battery charging (elettricisti per la carica)	2				1		1	1		2	5
Linemen (stenditori-guardafili)			15	15		12	12		8	16	43
Operators-wireless (radiotelegrafisti)		22		22	16		16	20		40	78
Operators-line (telegrafisti)			12	12		4	4		6		28
Cooks (cuochi)	4										4
Switchboard operators (centralinisti)			5	5		4	4		3	6	15
Cipher operators (cifratori)		2		2	2		2	2		4	10
Drivers (autieri)	7	6	7	13	8	5	13	9	4	26	59
Batman/drivers (attendenti autieri)	2										2
General dutyman (servizi vari)	1										1
Medical orderly (aiutante di sanità)	1										1

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DETAIL (Dettagli)	Coy HQ (comando compagnia)	H.Q.Platoon Plotone per comando	Arty Regt Plotoon per gr. di combattimento	Inf.Regt Platoon Plotone per gr. artiglieria	Platoon Plotone per reggimento fanteria	
5 hoemaker(calzolaio)	1				1	
	28	33	51 84	29 130	59 37	25 12 295
(iii) Transport (mezzi di trasporto)						
Motor cycles, solo (motociclo monoposto)	2	3	13 16	1 6	7 1	4 10 35
Trucks, 15 cwt, 4x2, GS (Autocarro 7½ q.)	3		3 3	1 3	4 1	2 6 16
Trucks, 15 cwt, wireless house (or fitted for wireless)		6	6	4	4 5	10 20
Truck, 15 cwt, office(autocarro 7½ q Comando	1					1
Truck, 15 cwt, 4x4, personnel (autocarro 7½ q. 4x4 personale)				1	1 1	2 3
Lorries 3 ton 4x4, G.S. (autocarro 3 ton.4x4 servizi gen.	3		2 2	2 2	4 2	2 8 17
Lorry, 3 ton, cihper office(autocarro 3 ton. Cifra			1 1			1
Lorry 3 ton.TBV (Autocarro 3 ton.4x4 telegrafo			1 1			1
Trailer, 15 cwt, water, 180 gallon						

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DETAIL (Dettagli)	Coy HQ (comando comp.)	Wireless Squad (squadra radiotelegrafica)	Telegraph Squad (squadra telegrafica)	Total div. Re Pelton (T. per comando Div.	Wireless Squad (squadra radiotelegrafica)	Telegraph Grand (squadra telegrafica	Total for Arty Regt (Totale per Rgt Art.	Wireless Squads squadre radiotelegrafiche	Telegraph Squads squadre telegrafiche	Total for Inf. Bdes (Totale per Bgt Fant.	Total for Combat Group per gruppi di combatt.
Shoemaker(Calzolaio)	1										1
	28	33	51	84	29	30	59	37	25	12	295
(iii) Transport (mezzi di trasporto)											
Motor cycles, solo (motociclo monoposto)	2	3	13	16	1	6	7	1	4	10	35
Trucks, 15 cwt, 4x2, GS (Autocarro 7½ q.)	3		3	3	1	13	4	1	2	6	16
Trucks, 15 cwt, wireless house (or fitted for wireless)		6		6	4		4	5		10	20
Truck, 15 cwt, office(autocarro 7½ q Comando	1										1
Truck, 15 cwt, 4x4, personnel (autocarro 7½ q. 4x4 personale)					1		1	1		2	3
Lorries 3 ton 4x4, G.S. (autocarro 3 ton.4x4 servizi gen.	3		2	2	2	2	4	2	2	8	17
Lorry, 3 ton, cihper office(autocarro 3 ton. Cifra			1	1							1
Lorry 3 ton.TBV (Autocarro 3 ton.4x4 telegrafo			1	11							1
Trailer, 15 cwt, water, 180 gallos Autobotte 7½ q., 180 galloni	1										1

(a) Includes one for cypher and signals security duties.

(a) Compreso uno per cifratura e comunicazioni segrete.

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HEADQUARTERS, TRANSPORT AND
(comando del reparto trasporti)

SUPPLY COMPANY FOR AN
(e rifornimenti per un gruppo)

ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
(di combattimento italiano)

Proposed war establishment
(Organico di guerra proposto)

Amdt No Modifica n.	
Offrs (ufficiali)	4
ORs (sottuff.tr.)	36
Total	40
MCs (motocicli)	5
Vehicles (automezzi)	8
Trailers (rimorchi)	1

(i) Personnel (Personale)

Commanding officer (major) (comandante (maggiore)	1
Captains (capitani)	2
Subaltern (subalterno)	1
Total, officers (totale ufficiali)	4
Company serjeant-major (~~sergeante maggiore~~ Sottufficiali di squadrone)	1
Company quartermaster-serjeant (sergente di contabilità)	1
Serjeants (sergenti)	2
Total, warrant officers, staff serjeants, serjeants (totale sottufficiali)	4
Corporals (caporal maggiore)	5
Privates (soldati)	14
Drivers (autieri)	13
Total, rank and file (totale graduati e truppe)	32
Total, other ranks (tot.sottuff.e trupp.)	36
Total, headquarters, transport and supply company for an Italian (totale di comando del reparto trasporti e rifornimenti per un gruppo di combattimento)	40

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by duties
(Distribuzione di graduati e truppa secondo le cariche)

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ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
(di combattimento italiano)

Proposed war establishment
(Organico di guerra proposto)

Total	40
MCs (motocicli)	5
Vehicles (automezzi)	8
Trailers (rimorchi)	1

(i) Personnel (Personale)

Commanding officer (major) (comandante (maggiore))		1
Captains (capitani)		2
Subaltern (subalterno)		1
Total, officers (totale ufficiali)		4
Company serjeant-major (~~comandante maggiore~~ Sottufficiale di riquadramento)		1
Company quartermaster-serjeant (sergente di contabilità)		1
Serjeants (sergenti)		2
Total, warrant officers, staff serjeants, serjeants (totale sottufficiali)		4
Corporals (caporal maggiore)		5
Privates (soldati)		14
Drivers (autieri)		13
Total, rank and file (totale graduati e truppe)		32
Total, other ranks (tot.sottuff.e truppe.)		36
Total, headquarters, transport and supply company for an Italian (totale di comando del reparto trasporti e rifornimenti per un gruppo di combattimento)		40

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by duties
(Distribuzione di graduati e truppe secondo le cariche)

Corporals for duty as:-
(Caporal maggiore addetto ai seguenti servizi):-

M.T. corporals (caporal maggiore ~~autoambulanza~~)	2
Administrative corporal (caporal maggiore di contabilità)	1
Corporals, I.C. L.M.G. detachments (caporal maggiore addetto ai nuclei fuc.mitr.)	2

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Privates for duty as:- (Soldati addetti ai seguenti servizi:-

Batmen	(attendenti)	2
Barber	(barbieri)	1
~~Cobbler~~	(calzolaio)	1
Cooks	(cuochi)	2
Clerks	(scritturali)	2
Sanitary dutyman	(addetti al servizio sanitario)	1
Water dutyman	(addetti al servizio idrico)	1
L.M.G. detachments	(addetti al nucleo fuc.mitr.)	4

Drivers for duty as:- (autisti incaricati dei seguenti compiti):-

Batmen-drivers	(attendenti - autisti)	2
Motor-cyclists	(motociclisti)	5
Driver-mechanics	(meccanici automobilisti)	8
Drivers L.C.	(autisti)	4

(iii) Transport (mezzi di trasporto)

Motor cycles, solo (motocicli monoposto)	5
Cars, 2 seater, 4x2 (autovettura a 2 posti 4x2	2
Cars, 4 seater, 4x2(autovettura a 4 posti 4x2)	1
Trucks, 15 cwt, 4x2 G.S. (for L.M.G. detachments) (Autocarri q.li 7,5 4x2 servizi vari per nuclei fucili mitragliatori)	2
Lorries, 3 ton, 4x2 (for cooks, baggage and petrol) (autocarri 3 ton. 4X2 (per cuochi, gabaglio e carburante)	3
Trailer, 15 cwt, 2-wheeled, water, 180 gallons (rimorchio a 2 ruote per servizio idrico q.li 7,5 180 galloni)	1

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Drivers for duty as:- (autisti incaricati dei seguenti compiti):-

Batmen-drivers (attendenti - autisti)	2
Motor-cyclists (motociclisti)	5
Driver-mechanics (meccanici automobilisti)	2
Drivers I.C. (autisti)	4

(iii) Transport (mezzi di trasporto)

Motor cycles, solo (motocicli sti monoposto)	5
Cars, 2 seater, 4x2 (autovettura a 2 posti 4x2	2
Cars, 4 seater, 4x2(autovettura a 4 posti 4x2)	1
Trucks, 15 cwt, 4x2 G.S. (for L.M.G. detachments) (Autocarri q.li 7,5 4x2 servizi vari per nuclei fucili mitragliatori)	2
Lorries, 3 ton, 4x2 (for cooks, baggage and petrol) (autocarri 3 ton. 4X2 (per cuochi, gabaglie e carburante)	3
Trailer, 15 cwt, 2-wheeled, water, 180 gallons (rimorchio a 2 ruote per servizio idrico q.li 7,5 180 galloni)	1

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A RELIEF DRIVER INCREMENT
(un nucleo autieri di riserva)

FOR AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
(per un gruppo di combattimento italiano)

Amdt No (modifica n.) Date (Data)	
Offrs (ufficiali)	-
ORs (sottuff.tr.)	13
Total	13
MCs (motocicli)	-
Vehicles (automezzi)	-
Trailers (trattori)	-

Proposed war establishment
(organico di guerra proposto)

(i) Personnel
(personale)

Serjeant (sergente)	1
Drivers, I.C. (autisti)	12
Total a relief (totale un nucleo) driver increment (autieri di riserva) for an Italian (per un gruppo) combat group (italiano di combattimento)	13

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SRe (sottuff.tr.)	13
Total	13
MCs (motocicli)	-
Vehicles (automezzi)	-
Trailers (trattori)	-

Proposed war establishment
(organico di guerra proposto)

(i) Personnel
(personale)

Serjeant (sergente)	1
Drivers, I.C. (autisti)	12
Total a relief (totale un nucleo)	13
driver increment (autieri di riserva)	
for an Italian (per un gruppo)	
combat group (italiano di combattimento)	

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TRANSPORT PLATOON FOR AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
(Plotone trasporti per un gruppo italiano di combattimento)

Amdt No Date	
Offrs Ufficiali	1
ORs Sottuff.e tr.	49
TOTALE	50
MCs Motocicli	3
Vehicles Automezzi	33
Trailers Rimorchi	1

Proposed war establishment (Organico di guerra proposto)

(i) Personnel

DETAIL (Dettaglio)	Headquarters (Comando)	1-5 sections (each) (1-5 plotoni ciascuna)	Total transport platoon for an Italian combat group Totale plotoni trasporto per un gr. di combattimento italiano
Subaltern (Subalterno)	1		1
Total, Officers (Totale, ufficiali)	1		1
Serjeants (a) Sergenti	2		2
Totale, serjeants (Totale, sergenti)	2		2
Corporals (caporal maggiore)	7	1	5
Privates (soldati)		-	7
Drivers (autisti)	5	6	35
Total, rank and file (totale graduati e tr.	12	7	47
Total, other ranks (Totale sottuff. e tr.)	14	7	49
Total, transport platoon for an Italian Combat Group (Totali plotone trasporti per un gruppo di combattimento italiano)	15	7	50

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by duties
(Distribuzione di graduati e truppa secondo le cariche)

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TOTALS	50

Proposed war establishment (Organico di guerra proposto)

MCs Motocicli	3
Vehicles Automezzi	33
Trailers Rimorchi	1

(i) Personnel

DETAIL (Dettaglio)	Headquarters (Comando)	1-5 sections (each) (1-5 sezioni ciascuna)	Total transport platoon for an Italian combat group (Totale plotone trasporti per un gruppo di combattimento italiano)
Subaltern (Subalterno)	1		1
Total, Officers (Totale, ufficiali)	1		1
Serjeants (a) Sergenti	2		2
Totale, serjeants (Totale, sergenti)	2		2
Corporals (caporal maggiore)		1	5
Privates (soldati)	7	-	7
Drivers (autisti)	5	6	35
Total, rank and file (totale graduati e tr.	12	7	47
Total, other ranks (Totale sottuff. e tr.)	14	7	49
Total, transport platoon for an Italian Combat Group (Totali plotone trasporti per un gruppo di combattimento italiano)	15	7	50

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by duties
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Caporals I.C.Section (Cap.magg. comandante la sezione		1	5
Privates for duty as:-(soldati incaricati dei seguenti compiti:-			
Clerk (scritturale)	1		1
L.M.G.detachment (b) (addetto al nucleo fucile mitragl.	3		3
Cooks (cuochi)	2		2
Mechanic (meccanici motorista fuoristr.)	1		1
Drivers for duty as:- (Autieri incaricati dei seguenti compiti:			
Batman-driver (attendente autista)	1		1
Motor-cyclists (motociclista)	2		2
Driver-mechanics (meccanici-automobilisti)		1	3
Drivers I.C. vehicles (autisti)	2	5	27
Total, rank and file Totale, graduati e truppa	12	7	47

(iii) Transport (Mezzi di trasporto)

Moter cycles, solo (Motocicli monoposto)	3	-	3
Car, 2 senter, 4 x 2 Autovettura a 2 posti 4x2	1	-	1
Truck, 1½ cwt, 4x2 GS for LMG detachment Autocarro, q.li 7,5, 4x2 servizi vari per nucleo fucile mitragl.	1	-	1
Lorriers, 3 ton, 4x2 GS (Autocarri 3 ton. 4x2, servizi vari:)			
Task (per compiti normali)		6	30
For cooks and baggage (per cuochi e bagaglio)	1	-	1
Trailer, 15 cwt, 2-wheeled, water 180 gallons (Rimorchio a 2 ruote per servizio idrico, q.li 7,5 180 galloni	1		1

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Cooks (cuochi)	2		2
Mechanic (meccanici)	1		1
Drivers for duty as:- (Autieri incaricati dei seguenti compiti:			
Batman-driver (attendente autiere)	1		1
Motor-cyclists (motociclista)	2		2
Driver-mechanics (meccanici-automobilisti)		1	5
Drivers I.C. vehicles (autieri)	2	5	27
Total, rank and file Totale, graduati e truppa	12	7	47

(iii) Transport (Mezzi di trasporto)

Motor cycles, solo (Motocicli monoposto)	3	-	3
Car, 2 seater, 4 x 2 Autovettura a 2 posti 4x2	1	-	1
Truck, 15 cwt, 4x2 GS for LMG detachment Autocarro, q.li 7,5, 4x2 servizi vari per nucleo fucile mitragl.	1	-	1
Lorriers, 3 ton, 4x2 GS (Autocarri 3 ton. 4x2, servizi vari:)			
Task (per compiti normali)		6	10
For cooks and baggage (per cuochi e bagaglio)	1	-	1
Trailer, 15 cwt, 2-wheeled, water 180 gallons (Rimorchio a 2 ruote per servizio idrico, q.li 7,5 180 galloni	1		1

(a) One for Administration (uno per amministrazione)
One to be I.C. Platoon (uno di inquadramento)

(b) Includes one man trained in water duties.
Comprendes un uomo addestrato in servizi idrici

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COMPOSITE PLATOON FOR AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
(Plotone misto per un gruppo di combattimento italiano)

Amdt No Date	
Offrs (Ufficiali)	3
ORs (Sottufficiali e tr.)	36
TOTAL	39
MCs (Motocicli)	6
Vehicles (Automezzi)	4
Trailers (Rimorchi)	-

Proposed war establishment
(Organico di guerra proposto)

(i) Personnel
(Personale)

Captains (Capitani)	2
Subaltern (Subalterno)	1
Total, officers (Totale, ufficiali)	3
Staff serjeant (a) sergente di maggiorità	1
Serjeants (b) sergenti	4
Total, staff-serjeants & serjents (totale sott.)	5
Corporals (cap.magg.)	3
Drivers I.C. (autisti)	7
Privates (soldati)	18
Total, rank and file (totale graduati e truppa)	28
Total, other ranks (totale, sott. e tr.)	33
Total, all ranks (totale militari di ogni grado)	36
Attached (c) (Aggregati)	
Storemen, ammunition (magazzinieri addetti alle munizioni) (includes 1 corporal) (compreso 1 cap.magg.)	3
Total, composite platoon for an Italian combat group including attached. (Totale plotone misto per un gruppo di combattimento compresi gli aggregati)	39

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ORs (Sottufficiali e tr.)	36
TOTAL	39
MCs (Motocicli)	6
Vehicles (Automezzi)	4
Trailers (Rimorchi)	-

Proposed war establishment
(Organico di guerra proposto)

(i) Personnel
(Personale)

Captains (Capitani)	2
Subaltern (Subalterno)	1
Total, officers (Totale, ufficiali)	3
Staff sergeant (a) sergente di maggiorità	1
Sergeants (b) sergenti	4
Total, staff-sergeants & sergents (totale sott.)	5
Corporals (cap.magg.)	3
Drivers I.C. (autisti)	7
Privates (soldati)	18
Total, rank and file (totale graduati e truppa)	28
Total, other ranks (totale, sott. e tr.)	33
Total, all ranks (totale militari di ogni grado)	36

Attached (c) (Aggregati)

Storemen, ammunition (magazzinieri addetti alle munizioni) (includes 1 corporal)(compreso 1 cap.Magg.)	3
Total, composite platoon for an Italian combat group including attached. (Totale plotone misto per un gruppo di combattimento compresi gli aggregati)	39

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(ii) Distribution of rank and file by duties
(Ditribuzione di graduati e truppa secondo le cariche)

Clerks (scritturali):	1
Corporals (cap.magg.)	2
Privates (soldati)	4
Storemen (magazzinieri):	
Corporal (cap.maggiore)	1
Privates (soldati)	4
Cooks (cuochi)	3
Drivers, I.C. for duty as (autisti addetti ai seguenti compiti):	
Batmen-drivers (attendenti autisti)	2
Motor-cyclists (for liaison duties) motociclisti	3
Drivers of vehicles (autisti)	2
Supply issuers (addetti alla distribuzione)	7
Total, rank and file (totale graduati e truppa)	28

(iii) Transport (mezzi di trasporto)

Motor cycles, solo (motocicletti monoposto)	6
Cars, 2 seater, 4x2 (autovettura,a 2 posti) 4x2	2
Lorries, 3 ton, 4x2 G.S. (autocarri da 3 ton. 4x2 servizi vari)	2

(a) Clerk (scritturale)

(b) 1 butcher, 1 clerk, 1 for ammunition 1 for supplies
1 macellaio, 1 scritturale, 1 addetto alle munizioni 1 addetto ai rifor?

(c) Attached from the equivalent of R.A.O.C. Require technical knowledge of ammunition for storage and amintennance duties.
(Aggregati dal (reparto) corrispondente del Royal Army Ordnance Corps (Reale corpo servizi) Richiede conoscenza tecnica delle munizioni per compiti di immagazzinaggio).

NOTES

~~1. All personnel will be Italian.~~

2. Two composite platoons are provided for the Italian Combat Group.

These platoons, which form part of the Company, comprise the specialist personnel for ammunition, supply and petrol duties.

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Cooks (cuochi)	3
Drivers, I.C. for duty as (autisti addetti ai seguenti compiti):	
Batmen-drivers (attendenti autisti)	2
Motor-cyclists (for liaison duties) motociclisti	3
Drivers of vehicles (autisti)	2
Supply issuers (addetti alla distribuzione)	7
Total, rank and file (totale graduati e truppa)	28

(iii) Transport (mezzi di trasporto)

Motor cycles, solo (motociclisti monoposto)	6
Cars, 2 seater, 4x2 (autovettura, a 2 posti) 4x2	2
Lorries, 3 ton, 4x2 G.S. (autocarri da 3 ton. 4x2 servizi vari)	2

(a) Clerk (scritturale)

(b) 1 butcher, 1 clerk, 1 for ammunition 1 for supplies
1 macellaio, 1 scritturale, 1 addetto alle munizioni 1 addetto ai rifor?

(c) Attached from the equivalent of R.A.O.C. Require technical knowledge of ammunition for storage and maintenance duties.
(Aggregati dal (reparto) corrispondente del Royal Army Ordnance Corps (Reale corpo servizi) Richiede conoscenza tecnica delle munizioni per compiti di immagazzinaggio).

NOTES

1. ~~All personnel will be Italian.~~

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2. Two composite platoons are provided for the Italian Combat Group.

These platoons, which form part of the Company, comprise the specialist personnel for ammunition, supply and petrol duties.

One platoon is sufficient to meet the internal requirements of a Combat Group. The other is provided in order to be allotted to the higher formation, under whom the Group is employed to increment the Allied Services maintaining the Group.

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NOTE

1. ~~Tutto il personale sarà italiano.~~

2. Sono forniti <u>due plotoni</u> misti per il Gruppo italiano di combattimento Questi plotoni, i quali formano parte della compagnia, comprendono il personale specializzato per servizi relativi a munizioni, rifornimenti, benzina.
Un plotone è sufficiente a soddisfare le esigenze interne di un Gruppo di combattimento. L'altro viene fornito allo scopo di venir assegnato alla formazione superiore, alle dipendenze della quale il Gruppo opera per accrescere i servizi alleati di rifornimento del Gruppo.

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MEDICAL SECTION FOR AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
(Sezione di sanità per un gruppo di combattimento italiano)

(Consisting of headquarters, two advanced dressing stations, stretcher bearer group and hygiene and malarial control platoon)

(Composto di comando , 2 reparti autocorazzati, 1 reparto portaferiti ed un plotone disinfezione).

Amdt No (Modifica No Date (Data)	
Offrs (ufficiali)	14
Ors (sott.e tr.)	237
Total (totale)	251
MCa (Motocicli)	5
Vehicles (Veicoli)	42
Trailers (Rimorchi)	

Proposed war establishement
(Organico di guerra proposto)

(1) Personnel (Personale)

DETAIL (Specifica)	Headquarters (Comando)	Two dressing stations (each)(2 Plotoni autocorazz.)(ciascuno)	Stretcher bearer group (reparto portaferiti) Headquarters (Comando)	Two platoons (each) (2 plotoni)(ciascuno)	Total stretcher bearer group (totale gr. portaferiti)	Hygiene and malarial control platoon (Plotone disinfezione)	Total medical section (totale sezione di sanità)
Officer commanding(major or captain) (comandante) (maggiore o capitano)	1						1
Medical officers (captains or lieutenants) Ufficiali medici(capit.o tenenti)		3				1	7
Malarial officer (Ufficiale malariologo)						1	1
Pharmacist officer (ufficiale farmacista)	1						1
Chaplain (Cappellano)	1						1
Administrative officer (ufficiale di amministrazione)	1						1
Strechter bearer officer (non-medical) (ufficiale del rep.portaferiti)(non medico)			1		1		1
Total officers (totale ufficiali)	4	3	1		1	2	13
Warrant officers cl.I(maresc.di 1ª cl.)	1						1

(Consisting of headquarters, two advanced dressing stations, stretcher bearer group and hygiene and malarial control platoon)

(Composto di comando , 2 reparti autocorrazzati, 1 reparto portaferiti ed un plotone disinfezione).

(Sott.e tr.)	
Total (totale)	251
MCs (Motocicli)	5
Vehicles (Veicoli)	42
Trailers (Rimorchi)	

Proposed war establishement

(Organico di guerra proposto)

(i) Personnel (Personale)

DETAIL (Specifica)	Headquarters (Comando)	Two dressing stations (each)(2 plotoni autocorrazz.)(ciascuno)	Stretcher bearer group (reparto portaferiti) Headquarters (Comando)	Two platoons (each) (2 plotoni) (ciascuno)	Total stretcher bearer group (totale gr. portaferiti)	Hygiene and malarial control platoon (Plotone disinfestazione)	Total medical section (totale sezione di sanità)
Officer commanding(major or captain) (comandante) (maggiore o capitano)	1						1
Medical officers (captains or lieutenants) Ufficiali medici(capit.o tenenti)		3				1	7
Malarial officer (Ufficiale malariologo)						1	1
Pharmacist officer (ufficiale farmacista)	1						1
Chaplain (Cappellano)	1						1
Administrative officer (ufficiale di amministrazione)	1						1
Strechter bearer officer (non-medical) (ufficiale del rep.portaferiti)(non medico)			1		1		1
Total officers (totale ufficiali)	4	3	1		1	2	13
Warrant officers,cl.I(maresc.di 1^cl.)	1						1
Warrant officers,class II^ or staff serjeants (maresc.di 2^cl.o serg.di maggiorità)				1	2	2	4
Serjeants (Sergenti)		1					2
Corporals or lance-corporals (Caporali maggiori o caporali)		3		2	4		10
NCO clerk (graduato scritturale)	1	1	1				4
	2	5	1	3	7	2	21

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DETAIL (Specifica)	Headquarters (Comando)	Two dressing station(each) (2 pl.autocarreg.)(ciasc.)	Stretcher bearer group (rep.portaferiti) Headquarters (Comando)	Two platoons (each) (2 plot.) (ciascuno)	Total, Stretcher bearer group (tot.gruppo portaf.)	Hygiene and Animal Sanitation platoon (pl.igiene...)	Total medical section (totale sezione sanità)
Total rank and file (totale graduati e truppa)	8	31	1	37	75	16	141
Total other ranks (totale sottufficiali e truppa)	10	36	2	40	82	18	182
Total, all ranks (totale militari di ogni grado)	14	39	3	40	83	20	195
Attached (aggregati)							
Trasport personnel (personale addetto ai trasporti							
Captain (or lieutenant) (capitano (o tenente)	1						1
Serjeants (sergenti)		1					2
Corporal (cap.magg.)	1						1
~~Fitters (aggiustatori)~~	2						2
Electrician (elettricisti)	1						1
Driver-mechanics (mecc.~~autoveh.~~)		2					4
Drivers (autieri)	5	16	4		4	4	45
Total attached (totale aggregati)	10	19	4		4	4	56
Total a medicinal section (including attached) (totale una sezione di sanità) (compresi gli aggregati)	24	58	7	40	87	24	251

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by duties (distribuzione di graduati e truppa secondo le cariche)

Nursing orderlies (infermieri)		10					20
Stretcher bearers (portaferiti)		14		34	68		96
Sanitary personnel (pers.sanitario)						16	16
General dutymen (batmen, cooks, etc.) (Add.a serv.vari (attendenti, cuochi)	8	7	1	3	7		29
Total, rank and file (tot.graduati e truppa)	8	31	1	37	75	16	161

(iii) Transport (Mezzi di trasporto)

Bicycles (Biciclette)						3	3
Motor cycles, solo (Motocicli mono posto)	1	1	1		1	1	5
Car, 4 seater 4x2 (autovett.a 4 p.)	1						1
Cars, 2 seater 4x2 (autovett.a 2p.)	1	1				2	4
Lorries, 3 ton 4x2 GS (or 30 cwt	2	5	3		3		15

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(totale graduati e truppa)							
Total other ranks (totale sottufficiali e truppa)	10	36	2	40	82	18	182
Total, all ranks (totale militari di ogni grado)	14	39	3	40	83	20	195
Attached (aggregati)							
Trasport personnel (personale addetto ai trasporti							
Captain (or lieutenant) (capitano (o tenente)	1						1
Serjeants (sergenti)		1					2
Corporal (cap.magg.)	1						1
~~Fitters (aggiustatori)~~	2						2
Electrician (elettricisti)	1						1
Driver-mechanics (mecc.~~automob.~~)		2					4
Drivers (autieri)	5	16	4		4	4	45
Total attached (totale aggregati)	10	19	4		4	4	56
Total a medicinal section (including attached) (totale una sezione di sanità) (compresi gli aggregati)	24	58	7	40	87	24	251

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Sanitary personnel (pers.sanitario)						16	16
General dutymen (batmen, cooks, etc.)	8	7	1	3	7		29
(Add.a serv.vari (attendenti, cuochi)							
Total, rank and file (tot.graduati e truppa)	8	31	1	37	75	16	161

(iii) Transport (Mezzi di trasporto)

Bicycles (Biciclette)							
Motor cycles, solo (Motocicli mono posto)	1	1	1		1	1	5
Car, 4 seater 4x2 (autovett.a 4 p.)	1						1
Cars, 2 seater 4x2 (autovett.a 2p.)	1	1				2	5
Lorries, 3 ton 4x2 GS (or 30 cwt 4x2 GS) (Autoc.3 tonn.serv.vari in sostituzione (q.7.5)	2	5	3		3		15
Lorry, 3 ton, disinfester (a) (Autoc.da 3 tonn.per disinfez.)						1	1
Ambulances, light (ambulanze legg.)		9					18
Truks, 15 cwt, 4x2, water (b) (Autobotte, q.li 7,5, 4x2)		1					2

(a) Or Lorry, 3 ton, 4x2, GS in lieu (oppure autocarro, 3 tonn.4x2 [illegible] vari in sostituzione)

(b) Or trailers, 2 wheeled, water, 180 gallons in lieu (opp.in sostit.rimorchi a 2 [illegible] gallons)

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(Un ospedale da campo per un)

ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
(gruppo di combattimento it.)

Proposed war establishment
(Organico di guerra proposto)

Amdt No (modifica n.)	
Offrs (ufficiali)	6
ORs (sottuff.tr.)	44
Total	50
MCs (motocicli)	-
Vehicles (veicoli)	5
Trailers (Rimorchi)	-

(i) Personnel

Officer commanding (major or captain) (Direttore (maggiore o capitano medico)	1
Medical officers (ufficiali medici)	2
Pharmacist officer (ufficiale farmacista)	1
Administrative officer (ufficiale d'amministrazione)	1
Total, officers	5
Warrant officer, class II (maresciallo di 2ª classe)	1
Serjeant (clerk) (sergente scritturale)	1
Total, warrant officers & serjeants	2
Corporals (caporal maggiore)	6
Privates (soldati)	30
Total, rank and file (totale graduati e truppa)	36
Total, other ranks (totale sottuff.e truppa)	38
Total, all ranks (totale militari di ogni grado)	43

Attached :- (aggregati)

Chaplain (cappellano)	1
Total, officers attached (totale uff.aggregati)	1

Transport personnel
(personale addetto ai trasporti)

Drivers (includes 1 corporal)	6

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(Veicoli)	
Trattore (Rimorchi)	-

(i) Personnel

Officer commanding (major or captain) (Direttore (maggiore o capitano medico)	1
Medical officers (ufficiali medici)	2
Pharmacist officer (ufficiale farmacista)	1
Administrative officer (ufficiale d'amministrazione)	1
Total, officers	5
Warrant officer, class II (Maresciallo di 2^ classe)	1
Serjeant (clerk) (sergente scritturale)	1
Total, warrant officers & serjeants	2
Corporals (caporal maggiore)	6
Privates (soldati)	30
Total, rank and file (totale graduati e truppa)	36
Total, other ranks (totale sottuff.e truppa)	38
Total, all ranks (totale militari di ogni grado)	43
Attached :- (aggregati)	
Chaplain (cappellano)	1
Total, officers attached (totale uff.aggregati)	1
Transport personnel (personale addetto ai trasporti)	
Drivers (includes 1 corporal) (autisti compreso1cap.magg.)	6
Total, attached (totale aggregati)	7
Total, a field hospital for an Italian combat group (totaleun ospedale da campo per un gruppo di combattimento italiano)	50

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(ii) Distribution of rank and file by duties
(distribuzione di graduati e truppa secondo le cariche)

Nursing orderlies (infermieri)	
Corporals (cap.mags.)	5
Privates (soldati)	13
Stretcher Bearers (portaferiti)	
Corporals (cap.mags.)	1
Privates (soldati)	6
Disinfector, operator (private) (addetto alla disinfezione soldato)	1
General dutymen (privates) (addetto ai servizi vari soldato)	10
Total, rank and file (totale, graduati e truppa)	36

(iii) Transport (a) (mezzi di trasporto)

Car, 2 seater, 4 x 2 (b)(autovettura a 2 posti)	1
Lorries, 3 ton, 4 x 2, G.S. (autocarri, servizi vari)	4

(a) Transport will be attached to Medical Section for maintenance etc.

(I mezzi di trasporto saranno aggregati alla sezione di sanità per rifornimenti ecc.)

(b) Or truck, 15 cwt, 4 x 2, G.S. in lieu.
(Oppure autocarro da t. 5,4+2, servizi vari, in sostituzione.

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(Sergeants)	1
Corporals	
(cap.magg.)	
Privates	6
(soldati)	
Disinfestor, operator (private)	1
(addetto alla disinfezione soldato)	
General dutymen (privates)	10
(addetto ai servizi vari soldato)	
Total, rank and file (totale graduati e truppa)	36

(iii) Transport (a) (mezzi di trasporto)

Car, 2 seater, 4 x 2 (b)(autovettura a 2 posti)	1
Lorries, 3 ton, 4 x 2, G.S. (autocarri,servizi vari)	4

(a) Transport will be attached to Medical Section for maintenance etc.

(I mezzi di trasporto saranno aggregati alla sezione di sanità per rifornimenti ecc.)

(b) Or truck, 15 cwt, 4 x 2, G.S. in lieu.
(Oppure autocarro da 1.5,4x2, servizi vari, in sostituzione).

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ORDINANCE FIELD PARK FOR AN
ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

(~~PARCO MOBILE~~ PARCO A. P. G. ~~A MUNIZIONI~~) PER UN GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO
ESERCITO ITALIANO

Amdt No (modifica n.) Date (data)	
Offrs (ufficiali)	4
ORS (Sottuff. e truppa)	69
Total (totale	73
MCs (motocicli)	3
Vehicles (Veicoli)	38
Trailers (Rimorchi)	-

Proposed war establishment
(Organico di guerra proposto)

(i) Personnel
(Personale)

Ordnance officer, 3 rd class (Ufficiale del Serv. A, G e C, di 3^ classe)	1
Ordnance officers, 4 th class (Ufficiale del Servizio Artigl., G e C di 4^ classe)	3
(Captain or lieutenant(capitano o tenente)	
Total, officers (Totale ufficiali)	4
Clerks (Scritturali)	
Warrant officer, class II (Marescialli di 2^ classe)	1
Staff-serjeant (sergente di maggiorità)	1
Serjeants (Sargenti)	2
Corporals (Cap.magg.	2
Privates (Soldati)	6
	12
Storemen (will also act as drivers) (magazzinieri(svolgeranno pure servizio come autieri)	
Serjeant (Sergente)	1
Corporals (Cap.maggiore)	3
Lance-corporals (Caporali)	3
Privates (Soldati)	20
Total,storemen (will also act drivers) (Totale magazzinieri(svolgeranno pure servizio come autieri)	27

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(Organico di guerra proposto

Vehicles (Veicoli)	
Trailers (Rimorchi)	-

(i) Personnel
(Personale)

Ordnance officer, 3 rd class
(Ufficiale del Serv. A, C e C, di 3^ classe) 1

Ordnance officers, 4 th class
(Ufficiale del Servizio Artigl., C e C di 4^ classe) 3

(Captain or lieutenant(capitano o tenente) —

Total, officers (Totale ufficiali) 4

Clerks (scritturali)

Warrant officer, class II (Marescialli di 2^ classe) 1
Staff-serjeant (sergente di maggiorità) 1
Serjeants (Sergenti) 2
Corporals (Cap.mass. 2
Privates (Soldati) —
5
12
—

Storemen (will also act as drivers)
(magazzinieri (svolgeranno pure servizio come autisti)

Serjeant (Sergente) 1
Corporals (Cap.maggiore) 3
Lance-corporals (Caporali) 3
Privates (Soldati) 20
27
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Total, storemen (will also act drivers)
(Totale magazzinieri)(svolgeranno pure servizio come autisti)

Other dutymen (addetto a servizi vari)

Electricians-privates (soldati elettricisti) 2
Vehicle-mechanics-lance-corporals
(Caporali meccanici ai veicoli)

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Cooks-corporal (cuochi caporal maggiori)	1
Privates (soldati)	2
Drivers, I.C.- sergeant (Autieri Sergente	1
corporal (" " caporal maggiore)	1
lance-corporals (autiere caporale)	1
privates (autieri soldati)	6
Motor-cyclists - privates (motociclisti soldati)	5
Batmen-drivers-privates (attendenti autieri soldati)	4
General dtymen-privates _addetti a servizi vari soldati)	4
Total, other dutymen (totale, addetti a servizi)	30
Total, other ranks (Totale settuff.e Truppa)	69
Total ,ordnance field park for an italian combat group (Totale, ~~deposito~~ base mobile ~~(artiglieria e genio)~~ per un gruppo di combattimento italiano)	73

(ii) Transport (Mezzi di trasporto)

Motr cycles, solo (motocicli, monoposto)	5
Car, 4 seater, 4 x 2 (autovetture a 4 posti,4 x 2)	1
Cars, 5 cwt, 4 x 4 (autovetture, 5 cwt, 4 x 4	3
Truck, 15 cwt., 4 x 2, water (autocarro q.li 7.5 serv.idrico)	1
Truck, 15 cwt., 4 x 2, GS (Autocarro, q.li 7.5, 4 x 2 serv. vari)	4
Lorry, 3 ton, 4 x2, GS (Autocarro, 3 tonn.servizi vari)	12
Lorry, 3 ton, 4 x 2, for office(Autocarro 3 tonn.per uffici)	4
Lorry, 4 ton, 4 x 2, battery charger(autocarro 3 tonn.per la carica di batterie)	1
Lorry, 3 ton, 4 x 2,battery storage (autocarro 3 tonn. per il deposito di batterie)	1
Lorry, 6 ton, 6 x 4, G.S. binned (autocarro,6 tonn.serv.vari, con verricello	10
Lorry 3 tonn, 6 x 4, crane (autocarro, 3 tonn.6 x 4,con gru)	1
Totale, vehicles (totale autocarri)	38

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Motor-cyclists - provates (motociclisti soldati) 5
Batmen-drivers-privates (attendenti autieri soldati) 4
General dtymen-privates _addetti a servizi vari soldati) 4

Total, other dutymen (totale, addetti a servizi) 30

Total, other ranks (Totale sottuff.e truppa) 69

Total ,ordnance field park for an italian combat group (Totale, ~~deposito~~ mobile ~~(artiglieria e genio)~~ per un Gruppo di combattimento italiano) 73

(ii) Transport (Mezzi di trasporto)

Motr cycles, solo (motocicli, monoposto) 5

Car, 4 seater, 4 x 2 (autovetture a 4 posti,4 x 2) 1
Cars, 5 cwt, 4 x 4 (autovetture, 5 cwt, 4 x 4 3
Truck, 15 cwt., 4 x 2, water (autocarro q.li 7.5 serv.idrico) 1
Truck, 15 cwt., 4 x 2, GS (Autocarro, q.li 7.5, 4 x 2 serv. vari) 4
Lorry, 3 ton, 4 x2, GS (Autocarro, 3 tonn.servizi vari) 12
Lorry, 3 ton, 4 x 2, for office(Autocarro 3 tonn.per uffici) 4
Lorry, 4 ton, 4 x 2, battery charger(autocarro 3 tonn.per la carica di batterie) 1
Lorry, 3 ton, 4 x 2,battery storage (autocarro 3 tonn. per il deposito di batterie) 1
Lorry, 6 ton, 6 x 4, G.S. tinned (autocarro,6 tonn.serv.vari, con verricello 10
Lorry 3 tonn, 6 x 4, crane (autocarro, 3 tonn.6 x 4,con gru) 1

Totale, vehicles (totale autocarri) 38

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MECHANICAL ENGINEERS WORKSHOP FOR AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
(Officina mobile per comando gruppo di combattimento italiano

Proposed War Establishment
(Organico di guerra proposto)

Amdt No Date	
Offrs (ufficiali) ORs (sott. e tr.)	6 168
Total	174
MCs (motocicli) Vehicles (autocarri) Trailers (rimorchi)	5 43 5

(i) Personnel (i) Personale

DETAIL

(Dettaglio)

	Headquarters (comando)	Workshop Section (Sezione officina)	Recovery Section (Sezione ricupero)	Telecommunication Section (sezione telecomunicazione)	Technical Stores Section (sezione materiale tecnico)	Total-A Mechanical Engineers Workshop (Totale-un gruppo officina del genio meccanico Canada)
Major (maggiore)	1	-	-	-	-	1
Captains or lieutenants (capitani e tenenti	2	1	1	-	1	5
TOTAL-OFFICERS (totale ufficiali)	3	1	1	-	1	6
Senior N.C.Os (sottufficiali)						
Armament artificers ~~& armourers~~ (artificieri d'armamento e armaioli)	3	3	1	1	-	8
Clerks (scritturali)	1	-	-	-	-	1
Artificers (~~artificieri~~) (capi officina)	-	1	1	1	-	3
Storemen (magazzinieri)	1	-	-	-	-	1
Serjeant (sergenti)	1	-	-	-	-	1
Total, senior N.C.Os (totale sottufficiali	6	4	2	2	1	15
Rank and file						
Armourers (armaioli)	2	2	-	-	-	4
Armament artificers-vehicles (~~artificieri d'armamento~~ per autoveicoli)	1	5	1	-	-	7
Armament artificers-wireless (~~artificieri d'armamento~~ per apparati radiotelegrafici)	-	-	-	1	-	1
Blacksmiths (fabbri)	-	2	-	-	-	2
Carpenters (carpentieri)	-	2	-	-	-	2
Coachtrimmers (carrozzieri)	2	-	-	-	-	2
Driver-mechanics (~~autieri~~ meccanici)	9	20	10	1	1	41

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(Organico di guerra proposto)

Vehicles (autocarri)	4
Trailers (rimorchi)	5

(i) Personnel (i) Personale

DETAIL (Dettaglio)	Headquarters (comando)	Workshop Section (Sezione officine)	Recovery Section (Sezione ricupero)	Telecommunication Section (sezione telecomunicazione)	Technical Stores Section (sezione materiale tecnico)	Total-A Mechanical Engineers Workshop (Totale-~~la sezione~~ officina del genio meccanico
Major (maggiore)	1	-	-	-	-	1
Captains or lieutenants (capitani e tenenti)	2	1	1	-	1	5
TOTAL-OFFICERS (totale ufficiali)	3	1	1	-	1	6
Senior N.C.Os (sottufficiali)						
Armament artificers ~~& armourers~~ (~~artefici di armamento e armaioli~~)	3	3	1	1	-	8
Clerks (scritturali)	1	-	-	-	1	2
Artificers (~~artificeri~~)	-	1	1	1	-	3
Storemen (magazzinieri)	1	-	-	-	-	1
Serjeant (sergenti)	1	-	-	-	-	1
Total, senior N.C.Os (totale sottufficiali	6	4	2	2	1	15
Rank and file						
Armourers (armaioli)	2	2	-	-	-	4
Armament artificers-vehicles(~~artificeri d'armamento~~ per autoveicoli)	1	5	1	-	-	7
Armament artificers-wireless (~~artificeri d'armamento~~ per apparati radiotelegrafici)	-	-	-	1	-	1
Blacksmiths (fabbri)	-	2	-	-	-	2
Carpenters (carpentieri)	-	2	-	-	-	2
Coachtrimmers (carrozzieri)	2	-	-	-	-	2
Driver-mechanics (~~autieri~~ meccanici)	9	20	10	1	1	41
Electricians (elettricisti)	2	5	2	-	-	9
Fitters (~~montatori~~)	-	7	-	-	-	7
Instrument mechanics (~~operai~~ di precisione	-	2	-	-	-	2

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DETAIL (Dettaglio)	Headquarters (comando)	Workshop Section sezione officina	Recovery Section (sezione ricupero)	Telecommunication section (sez. telecomunicazioni)	Technical Stores Sections (sez. mat. tecnici	Total-A Mechanical Engineers Workshop totale off. mobile
Painter (verniciatori)	1	-	-	-	-	1
Shhet metal workers (~~specializzati nel lavoro di materiali laminati~~ lamiatori)	-	2	-	-	-	2
Telecomunication mechanics (field) (meccanici addetti alle telecomunicazioni (da campo)	-	-	-	3	-	3
Turners (tornitori)	3	-	-	-	-	3
Vehicle mechanics (meccanici per autoveicoli)	5	16	4	-	-	25
Welders (saldatori)	3	-	-	-	-	3
Storemen (also act as drivers)(magazzinieri anche come autieri)	1	1	-	1	7	10
Clerks (scritturali)	5	-	-	-	4	6
Drivers & driver-batmen(autisti ed attendenti autisti)	-	-	-	-	2	2
Motor cyclists (motociclisti)	2	-	2	-	1	5
General dutimen (including cooks) (servizi vari compresi i cuochi)	5	5	3	-	3	16
Total, rank and file totale graduati e truppa)	11	69	22	6	15	153
Total, mechanical engineers workshop for an Italian Combat group (Totale officina mobile per comando gruppo di combattimento italiano)	50	74	25	8	17	174

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DETAIL (Dettaglio)	Headquarters (Comando)	Workshop Section officina	Recovery Vehicle Section (sezione ricupero)	Telecommunication Section (sezione telecomunicazioni)	Technical Sections (sezioni tecnici)	Total-A Mechanical Engineers Workshop (totale officina)
Painter (verniciatori)	1	-	-	-	-	1
Sheet metal workers (~~specializzati nel lavoro di materiali laminati~~)	-	2	-	-	-	2
Telecommunication mechanics (field) (meccanici addetti alle telecomunicazioni (da campo)	-	-	-	3	-	3
Turners (tornitori)	3	-	-	-	-	3
Vehicle mechanics (meccanici per autoveicoli)	5	16	4	-	-	25
Welders (saldatori)	3	-	-	-	-	3
Storemen (also act as drivers)(magazzinieri anche come autieri)	1	-	-	1	7	10
Clerks (scritturali)	5	-	-	-	4	6
Drivers & driver-batmen(autisti ed attendenti autisti)	-	-	-	-	2	2
Motor cyclists (motociclisti)	2	-	2	-	1	5
General dutimen (including cooks) (servizi vari compresi i cuochi)	3	5	3	-	3	16
Total, rank and file totale graduati e truppa)	11	69	22	6	15	153
Total, mechanical engineers workshop for an Italian Combat group (Totale officina mobile per comando gruppo di combattimento italiano)	50	74	25	8	17	174

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(ii) Transport. (Mezzi di trasporto) SECRET N./538/I

DETAIL (Dettaglio)	Headquarters. (Comando	Workshop Section (Sezione officina)	Recovery Section (Sezione per i rivo- veri)	Telecommunication Section (Sezione te- lecomunicazione)	Technical Stores Section (sezione ma- teriale tecnico)	Total-A Gruppo Mecha- nical Engineer Workshop (Totale Grup.off.mec. del genio meccanico)
Motor-cycles, solo (motocicli ad un solo posto)	2		2		1	5
Cars, 5-cwt, 4 x 4 (automobili, q.li 2,5 - 4 x 4)	2				1	3
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4 x 2, G.S. (autocarri, q.li 7,5 Serv.Generali)	2	5	2		2	11
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4 x 2, type "K.L" (autocarri, q.li 7,5 - 4 x 2, tipo "K.L.")	1					1
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4 x 2, Generator 9 K.W. (autocarri, q.li 7,5 - 4 x 2, con dinamo 9 KW.)	1					1
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4 x 2, water (autocarri, q.li 7,5, 4 x 2, per servi- zio idrico)	1					1
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 2, G.S. (autocarri 3 tonn., 4 x 2 serv.generali)	4	3	2		(a) 4	13
Lorries, 3)ton, 6 x 4, stores (binned) (autocarri " tonn. 6 x 4 materiali?)		2		1		6
Lorries, 3-ton, 6 x4, breakdown (autocarri 3 tonn. 6 x 4, distribuzione)	1		4			5
Lorries, 3-ton, 6 x 4, machinery, type "A" or "X" (autocarri, 3 tonn., 6 x 4, per macchina- rio tipo "A" o "X")	1					1
Lorries, 3-ton, 6 x 4, machinery, type "I" or "130" (autocarri, 3 tonn., 6 x 4, per macchina- rio tipo "I" o "130")	1					1
Lorries, 3-ton, 6 x 4, machinery, type						

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Motor-cycles, solo (motocicli ad un solo posto)	2		2		1	5
Cars, 3-cwt, 4 x 4 (automobili, q.li 3,5 - 4 x 4)	2				1	3
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4 x 2, G.S. (autocarri, q.li 7,5 Serv.Generali)	2	6	2		1	11
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4 x 2, type "K.L" (autocarri, q.li 7,5 - 4 x 2, tipo "K.L.")	1					1
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4 x 2, generator 9 K.W. (autocarri, q.li 7,5 - 4 x 2, con dinamo 9 KW.)	1					1
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4 x 2, water (autocarri, q.li 7,5, 4 x 2, per servizio idrico)	1					1
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 2, G.S. (autocarri 3 tonn., 4 x 2 serv.generali)	4	3	2		(a) 4	13
Lorries, 3)ton, 6 x 4, stores (binned) (autocarri " tonn. 6 x 4 materiali?)		2		1		6
Lorries, 3-ton, 6 x4, breakdown (autocarri 3 tonn. 6 x 4, distribuzione)	1		4			5
Lorries, 3-ton, 6 x 4, machinery, type "A" or "X" (autocarri, 3 tonn., 6 x 4, per macchinario tipo "A" o "X")	1					1
Lorries, 3-ton, 6 x 4, machinery, type "I" or "130" (autocarri, 3 tonn., 6 x 4, per macchinario tipo "I" o "130")	1					1
Lorries, 3-ton, 6 x4, machinery, type						

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D E T A I L (Dettaglio)	Headquarters. (Comando)	Workshop Section (Sezione officina)	Recovery Section (Sezione per i ricoveri)	Telecommunication Section (sezione telecomunicazioni)	Tecnical Stores Section (sezione materiale tecnico)	Total-A Group Mechanical Engineer Workshop (Totale - un gruppo off. del
autocarri, 3 tonn., 6 x 4, per macchinario tipo "y"	1					1
Lorries, 3-ton, 6 x 4, machinery, type "D1" or "D2" (autocarri, 3 tonn., 6 x 4 per macchinario tipo "D1" o " D2")	1					1
Lorries, 3-ton, 6 x 4, machinery, tipe "g" (autocarri, 3 tonn., 6 x 4, per macchinario tipo "g")	1			1		1
Tractors, 6 x 4, brakdown. (trattori 6 x 4, per guasti)			2			
Trailers - (Rimorchi)						
7½-ton, 6-wheeled, light recovery (7½ tonn. a 6 ruote, per i ricuperi leggeri)			3			3
15-cwt, 2-wheeled, machinery gas welding (q.li 7.5 a 2 ruote, col macchinario per la saldatura a gas)	1					1
10-cwt, 2-wheeled, G.S. (5 q.li, a 2 ruote, servizi generali)					1	1

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autocarri, 3 tonn., 6 x 4, per macchinario tipo "P"	1					1
Lorries, 3-ton, 6 x 4, machinery, type "B1" or "B2" (autocarri, 3 tonn., 6 x 4 per macchinario tipo "B1" o "B2")	1					1
Lorries, 3-ton, 6 x 4, machinery, tipe "Z" (autocarri, 3 tonn., 6 x 4, per macchinario tipo "Z")				1		1
Tractors, 6 x 4, breakdown. (trattori 6 x 4, per guasti)			2			
Trailers - (Rimorchi)						
7½-ton, 6-wheeled, light recovery (7½ tonn. a 6 ruote, per i ricuperi leggeri)			3			3
15-cwt, 2-wheeled, machinery gas welding (q.li 7.5 a 2 ruote, col macchinario per la saldatura a gas)	1					1
10-cwt, 2-wheeled, G.S. (5 q.li, a 2 ruote, servizi generali)					1	1

(a) Flat floor type with drop sides.
(piatto con sponde ribaltabili)

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MECHANICAL ENGINEERS PLATOON FOR AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

(PLOTONE OFFICINA PER UN GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO ITALIANO)

Proposed war establishment
(Organico di guerra proposto)

Amdt No (modifica n.) Date (data)	
Offrs (Ufficiali)	1
ORS (Sottuff. e truppa)	39
TOTAL (Totale)	40
MCS (Motocicli)	2
Vehicles (Veicoli)	12
Trailers (rimorchi)	1

(1) Personnel (Personale)

DETAIL (Dettaglio)	Headquarters (Comando)	Workshop (Officina)	Total, mechanical engineers platoon for an Italian combat group (Totale, plotone officina per un gruppo di combattimento italiano)
Captain (Capitano)	1		1
Total, officers (totale ufficiali)	1		1
Mechanist serjeant-major (maresciallo meccanico)	1		1
Mechanist staff-serjeants (sergente di maggiorità meccanico)		2	2
Total, warrant officers and staff serjeants (totale, marescialli o sergenti di maggiorità)	1	2	3
Administrative corporal (caporal maggiore d'amministrazione)	1		1
Blacksmiths (fabbri ~~farrers~~)		2	2
Clerks for M.T. Stores corporals (Scritturali per materiale automobilistico)(cap.magg.)	2		2
Cooks (Cuochi)	2		2
Carpenters (falegnami)		2	2
Coach painter (verniciatori di carrozz			

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Pro-war establishment
(Organico di guerra proposto)

(Totale)	46
MCs (Motocicli)	2
Vehicles (Veicoli)	12
Trailers (rimorchi)	1

(1) Personnel (Personale)

DETAIL (Dettaglio)	Headquarters (Comando)	Workshop (Officina)	Total, mechanical engineers platoon for an Italian combat group (Totale, plotone officina per un gruppo di combattimento italiano)
Captain (Capitano)	1		1
Total, officers (totale ufficiali)	1		1
Mechanist serjeant-major (maresciallo meccanico)	1		1
Mechanist staff-serjeants (sergente di maggiorità meccanico)		2	2
Total, warrant officers and staff serjeants (totale, marescialli e sergenti di maggiorità)	1	2	3
Administrative corporal (caporal maggiore d'amministrazione)	1		1
Blacksmiths (fabbri ~~ferrai~~)		2	2
Clerks for M.T. Stores corporals (Scritturali per materiale automobilistico)(cap.magg.)	2		2
Cooks (Cuochi)	2		2
Carpenters (falegnami)		2	2
Coach painter (verniciatori di carrozzeria)		1	1
Drivers, I.C. for duty as: (autieri addetti ai seguenti servizi:			

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MECHANICAL ENGINEERS PLATOON FOR AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

(PLOTONE OFFICINA PER UN GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO ITALIANO)

Proposed war establishment
(Organico di guerra proposto)

(1) Personnel (Personale)

Amdt No (modifica n.) Date (data)	
Offrs (Ufficiali)	1
ORS (Sottuff. e Truppa)	39
TOTAL (Totale)	40
MCS (motocicli)	2
Vehicles (Veicoli)	12
Trailers (rimorchi)	

DETAIL (Dettaglio)	Headquarters (Comando)	Workshop (Officina)	Total, mechanical engineers platoon for an italian combat group (Totale, plotone officina per un gruppo di combattimento italiano)
Batman-driver (attendenti autisti)	1		1
Drivers, of vehicles (autisti)	1	4	5
Motor-cyclist (motociclista)	1		1
Electricians (elettricisti)		3	3
Sheet metal workers (operai di metalli laminati)		2	2
Storemen (M.T. Stores) (Magazzinieri materiale automobilistico)		2	2
Turner (tornitore)		1	1
Vehicle-mechanics (meccanici di autoveicoli)		11	11
Total, rank & file (totale, graduati e truppa)	8	28	36
Total, other ranks (totale, sottuff.e truppa)	9	30	39
Total, mechanical engineers platoon for an	10	30	40

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(Organico di guerra proposto)

(i) Personnel (Personale)

	TOTAL (Totale)
MOS (motocicli)	2
Vehicles (Veicoli)	12
Trailers (rimorchi)	

DETAIL (Dettaglio)	Headquarters (Comando)	Workshop (Officina)	Total, mechanical engineers platoon for an italian combat group (Totale, plotone officina per un gruppo di combattimento italiano)
Batman-driver (attendenti autisti)	1		1
Drivers, of vehicles (autisti)	1	4	5
Moter-cyclist (motociclista)	1		1
Electricians (elettricisti)		3	3
Sheet metal workers (operai di metalli laminati)		2	2
Storemen (M.T. Stores) (Magazzinieri materiale automobilistico)		2	2
Fitter (meccanico riparatore)		1	1
Vehicle-mechanics (meccanici di autoveicoli)		11	11
Total, rank & file (totale, graduati e truppa)	8	28	36
Total, other ranks (totale, sottufficie truppa)	2	30	32
Total, mechanical (totale plotone) engineers platoon for an italian combat group (officina per un gruppo di combattimento italiano)	10	30	40

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(ii) Transport (mezzi di trasporto)

Motor cycles, solo (motocicli monoposto)	2	-	2
Car, 2 seater, 4 x 2 (autovettura a 2 posti 4 x 2)	1	-	1
Trucks, 15 cwt, 4 x 2, G.S. (for maintenance duties) (autocarro, q.li 7,5 4 x 2 serv.vari) (per servizi di rifornimento)	-	2	2
Lorries, 3 ton, 4 x 2 G.S. (autocarro, 3 tonn. 4 x 2 servizi vari)	1	4	5
Lorries, 3 ton, 4 x 2 (breakdown) (autocarri, 3 tonn. 4 x 2 (soccorso)	-	2	2
Lorries, 3 ton, 4 x 2 (workshop) (autocarri, 3 tonn. 4 x 2 (officina)		2	2
Trailers, 15 cwt., 2 wheeled, water, 180 gallons (rimorchi, q.li 7.5 a 2 ruote, per servizio idrico, 180 galloni)	1	-	1

NOTES (NOTE)

2. This unit will be used with the Transport an Supply Company for an Italian Combat Group

(Questo reparto verrà impiegato assieme al reparto trasporti e rifornimenti per un gruppo di combattimento italiano.-

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Lorries, 3 ton, 4 x 2 (workshop) (autocarri, 3 tonn. 4 x 2 (officina)		2	2
Trailers 15 cwt., 2 wheeled, water, 180 gallons (rimorchi, q.li 7.5 a 2 ruote, per servizio idrico, 180 galloni)	1	-	1

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LIGHT AID DETACHMENT AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
(OFFICINA MOBILE LEGGERA PER UN GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO ITALIANO)

Proposed war establishment
(Organico di guerra proposto)

Amdt No (Modifica N°)	
Date (Data)	
Offrs (Ufficiali)	-
ORs (Sottuff. e Truppa)	12
Totale (Totale)	12
Mcs (motocicli)	2
Vehicles (Veicoli)	3
Trailers (Rimorchi)	-

(i) Personnel
(Personale)

Armament artificier (staff-sergeant
(~~Artificiere armaiolo~~) (Sergente di maggiorità) 1

Vehicle mechanic (sergeant) (meccanico di autoveicoli
sergente) 1

Total staff-sergeant and sergeants
(Totale, sergente di maggiorità e sergenti) 2

Driver mechanics
(meccanici ~~automobilisti~~) 3

Electricians
(elettricisti) 1

Fitters
(aggiustatori) 1

Welders
(saldatori) 1

Storemen (including 1 corporal)
(magazzinieri (compreso 1 caporal maggiore) 2

Total, rank and file
(totale graduati e truppa) 10

Total, light aid detachment for an Italian combat group
(totale, officina mobile leggera per un gruppo di combattimento italiano) 12

(ii) Transport (mezzi di trasporto)

Motor cycles, m/c (motocicli, monoposto) 2

Trucks, 15 cwt, 4 x 4, G.S. 1

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(i) Personnel
(Personale)

Motocycles (motocicli)	2
Vehicles (Veicoli)	3
Trailers (Rimorchi)	-

Armament artificier (staff-sergeant
(~~Artificiere armiere~~ (Sergente di maggiorità) 1

Vehicle mechanic (sergeant) (meccanico ~~di~~ autoveicoli sergente) 1

Total staff-sergeants and sergeants
(Totale, sergente di maggiorità e sergenti) 2

Driver mechanics
(meccanici ~~autoveicolisti~~) 3

Electricians
(elettricisti) 1

Fitters
(aggiustatori) 3

Welders
(saldatori) 1

Storemen (including 1 corporal)
(magazzinieri (compreso 1 caporal maggiore) 2

Total, rank and file
(totale graduati e truppa) 10

Total, light aid detachment for an Italian combat group
(totale, officina mobile leggera per un gruppo di combattimento italiano) 12

(ii) Transport (mezzi di trasporto)

Motor cycles, solo (motocicli, monoposto) 2

Trucks, 15 cwt., 4 x 2, G.S.
(autocarri, q.li 15 4 x 1 servizi vari) 1

Lorries, 3 ton, 6 x 4, stores (binned)
(autocarri, 3 tonn., magazzino con verricello) 1

Tractor, 6 x 4, breakdown (trattore 4 x 4, soccorso) 1

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(b) L.A. Is will be provided for following units forming part of an Italian Combat Group:-

(Le officine mobili leggere saranno fornite a seguenti reparti i quali fanno parte di un gruppo di combattimento italiano)

Each infantry regiment (ciascun reggimento di fanteria)	1
Artillery regiment (reggimento di artiglieria)	1
Engineer battalion (battaglione del genio)	3
1 for Engineers, 1 for Signals (1 per artieri, 1 per collegamenti)	
Total (totale)	5

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

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SUBJECT: W.E. of Signals Company of an Engineer Bn Combat Group

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/29/20
20 Dec 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Copy to: GO, S1, S2, S3, S4 SLU's

1. HQ AAI has approved the following amendments to the War Establishment of the Signal Company of an Engineer Battalion in the Combat Group, WE MA/S30/1.

(a) M.T. for Company HQ

For three trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 read 2 trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 and 1 truck 15 cwt 4 x 4.

(b) Trucks for Cable Laying

Substitute 4 trucks 15 cwt 4 x 4 in place of four of the existing trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2.

(Note: The term 4 x 4 means a 4 wheeled vehicle with a 4 wheel drive, 4 x 2 means a 4 wheeled vehicle with a 2 wheel drive. The object of the Amendment is to improve the cross country performance of the unit)

2. GO SLU's G/S/17 of 6 December and Serial 425 of the minutes of the 59th meeting of the War Establishment Committee, HQ AAI refer.

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W. Padfield
Major General
M. W. I. A.

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SUBJECT:- War Establishments
An Italian Combat Group and B.L.U.

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel:- FILFOT 101

1701/23/48/G(SD2)

15 Dec 44

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.

Copy to:- AFHQ G-3 (Org-3)

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In view of the number of amendments which have recently been submitted both to this HQ and to AFHQ, it is recommended that all the war establishments of the Italian Combat Group and the B.L.U. should be reviewed at an early date.

Units have been operating for two months on these establishments and it is considered that experience should now be sufficient to enable a decision to be made on the practicability of the organisation.

Leave it to AFHQ.
I think we have all
the reserving on hand
we can include at the moment
WP.

L. D. Gibson Actg.

for
Field Marshal,
Commander in Chief.

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SUBJECT: W.E. Italian Combat Groups - Amendments to

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/C/28/30/1
18 Dec 44

To : AFHQ for G3 Org

Copy to: 15 ARMY GROUP

1. Will you please give instructions on the proper way for BLU's to propose amendments to W.E. of Italian Combat Groups.

2. At present uncoordinated recommendations are being sent by BLU to AAI, Corps, Dist, Area or MMIA some of whom do NOT quite know what to do with them.

3. The interested parties appear to be:-

Operationally	-	15 Army Group
Administratively	-	AFHQ (and L/MT)
Organically	-	Italian War Ministry

4. The functions of MMIA (see AFHQ AG 091.711/159 OCT.O of 16 Nov 44 para 4) are to represent the views of the Italian military authorities and to transmit allied orders to them.

5. It is recommended therefore that proposals should be made by BLUs to their immediately superior HQ and a copy sent to MMIA. The proposal, with recommendations, should thence be sent through usual channels of command to AFHQ, while MMIA would represent to AFHQ the Italian view together with any relevant recommendations as coordinating agency. The decision of AFHQ should be circulated to all concerned, including MMIA for transmission to Italian War Ministry.

W. Paderni
Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Reference your G1 - 14 of 10 December (.) This refers to the Welfare Officer (.) See MMIA S/C/29/20 of 23 November para 5.(.) Italian term is a misnomer and under review.

ROUTINE

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UNAR VLRKD 333 RK
FROM MAIN AAI 151420A

Land Force 4249
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~~FROMROM BAIR AAI 151420A~~
TO MIA
~~G/5/17~~ 35 DT

SD2060. RESTRICTED. REF 50 BLU G/5/17 DATED 8 DEC ENCLOSED WITH YOUR S/G/29/2071 DATED 12 DEC. REQUEST YOU FORWARD SPECIFIC APPLICATION TO AMEND ME TOGETHER WITH COPIES M M I A LETTERS S/G/29/20 DATED 4 NOV AND 23 NOV .
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FROM MAIN AAI 151420 A
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53 B.L.U.
Ref G1 - 14
10 Dec 44

S/Sec 15/12

Subject: Assistance and Propaganda Section

To:- Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MMIA)

A letter has been received by this HQ from HQ Combat Group FOLGORE that the formation of an Assistance and Propaganda Section has been approved by you and should be added to the W.E. of the Group HQ.

May this HQ be informed

1. If you confirm the increase in W.E.
2. What the duties of this section are.
3. If the transport allotted (i.e. one car 2 seater for the Lt.Colonel, clerk, and driver) is sufficient to carry the Section, their kit and their equipment, stationery, and whatever else is needed to enable them to carry out their duties.

G. H. Marks.

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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SUBJECT: Org of Inf Bn in Combat Gp.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/29/20/1
1/2 Dec 44

TO : 50 BLU

Ref your GS 491 of 13 Nov.

As requested, herewith copy of 53 BLU's letter G3-11 dated 28 November. Other copy will probably be issued by us.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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FROM 50 BLU 131100A
TO AMIA
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GS 491 RESTRICTED . YOUR SS 463 DATED 12 . 53 BLU
G 3 HYPHEN 11 DATED 23 NOV N O T RED// RECEIVED . CAN YOU
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SUBJECT: WEs- Italian Combat Group

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel: FIELCOT 101

1701/25/G(SD2)

10 Dec 44

No. 9. Publications Depot, C.M.F.
Land Forces Commission, AC.

1. It is requested that fifty copies of each of the undermentioned WEs for an Italian Combat Group be forwarded to:-

(a) G(SD)., HQ AAI.

(b) Land Forces Sub Commission, AC.

WE.	No.
ELU	XII/882/1
Inf Bn	XII/360/1 ✓
Inf Regt	XII/361/1 ✓
HQ Combat Gp.	XII/81/1 ✓
Pro Sec	XII/1054/1 ✓
Arty Regt	XII/153/1 ✓
HQ Engnr Bn	XII/247/1 ✓
Fd Coy	XII/246/1 ✓
Signals Coy for Engr Bn	XII/310/1 ✓
HQ Sup & Tpt Coy	XII/467/1 ✓
MDI	XII/469/1
Tpt Pl	XII/468/1 ✓
Comp Pl	XII/466/1 ✓
Med Sec	XII/525/1 ✓

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(b) Land Forces Sub Commission, AC.

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MDI	XII/469/1
Tpt Pl	XII/468/1 ✓
Compl	XII/466/1 ✓
Med Sec	XII/525/1 ✓
Fd Hosp	XII/[illegible]/1 ✓
Ord Fd Pk	XII/5992/1 ✓
Mech Engrs Wksp	XII/6110/1 ✓
Mech Engr. Pl	XII/6111/1 ✓
LAD	XII/6110/1 ✓

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H.E. Jacques maj-gen
for Lieutenant General
Chief of General Staff

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NMIA

50, 51, 52, 56 MU's

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SS 463

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Reference 53 MU's 03-11 of 22 Nov please forward comments to NMIA.

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SUBJECT: W.E. Italian Combat Group - Transport

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/29/20/1
12 Dec 44

TO : HQ 15 Army Group

1. 50 BLU's letter G/5/17 of 8 December is attached.

2. Will you please advise if such proposals should be sent direct to you or through MMIA. If the former will you please take action on above letter. Our SS 458 of 10 December also refers.

3. The question is connected with that of MMIA's general responsibilities towards Combat Groups as they move into the Army Areas, as referred to in our TS/G/29 of 24 November.

W. P. Dudley Colonel
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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COPY

SUBJECT: W.E. (I C.G.) - Tpt. RESTRICTED

50 British Liaison Unit

Ref G/5/17

M.M.I.A. 8 Dec. 44

Ref your letter No. S/G/29/20 dated 23 Nov para 1 Serial 4 referring to your letter of even number dated 4 Nov.

This authorises A Mech Engr Offr and two clerks. Unfortunately no veh was included for this Offr and so we now have a Gp Mech Engr Offr whose task is to supervise wksps., L.A.Ds and M.T. generally throughout the Gp, but who, himself, has no veh to enable him to carry out these duties.

May this error be put right as early as possible please.

(Sgd) ? Major
for Lt. Col.
G.S.

C.M.F.
FFKB/LGB

Copy to: 51 B.L.U.

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Message Form.

From	: MAIA	Date - Time
To (For action)	: AAI	10 1534 A
To (For info)	: 50 BLU	

SS. 458 RESTRICTED

Please accept action on 50 BLU letter 0/5/17 of 6 December relating to transport for signals

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Authenticating Officer

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Subject : W.E. (. C.G.) - Tpt.

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Lt Col.
G.S.

C.M.F.
FFKH/LGB.

Copy to : 51 B.L.U.

SECRET & URGENT.

Subject : Tpt W.E. - Sigs Coy.

50 British Liaison Unit.

Ref G/5/17.

6 Dec. 44.

M.M.I.A.

(1) It is realised that there is an acute shortage of M.T. tpt., but the following recommendations are based on what is considered absolute operational necessity. Certain of these recommendations have been made before, but with no effect.

(a) The O.C. Sigs Coy has only the office truck for personal tpt. If he uses this, the Sigs Adjt has no truck and no office. In any case an office truck is an extraordinary veh for the O.C. of a Sigs Coy to visit his pls and dets and to inspect sigs comms generally.

Recommendation.

ADD. One x car 5 cwt 4 x 4 or other small 4 x 4 veh for O.C. Sigs Coy.

(b) There are no 4 x 4 vehs in Sigs Coy for cable laying. This means, without qualification, that in this country, in winter, at least 50 per cent of the cable will have to be laid by hand. It is not difficult to visualise conditions in which all cable will have to be laid by hand. The slowness of this, particularly in reference to the artillery, whose intercomm is already slow because of inexperience of the rather elaborate British scale of sigs eqpt., must lead to lack of operational efficiency.

Recommendation.

ADD. Three x cars 5 cwt 4 x 4 or 8 cwt 4 x 4.
One for each Inf Regt pl.
One for the Arty Regt pl.

(c) The NCO i/c each cable det is at present tied to his det. by lack of tpt. If he is to carry out his proper task of recce of cable routes, he needs a M/C.

Recommendation.

ADD. Four M/Cs.
One for Gp HQ pl.
One for each Inf Regt pl.
One for Arty Regt pl.

(d) There is no veh in the Sigs Coy allotted for the carrying of sigs controlled stores for the Gp. This includes spare batteries, Pt 1 spares for telephones, and charging engines etc. In case of emergency this may well result in a last minute decision to leave behind either sigs stores for the Gp or sigs coy domestic stores. Either is absurd, but it is NOT impossible that the one or the other will happen with present scale of tpt.

Recommendation.

ADD. One x three ton for H.Q. Sigs Coy.

(2) May this matter be treated as URGENT please.

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C.M.F.
FFKR/LGB.

Lt Col.
G.S.

Copy to : Main A.A.I.
5 ARMY (Br. Incr.)
1 DIST.

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Signal from AAI. — Con 50 BLO
Please accpt action on 50 BLO letter
c/5/17 y 6 Dec relating 3 tpt

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MMIA

53 BLU

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Reference your SD/C/1-11 of 6 December (.) WE for
50 bed Field Hospital within Combat Group is MA/536/1 (.)
WE for 200 bed Field Hospital of auxiliary units is
MA/574/1 originally forwarded to AFH as Appx A to
AAI's 1791/43/43/C (SD2) of 25 September (.) Copies
of these and any other numbered WE's may be obtained
by signalling 10 Publications Depot

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MESSAGE FORM.

Date Time of Origin.

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From : MMIA

To : 53 BLU

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Ref your G3 - 11 of 28 Nov (*) Proposals under consideration (*) Please forward copies to 50 51 52 and 54 BLUs who are requested to send comments to MMIA (*) Please send 3 extra copies for MMIA who will take up with Ministry of War and AAI

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Authenticated

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HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel: FILPOT 73

1605/50/57/G(SD1)

2 Dec 44

SUBJECT: Italian Combat Groups

CG FIFTH ARMY for Brit Increment	(15 copies)
EIGHTH ARMY	(10 copies)
1 District	(3 copies)
2 District	(3 copies)
MMIA	(5 copies)

Ref 1605/50/57/G(SD1) dated 17 Nov 44.

Herewith copy of W.E. NA/612/1- A Mobile Laundry and Bath Unit for Italian Combat Group.

This should be attached as serial 12 to Appendix 'E' to the above-quoted letter.

for Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

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A MOBILE LAUNDRY AND BATH UNIT, NORTH AFRICA

WAR ESTABLISHMENT - continued

(ii) Transport

DETAIL	Headquarters	Laundry section	Bath section	Total, a mobile laundry and bath unit, North Africa
Motor-cycles, solo		1	1	2
Car, 2-seater, 4 x 2	1			1
Truck, 15-cwt, 4 x 2, G.S.(for attached)	1			1
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 4, G.S.			(a)4	4
Total, vehicles	2		4	6
Trailers, 3-ton, 4-wheeled, laundry		4		4
Tractors, 4 x 4, medium		4		4

(a) For operation of disinfestors. When 2 additional disinfestors are issued, 8 general dutymen(including 2 lance-corporals), 2 drivers, T.C., and 2 lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 4, G.S., will be added.

(b) For employment with bath section.

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

(File 758/Org-3)

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Motor-cycles, solo	1	1	2
Car, 2-seater, 4 x 2	1		1
Truck, 15-cwt. 4 x 2, G.S.(for attached)	1		1
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 4, G.S.		(a)4	4
Total, vehicles	2	4	6
Trailers, 4-ton, 4-wheeled, laundry		4	4
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A MOBILE LAUNDRY AND BATH UNIT, NORTH AFRICA

(Italian Army personnel)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

DETAIL	Officers	Sergeants	Corporals	Lance-corporals	Privates	Total, a mobile laundry and bath unit, North Africa
Headquarters-						
Ordnance officer(captain)	1					1
Clerks		1			1	2
Batman-driver					1	1
Driver, L.C.					1	1
General dutyman					1	1
Total, headquarters	1	1			4	6
Laundry section -						
Ordnance officer(subaltern)	1					1
Four sub-sections -						
Driver-mechanics			4			4
Storemen(technical)(for laundry duties)		4		4	16	24
General dutymen					4	4
Total, laundry section	1	4	4	4	20	33
Bath section -						
Ordnance officer(subaltern)	1					1
General dutyman (a)				1	3	4
General dutyman(for duty as barber)					1	1
Four sub-sections-						
Driver-mechanics					4	4
General dutyman		4			8	12
Total, bath section	1	4		1	16	22
Total, personnel(excluding attached)	3	9	4	5	40	61

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DETAIL	Officers	Sergeants	Corporals	Lance-corporals	Privates	Total, a mobile laundry and bath unit, North Africa
Headquarters-						
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Clerks		1			1	2
Batman-driver					1	1
Driver, T.C.					1	1
General dutyman					1	1
Total, headquarters	1	1			4	6
Laundry section -						
Ordnance officer(subaltern)	1					1
Four sub-sections -						
Driver-mechanics			4			4
Storeman(technical)(for laundry duties)		4		4	16	24
General dutyman					4	4
Total, laundry section	1	4	4	4	20	33
Bath section -						
Ordnance officer(subaltern)	1					1
General dutyman (a)				1	3	4
General dutyman(for duty as barber)					1	1
Four sub-sections -						
Driver-mechanics					4	4
General dutyman		4			8	12
Total, bath section	1	4		1	16	22
Total, personnel(excluding attached)	3	9	4	5	40	61
Attached -						
Sanitary assistant (b)				1		1
Electrician			1			1
Fitter		1				1
Cooks					2	2
Total, attached		1	1	1	2	5
Total, a mobile laundry and bath unit, North Africa (including attached)	3	10	5	6	42	66

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Subject: Org of Inf Bn in Combat Gp.

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To :- Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA) ✓
H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE.

Ref. G3 - 11

28 Nov. 44.

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1. Further to this HQ letter G1 - 7 of 27 Nov. 44, forwarding MMIA No. S/G/29/20 of 23 Nov. 44; and G3 - 10 of 22 Nov. and G3 - 8 of 11 Nov. 44.

2. The organisation of the Inf Bn as referred to and amended in above - quoted letters would now seem to call for the following modifications :-

Serial No.	Sub-Unit.	Remarks, modifications proposed.
1.	BN. HQ	(a) one M.O. abolished from existing W.E. (b) No Bn 2 i/c shown. Considered that O.C. H.Q. Coy is NOT suitably placed to act as Bn 2 i/c and possibly take over comd in battle. British policy tends to leave Bn 2 i/c in rear, for Adm and Sup duties, and to use O.C. Support Coy as forward tactical 2 i/c to Bn Comd. Proposal. Addition of one offr to Bn HQ who will be dosignated "Bn 2 i/c". (c) two subalterns are shown: what duties do they perform ? Proposal. one subaltern to be Intelligence offr: the second to be abolished and added instead to HQ Coy (see serial 2b below) HQ Pl. (Note: Normally in action there would be a second subaltern, the Sigs offr with Bn HQ; but he is already shown, rightly, in Sigs Pl, HQ Coy.)
2.	H.Q. Coy.	Proposal, (a) that HQ Coy Comd be NOT shown as Comd of HQ Pl as it now stands since he comds the whole Coy, incl Sigs Pl. He and the requisite clerks and pay personnel should form a separate Coy HQ or Pl. (b) The present HQ Pl should be divided into two secs - one Admin Sec (cooks, armourer, storeman etc) under comd of a Q.M. (Subaltern); and one M.T. Sec under comd of M.T.O. (Subaltern). (One of these subalterns to be added from Bn HQ as in Serial 1 note (c) above.)

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3.	Pnr Pl	(a) Failure to approve addition to W.E. of three Jeeps and two m/c's reduces the total ORs by 3 drivers and 2 DRs; on the other hand the now-dismounted assault pnr secs are to retain strength each of 1 sjt and 4 pnrs, a total addition of 2 pnrs to counter-balance abolition of 2 drivers in assault secs. Total strength Pnr Pl now, therefore, 1 offr 32 ORs. Proposal: two carriers universal be added to each pnr pl in Combat Gp, for tpt of assault secs, whose effective role in battle will be considerably hampered by lack of tpt. Of remaining tps in Pnr Pl, two 3-ton trucks are unsuitable for operations by assault tps in fwd areas, the 15 cwt being suitable only for carriage of assault pnr equipment, tools, explosives etc, and possibly as pl comd's vehicle. If these two carriers were added, each assault sec would consist as before of 1 sjt, 3 pnrs, 1 driver.

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1. The above proposals have been discussed and agreed as between "G", and "G Trg" staffs B.L.U., and M.M.L.A. L.O. of FOLGORE Gp.

2. If adopted, they would reduce the total strength of offrs in Inf Bn by one, as follows :-

(a) Bn Hq. reductions	:	1 M.O. 1 subaltern (to HQ Coy)
addition	:	1 Bn 2 i/c.
(b) Hq Coy. addition	:	1 subaltern (from Bn HQ)
(c) Former Scout Pl. reduction	:	1 subaltern (through abolition of pl.)

3. Awaiting M.M.L.A. final approval, H.Q. FOLGORE Gp will please examine and report any difficulties in connection with above org within the inf bn, and be prepared to put it into effect as soon as approval is obtained.

Lt.Col.
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SHEET No. 1.

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W/E FOR A REINFORCEMENT TRAINING DEPOT, ITALIAN CONSERVE FORCE

CONSISTING:

- 1 Depot Hq
- 6 Infantry Reinforcement Battalions, each of:

  Hq

  2 Infantry Reinforcement Coys.
- 1 Artillery Reinforcement Battery of:

  Hq

  6 Troops
- 1 composite Reinforcement Battalion of:

  Hq

  2 Engineer Reinforcement Coys.

  1 composite Reinforcement Coy.

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NOTE:

In this WE the Reinforcement Depot personnel is divided into:

(a) Permanent Staff (Depot Hq, 7 Bn Hqs, Hy. Arty Reinforcement Battery)

(b) Reinforcements.

- 1 Artillery Reinforcement Battery of:

Hq

6 Troops

- 1 composite Reinforcement Battalion of:

Hq

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ANNEX No. 2

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PERMANENT STAFF

Is composed of:

- 1 HQ Reinforcement Training Depot, Italian Combat Force.

- 6 Infantry Reinforcement Battalion Headquarters.

- 1 Artillery Reinforcement Battery Headquarters.

- 1 Composite Reinforcement Battalion Headquarters.

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- 6 Infantry Reinforcement Battalion Headquarters.

- 1 Artillery Reinforcement Battery Headquarters.

- 1 Composite Reinforcement Battalion Headquarters.

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SHEET No. 3

SUMMARY OF H.Q. REINFORCEMENT TRAINING DEPOT - ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

	PERSONNEL			M.T.					SIGNALS MATERIAL			
	OFFRS	NCO's	ORs	Cars, 4 or 2 str	Lorries 3 ton G.S.	Truck 15 cwt G.S.	Truck 15 cwt C.S.	M/C	Teleprinters	50 line switchboard	Telephones
C.O. & H.Q. Officers	9										
H.Q. Platoon	1	7	35	1	6	2	1	3			
Signals Section	1	5	16					7	2	1	41
Total Regt. H.Q.	11	10	51	1	6	2	1	9	2	1	41

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G.O. & H.Q. Officers	9											
H.Q. Platoon	1	7	35	1		6	2	1	3			
Signals Section	1	3	16						7	2	1	41
Total Regt. H.Q.	11	10	51	1		5	2	1	9	2	1	41

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H.Q. REINFORCEMENT TRAINING DEPOT.
ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

INCLUDES:

- C.O. and Hq Officers
- Hq Platoon
- a Signals Section

C.O. AND H.Q. OFFICERS

	OFFICERS
C.O. (Colonel or Brig. General)	1
Deputy C.O. (Lt. Col. or Col.)	1
Adjutant (Major)	1
Lt. Col. or Major	1
Quartermaster (Captain)	1
S. Officer i/c Signals Centre	1
Junior Adm. Officer.	1
M.O. (Captain)	1
Chaplain	1
Officer - Interpreters	2

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- a Signals Section

C.O. AND H.Q. OFFICERS

	OFFICERS
C.O. (Colonel or Brig. General)	1
Deputy C.O. (Lt. Col. or Col.)	1
Adjutant (Major)	1
Lt. Col. or Major	1
Quartermaster (Captain)	1
S. Officer i/c Signals Centre	1
Junior Adm. Officer.	1
M.O. (Captain)	1
Chaplain	1
Officer - Interpreters	2
TOTAL	11

(1) Particularly concerned with training.

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SHEET No. 2

H.Q. PLATOON

Comprises:

- H.Q.
- Office Section
- Servicing Section
- M.T. Section

	PERSONNEL			M.T.				
	OFFRS	N.C.O's	OR's	Cars 2 or 4 seater	Lorries 3 ton G.S.	Trucks 15 cwt G.S.	trucks 15 cwt water	M/C
G.O. (Subaltern)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
OFFICE SECTION								
Chief Clerk	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mail N.C.O.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bugler N.C.O.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Asst. Chief Clerk	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
6 Typists	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
O.D. Men (D.R.S., Orderlies etc)	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	2
TOTAL OFFICE SECTION	-	3	11	-	-	-	-	2
SERVICE SECTION								
Chief of Pay N.C.O.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Asst. Pay N.C.O.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Medical N.C.O.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
O.D. Men (Cooks, orderlies etc)	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL SERVICE SECTION	-	1	11	-	-	-	-	-
M.T. SECTION								
N.C.O. Vehicle Mechanic	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drivers	-	-	9	1	3	3	1	-
O.D. Men	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REDT. H.Q. PLATOON	1	7	35	1	3	3	1	2

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Chief Clerk	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mail N.C.O.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bugler N.C.O.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Asst. Chief Clerk	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
6 Typists	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
G.D. Men (D.R.S., Orderlies etc)	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	2
TOTAL OFFICE SECTION	-	3	11	-	-	-	-	2
SERVICE SECTION								
Chief of Pay N.C.O.	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Asst. Pay N.C.O.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Medical N.C.O.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
G.D. Men (Cooks, Orderlies etc)	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL SERVICE SECTION	-	3	11	-	-	-	-	-
M.T. SECTION								
M.C.O. Vehicle Mechanic	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drivers	-	-	9	1	3	2	1	-
G.D. Men	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REDT. H.Q. PLATOON	1	7	35	1	3	2	1	2

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- 1 for HQ Platoon, 2 for Depot Administration.

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SIGNALS SECTION

	PERSONNEL				SIGNALS MATERIAL			
	Offrs	NCO	O/R	Motor-cyclists	Tele-printers	50 line switch-board	Tele-phones	
C.O. (Eng. subaltern)	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	
Teletypists (1)	-	1	3	-	2	-	-	
Switchboard operators	-	1	3	-	-	1	(3)41	
Typists and clerks	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	
Motorcyclists	-	-	6	6	-	-	-	
Electricians	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	
Vehicle mechanics	-	-	1	0	-	-	-	
TOTAL Section Signals	1	3	15	7	2	1	41	

(1) For communication with [redacted]

(2) For communications with [redacted] and Reinforcement Bns.

(3) Including a multiple telephone apparatus.

(4) Including two corporal majors and 1 cpl.

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Electricians	-	-	1	6	-	-	-
Vehicle mechanics	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
TOTAL Section Signals	1	3	16	7	2	1	41

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(2) For communications with [redacted] and Reinforcement Regs.

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(4) Including two corporal majors and 1 cpl.

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SPECCHIO N. 4

INF. RES. BE. HQ.

Comprises :
C.O.
Platoon HQ

	PERSONNEL			G T			
	Officers	W O	Men	Cars	Lorries	Water Tank	Motorcycle
C.O. (Lt. Col. or Maj.)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
HQ PLATOON							
(1) OC (sub)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
HQ Sec	-	1	4	-	-	-	-
Serv Sec	-	1	8	-	-	-	-
M T Sec	-	1	6	1	1	1	2
TOTAL HQ Inf Reinforcement Bn	2	3	18	1	1	1	2
TOTAL 6 HQs Inf Reinforcement Bn	12	18	108	6	6	6	12

(1) Also functions as Bn adjutant
(2) 1 Chief Clerk, 1 Asst Chief Clerk, 2 clerks, 1 D.R.
(3) 1 Pay Clerk, (NCO), 1 Asst pay clerk(Cap Major or Cpl), 1 armourer (Corporal Major or Corp) 1 Medical assistant (Corporal Major or Cpl), 5 B.D. men,
(4) NCO Vehicle Mechanic, 3 drivers, 3 G D men
(5) The Reinforcement Bns are named, respectively: FRIULI, CREMONA, LEGNANO, FULGORE, MANTOVA, PICENO

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(1) OC (sub)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
HQ Sec	-	1	4	-	-	-	-
Serv Sec	-	1	8	-	-	-	-
M T Sec	-	1	6	1	1	1	2
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Comprises:

H.Q. & HQ Officers
HQ Platoon

	PERSONNEL			VEHICLES		
	Officers	W.O.'s.	Men	Cars	Heavy Lorries	Other Vehicles	Motorcycles
Officer Commanding & HQ Officers							
Officer Commanding, Lt Col or Maj	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adjutant	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
General Duties Officer	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
HQ PLATOON							
Comdr (subaltern)	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-
HQ Section	-	1	4	-	-	-	-
Services Section	-	1	8	-	-	-	-
M.T. Section	-	1	9	1	2	1	4
TOTAL Art Reinft HQ Group	4	3	21	1	2	1	4

(1) One Chief Clerk, Assistant Chief Clerk, 2 clerks, 1 D.R.
(2) 1 Sgt Pay Clerk, 1 Corp or Corp. Major Pay Clerk, Cpl Mail Accourer, 1 HQ orderly, 5 Gen duties men.
(3) 1 Sgt Vehicle Mechanic, 3 drivers, 4 motor cyclists and 2 Gen duty men.

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Officer Commanding, Lt Col or Maj	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adjutant	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
General Duties Officer	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
HQ PLATOON							
Comdr (subaltern)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
HQ Section	-	1	4	-	-	-	-
Services Section	-	1	8	-	-	-	-
M.T. Section	-	1	9	1	2	1	4
TOTAL Art Reinft HQ Group	4	3	21	1	2	1	4

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(2) 1 Sgt Pay Clerk, 1 Corp or Cpl, Major Pay Clerk, Cpl Maj Accountor, 1 WOD orderly, 5 Gen duties men.
(3) 1 Sgt Vehicle Mechanic, 3 drivers, 4 motor cyclists and 2 Gen duty men.

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SPECIMEN No 6

[illegible] INFANTRY BATTALION HQ

Same W.E. as that of the H.Q. Infantry Reinforcements Bn.

N.B.- The Bn Commander and the HQ Platoon Commander are Sapio (Engineer) Officers.

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Same W.E. as that of the H.Q. Infantry Reinforcements Bn.

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SUMMARY OF THE PERMANENT STAFF OF THE REINFORCEMENTS
TRAINING DEPOT, MILITARY COMBAT FORCES

| Personnel | Vehicles | | |

Reinforcement Depot HQ	11	10	51	8	5	2	1	9	1	1	41
Bn HQs Inf Reinforcements	12	18	108	6	6	-	6	12	-	-	-
Group HQ Art Reinforcements	4	3	21	2	2	-	1	4	-	-	-
Bn HQ Mixed Reinforcements	2	3	18	1	1	-	1	2	-	-	-
	29	34	198	9	14	2	9	27	1	1	41

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SPECCHIO No 6

II.

RESERVE PERSONNEL

Is formed by :-

- 1 superior officers group for the supervision of discipline and training.
- 12 Inf Reserve Coys.
- 6 Art. Reserve Coys.
- 2 Genio (Engineer & Signal) Reserve Coy.
- 1 Mixed Reserve Coy.

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- 2 Comio (Engineer X Signal) Reserve Coy.

- 1 Mixed Reserve Coy.

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APPENDIX No. 2

SUPERIOR OFFICER'S GROUP FOR THE SUPERVISION
OF DISTRIBUTION AND TRAINING

	OFFICERS
Lt. Col. or Inf. Major	2
Lt. Col. or Art. Major	1
Lt. Col. or Engineer Major	1
Lt. Col. or M.T. Major	1
TOTAL SUPERIOR OFFICERS	5

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	OFFICERS
Lt. Col. or Inf. Major	2
Lt. Col. or Art. Major	1
Lt. Col. or Engineer Major	1
Lt. Col. or M.T. Major	1
TOTAL SUPERIOR OFFICERS	5

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Appendix N. 10

INFANTRY RESERVE COY.

INCLUDES :-

- Coy Headquarters
- 1 HQ platoon
3 Pls Infantry Riflemen (1)
1 Pl Infantry Mortar 76
1 Pl Infantry 6 Pdr Guns

	PERSONNEL		
	Officers	NCO's	Men
Coy HQ			
Commandant (Capt)	1	-	-
Coy Duty Officer (2)	1	-	-
Platoon HQ			
Comdt (Subaltern)	1	-	-
1 HQ Section	-	1	8
1 Demolishing Party	-	1	20
1 Signal Section	-	1	8
1 Service Section	-	2	8
Total Pl HQ	5	5	76
Riflemen Rifle Platoon			
Comdt (subaltern) & Orderly	1	-	1
1 LMG Group Plat 30	-	1	9
3 Riflemen Section	-	-	30
TOTAL Riflemen Pl	1	1	40
TOTAL 3 Riflemen Pl	3	3	120
Rifle Pl 76 Mortar			
Comdt (Subaltern)	1	-	-
6 Mortar Section	-	6	30
TOTAL Rifle 76 mm Mortar Platoon . .	1	6	30
Rifle Pl 6 Pdr Gun			
Comdt (Subaltern)	1	-	-
3 Sect 6 Pdr Guns	-	8	96
TOTAL Rifle Pl 6 Pdr	1	8	96
TOTAL RIFLE INF COY	10	22	284

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1 Sig Section	-	1	20
1 Demolishing Party	-	1	20
1 Signal Section	-	2	36
1 Service Section	-	-	-
Total Pl HQ	5	5	78
Rifleman Rifle Platoon			
Comdt (subaltern) & Orderly	1	-	1
1 LMG Group Plat 30	-	1	9
3 Rifleman Section	-	-	30
TOTAL Rifleman Pl	1	1	40
TOTAL 3 Rifleman Pl	1	1	120
Rifle Pl 76 mm Mortar			
Comdt (Subaltern)	1	-	-
6 Mortar Section	-	6	30
TOTAL Rifle 76 mm Mortar Platoon . .	1	6	30
Rifle Pl 6 Pdr Gun			
Comdt (Subaltern)	1	-	-
3 Sect 6 Pdr Guns	-	8	56
TOTAL Rifle Pl 6 Pdr	1	8	56
TOTAL RIFLE INF COY	10	22	284

(1) In the FIGHTER Rifle Bn, 1 of the pl is formed by Cavalry Rifles.

(2) 1 Demolishing Officer, 1 Signal officer, 1 Information officer.

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Reinforcements, Coy.

SPECIMEN No. 11

Includes :	PERSONNEL		
	Officers	N.C.O's	MEN
- Commandant			
- 1 H.Q. Section			
- 1 Specialised Section			
- 3 25 Pdr Sections			
- 1 17 Pdr Section			
- 1 40 mm Section			
Comdt. (Art. Capt.)	1	-	-
Officers 2nd in Command (1)	2	-	-
	3	-	-
H.Q. Section (2)	-	2	15
Total H.Q. Section	-	2	15
Specialised Section			
Comdt (subaltern)	1	-	-
2 Specialised Sections (3)	-	6	44
Total Specialised Section	1	6	44
25 Pdr Gun Section			
Comdt. (subaltern)	1	-	-
25 Pdr - 2 sqds	-	2	12
Total one Section 25 Pdrs.	1	2	12
Total 3 sect 25 Pdr	3	6	36
17 Pdr. Section			
Comdt. (subaltern)	1	-	-
2 Squads 17 Pdrs.	-	2	12
Total one Sect 17 Pdrs.	1	2	12
40 m/m Section			
Comdt (subaltern)	1	-	-
2 40 m/m Squads	-	2	16
Total one Section 40 m/m	1	2	16
Total Art. Rfts. Coy.	9	18	123

(1) 1 Topographic Office. 1 Signal Officer.

(2) 1 W.O., 1 Sgt Clerk and i/c rations, 1 clerk N.C.O., 4 clerks and draftsmen.

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H.Q. Section (2)	-	2	35
Total H.Q. Section	-	2	15
Specialised Section			
Comdt (subaltern)	1	-	-
2 Specialised Sections (3)	-	6	44
Total Specialised Section	1	6	44
25 Pdr Gun Section			
Comdt. (subaltern)	1	-	-
25 Pdr - 2 sqds	-	2	12
Total one Section 25 Pdrs.	1	2	12
Total 3 sect 25 Pdr	3	6	36
17 Pdr. Section			
Comdt. (subaltern)	1	-	-
2 Squads 17 Pdrs.	-	2	12
Total one Sect 17 Pdrs.	1	2	12
40 M/m Section			
Comdt (subaltern)	1	-	-
2 40 m/m Squads	-	2	16
Total one Section 40 m/m	1	2	16
Total Art. Hqrs. Coy.	9	18	123

(1) 1 Topographic Office. 1 Signal Officer.

(2) 1 W.O., 1 Sgt Clerk and i/c rations, 1 clerk N.C.O., 4 clerks and draftsmen, 1 N.C.O. Med assistant, 1 N.C.O. i/c rations, 1 N.C.O. i/c Cookhouse, 1 N.C.O. i/c stores, 1 Med Orderly, 4 Gen duty men.

(3) Each squad includes- 1 N.C.O. marksman, 1 N.C.O. specialised in transmission, 1 N.C.O. wireless, 1 N.C.O. Battery worker, 1 N.C.O. artificer, 8 marksmen, 8 wireless operators, 4 specialised in transmission. The marksmen should also be specialised and trained in aiming and servicing 25 Pdrs, 17 Pdrs and 40 m/m

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2ND REINFORCEMENTS COY

INCLUDES:

1 Coy HQ
2 Pioneer Reinforcements Platoon
1 M/T reserve platoon
1 Platoon of tradesmen and recbs

	ESTABLISHMENT		
	Offrs	WOs	Men
COY HQ			
O/c (Captain)	1	-	-
Specialised subaltern	(1)2	-	-
PLATOON HQ			
Senior NCO	-	(2)3	-
Cpl Major or Cpl	-	-	(3)4
Cook orderly	-	-	4
Boot Maker	-	-	1
Male Nurse	-	-	1
Clerk	-	-	1
(Runner - Orderly)	-	-	2
TOTAL HQ COY	3	3	13

(1) - One as Eng specialist, one a Signal specialist.

(2) - 1 C.S.M. accountant, 1 Sgt Major, 1/c, ration and 1 1/c equipment

(3) - 1 trained accountant, 1 medical assistant, lfcd storeman,

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	Offrs	NCOs	Men
SEC HQ			
C/c (Captain)	1	-	-
Specialised subaltern	(1)2	-	-
PLATOON HQ			
Senior NCO	-	(2)3	-
Cpl Major or Cpl	-	-	(3)4
Cook orderly	-	-	4
Mest Maker	-	-	1
Male Nurse	-	-	1
Clerk	-	-	1
(Runner - Orderly)	-	-	2
TOTAL HQ COY	3	3	13

(1) - One as Eng specialist, one a Signal specialist.

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(3) - 1 trained accountant, 1 medical assistant, 1 food storeman,
1 equipment storeman.

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	PERSONNEL		
	OFFICERS	N.C.O.	TROOPS
RESERVE PIONEER PLATOON			
Officer Commanding	1		
Senior N.C.O's		3	
Cpl-Major or Cpls			5 (1)
Brick Layer and masons			4
Cabinet Maker and Carpenters			4
Blacksmiths			2
Pumps (Mech)			2
Electrician			2
Driver and assistant driver			2
Plumber - Tinsmith - Water worker			2
Painter			2
Boat			2
Sappers, Woodworkers, labourers			24
Demolition Eng.			12
TOTAL STRENGTH OF RESERVE PLATOON	1	3	65

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Cpl-Major or Cpls			8 (1)
Brick Layer and masons			4
Cabinet Maker and Carpenters			4
Blacksmiths			2
Pumps (Moah)			2
Electrician			2
Driver and assistant driver			2
Plumber - Tinsmith - Water worker			2
Painter			2
Boat			2
Sappers, Roadmakers, labourers			24
Demolition Eng.			12
TOTAL STRENGTH OF RESERVE PLATOON	1	3	65

(1) - 1 Brick layer, 1 Carpenter, 2 Sappers, 1 Demolition Eng.

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	OFFRS	WO's	MEN
W/T REINFORCEMENTS PLATOON			
Commander (subaltern)	1		
HQ SECTION			
Section Sgt		1	
D. R.			2
Electrician			1
Draughtsman			1
Cook			1
Assistant			1
W/T Section			
S.M. as Sgt i/c W/T station		4	
Cipher Sgt		1	
Cpl Major "Cipher"			2
Radio operator			20
Radio Mechanic			2
Telegraphist Section			
S.M. or Telegraphist Sgt		4	
Cpl Major or Telegraphist Cpl			2
Cpl Major or Cpl Switchboard operator			2
Telegraphist			7
Switchboard operator			5
Lines man			13
Telephone operator			2
TOTAL STRENGTH OF REINFORCEMENTS PLATOON	1	10	64

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Tradesmen and Mech. Sft platoon Includes: Officer Commanding 1 Tradesmen Section 1 Mech. Section	PERSONNEL OFFICERS	 W.O.'s	 TROOPS
Officer Commanding	1	-	-
Tradesmen Section			
Armourers	-	1	6
Blacksmiths	-	-	3
Cabinet makers and Carpenters	-	-	3
Coach body builders	-	-	2
Electrician	-	-	6
Mech.	-	-	3
Wrench Polisher	-	-	1
Plate Worker	-	-	2
Lathe Worker	-	-	2
Welder	-	-	2
Storeman (Specialised)	-	-	5
TOTAL TRADESMEN SECTION	-	1	35
Mech. Section			
Driver Mechs.	-	1	18
Mech for car repairs	-	-	9
Radio Mech.	-	1	4
Phone and telegraph Mech	-	-	4
TOTAL MECH SECTION	-	2	35
TOTAL STRENGTH OF PLATOON	1	3	70

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Blacksmiths	-	-	3
Cabinet makers and Carpenters	-	-	3
Coach body builders	-	-	2
Electrician	-	-	6
Mech.	-	-	3
Fromsh Polisher	-	-	1
Plate Worker	-	-	2
Lathe Worker	-	-	2
Welder	-	-	2
Storeman (Specialised)	-	-	5
TOTAL TRADESMEN SECTION	-	1	35
Mech. Section			
Driver Mechs.	-	1	18
Mech for car repairs	-	-	9
Radio Mech.	-	1	4
Phone and telegraph Mech	-	-	4
TOTAL MECH SECTION	-	2	35
TOTAL STRENGTH OF PLATOON	1	3	70

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Establishment of Hqs RCTs Corps

	PERSONNEL		
	OFFRS	WO's	MEN
Corps HQ	3	3	13
2 Pioneer Platoons	2	6	126
1 Pl M.T., RCTs	1	10	64
1 Pl tradesmen and Mess	1	3	70
TOTAL STRENGTH	7	22	273

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	3	3	13
Cov HQ			
2 Pioneer Platoons	2	6	126
1 Fl S.T. Rfts	1	10	64
1 Fl tradesmen and Recs	1	3	70
TOTAL STRENGTH	7	22	273

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MIXED REINFORCEMENT COY

Includes:

Officer Commanding
1 Hq Platoon
1 Medical Platoon
1 Supply Platoon
3 M.T. and M/C Platoon

	PERSONNEL		
	OFFICERS	N.C.O's	TROOPS
Commanding Officer (Captain)	1	-	-
General Duty Officers (1)	3	-	-
Hq Platoon			
Officer Commanding (Subaltern)	1	-	-
Hq Section (2)	-	2	10
General Duty Section (3)	-	1	18
TOTAL Hq PLATOON	1	3	28
Medical Section			
Officer Commanding, sub. M.O.	1	-	-
Male Nurse Section	-	1	18
Stretcher bearer Section	-	1	18
Disinfection Section	-	-	10
TOTAL STRENGTH MED. PL.	1	2	46
Supply Platoon			
Officer Commanding supplies, subaltern	1	-	-
N.C.O's	-	1	-
Butchers	-	-	6
Food Storemen	-	-	12
General Duties man (Distribution of rations etc)	-	-	30
TOTAL SUPPLIES SECTION	1	1	48
M.T. Platoon			

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General Duty Officers (1)	1	-	-
HQ Platoon			
Officer Commanding (Subaltern)	1	-	-
HQ Section (2)	-	2	10
General Duty Section (5)	-	1	18
TOTAL HQ PLATOON	1	3	28
Medical Section			
Officer Commanding, sub. M.O.	1	-	-
Male Nurse Section	-	1	18
Stretcher bearer Section	-	1	18
Disinfection Section	-	-	10
TOTAL STRENGTH MED. PL.	1	2	46
Supply Platoon			
Officer Commanding supplies, subaltern	1	-	-
N.C.O's	-	1	-
Butchers	-	-	6
Food Storemen	-	-	12
General Duties men (Distribution of rations etc)	-	-	30
TOTAL SUPPLIES SECTION	1	1	48
M.T. Platoon			
Officer Commanding (M.T. subaltern)	1	-	-
Driver Mech. Section	-	5	15
3 Pioneer Section	-	6	45
1 M/C Section	-	3	15
TOTAL M.T. PLATOON	1	12	75
TOTAL 3 M.T. PLATOONS	3	36	225

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	PERSONNEL		
	OFFICERS	N.C.O's	MEN
Total mixed reinforcements coy.	10	42	347
			399

(1) - Medical officers 1 - 1 supplies officer - 1 M.T. officer.

(2) - 1 C.S.M. - 1 accountant N.C.O. - 2 accountant clerks - 4 clerks
4 general duty men.

(3) - 1 Ration N.C.O. - 1 ration clerk 8 cooks orderlies - 2 cobblers -
2 male nurses - 4 general duty men - 1 qualified medical assistant

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SUMMARY OF A REINFORCEMENT TRAINING
DEPOT ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

	PERSONNEL			M T TRANSPORT					SIGNAL EQUIP		
	Officers	NCOs	Troops	Cars	Lorries	Light Cars	Motor Trucks	Motor Cycles	Teleprinters Switchboards & lines telephones		
A) Permanent staff (1)											
1 HQ Reinforcement Depot	11	10	51	1	5	2	1	9	2	1	41
6 HQ Reinforcement Bn(Inf)	12	16	108	6	6	-	6	12	-	-	-
1 HQ Artillery	4	3	21	1	2	-	1	4	-	-	-
1 HQ Mixed Service	2	3	18	1	1	-	1	2	-	-	-
Total permanent staff	29	34	198	9	14	2	9	27	2	1	41
B) Reinforcements											
Senior officer for the supervision of discipline and trg.	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12 coys Inf Rfts	120	264	3408	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 troops of art rfts	54	108	738	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 coys engineer rfts	14	44	546	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 coy mixed reinforcements	10	42	347	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REINFORCEMENTS	203	458	5039	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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(b) It has now become apparent that assistance of a more permanent nature, and on a smaller scale will [illegible] the facilities outlined at para 3(a) above can be withdrawn. This should occur in the case of SPIGNI Gruppo at the end of December, and in the case of CREMONA Gruppo very shortly afterwards. The purpose of this proposal is to provide the minimum necessary assistance from the very limited resources available. It is intended that the Training Increment, MEME, should consist two MEN MEE by (i) assisting Italian personnel to obtain essential requirements which involve dealings with supporting units, e.g., third line Wksps, third line reo units, and CRE's, none of which are Italian Units.

(ii) assisting Italian units in such as org Wksp matters and reo problems of like nature.

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It is stressed that when the facilities described at para 3(a) are withdrawn, the Italians will still be very far from fully trained either in the general technique of repair and recovery, or in the peculiarities of British equipment.

This proposal is designed to ensure by proper utilisation of Italian manpower a reduction in the wastage of material which is occurring in the Gruppi to an extent out of all proportion to the small expenditure of British manpower involved.

(c) The nine motor cycles are to enable tradesmen now requested to visit Wksps and LADs to discharge their duties. The truck 15-cwt G.S. is for the carriage of kit and to make provision for maintenance and repair as necessary on the motor cycles.

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APPENDIX 'A' TO HE.A/1/1701
DATED 29 NOV 44.

DRAFT WL FOR TRAINING INCREMENT RISE (for Gruppe di Combattimenti).

(i) Personnel

Warrant Officer Cl. II

Armament Artificer Veh	...	1.

Staff Sergeant

Armament Artificer Fd	...	1.

Sergeant

Armourer	...	1.
Vehicle Mechanic	...	1.

Corporals

Telecom. Mech Fd	...	1.
Vehicle Mechanic	...	1.
Storeman Vehicle	...	1.

L/Corporals

Driver Mechanic	...	1.
Vehicle Mechanic	...	1.

Cdn., Pers & Privates.

Driver L.C.	...	1.
Total		10

(ii) Vehicle.

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Armament Artificer Veh	...	1.

Staff Sergeant

Armament Artificer Pd	...	1.

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Corporals

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Vehicle Mechanic	...	1.
Storeman Vehicle	...	1.

L/Corporals

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Offrs., Dvrs & Privates.

Driver L.C.	...	1.
Total		10

(11) Vehicles

Truck 15 cwt 4x2 G.S	...	1
Motor Cycles	...	9

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NO FURTHER INDENT IS REQUIRED

29/11/44.
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for A/C

Lt. Col. Kennedy.
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Addition of Camp Commandant (Subaltern) to establishment of 310 WE MA/508/1 was approved vide Serial 398 of AAI WE Committee Meeting No 36.

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Ref. G3 - 10

22 Nov.44.

Subject: Org of Inf Bn in Combat Gp.

To :- H.Q. Combat Gp FOLCONE.
~~MMTA~~ ?
D Reg Team
A/S
B.I.U. LO

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para 6. (Support Coy).
(a) HQ Pl. Between "1 cpl Med" and "5 cpls opn W/T" insert,
"3 Stretcher Bearers
1 Cpl, Pay & Accounts - r"
(Note. Total of rifles in pl is correct)
(b) Mortar Pl. Add to second and fourth carrier in first line
"LMG.
P ".
Delete "1 P" and "1 LMG" from Pl comd's carrier.
(c) Carrier Pl. add "r" to each "15 cwt ann stores"
(note. total rifles in pl is correct)
(d) A.Tk.Pl. add "M.2" and "LMG" to each towing "Carrier Lloyd".
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Major
GII
for Lt.Col. G.S.

amended on 20/11

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Subject : Org of Inf Bn in Combat Gps.

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To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE
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MMLA (Please agree arms of Int & Sniper Secs)
A/Q
D Trg Team

11 Nov.44.

1. Ref this H.Q. G1 - 1 of 11 Nov.44

2. Inf Bns will be re-organised and trained forthwith on the following lines. In the ensuing

(a) p = pistol
r = rifle
T = T.S.M.G.
P = PIAT
M3" = 3 inch Mortar
M2" = 2 inch Mortar

(b) The detail and summary at the end are self-explanatory, the only additions being :-

1 x 15 cwt
3 x 5 cwt 4 x 4 (Jeeps)

while the following :-

3 Recce cars (type unknown)
2 LMG's per bn = 12 per Gp
3 M2" " " = 6 per Gp

are released for deletion from appropriate equipment list.

3. (a) BN. H.Q.

1 lt col	p	NOTE (a) one MO NOT required
1 capt or sub	p	(b) 1 x 15 cwt added for other MO
1 sub (MO)	p	(c) 3 dvrs added for 2 cars and 1 x 15 cwt
2 subs	2p	
3 dvrs	3T	
1 car 4 str		
1 car 2 str		
1 x 15 cwt (MO)		
5 p		

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1 car 4 str		
1 car 2 str		
1 x 15 cwt (MO)		
5	p	
3	T	
5 offrs 3 ORs		

NOTE (a) one MO NOT required
(b) 1 x 15 cwt added for other MO
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(b) INTELLIGENCE SECTION

1 Sgt	T
1 Cpl	T
8 ORs	8r

(c) SNIPER SECTION

1 Sgt 6 ORs	7r

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...../ 4. H.Q. Coy.

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4. H.Q. COY

H.Q Coy

H.Q. Pl		Sig Pl	
1 Capt	p	1 Sub	p
1 Sub	p	3 sjts sigs	3r
1 WO	T	5 DRs	5T
1 sjt pay	r	5 dvrs	5T
1 " armourer	r	1 cpl sigs	r
1 " MT	r	2 ptes sigs	2r
1 cpl clerk	r	7 ops switchboard	(7r) LMG (P)
1 pte clerk	r		
1 cpl cook	r) LMG	7 linesmen	7r
2 pte cooks	2r)	8 cpls W/T ops	(3T (5r
1 DR	T		
10 Dvrs	10T	8 ptes W/T ops	8r
2 dvr mechs	2T	5 M/cs	
2 gen dutymen	2r	3 x 15cwt	
1 cpl med	r	1 p	
1 pte med	r	33 r	
1 cpl pay	r	13 T	
1 M/c		1 p	
3 x 15cwt		1 offr 46 ORs	
1 x 15cwt water			
1 trailer			
8 x 3ton			
2 p			
15 ~~12~~ r			
14 T			
2 offrs 1 WO 26 ORs			

NOTES : (a) No esplorata pl. Personnel used to augment pnr pl and as dvrs etc. elsewhere.
(b) One stretcher bearer is obviously useless and he becomes a second med orderly. Stretcher NOT carried.
(c) PIAT for defence Bn HQ.
(d) For disposal of personnel of esplorata pl see next para.
(e) 2 LMGs for local defence.

5. Abolition of Esplorata pl leaves the following surplus :-

1 Sub	Of those	3
3 sjts	3 dvrs go to Bn HQ (see para 2 Note (c))	
3 dvrs	3 dvrs and 1 pte to Mortar Pl (para 4(b))	
6 sqls	1 pte and 3 LMGs and 1 M/c to carrier pl	

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1 cpl med	r	
1 pte med	r	
1 cpl pay	r	
1 M/c		
3 x 15cwt		
1 x 15cwt water		
1 trailer		
8 x 3ton		
2	p	
15 ~~16~~	r	
14	T	
		3 x 15cwt
1	p	
33	r	
13	T	
1	p	

2 offrs 1 WO ~~26~~ ORs

1 offr 46 ORs

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(e) 2 LMGs for local defence.

5. Abolition of Esplorata pl leaves the following surplus :-

1 Sub
3 sjts
3 dvrs
6 cpls
21 ptes
9 saboteurs

Of these
3 dvrs go to Bn HQ (see para 3 Note (c))
3 dvrs and 1 pte to Mortar Pl (para 4(b))
1 pte and 3 DRs and 1 M/c to carrier pl (para 4(c))
1 sub, 3 sjts, 3 dvrs, 6 saboteurs (as pnrs)
2 M/cs and 2 DRs to pnr pl (para 4(c)).

A total of :-
1 sub
3 sjts
9 dvrs
NIL cpls
2 ptes
6 saboteurs
5 DRs

Leaving, irrespective of specialist qualifications, 6 cpls, 8 ptes, and 3 saboteurs who are surplus to establishment.
Also 3 recce cars.
The trg of the men from the Esplorata pl who are to be [illegible] specialists in the pl to which they are transferred will be begun forthwith.

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SUPPORT COY

(a) HQ Pl.

1 capt	p
1 sub	p
1 sjt	r
1 sjt pay	r
1 cpl sig	r
2 ptes sig	2r
2 sig mech.	2r
1 cpl cook	r
3 ptes cooks	3r
1 RE	p
3 divrs	3r
3 gen dutymen	3r
1 cpl mot	r
5 cpls ops W/T	5r
5 ptes ops W/T	5r
1 M/c	
1 car 2 str	
1 x 15cwt	
1 x 3ton	
2	p
21	r
2	T
2 offrs 33 ORs	

NOTE : (a) No change

3 Lewis Gunners
1 Gpl Pay sergeant — r.

(b) Mortar Pl.

Carrier M.	Carrier M. -ditto- LMG p	Carrier M. -ditto-	Carrier M. -ditto- LMG p
Sjt Dvr Cpl) M 2 Ptes) numbers 3" Mortar 1 T 4 r		Pl. Comds. Carrier. Pl. Comd. Dvr. Pte (or Cpl). 1 T 1 r	M/c M/c MG MG
15 Cwt Amn		15 Cwt Stores	15 Cwt Amn
Dvr 2 Ptes amn. Pte sigs. 1 T 3 r			Dvr 2 Ptes amn. Pte sigs. 1 T 3 r

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5 Ptns cms W/T 5r
M/c
1 car 2 str
1 x 15cwt
1 x 3ton
2 T
21 r
2 T
2 Offrs 53 ORs

(b) Mortar Pl.

Carrier M.
Sjt
Dvr
Cpl) M
2 Ptns) numbers
3" Mortar
1 T
4 r

Carrier M. -ditto- LMG

Carrier M. -ditto-

Carrier M. -ditto- LMG

Pl. Comds. Carrier.
Pl. Cmd.
Dvr.
Pte (or Cpl).
1 T
1 r

M/c M/c
TM TM

15 Cwt Ammn
Dvr
2 Ptns amn
Ptn right
1 T
3 r

15 Cwt Ammn
Dvr
2 Ptns amn
Ptn right
1 T
3 r

15 Cwt Stores
Sjt
Dvr
amn/mech
pnl/mech/rigt
1 T
3 r

NOTES : (*) Carrier for Pl. Cmds has been asked for. Dvr and Pte for this carrier from Explorata Pl.

(II) Original establishment was two Dvrs short; they can be found from Explorata Pl.

6(b) Contd.

(III) Total. 1 sub
5 sgts
4 cpls) M
8 ptes) Nos
8 dvrs
4 ptes amn
2 ptes sigs
1 pte or Cpl
1 arty/mech
1 goniometrist
2 m/cyclists

5 Carriers M
3 x 15 cwt.
2 M/Cs.

1 P
26 r
10 T
4 M 3"
2 P & 2 LMG
1 Offr. 36 O/R's.

Pl Comd
Sec Comd
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C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Sgt dvr 2 ptes LMG 2"M 3 r	cpl dvr 2 ptes LMG PIAT 3 r	cpl dvr 2 ptes LMG 3 r	cpl dvr 2 ptes LMG 2"M 3 r	cpl dvr 2 ptes LMG PIAT 3 r	cpl dvr 2ptes LMG 3 r	sgt dvr 2ptes LMG 2"M 3 r	cpl dvr 2ptes LMG PIAT 3 r	cpl dvr 2ptes LMG 3 r	cpl dvr 2ptes LMG 2"M 3 r	cpl dvr 2ptes LMG PIAT 3 r	cpl dvr 2ptes LMG 3 r
			C				MC : : : TMC	MC : : : TMC	MC : : : TMC		

Pl Comd
dvr
cpl
P
2 r

(IV) One LMG to Pl Comds Carrier. One to rest of pl where required.

(c) Carrier Pl.

15 cwt amn

15 cwt amn

Total.
1 sub

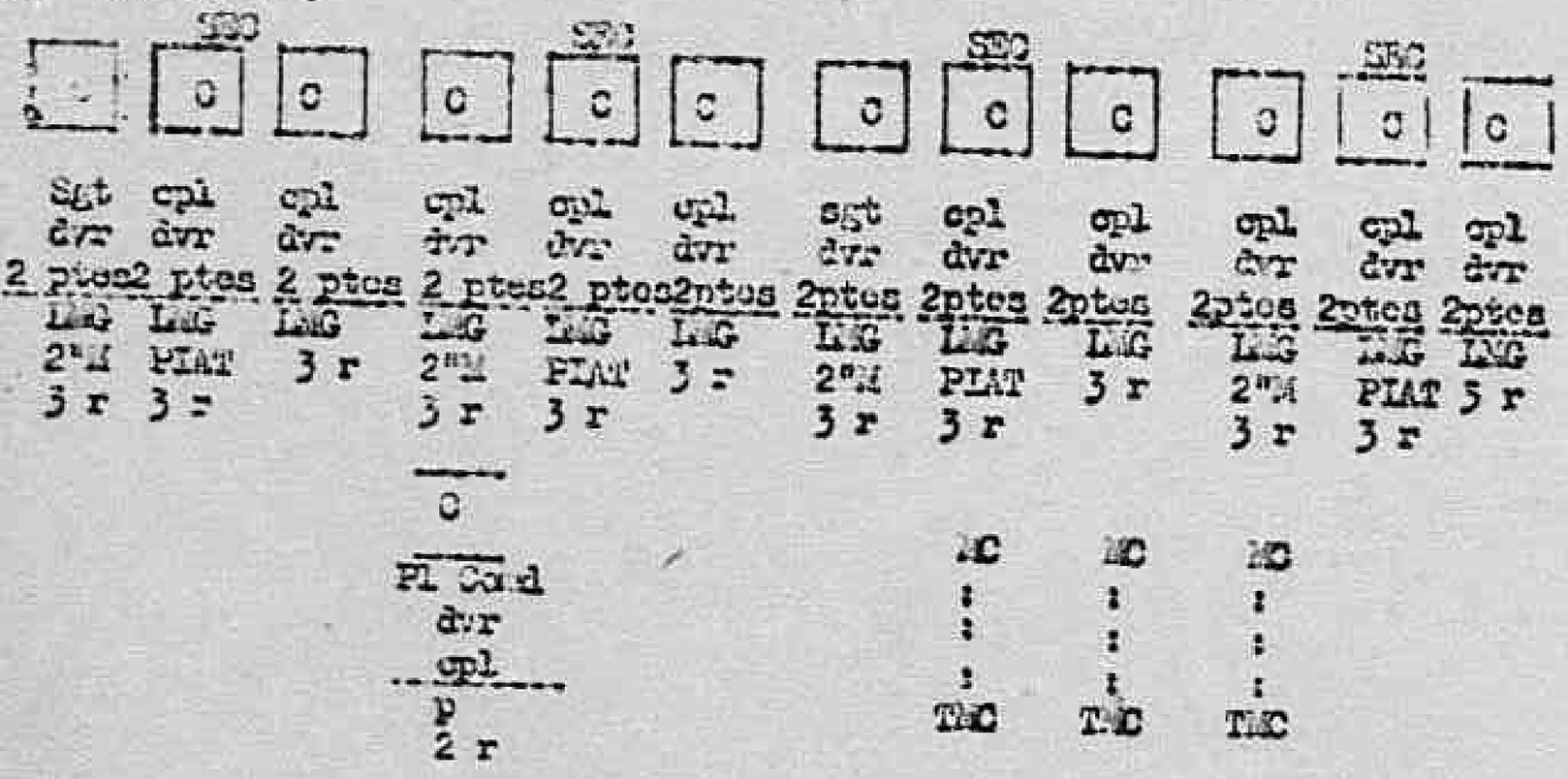
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3 x 15 cwt.
2 M/Cs.
1 P
25 r
10 T
4 M 3"
2 P & 2 LMG
1 Offr. 35 O/R's.

(IV) One LMG to Pl Comds Carrier. One to rest of pl where required.

(C) Carrier Pl.



15 cwt gun stores
dvr
cpl
LMG

15 cwt gun stores
dvr
pte
LMG

Total.
1 sub P
2 sgts 2 r
12 cpls 12 r
24 ptes (gun Mo's) (12 LMG, 12 r, 4 P, 4 M2", 13 r, r)
15 dvrs
3 M/cyclists 3 T
1 pte 1 r
3 M/C
2 x 15 cwt
13 Carriers U
1 P
40 r
5 T
12 LMG
4 P
4 M2"
1 offr 57 O.Rs.

Notes :
(i) The above can be provided from present est of Carrier Pl except for the pte in second 15 cwt and riders of two MCs who will come from Scout Pl.
(ii) Dvrs of Carriers U do not carry TMC.
(iii) Additional M/C added from Esplorata pl., a = Carrier pl has no wireless except its rear link and intercomm will present a problem.

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(c) A/Tk Pl

Sub dvr / Sgt — CARRIER LLOYD Comd — M3 / Orderly

sgt, dvr — CARRIER LLOYD — M3 LMG
Gun Nos (2 opls, 1 pte) — 6 pdr

dvr, pte amn — CARRIER LLOYD AMN
Gun Nos = 2 ptes

NOTES :
1. The two gun No's carried in the amn carrier are in fact amn no's so the split in the team works out.
2. L.M.G. carried in each carrier to bring a gun = 2 per pl.

15 arm/mech cwt. dvr.

Total.		
1 sub		
3 sgts		
2 ptns amn		
1 amn/mech		
6 dvrs		
4 opls) gun	(2 x 6 pdr	
6 ptns) No's	(10 x	
	(2 M 2"	
1 W/op/list	1 T	
1 W/O		
1 x 15 cwt		
5 x Carrier Lloyd		
1 x		
16 x		
7 x		
2 x 6 pdr		
2 M 2"		
2 LMG		
1 offr 23 O/Rs		

(c) FIP. Pl.

The present pnr pl is simply a collection of troublemen and there is no provision 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	M3	M3
	sgt		
	dvr IC	0	0
	car 5 cwt x 1, one pistol		

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NOTES :
1. The two gun No's carried in the arm carrier are in fact arm no's so the split in the team works out.
2. L.M.G. carried in each carrier towing a gun = 2 per pl.

15 arm/mech cmt. dvr.

Total.
1 sub
3 sgts
2 ptes arm
1 arm/mech
6 dvrs
4 opls } gun
6 ptes } No's
1 W/operator
1 W/O
1 x 15 cwt
1 x Carrier Load
1 P
15 P
7 T
2 x 6 pdr
2 M 2"
2 MM
1 with 23 O/Rs

2 P
2 x
1 T
2 x 6 pdr
10 x
2 M 2"
1 T

(c) PIAT.

The present pnr pl is simply a collection of tradesmen and there is no provision 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		MG	MO
	sub sgt		
	dvr IC	0	0
	car 5 cwt x 4		
	one pistol		
	one rifle		
	one TMG		
	one PIAT		

Tradesmen Sec
2 sgts
4 blacksmiths
2 opl carpenters
3 pte carpenters
1 electrician
2 opl masons
2 pte masons
2 techs
3 dvrs
1 x 15 cwt
2 x 3 ton
18 rifles
1 Tilly — Nil offrs 21 ORs

Assault pnr sec.
1 sgt
3 pnrs
1 dvr IC
car 5 cwt x 4
4 rifles
1 TMG and LMG
Tools and explosives
Nil offrs 5 ORs

Assault pnr sec or other assault sec
Nil offrs 5 ORs
2 MOs
3 cars 5 cwt
1 x 15 cwt
2 x 3 ton
1 P
27 x
5 T
1 P and 2 LMG
1 offr 35 ORs

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6. (o) contd.

NOTES :

(i) Tradesmen sec is as former pnr pl except that it does NOT need an offr.
(ii) 1 sub, 3 sjts, 3 dvrs, 6 pnrs, 2 DRs and 2 MCs come from Scout Pl.
(iii) Three cars 5cwt 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.

6. (f) TWO INCH MORTARS IN SP CCY

(i) 14 on present est. 6 only required (four for carrier pl and two A.Tk 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.
(iv) Suggest allotment of one two inch mortar to each A.Tk gun in regt A.Tk gun coy - total 12 per regt.
(v) This leaves 3 spare per regt or 6 spare per Gruppo.

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gruppo/.....

7. RIFLE COY.

HQ Pl

1 capt	1	P
1 sub	1	p
1 sgt pay	1	r
1 sgt rations	1	r
1 sgt sigs	1	r
1 cpl amn	1	LMG
3 ptes amn	3	r
1 arm mech	1	r
1 cpl cook	1	LMG
3 ptes cook	3	r
2 DRs	2	T
5 dvrs	5	T
1 cpl med	1	r
5 SBs	nil	
2 orderlies	1	P
	2	r
1 cpl pay	1	r
2 cpls sigs	2	r
2 ptes sigs	1	r
	1	T

2 MCs
3 x 15 cwt
1 carrier U

2 P
17 r
2 LMG
8 T
1 P plus 1 M2"

2 offrs 32 ORs

Rifle Pl

HQ

1 sub	1	p
1 sgt	1	r
1 L/cpl	1	r
1 runner	1	T
2"M gp (3 men)	2"M	
	3	r
LMG gp (3 men)	LMG	
	2	r
PLAT gp (2 men)	1	P
	2	r

1 P
9 r
1 T
1 2"M
1 LMG
1 P

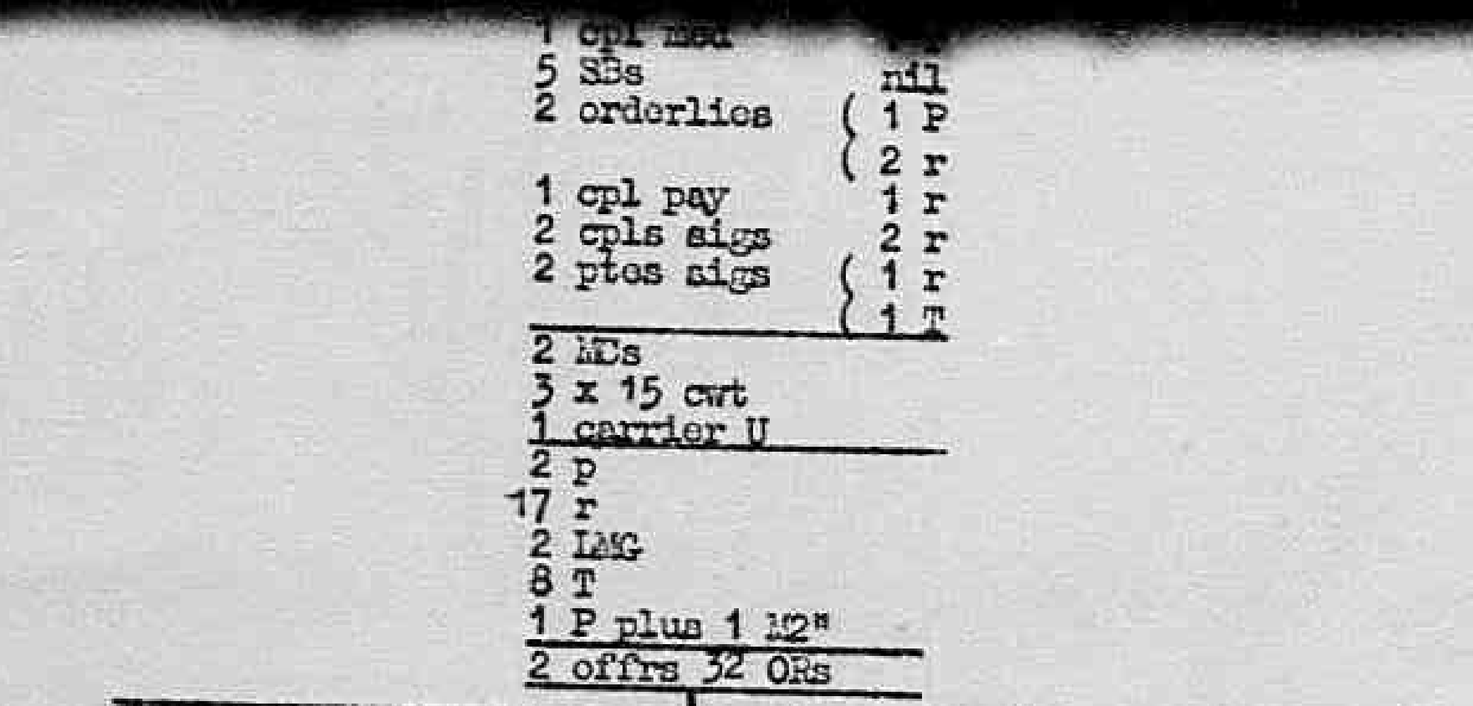
1 offr 11 ORs

Rifle Pl

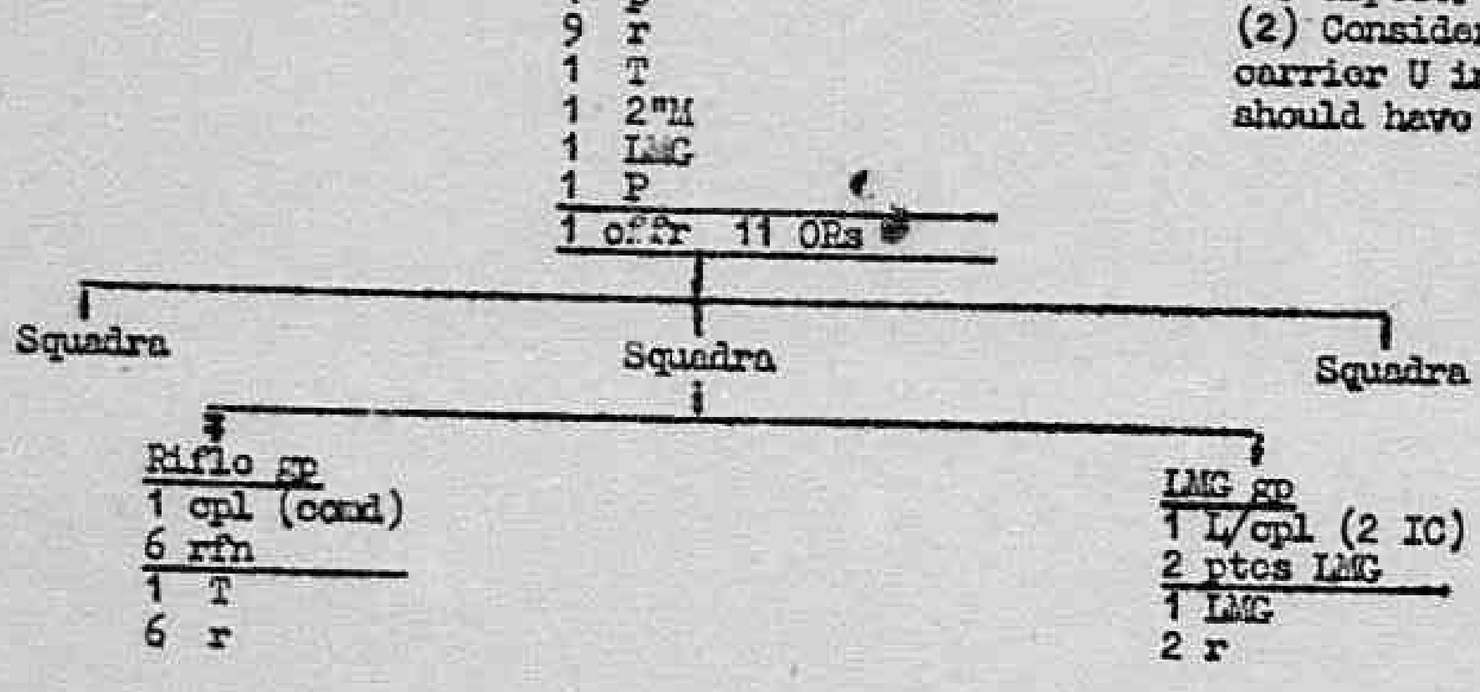
Rifle Pl

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(2) Consider dvr of carrier U in rifle coy should have TMC.

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.....8. SUMMARY

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"8"

SUMMARY. INF. BN.

	Offrs	WOs	ORs	P	T	r	P	3"	LMG	M2"	6 pdr	A/C	Jeeps and/or cars		15 cwt	G.S.	Trai
Bn. H.Q.	5.	-	3.	5.	3.	-							2.	1.			
I Sec			10.		2.	8											
Snipers Sec			7.			7											
Total	5	-	20.	5.	5.	15.							2.	1.			
HQ Coy HQ pl	2.	1.	26.	2.	14.	4[illegible]13			1.	-	-	1.	-	3.	1.	8.	1
Sigs pl	1.	-	46.	1.	13.	33.	1.	-	1.	-	-	5.	-	3.	-	-	-
Total	3.	1.	72.	3.	27.	45.	1.	-	2.	-	-	6.	-	6.	1.	8.	1
Sp Coy HQ pl	2.	-	33.	2.	9.	21.	-	-	-	-	-	1.	1.	1.	-	1.	-
Mortar pl	1.	-	36.	1.	10.	26.	2.	4.	2.	-	-	2.	-	3.	-	-	-
Carrier pl	1.	-	57.	1.	5.	40.	4.	-	12.	4.	-	3.	-	2.	-	-	-
A/Tk. pl	1.	-	23.	1.	7.	16.	-	-	2.	2.	2.	1.	-	1.	-	-	-
Pnr. pl	1.	-	35.	1.	8.	27.	1.	-	2.	-	-	2.	3(f)	1.	-	2.	-
Total	6.	-	184.	6.	39.	130.	7.	4.	18.	6.	2.	9.	4.	8.	-	3.	-
Rifle Coy-																	
Rifle pl	1.	-	41.	1.	4.	33.	1.	-	4.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 pls	3.	-	123.	3.	12.	99.	3.	-	12.	3.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H.Q.	2.	-	32.	2.	8.	17.	1.	-	2.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Coy.	5.	-	155.	5.	20.	116.	4.	-	14.	4.	-	2.	-	3.	-	-	-
3 Coys.	15.	-	465.	15.	60.	348.	12.	-	42.	12.	-	6.	-	9.	-	-	-
Total Inf Bn	29.	1.	741.	29.	131.	538.	20.	4.	62.	18.	2.	21.	6.	24.	1.	11.	1
W.E. Inf Bn	31. (a)	1.	741.	31. (a)	142. (d)	552. (b)	20.	4.	64. (c)	23. (c)	2.	21.	3.	23.	1.	11.	1

Note :- (a) One M.O. and original pnr pl offr loss.
(b) Should include Snipers rifles for Snipers Sec.
(c) 5 will probably be withdrawn from each Bn = 15 per Regt. 12 to Regt
(d) Bn ros of 11 to be disposed of as required.
(e) 4 L.M.Gs surplus from Esplorata pl. 2 absorbed in re-organised Pnr
(f) For mine laying and lifting stores - should be jeeps, with trailers

for Lt.Col.

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"B"

SUMMARY. INF. BN.

	p	T	r	P	M3"	LMG	M2"	6 pdr	A/C	Jeeps and/or cars		15 cwt G.S.	Water	3 ton.	Trailer Water.	Carrier U.	M.L.	Recce cars.	
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One A.O. and original pnr pl offr loss.
Should include Snipers rifles for Snipers Sec.
5 will probably be withdrawn from each Bn = 15 per Regt. 12 to Regt A/Tk Gun Coy : 3 spare.
Bn res of 11 to be disposed of as required.
4 L.M.Gs surplus from Esplorata pl. 2 absorbed in re-organised Pnr pl and 2 left spare.
For mine laying and lifting stores - should be jeeps, with trailers.

W.H. Hawkins Major
GII

for Lt.Col. G.S.

SUBJECT: Combat Group War Establishments

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/29/20
23 Nov 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Reference the proposals for amendments to WE's of the Combat Groups shown on Appendix "A" to our S/G/29/20 of 6 November (for ELUs on S/G/29/20 of 4 November to AAI):

1. Amendments shown against the following serials have been approved by AAI as they stand: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 (this should refer to serial 10), 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 19, 21, 22, 24.

2. Serial 14

Under Pioneer Platoon the formation of two Assault Pioneer Sections, each comprising 1 serjeant and 4 pioneers (privates) is approved.

The proposed allotment of cars 5cwt 4 x 4 and 2 motor cycles with their drivers and riders was not regarded as essential, and owing to the scarcity of these vehicles is not approved (see also serials 15, 16, 17, 18).

3. Serial 23: Approval given for 1 motor cycle instead of 2

Serial 25: Not approved

Serial 26: 1 lorry 3 ton 4 x 4 GS approved, but in place of 1 truck 15 cwt GS already on establishment.

Serial 2[illegible] Increase of one driver approved, instead of 3.

4. Serial 27

The proposed new establishment for the Field Company is not approved in view of the increases of transport. The proposal has been referred to the Engineer Branch at AAI for re-submission in conjunction with MMIA.

5. Approval has also been given to the following additions to the establishment of a Headquarters, Combat Group:

Welfare Officer (Lieutenant Colonel or Major) 1

Clerk (Private)

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Clerk (Private)	1
Driver l.c (Private)	1
Car 2 Seater 4 x 2	1

6. As regards internal organisation following on the adoption of the above amendments:

(a) The Snipers and Intelligence Sections will be included in the HQ Platoon of the Battalion HQ Company.

(b) The Pioneer Platoon will be transferred from the Support Company to the Infantry Bn. HQ Company. The Assault Section may however be attached to the Support Company when necessary.

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(c) The Signals Company will remain organically as part of the Engineer Battalion, but the Group Commander will be empowered to place it directly under his command if he considers this action operationally required.

(d) The detailed organisation of the Infantry Battalion will be as shown in 50 BLU's A/z/11 of 17 October, subject to the above paragraphs.

7. Official amendments will be published by AFHQ and forwarded in due course. Meanwhile the above paragraphs will be put into effect in all Combat Groups.

8. Your 8669/Ord of 15 November and 8765/Ord of 20 November refer.

W Pidsley Colonel

for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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51 BLU
(3 each 52 BLU
to incl 53 BLU (confirming your G1-1 of 11 Nov para 4)
MMLA LC's) 54 BLU

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SUBJECT:- Formation of GT Company

Land Forces Sub Com A.C.,
(MMIA)
SD/6

22 Nov 44

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Ministry of War

Copy to:- AFHQ (for G-3 Org) (2) } AFHQ FX55258
3 District (2) } of 20 Nov
AAI } refers
PBS for MMIA LO Capt THRIPP

23 Nov

Reference our S/G/29/26 of 26 Oct.

1. Arrangements are being made for personnel of 1003 General Transport Company to move soonest from SALERNO to AFRAGOLA for re-organisation into the first of the three four-platoon General Transport Coys required to support the Combat Groups. By agreement with SAAB the new Company will be designated 1 Combat Group G.T. Company. Personnel of 1006 General Transport Company are also moving from NAPLES to AFRAGOLA on or soonest after 24 November, and may be used to complete the above Company.

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Major General
M M I A

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SUBJECT: Translation - War Establishments

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/29/20
21 Nov 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Please could you let us have a translation in Italian (6 copies) of the attached War Establishments in the form shown herewith.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Have received bilingual copies Italian Combat Group W.E's NA/523/1 to NA/540/1 (.) The Italian translation is grossly inaccurate in terminology and typing (.) MMIA will prepare accurate translation of these establishments with GMRK (.) Recommend this procedure always followed when bilingual W.E's are required (.) Meanwhile recommend that no copy of above W.E's reaches Italian hands

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W Riddell Colonel.

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

S/Sez 20/11 1/0

SEGRETO

N° 8765 /Ord. di prot. P.M.151, li 20 novembre 1944

OGGETTO : Sezione CC.RR. per gruppo di combattimento.

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

e, per conoscenza:
AL MINISTERO GUERRA = GABINETTO = UFF.C.A. P.M.151

Riferimento foglio S/G/29/20 del 6 c.m.-

Nell'appendice "A" del foglio in riferimento al n. 2 é riportata la seguente variante "cancellare un subalterno e sostituirlo con un maresciallo" mentre di contro nella 4ª colonna é scritto "nessun mutamento nella situazione generale della forza".

Questo S.M. invece, con la proposta di ridurre da 2 a 1 gli ufficiali dei CC.RR. intendeva diminuire l'organico della sezione CC. RR. di 1 unità, sostituendo l'ufficiale eliminato con un sottufficiale tratto dal personale della sezione stessa.

A titolo di chiarimento si allega uno specchio relativo alla formazione della sezione CC.RR. secondo il punto di vista di questo S.M. che, d'altra parte, é conforme alle disposizioni già impartite ai comandi dei gruppi di combattimento.-

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Panti)

Allegato n. 1 al f. lio 8765 /Ord.
del 20 /11/44

S E Z I O N E - M I S T A CC.RR.

PER COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO

Comprende:
- comando
- 2 squadre a piedi
- 1 squadra motociclisti

	PERSONALE			ARMI MEZZI DI TRASPORTO				
	Ufficiali	Sottufficiali	Truppa	Fuc.mitragl.	Autovetture	Autocarri pesanti (da 3 tonn.)	Autocarri leggeri (da 1 a tonn.)	Motocicli
COMANDO								
Comandante (subalterno)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vice-comandante (maresciallo capo o maresciallo d'alloggio)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brig. o vice brig.di contabilità	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carabinieri (1)	-	-	5	1	1	1	-	1
Totale comando	1	2	5	1	1	1	-	1
SQUADRA A PIEDI								
Brig. o vice brig.capo squadra	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vice brig. o appuntati	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
carabinieri	-	-	(2)11	-	-	-	1	-
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SQUADRA MOTOCICLISTI								
Brig. o vice brigadiere capo sq.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vice brigadiere o app.motociclista	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carabinieri motociclisti	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	13
Carabinieri autieri	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
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RIEPILOGO DELLA SEZIONE								
Comando	1	2	5	1	1	1	-	1
2 squadre a piedi	-	2	4 22	-	-	-	2	-
1 squadra motociclisti	-	1	13	-	-	-	1	13
	1	5	5 40	1	1	1	3	14

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	Ufficiali	Sottufficiali	Truppa	Fuc.mitragl.	Autovetture	Autocarri pesanti(da 3 tonn.)	Autocarri leggeri(da 1 ½ tonn.)	Motocicli
COMANDO								
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Vice-comandante (maresciallo capo o d'alloggio)	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brig. o vice brig.di contabilità	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carabinieri (1)	-	-	5	1	1	1	-	1
Totale comando	1	2	5	1	1	1	-	1
SQUADRA A PIEDI								
Brig. o vice brig.capo squadra	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vice brig. o appuntati	-	2	(2)11	-	-	-	1	-
carabinieri	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SQUADRA MOTOCICLISTI								
Brig. o vice brigadiere capo sq.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vice brigadiere o app.motociclista	-	2	11	-	-	-	1	-
Carabinieri motociclisti	-	1	12	-	-	-	1	13
Carabinieri autieri	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	-	1	13	-	-	-	1	13
RIEPILOGO DELLA SEZIONE								
Comando	1	2	5	1	1	1	-	1
2 squadre a piedi	-	2	22	-	-	-	2	-
1 squadra motociclisti	-	1	13	-	-	-	1	13
	1	5	40	1	1	1	3	14

(1) - di cui: 1 motociclista, 2 automobilisti e 2 cc.rr. per servizi vari
(2) - di cui: 1 è automobilista.

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SUBJECT: Establishment of a 25 Pdr Battery Headquarters.

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Land Forces Sub-Com. A. C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/29/20
10 Nov 44

Ministry of War.

Reference your 8152/Ord of 27 October 1944.

1. Your proposal for adding one officer to the Headquarters of a 25 Pdr Battery (Gruppo) has been carefully considered but cannot be accepted. The reasons for this decision are as follows:

(a) It is felt that the liaison and O P duties of Battery officers are not as heavy as envisaged. An English Battery is deployed on a narrower front than that on which the Italian Gruppo is accustomed to operate. Moreover the richer establishment of wireless sets for communication with the infantry (the same for both Combat Group and British 25 Pdr Batteries) enables a smaller number of observers sited in positions affording good observation to maintain contact with the tactical situation.

(b) The Italian establishment for a 25 Pdr Battery H.Q. has already 6 officers and 1 Medical officer, a total of seven officers to be compared with the English total of four.

(c) In the Artillery Regt as a whole, there is already a disturbing excess of personnel over the number that can be carried in the Regiments transport.

2. It may be that in present circumstances you find it difficult to provide NCO personnel to fulfill the various very responsible duties detailed in our establishment: examples are the NCO in charge of Battery signals, Troop Serjeant-Major, etc., who have technical, as well as disciplinary functions. If this is so, MMIA is prepared to recommend to AAI that in certain specific instances NCO's may be substituted by officers. It should, however, be made clear that

(a) no extra transport would be available
(b) no additional OR's to look after the additional officers could be allowed.

W Pidsley Colonel 8252
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Subject : War Establishments - Combat Gp.

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1. Copies (in Italian - English) are forwarded as below of War Establishments for certain units of Italian Combat Gp.
These have been received from H.Q. No.3 District, but will probably be modified, as noted below, by

(a) MMIA letter No. S/G/29/20 of 4 Nov.44, forwarded under this H.Q. letter No. G.1 - 1 of 11 Nov.44.
(b) Certain proposals, awaiting approval, for reorganisation within the Inf. Bn. (These will follow shortly, as already notified in above letter).

2. W.E's.

(a) N.A./523/1 (H.Q. Italian Combat Gp)
Copies have been amended in RED in accordance with 1(a) above.
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(f) N.A./528/1 (H.Q. Eng Bn) amended in RED as for 1(a) above.
(g) N.A./529/1 (Fd Coy. Eng)
This W.E. will probably be superseded by new W.E. forwarded in 1(a) above.
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Major
GII

for Lt.Col. G.S.

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
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- Sezione Ordinamento -

S/Sec 17/11

n.8669/Ord. di prot. P.M.151, 15 novembre 1944

OGGETTO: Organizzazione dei gruppi di combattimento.

Organization of combat Groups

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

R O M A

Riferim. f.S/G/29/20 del 6 c.m.

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- passare il plotone pionieri dalla compagnia armi accompagnamento alla compagnia comando di battaglione ove detto plotone avrebbe sede più opportuna -

3. - Non si ritiene conveniente separare la compagnia collegamenti dal battaglione misto genio passandola alle dirette dipendenze del comando di gruppo in quanto le formazioni italiane, a differenza di quelle alleate, non prevedono nel genio una scissione tra la parte collegamenti

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
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- Sezione Ordinamento -

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n.8669/Ord. di prot. P.M.151, 16 novembre 1944

OGGETTO: Organizzazione dei gruppi di combattimento.
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3. - Non si ritiene conveniente separare la compagnia collegamenti dal battaglione misto genio passandola alle dirette dipendenze del comando di gruppo in quanto le formazioni italiane, a differenza di quelle alleate, non prevedono nel genio una scissione tra la parte collegamenti

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e la parte artieri: attuando invece la proposta scissione mancherebbe l'azione di controllo e di coordinamento tecnico da parte del comandante di battaglione che deve essere in grado di comandare bene entrambe le specialità.

S. M. A. - UFF. ORD. - MOB.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

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1. Copy is forwarded herewith of MMIA letter No. S/G/29/20 of 4 Nov. 44, together with proposal for amendments to existing W.E's.

2. While these proposals have not yet been finally approved, orders have now been received to begin forthwith to organise and train units on the lines of these proposals.

3. Detailed organisation of the Inf Bn will follow as soon as duplicated.

4. Ref Serial 8 of proposed amendments to Inf Bn W.E. MA/527/1. It is believed that

'add 1 private for Pl Comds Carrier as above'

is placed in error under the heading of "H.Q. Coy, H.Q. Platoon", and that it should be included under the amendments to Serial 10, "Support Coy, 3" Mortar Platoon".

E.C. Manks
Major,
GII

for Lt. Col.,
G.S.

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Subject : Combat Group Establishments

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

To :- HQ AAI (10 copies)

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

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

(a) Personnel

Officers	O.Rs
Decrease of 2	Increase of 4

(b) Motor Transport

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

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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.

(Signed) W. Pidsley Colonel
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Proposals for Amendments to the War Establishment — SECRET

of

AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

ALL PERSONNEL AFFECTED ARE ITALIAN

Serial	Establishment to be amended	Amendment Proposed	Reasons for Proposal	Effect of Proposal on one Group
1	NA/527/1 An Infantry Battalion	Delete the Scouts Platoon	No counterpart in British Bn and considered unworkable by BLU's	1 Offr and 42 ORs per Bn or 6 Offr and 252 ORs per Group released to count against proposed increases. Total tpt released - 18 M/Cs, 18 Recce Cars
2	NA/524/1 A Provost Section.	Delete 1 Subaltern and substitute 1 WO.	Carabinieri Section usually has 1 offr, 2 i/c a WO.	No effect on overall strength.
3.	" "	After "Privates" add "to include 3 drivers per section.	To ensure drivers according to MT scale.	-------
4.	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 to BLU's S/Capt REME.	Increase of 1 offr, 2 ORs per Group.
5.	" "	Include 2 clerks under "Post Office".	No clerks included at present.	Increase of 2 ORs per Group.
6.	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.	" "	Hq Coy Hq Platoon Add 3 drivers	To provide 1 driver per vehicle assuming above increase.	Increase of 18 ORs per Group.
8.	" "	Add 1 private	For Pl Comdr's carrier as above.	Increase of 6 ORs per Group.
9.	NA/527/1 An Infantry Battalion.	In place of Scouts Platoon insert : Sniper Section and "I" Section organised as follows :		

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2	NA/524/1 A Provost Section.	Delete 1 Subaltern and substitute 1 WO.	Carabinieri Section usually has 1 offr, 2 i/c a WO.	No effect on overall strength.
3.	" "	After "Privates" add "to include 5 drivers per section.	To ensure drivers according to MT scale.	-------
4.	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 to BLU's S/Capt REME.	Increase of 1 offr, 2 ORs per Group.
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9.	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 Section. 1 Sjt. 1 Corporal 8 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	Reason for Proposal	Effect of Proposal on one Group.
10.	MA/527/1 (Contd) An Infantry Battalion.	Support Coy. 3" Mortar Platoon. Add 1 Carrier, Mortar.	Required for Mortar Pl Comdr's Recce.	Increase of 6 Carriers Mortar per Group.
11.	" "	Add 3 Drivers.	If above proposal accepted dvrs will be required for 8 vehicles. Only 5 dvrs at present on establishment.	Increase of 18 ORs per Group.
12	" "	Carrier Platoon Add 2 motor-cyclists'	None at present on establishment.	Increase of 12 ORs per Group.
13	" "	Add "1 private."	Required for looking after stores and amn in second 15-cwt.	Increase of 6 ORs per Group.
14	" "	Pioneer Platoon Add "2 Assault Pioneer Sections composed as below. Personnel 1 Sjt 3 Pioneers 1 driver i/c M.T. 1 car 5cwt 4x4	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 cars 5cwt 4x4 per Group
15	" "	Add "2 D.Rs"	No D.Rs 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 5cwt 4x4	For Platoon Comdr	Increase of 6 x 5cwt 4x4 per Group
18	" "	Add 1 Driver	For above car if approved	Increase of 6 ORs per Group
19	MA/528/1 HQ Engineer Battalion.	Personnel Add "1 Cpl Dvr Mechanic"	No provision for M.T. NCO.	
20	" "	Add 3 drivers	Required if increase in tot below is	Increase 4664

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18	" "	Add 1 Driver	For above car if approved	Increase of 6 ORs per Group
19	MA/528/1 HQ Engineer Battalion.	Personnel Add "1 Cpl Dvr Mechanic"	No provision for M.T. NCO.	
20	" "	Add 3 drivers	Required if increase in tpt below is approved	Increase [redacted] 8 ORs per Group.
21	" "	Add "2 Cooks"	Cooks meant to be included among GD men but 4 GD men are required apart from Cooks.	
22	" "	Add "2 Orderlies"	For reliefs as telephone orderly, runner, postal duties etc.	

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

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WAR ESTABLISHMENT

ITALIAN FIELD COMPANY

ORGANICO DI GUERRA - COMPAGNIA ARTIERI

(i) Personnel (i) Personale

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 Totale	3	1	6
Company Serjeant Major	Sottufficiale di Comtabileta	1		1
Company Quartermaster Serjeant	Sottufficiale ai viveri e materiali	1		1
Transport Serjeant	Sottufficiale a l'atomobilista	1		1
Serjeants	(Sergenti Maggiori	1	1	4
	(Sergenti		1	3
Total Warrant Officers and Serjeants	Sottufficiale Totali	4	2	10
Corporals (Supper Class)	Caporali Maggiore Artieri	5	5	20
Corporals (Driver Class)	Caporali Maggiore Autisti	2	1	5
Sappers	Artieri	25	46	163
Drivers i/c	Automobilesti	13	6	31
Total Rank and File	Totali Graduati e Truppe	45	58	219
Total Other Ranks	Totali Sottufficiale e Truppe	49	60	229
Total Italian Field Coy	Totali Compagnia di Artieri	52	61	235

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WAR ESTABLISHMENT

ITALIAN FIELD COMPANY

COMPAGNIA ARTIERI

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

Detail	Descrizione	Headquarters Comando	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 and Joiners	Falegnami e Carpentieri	3	7	24
Clerks	Scritturali	1	1	4
Cooks	Cucinieri	2	1	5
Draughtsman	Disegnatori	1		1
Electricians	Elettricisti	1	1	4
Engine Fitters(i/c & Pumps)	Meccanici pompisti	1	2	7
Miners	Minatori		4	12
Painters and Decorators	Verniciatori e Decoratori	2	1	5
Pioneers for duty as :-	Generiori in servizio come :-			
General Dutyman	Artieri	3	20	63
Medical Orderly	Aiutante di Sanita	1		1
Bugler Runner	Trombettieri staffetta	1		1
Motor Cyclist	Motociclista	3	3	12
Batmen	Attendent	2	1	5
Sanitary Dutyman	Addetto Servizi Sanitari	1	1	4
Water Duty men	Addetto Servisi Idrici	1		1
Plumbers and Pipe Fitters	Tubisti, piombisti, fontanieri	1	1	4
Shoemaker	Calzoliao	1		1
Vehicle Mechanics	Motoristi Meccanici	1	1	4
Watermen	Barcaioli	1	1	4
Driver i/c	Automobilisti	13	6	31
Driver Mechanics	Meccanici Automobilisti	2	1	5
Total Rank and File	Graduati e Truppe Totali	45	58	219

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ITALIAN FIELD COMPANY

COMPAGNIA ARTIERI

(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
Motorcycles solo	Motocicli	3	3	12
Cars 5cwt 4 x 4	Jeep	1	1	4
Cars light Recce	Autocarri blindati	2		2
Trucks 15cwt 4 x 2 :-	Camioncini :-			
GS	Servizi generali	2	1	5
Air Compressor	Compressa Aria		1	3
Water	Autobotte	1		1
Trucks 15cwt 4 x 4 personnel	Autocarri blindati	2	1	5
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 4 :-	Autocarri leggeri :-			
GS	Servizi generali	6	2	12
Winch	Verricello	1	1	4

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

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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.

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 FREULI Group. They have been discussed fully with the Group Commander and our ELO 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 ELO'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.

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



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Can you give an estimate by arms of marching personnel in the Group based on full W E of personnel and vehicles i.e. number of men who cannot be carried in Group vehicles

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