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I. C. F. R. CARABINIERI

Spt 1944 - March 1945

CONFIDENTIAL

Subject: - Rate for CC RR from Call-up of 1924 - 25 Classes.

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

File No. SD/141

21 Mar 45.

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

INFO : PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COM. A.C. (2)

Ref your letter 13498/MOB di PROT dated 14 March - copy attached for Public Safety SC.

1. Referring to para 3. The strength of the CC RR as reported by you fluctuates considerably from month to month. The January figure, 55,809, was overstrength and was an increase over the December figure of 1,432. The result of your report of the January overstrength the 4% was discontinued as you state in your para 5.

2. In view of the deficiency disclosed by the strenght figure supplied by you for Feb vide MMIA ORBAT SD/92/1 dated 9 March (Cat 7) the arrangement referred to in your para 4 whereby 4% of Call-ups and Recalls was allotted to CC RR was reinstated vide MMIA letter SD/141 dated 11 Mar 45.

3. It is noted that the figure you quote in para 6 (200 - 300) for each region is considerably below 4% of the call-up of 1924 - 25 Class in both APULIA (20,000) and CALABRIA (14,000) and approximates to 4% of the call-up of 1924 - 25 Class in SARDINIA (6,000).

4. The necessity of having an efficient and up-to-strength CC RR is fully appreciated both at the present time and against the time when N. ITALY is liberated.

5. It is quite understood that undesirable elements must be drastically weeded out.

6. Please state soonest:-

(a) How many recruits are required:-

(i) to bring CC RR up to strength now

for your letter 1430/200 on 14 March - copy attached for
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6. Please state soonest:-

(a) How many recruits are required:-

- (i) to bring CC RR up to strength now
- (ii) to replace undesirable elements.

(b) Where they are needed.

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(c) What programme you suggest for obtaining them.

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(d) What programme you suggest for disposing of the CC RR replaced and dealing with the equipment problem.

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Copy to:- MA to GOC

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Col. FIDSLEY

G-II(L)

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

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SUBJECT: Personal for C.C.R.E.

LAST FORWARDED SUB COM. A.O.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SB/141
11 March 45

TO : Public Safety Sub Com.

Further to MIA letter SB/20 of 3 Dec and your verbal request for the reinstatement of the 4th volunteers of call-ups for enlistment in C.C.R.E.

1. The War Ministry is being advised that the arrangement as outlined in the above quoted letter may be reinstated for future call-ups except as under.

- (a) authorized ceiling of C.C.R.E. is at no time exceeded
- (b) call-ups in Sardinia, scheduled to take place in MAR and APR, shall not be affected, as contrary orders have already been issued and military plans made accordingly.

2. Schedule of future call-ups was forwarded to you under ref SB/71 of 10 Mar.

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L.M.F. *St. Col*
Major General
M.M.I.A.

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FROM: BMIA

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TO (FOR ACTION): 51 BLU

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REFER YOUR Q19 OF 3 MAR (.) 348 OTHR MIXED SECTION MAY BE IN PHASED IF YOU
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AUTHENTICATION

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SUBJECT: Training Nucleus of the CC.RR.
Coy of the RTC ICF CESANO.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

S/O/29/21
27 February 45

TO : CC BLU RTC ICF, CESANO.

1. Enclosed herewith find translation copy of letter from
S.A.R.E. Ref 10922/ORD dated 21 Feb 45.

R.G.A. Howe-Ram
for Major General Capt
M.M.I.A.

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TRANSLATION

FROM : SMRE

Ref : 10922/0ED

TO : MMIA

Date: Feb 21, 1945

SUBJECT: Instructors Nucleus of the Carabinieri Coy of the
CESANO Training Center.

The General HQ of the Carabinieri Branch has requested the abolishment of the nucleus of instructors (1 officer - 4 Senior NCO's and 2 Junior NCO's) foreseen in the W/E of the Carabinieri Coy of the Training Center, due to the fact that the officer and Senior NCO's who make up the "Section To Be Trained" could take care of the training of Carabinieri reinforcements.

Owing to the known deficiencies in the strength of the Carabinieri Branch, in regard to the many requirements of the service, we beg MMIA to authorize the a/m reduction.

(Signed) Gen SANTI

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SUBJECT: Training Nucleus of CC.RR. Coy.
RTC ICF CESANO.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.O.
(M.M.I.A.)

S/G/29/MI ←
27 Feb 45

TO : Ministry of War.

Copy to: "F" BLU, RTC ICF, CESANO.

Reference your letter 10922/Ord dated 21 Feb 45.

1. The abolition of the Training nucleus of the CC.RR. Coy is considered unwise for the following reasons :

- (a) The presence of all officers and other ranks of the CC.RR. is essential in view of the many duties to be carried out by them at the Training Centre, and they cannot therefore be spared.
- (b) At the moment the standard of training of the NCO's of the CC.RR. is such as to make them very inferior instructors.

2. While fully aware of the many commitments which the CC.RR. have to meet, this H.Q. in view of the above, cannot agree to the suggested reduction of the War Establishment of the CC.RR. Coy at the R.T.C. CESANO.

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

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copy to: Public Safety Sub Commission (with copy of 10922/Ord
dated 21 Feb 45.)

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TRANSLATION.

FROM : SMRE

Ref No 10922/Ord.

TO : MMIA

21 Feb 5.

SUBJECT: Training Nucleus of the CC.RR Coy
of R.T.C. I.C.F. CESANO

The General Headquarters of the Carabinieri has asked that the Training Nucleus (1 Officer, 6 NCO's) provided for in the War Establishment of the C.C.R.R. Coy of the RTC ICF, CESANO be abolished in view of the fact that the training of the C.C.R.R. reinforcements could be carried out by the officer and NCOs comprised in the "section to be trained."

In view of the well known deficiency in the strength of the C.C.R.R. having regard to the many demands on this service, we ask M.M.I.A. to authorize the above reduction.

s/d IL GENERALE ADETTO
(Alessandro SANTI)

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Field Security Section.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

5/6/29/21 ✓
26 February 45

TO : Ministry of War.

1. The proposal to form a Field Security Section in the Combat Group is shelved for the time being, as 15 Army Group consider that sufficient experience has not yet been gained in battle to justify amendments to the existing establishments of the G.C.R.R. units.

W. P. D. L. G.
Colonel
Major General
M.M.I.A.

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SEGRETO

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

S/sec
S/D

N° 10922 / Ord. di prot.

P.L. 3800, 21 febbraio 1945

OGGETTO: Nucleo istruttori della compagnia CC.RR. del centro addestramento di Cesano.-

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ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC. (M.M.I.A.)

R O R A

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Il comando generale dell'Arma CC.RR. ha chiesto di abolire il nucleo istruttori (1 ufficiale, 4 sottufficiali e 2 appuntati) previsto negli organici della compagnia CC.RR. del centro addestramento, nella considerazione che all'addestramento dei complementi CC.RR. potranno provvedere l'ufficio ed i sottufficiali che inquadrano la "sezione da addestrare".-

Stante la nota deficienza di forze dell'Arma, in rapporto alle molteplici esigenze di servizio, si prega codesta M.M.I.A. di voler autorizzare la suddetta riduzione.

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IL GENERALE ADDDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

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IL GENERALE ADDDETTO
(Alessandro Panti)

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FROM : HQ 15 ARMY GP

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TO : NMIA

INFO AFHQ - MAIN EIGHTH ARMY

SD 1219

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REF YOUR SD 2219 OF 1 FEB (.) INSUFFICIENT OP EXPERIENCE TO JUSTIFY AMENDMENTS
TO W E AT PRESENT (.) MY SD 1204 OF 30 JAN NOT TO EIGHTH ARMY REFERS

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Subject: Security and Counter-
Intelligence in Italian
Combat Groups

Copy for HMIA, Rome

CSI (R)
12-15 Army Group (R)

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Main HQ

14th Army, CI

14th Army, CI

1361/1 (R)

28 Jan 45

1. 14th Army already have one Gruppo in the line, another one about to be committed and, it is understood, several others eventually coming under command. This HQ is vitally interested in ensuring that immediate action is given to proposals which will make it possible to implement essential security measures in the Gruppo, even to a limited extent. It is appreciated that hasty action will not produce the perfect answer, but in view of the urgency of the problem it is considered there is no time for extended discussion of the problem.

2. The following statement of the present and present position, incorporating our requirements and the views of 51 SEP (copy of their 8/3/4 of 17 Jan 45 enclosed) is being forwarded to you for your assistance.

3. The first definite intimation that the Gruppo was to go into the line on the 15 Jan was given at the end of Dec 44.

4. On Jan 2 Jan 45, 42-1(1) Army held a conference (the 53 "1", the Carabinieri officer and a representative of 51 SEP) to review the security arrangements in the Gruppo.

The position was found to be as follows:

(a) This was the first conference that the Gruppo had had with a representative of the Allied security organization.

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2. The following statement of the past and present position, incorporating our requirements and the views of 51 BRP (copy of their 2/3/4 of 17 Jan 45 enclosed) is hoped will be of some assistance.

3. The first tentative indication that the CMTMA Group was to go into the line on 12 Jan was given at the end of Dec 44.

On the 2 Jan 45, at I(b) Army held a conference with the C3 "W". The Chief, Chief Officer and a representative of 51 BRP to review the security arrangements in the Group.

The meeting was found to be as follows:-

(a) This was the first contact that the Gruppe had had with a representative of the Allied security organization.

(b) No security instructions, directives or policy (except in the case of anti-aircraft) existed.

(c) No poster or equivalent was in being.

(d) There was no indication as to whether the Gruppe was to be considered the equivalent of a unit or a BRP Div 200. The necessity point of view, i.e. whether it should have a 200 section of its own or not.

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(e) The two sections of Carabinieri, (the equivalent of First Troop) were expected to come with security at the same time as their military police duties.

They had, however, no specialists for this purpose, nor had they any appreciable instructions on the subject.

(f) No part security officers had been appointed.

(g) Officers were provided with identity cards, but the OSS had no identity documents at all.

(h) No interpreters were available with the BDU for the purpose of translating security instructions etc.

5. It was evident that, with the formation going into the line within the fortnight positive steps had to be taken without delay.

6. It was noted that the Group should be considered the equivalent of a First Day from the security point of view, and therefore the formation of a 1st Day was indicated. Clearly the Carabinieri functions were the units which lent themselves most readily to partial conversion into a 1st Day.

7. The 1st Day was suggested and his statement was obtained to 1st Day proposals provided that eventually the 1st Day could be expected to replace the personnel. Transfers and equipment detached from the Carabinieri sections for the 1st Day.

8. A 1st Troop was formed from the resources, consisting of one 1st Troop, one 1st Troop and one 1st Troop (including 1st Troop) and had experience in training. It was noted that they first came under command. It was noted that the 1st Troop and 1st Troop. It was noted that the 1st Troop and 1st Troop.

(H) No interpreters were available with the RMH for the purpose of translating security instructions etc.

5. It was evident that, with the formation going into the line within the fortnight positive steps had to be taken without delay.

6. It was agreed that the Gruppe should be considered the equivalent of a Battalion from the security point of view, and therefore the formation of a TG Sec was indicated. Clearly the Carabinieri sections were the units which lent themselves most readily to partial conversion into a TG Sec.

7. The TG Sec was constituted and his appointment was obtained to GSI(L) proposals provided that eventually the TG Sec could be adjusted to replace the personnel, transferred and equipment detached from the Carabinieri Battalion for the TG Sec.

8. A TG Sec Training Team from Army resources, consisting of one PSC, five NCOs and one interpreter was formed (including personnel who had had experience in training Police Corps TG Secs when they first came under command). It was attached to the Gruppe and acting as TG Sec Training School at Carpi.

9. The Gruppe was ordered to detach from the Carabinieri sections in order to form a TG Sec section the following:-

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| 1 PSC | 1 PSC |
| 1 NCO | 2 x 15 out |
| 7 NCOs | 3 PSCs |
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10. That security officers were appointed.

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11. Rulings on the security policy to be adopted towards the Grappi were obtained from 15 Army Group, and a request was made that a case should be put up to SD for an appropriate revision of the III of the Carabinieri.

The case was put up in 15 Army Group letter 1470/GSI(L) dated 12 Jan 45.

12. Meanwhile, the salient points which have emerged from the experience gained by the TS Training Team are the following:

(a) Carabinieri personnel are largely unsuitable for TS work for two main reasons:

(i) They are generally of relatively low calibre and of a low educational standard.

(ii) They are so deeply committed to the disciplinary side of their work that it would be extremely difficult to divorce from the minds of Italian the police function from their security function.

(b) The whole conception of security as we understand it is so foreign to the Italian mind and file that it may be a long and tedious task to get such things as Unit Security Officers properly accepted and functioning effectively.

13. On the question of the calibre of the Carabinieri personnel, 54 TH 4/3/4 of 17 Jan 45 sets forth reasoned and interesting views. Copy of the letter is attached.

It is recommended that the proposals contained therein to recruit personnel other than Carabinieri should be given serious consideration, since the views expressed are in line with the opinion already formed by the TS Training Team.

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14. 50 DPM in their 6/5/19 of 12 Jan 45 concur in this respect.

15. At the present moment the position as regards the FRUITI troops is that one officer and two senior NCOs are under the instruction of the 1st Training Team, and 12 NCOs are attached to 5 Corps for preliminary security instruction in the field.

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16. With regard to the various proposals for amending the M. G. (S) Army have suggested that no amendment should be forward at present as it is evident that several adjustments will have to take place and they are averse to making adjustments piecemeal.

In the case of security requirements it is pointed out that the matter would appear to be more urgent than that of the other services. In that the formation of the 15 goes from existing resources will have an immediate adverse effect on the home and efficiency on the provost duties of the Carabinieri.

17. Furthermore, it has been found in practice impracticable to allocate 1000 stores and equipment of the Carabinieri Sections in the proportion required to equip the 15 S.

18. For AMHQ letter 611-389.514/21 of 10 Jan 45.

Although it is appreciated that the proposals therein represent a step in the right direction, it is submitted that it would be more satisfactory to train at the 15 School in Ravenna, referred to above, the nucleus of a 15 Section for each Gruppo. Each det to consist of 1 Officer (prospective CO) and 2 senior NCOs.

A point worth noting is that until an Italian officer, instructed in security measures and training in a Gruppo it will be difficult for British NCOs to put their proposals across to the combatant officers of the Gruppo.

Although this is not an insuperable difficulty, it does mean the loss of the British NCO more numerous than necessary.

20. Of the 15 S. 15 S. it is intended to attach to the three Groups still under AMHQ it is suggested 15 S. should be sent up to assist in the Training School, as it will be difficult to continue to run it from Army Headquarters alone satisfactorily, and to leave one 15 S. NCO with each of the 3 Groups to continue with the initial

the Carabinieri Sections in the proportion required to equip the 30 Sec.

18. Ref AMQ letter AMI-383.514/21 of 15 Jan 45.

Although it is appreciated that the proposals submitted represent a step in the right direction, it is submitted that it would be more satisfactory to train at the 13 School in Ravenna, referred to above, the nucleus of a 23 Section for each Gruppe. Each det to consist of 1 Officer (prospective P20) and 3 senior NCOs.

19. A point worth noting is that until an Italian Officer, instructed in security, is able to supervise the introduction of security measures and training in a Gruppe it will be difficult for British NCOs to put their proposals across to the combatant officers of the Gruppe.

Although there is not an insuperable difficulty, it does raise the issue of the British NCO more onerous than necessary.

20. Of the 3 main PC NCOs it is intended to attach to the three Groups still under AMQ it is suggested 6 should be sent up to assist in the Training School, as it will be difficult to continue to run it from Army headquarters alone indefinitely, and to leave one PC NCO with each of the 3 Groups to continue with the initial security instruction.

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Lt. Col.
B.S.I.
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Copy to:- C(CD), Main HQ Eighth Army
DAG, Rome HQ Eighth Army
LHA, Rome HQ Eighth Army (2)
GSI(1), HQ 5 Corps
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50 HCU
51 HCU
HQ Field Security, CDP

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1 copy with enclosure to
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C O P Y

Subject:- Field Security Section

51 British Liaison Unit

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To :- HQ 1 Cdn Corps

Main HQ 8 Army
Chief of Staff, Gruppo Cremona

Ref your Main HQ 8 Army letter M 361 I(b) of 5 Jan addressed to 10 Corps copy to you please note that considerable amendment to the MS of the Gruppo is essential if the policy outlined in this letter is to be implemented.

1. Personnel

It is -somewhat breezily - suggested that the PSS personnel comprising one officer, one WO and eleven ORs be drawn from the two sections of CCRR att'd to the Gruppo for CMP duties.

Quite apart from the fact that the personnel of the Gruppo CCRR are quite unfitted for PS work and are of an unusually low mental calibre I have recently been visited by APM 8 Army and DPM 1 Cdn Corps who both wish the present strength of the CCRR raised for purely CMP duties. It must be admitted that 2 oftrs and 100 men (if the units were up to strength) would NOT be excessive for this vital work. One oftr of the two CCRR officers has already been taken ~~for~~ the PS Section, thus reducing the officer strength by 50%.

The PS trg team now at work with the Gruppo have realised the unsuitability of the CCRR for the projected PSS and are endeavouring to recruit suitable men from other sources in the Gruppo. Every facility is being given them by the Chief of Staff and one of the trg team and the officer of the CCRR have been authorised to visit units and pick their own personnel. I am NOT confident that this will produce the rather special type of men required.

The obvious solution seems to me to call on MMIA to press SMRE to release men already trained in this work and employed by S.I.M. Alternatively I

it is - somewhat different.
PSS personnel comprising one officer, one WO and eleven ORs be drawn from the two sections of CCRH att'd to the Gruppo for CMP duties.

Quite apart from the fact that the personnel of the Gruppo CCRH are quite unfitted for FS work and are of an unusually low mental calibre I have recently been visited by APM 8 Army and DPM 1 Cdn Corps who both wish the present strength of the CCRH raised for purely CMP duties. It must be admitted that 2 ofrs and 100 men (if the units were up to strength) would NOT be excessive for this vital work. One ofr of the two CCRH officers has already been taken ~~for~~ the FS Section, thus reducing the officer strength by 50%.

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The General Comdg the Gruppo is much averse to depleting his present small numbers of intelligent ORs within the units of the Gruppo. I am convinced that an efficient PSS can NOT be formed by this method.

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2. Tpt.

The Gruppo is equipped with a minimum scale of tpt such below that of its British equivalent. It is also a deplorable fact but one that must be considered that a large number of its vehicles are always "off the road".

It is quite out of the question that the embryonic FSS can be equipped with

1	Jeep
2	15-cwts
6	M/Cs

from present Gruppo resources.

It is essential if a FSS is to be formed that the BE be extended to allow for it - that the PS TRG Team be provided with suitable men from outside the Gruppo - and that a scale of tpt be approved and issued for the use of the section. If this is NOT done it is my opinion that the valuable time of the skilled PS TRG Team will be wasted inevitably.

Field.
17 Jan 45
BWAC/FAM

Sgd. -----

Lieut Col
General Staff

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Sgd. -----

Lieut Col
General Staff

Field.
17 Jan 45
BWTC/VAM

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C O P Y

SUBJECT:- Proposal for Amendment
to War Establishment

HQ 15 ARMY GROUP

1470/GSI(b)

12 Jan 45

G-3 3D (2 copies)

1. The Proposal

This proposal concerns the WE for the Provost Sections CCRB attached to an Italian Combat Gruppo, which it is recommended should be amended. The WE number is NA 524/1.

2. The Effect of the Proposal

(a) It is proposed that the total amount of transport authorised for the two Provost Sections CCRB in a Combat Gruppo should be increased by the following:-

2	15-cwt trucks	2 x 4
1	1/4-ton truck	4 x 4
6	M/Cs	

- (b) No upgradings or downgradings are proposed.
- (c) No increase or decrease in personnel is involved.
- (d) The following Combat Gruppi would be affected:-

CREMONA
FRIULI
FOLGORE
MANTOVA
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FRIULI
FOLGORE
MANTOVA
LEGNANO

3. Reasons for the Proposal

The present WE for the newly-formed Italian Combat Gruppi makes no provision for specialist security personnel, security work being included in the general duties of the two Provost Sections CCRB attached to each Gruppo. 4697

The state of security training and discipline within the Gruppi is known to be of a very low standard and the Provost Sections as a whole have little or no knowledge or experience of security work.

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In the case of the CREMONA and FRIULI Gruppi it has been considered necessary to arrange for selected members from the foot squads of these Sections to be specially trained in field security work under the supervision of a British FS Section, with a view to forming a special security detachment for each Gruppo. Each of these detachments is to number provisionally twelve men, who are to carry out all security duties within the Gruppo, leaving the remainder of the Carabinieri free to deal with provost work.

These security detachments are to be responsible for the supervision and enforcement of military and civil security measures within the area of the Gruppo. Among their duties will be included the collection and evacuation of "line crossers" for screening, transportation and evacuation for interrogation, the operation of security patrols and check posts, the investigation of suspicious reports by units, etc. It is essential, therefore, that these detachments should be mobile and in particular that they should have some four-wheeled transport exclusively at their disposal.

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It should be mentioned that RS work as we know it ¹⁶⁹⁶ a new departure so far as Italian formations are concerned, and it would appear that no real provision had been made for it when the original WE for a Combat Gruppo was drawn up.

DPM EIGHTH Army and BII's attached to CREMONA and TRIULI Gruppo have been consulted, and the opinion was that the transport deemed necessary for security work could not be withdrawn permanently from provost work without adversely affecting the effectiveness of the latter.

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It is, therefore, strongly recommended that the total amount of transport authorized for the two Provost Sections with each Gruppo should be increased by 2 x 15-cwt trucks, 1 Jeep and 6 M/Cs for employment exclusively on security duties and that this increase should apply to all Combat Gruppi.

AEW

W.D.Gibson. Lt.Col.
for Brigadier,
AG of S, G-2.

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SUBJECT: Security and Counter Intelligence
in Italian Combat Groups.

SECRET

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(R.M.J.A.)

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February 45

TO : H.Q. 8 Army.

Copy to: A.F.H.C.
15 Army Group
50 R.I.V.
51 R.I.V.

Ref Main H.C. 8 Army letter N 301/2 I(b) dated 28 Jan 45,
51 R.I.V. letter C 3/4 dated 17 Jan 45 and H.C. 15
Army Group letter 1470/OSI (b) dated 12 Jan 45, none
to A.F.H.C.

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2. I will have enquiries made at S.I.V. as to the number of suitable men who will be available in S.I.V.
3. I recommend that you draw up for submission to higher authority a suggested N.E. for an Italian F.S. Section, one of which shall be attached to each H.C. Italian Combat Group, personnel to be drawn from S.I.V. resources, and transferred to BR-ITI ceiling of 4891 Italian Combat Groups.

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W.P. de la Haye
Major General
M.E.I.A.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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MSG Center No : 119823

Classification : Confidential

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From : 51 BLU

To : MAJ 8 ARMY

Date Time Rec'd : 231025

Date Time Sent :

Reference NR : 93/4

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inf Rear 8 ARMY MMIA 50 BLU

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Confidential @ reference 50 BLU letter G/5/19 of 18 and my letter G3/4 of 17 and signal A2/2 of 14. Last to G(213) 8 ARMY @

Probable reason why 50 BLU consider present CCRR resources with FRILLI sufficient for PROTEST and FIELD SECURITY work where as we desire extra personnel for FIELD SECURITY sections is that FRILLI have a third section CCRR under command @

We are also investigating possibility of a HQ to command all CC RR in GRUPPO but suggested organization differs from that submitted by 50 BLU when agreement reached with GRUPPO will forward recommendations

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FOR G C R R HQ FOR A COMBAT GROUP QUERY (.)

S M R E IS STRONGLY IN FAVOUR OF PROPOSAL MENTIONED

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TO: ARIA.
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TO MAIN 3 ARMY
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SECRET : Org and Functions - CC RR

HQ EIGHTH ARMY (2)
HQ IIA (2)

SECRET

50 Brit Liaison Unit

6/5/19

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 AFM 59 Area - who spent 10 days in 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 not involved CANNOT be found within the ICG.

b) BY AFM 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 sgt clerk
1 dvr
1 batman
1 x 2 str

to form HQ of CC RR. There is no existing sec, 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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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

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other effect of the CC RR is scarcely noticeable. It is
considered that either or both of the following proposals
would increase the effectiveness of the CC RR, which in
turn would affect profoundly the general discipline and
control within the ICG.

i) the posting of really suitable men to the CC RR.
It is requested that WHA 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 Jap. The minimum
rank in the CC RR is that of CAPTAIN, 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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- 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 GPF with them, but in forward areas, where ICG CC RR must necessarily work alone - at least in endeavouring to control the movement of their own ICG - some sort of policy must be laid down.

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

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FEXF/SYN

Michael Hayer
f Lt Col
CS

Copy to : HQ 15 Army Gp (your 1470/GSI(b) dated 13 Jan refers).
HQ V Corps
51 RLW
52 RLW
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Supp "A" to 50 FBU let

EXISTING WR & ORG CC RR

Re HQ

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

93 Sec CC RR (C)

HQ: 1 oftr
: 1 maresciallo
: 1 sgt clerk
: 6 CC RR (incl 2 cyclists)
: 1 L
: 1 x 2 str
: 1 x 3 ton

1st Ft Squad

2nd Ft Squad

1 sgt
2 L sgt
(b) 6 CC RR
1 x 15 cwt

(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 secs between them are reduced by one maresciallo and one sgt on the establishment up the Security Sec.
- (d) The equivalent ranks in CC RR to Brit are -
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|-------------|---|-------|
| CC RR | = | Cpl |
| Appuntato | = | L sgt |
| Vice Brig | = | Sgt |
| Brigadier | = | S. |
| Maresciallo | = | WO I |

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Appx "A" to 50 RH letter 6/5/19 dated 18 Jan 45

EXISTING WE & ORG CG RH

HC HQ

98 Sec CG RH(C)

HQ(1 offr
: 1 maresciallo
: 1 sgt clerk
: 6 CG RH (incl 2 Cyclists)
: 1 ID
: 1 x 2 str
: 1 x 3 ton

(a)
Security Sec
CG RH

1 maresciallo
1 sgt
12 CG RH

2nd Ft Squad

(as 1st Ft Squad)

1st Squad

1 sgt
1 L sgt(ID)
13 CG RH(13s)
13 CGs
1 x 15 cwt

Official establishment, BUT as they can be found within the CG RH org, this sec is in fact in being, on with V Corps.

1st ft squad to form Security Sec.

When they are reduced by one maresciallo and one sgt on the establishment shown, in order to make

in CG RH to Brit are - CG RH = Cpl
Appuntato = L sgt
Vice Brig = Sgt
Brigadier = S.
Maresciallo = WO I

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Appx "B" to 50 B

PROPOSED IN A GRG CC RR

- 1 capt
- 1 sgt clerk
- 1 dvr
- 1 batman
- 1 or 2 str car

95 Sec CC RR
(as in Appx "A")

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

NOTE: (a) This establishment was proposed by GSI, 15 Army Gp and is already under consideration in total VE is in tpt only.

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Annex "B" to 50 RH letter C/5/19 dated 18 Jan 45

PROPOSED E.A. GRC CC RR

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

98 Sec CC RR
(as in Annex "A")

(a)
Security Sec
CC RR

1 maresciallo
1 sgt
12 CC RR
1 x 5 out 4pt
2 x 15 out
6 10s

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

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SUBJECT: Proposal for Amendment to
War Establishment

HQ 15 ARMY GROUP (BS)

Tel: FILPOCT 73

1701/23/48/1-3 SD2

AFHQ G-3 Crg (Far) (7)

AFHQ G-3 (Org 4)

Land Forces Sub Commission MILA (3)

Copy to :- G-2

1. The Proposal

- (a) A Provost Section (CCRR) for an Italian Combat Group on WE NA/524/1.
- (b) It is proposed to amend the above mentioned WE.
- (c) Not applicable.

2. The Effect of the Proposal

- (a) The proposal involves an increase of :

1 truck 15-cwt 4 x 2 GS
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 *no - 15'*
5 trucks 5-cwt 4 x 4
30 motor cycles solo

- (e) No increase of personnel is involved.
- (f) Not applicable.
- (g) Not applicable.
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It is to be noted that no conversion or reduction can be offered to offset this increase in vehicles.

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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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- (e) It is considered that the transport necessary for those security duties could be provided permanently from provost work without impairing the effectiveness of the latter.
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W. H. Morgan
for
Commanding General.

SUBJECT: Training Carabinieri - FRIULI Combat Group.

To: MTIA

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1546/C(Ops)

14 Jan 45

1. The following are extracts from a report by a Provost Officer who was attached to FRIULI Gruppo to assist in training the CC.RR.

2. GENERAL

Compared with a British Divisional Provost Coy the standard of all the three above sections is extremely low. At the present moment there does not appear to be any grasp of their mobile role in the Division, and as far as I can gather the Divisional HQ seem to be as vague about the use of the Carabinieri as do the latter themselves.

In order to clear the position I saw the Chief of Staff at Divisional HQ, and informed him that in my opinion the C.C.R.R. should be responsible for the following duties:-

- (a) Traffic Control of the Division on the move, from SP to DP.
- (b) Traffic Control, one-way circuits, diversions etc, when the Divisions are static.
- (c) Signing.
- (d) Prisoner of War Cage, straggler and refugee posts.
- (e) Discipline of Divisional troops.

He agreed with these duties and the Section Commanders have been informed of this decision. There are several other points to which I would like to draw your attention and they are listed separately below.

3. WAR ESTABLISHMENT

In my opinion this is a most unwieldy establishment for the following reasons:

- (a) There is no Officer commanding the whole 3 sections.
- (b) There is a wastage of man-power in running 3 separate HQ, billets etc.
- (c) There is a lack of co-ordination of C.C.R.R. duties within the Division.

The Chief of Staff informs me that previously there used to be a C.C.R.R. Captain at Divisional HQ who was responsible for the co-ordination of C.C.R.R. duties. Now however there is not one on the establishment. I respectfully suggest that if it is impossible to change the present War Establishment of the C.C.R.R. sections, the need of such an officer at Divisional HQ is greater now than it was previously.

4. OFFICERS

The Officer Commanding 98 C.C.R.R. is at the moment

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4. OFFICERS

The Officer Commanding 98 Sec is at the present moment in hospital, so I have only been able to observe the Officers of the other two sections.

2/Lieut SIGMOR, OC 95 Sect, appears to be keen on his work, but at present he lacks drive and initiative. However, I think that he has the making of a capable officer, he is young and smart and of fairly good intelligence and with further training, experience and help he should make the grade.

2/Lieut GROPPA, OC 316 Sect, is not up to standard. He is dirty in appearance and not very intelligent, in addition he does not appear to be very enthusiastic.

5. WOs and SERJEANTS

The knowledge of the above of Traffic Control required in a Mobile Division is at the moment very slight indeed. This, I think, is because their present role is something entirely new to the C.C.R.R., and with further training they should improve.

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6. ORs

The ORs appear to be quite good material but lack training at the present moment. They are keen, but not enough attention is paid by their officers and NOOs. to improve their knowledge.

7. EQUIPMENT

There are a large number of deficiencies in equipment at present. 316 Section, except for their vehicles and motor-cycles, has not yet received any of their special equipment. The other two sections are deficient of, amongst other items, lamps, TC sleeves and pannier bags, all of which are essential.

8. PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

The whole three sections are still wearing regulation Italian clothing all of which is in a very poor condition indeed. I understand however that British battle-dress is being issued to them in the near future. Apparently they will wear red arm-bands with the uniform, and I am of the opinion that this new dress will have a beneficial effect on their morale.

Orders have now been given for the crash helmets of the motor-cyclists to be painted white with the C.C.R.R. badge on them. This should obviate the difficulty, experienced on the last Divisional move, of recognising them as policemen.

9. SIGNING

Up to the present what little signing there is in the Division has been done by the Engineers. It is, however to be undertaken by the C.C.R.R. Unfortunately they have not at the present moment many ideas on the subject and, although I have explained to them what is required, two attempts up to the present have been quite hopeless, at least by all recognised British standards.

10. TRAFFIC CONTROL

I have carried out various small exercises during the week and a fair amount of improvement has been shown. Chief faults at the moment are bad signs by the pointsmen, bad positioning of directional signs and a habit of some of the pointsmen to lean against the nearest wall!

11. MAP READING

As it is essential for a mobile policeman to be able to read a map I have paid close attention to this matter. At the beginning it was quite apparent that some of them had never seen a map, let alone read one. However they have made extremely good progress and it is obvious that their ignorance is due to lack of training rather than lack of intelligence.

12. M.T.

All the sections appear to take a great deal of interest in the maintenance of their transport, but they are rather handicapped by lack of tools - only one set being issued for the 14 motor-cycles in the section. This is not sufficient for the M.T. to be maintained at a high standard.

13. CONCLUSION

In my opinion three months intensive training is needed before they reach anything like the desired standard. Until this training is completed

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Major-General,
Commander,
No.1 District.

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SUBJECT : Trg - CG RR

50 Brit Liaison Unit

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Chief of Staff

26 Dec 44

Attached herewith, copy of a report made by ABM 59 Area, on the CG RR Secs of the Group.

Forwarded for information, and action where applicable.

S/Sec
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APG Smith
Lt col
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CMP
ARG/SYB

Copy to : HQ MBIA

Col P. L. H.

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Question of CCRA a Pres Directorio also after

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SECRET
HQ 59 Area
24 Dec 44

SUBJECT: Carabinieri - FRUOLI Combat Gps

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Herewith report on Nos. 95, 98, and 316 Secs OC RR attached to the FRUOLI Combat Gp.

GENERAL

Compared with a Brit Div P20 COI the standard of all the three above sections is extremely low. At the present moment there does not appear to be any grasp of their mobile role in the Div, and as far as I can gather the Div HQ seem to be as vague about the use of the Carabinieri as do the latter themselves.

I order to clear the position I saw the Chief of Staff at Div HQ, and informed him that in my opinion the OC RR should be responsible for the following duties.

- a) Traffic Control of the Div on the move, from SP to DP.
- b) Traffic Control, one-way circuits, diversions etc when the Divs are static.
- c) Signaling.
- d) Prisoner of War Cages, straggler and refugee posts.
- e) Discipline of Div Tps.

He agreed with these duties and the Section Comds have been informed of this decision. There are several other points to which I would like to draw your attention and they are listed separately below.

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At present there are three independent sections, each consisting of section HQ, one mobile squad and two foot squads. The mobile squad corresponds approximately to a Brit Pro Sec, and has 14 M's and 1 x 15 cwt truck each. Each section is commanded by a Lt and there are 50 ORs per section.

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The Chief of Staff informs me that previously there used to be a CC HQ Capt at Div HQ who was responsible for the co-ordination of CC HQ duties. Now however there is not one on the establishment. I respectfully suggest that if it is impossible to change the present HE of the CC HQ sections, the need of such an offr at Div HQ is greater now than it was previously.

OFFICERS

The offr commanding 98 Sec is at the present moment in leave, so I have only been able to observe the offrs of the other two secs.

2/Lt SIGMOND, OC 95 Sec, appears to be keen on his work, but at present he lacks drive and initiative. However I think that he has the making of a capable offr, he is young and smart and of fairly good intelligence and with further try, experience and help he should make the grade.

2/Lt GROFFA, OC 346 Sec, is not up to standard. He is dirty in appearance and not very intelligent, in addition he does not appear to be very enthusiastic.

MOs and SJs

The knowledge of the above of Traffic Control required in a Mobile Div is at the moment very slight indeed. This, I think, is because their present role is something entirely new to the CC RR, and with further try they should improve.

CRs

The CRs appear to be quite good material but lack try at the present moment. They are keen, but not enough attention is paid by their officers and MOs to improve their knowledge.

EQUIPMENT

There are a large number of deficiencies in equipment at present. 346 Sec, except for their vehs and MFs, has not yet received any of their special equipment. The other two secs are deficient of, amongst other items, lamps, TC sleeves and pannier bags, all of which are essential.

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I would also suggest for your consideration that the offrs and sjts IC Mobile Squads be att for a short period to a Brit Div Pro Coy. I feel that they would learn more in this manner than by normal trg.

AWS/ct

(signed)

AW Suddaby

Maj
AHM
59 Area

Copy to :-

DIM 1 District
AHM 15 Allied Army Gp

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SECRET

SUBJECT: MONTENEGRO Bn.

LAND FORCES SUB-CON. A.C.
(M.F.L.A.)

SD/28
23 DEC 44

TO : Ministry of War.

Copy to : AFHQ ref AG 014.12/137 OCT-0 of 11
HQ Allied Commission for Public Safety S. C.

1. The transfer to CC.RR. of the MONTENEGRO Bn has been agreed.
2. It will be employed in SICILY initially and arrangements have been made for its move from IESI and VAIANO to PALERMO with ETA 22 Dec.
3. Please issue the necessary instructions for this transfer to be effected and for it to be carried within CC.RR. ceiling. Strength is reported as 36 officers 786 OR's. Please report completion to this HQ.

Copy to:
A/1, Spec Sec,
S T, GEL

Major General
M.F.L.A.

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Subject: Clothing, personal equipment and rations for CCRB
in Combat Groups.

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

4 Dec 44.

1. AFHQ have ruled that the CCRB Sections within the organization of the Combat Group will be treated as GI-ITL for the purposes of rations, and when necessary, for clothing.
2. CCRB outer garments may be worn but remaining garments may be supplied in the manner as the rest of the Group.
3. For rations, FBI supplies etc, the CCRB Section in the Combat Group will be treated in exactly the same way as the remainder of the Group.

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DISTRIBUTION:

G.C. 50-51-52-53-54 BLM
Major Colardi (MMIA 10 Rpt Depot TRANO)
Ministry of War
Public Safety Sub Comm. A.C.
MMIA C.B.
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P. J. NOBLE, Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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- Sezione Ordinamento -

SEGRETO

N° *9009* / Ord. di prot. P.M. ISI, *30* novembre 1944 *301"*

FONOGRAMMA A MANO

LAND FORCES SUBCOMMISSION AC. (M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

Risposta foglio S/C/29/28 del 25.11.44.

1. - La forza della 316^a sezione CC.RR. è di 1 ufficiale e 50 sottufficiali e truppa.-

La differenza rispetto alla forza segnalata da codesta M.M.I.A. (1 ufficiale e 34 sottufficiali e truppa) è dovuta al fatto che 16 militari della sezione (5 sottufficiali e 11 truppa) erano ad Ottaviano per frequentare il noto corso.-

2. - Il comando gruppo combattimento "Folgore", a cui la sezione era appoggiata, ha già dato disposizioni perchè i 16 militari sopradetti proseguano al più presto, in automezzo, per RADDA.-



GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

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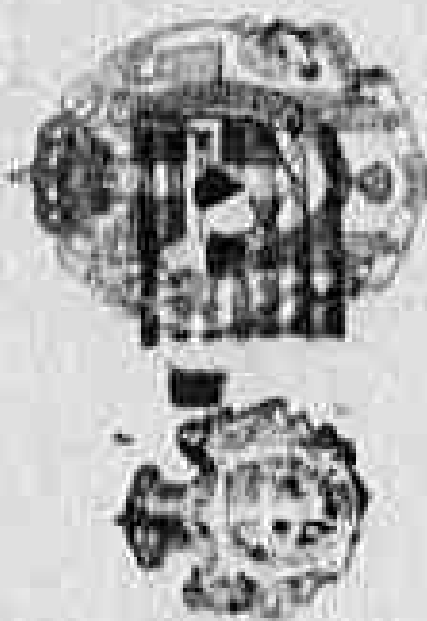
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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Gabinetto

Dist. No 304169 / CA Allegato
317.III.40

Roma, P.M. 151, 13 novembre 1944

Risposta al fido

Oggetto: Corso per il personale delle sezioni miste CC.RR. per il servizio di retrovia.

Corso per l'addestramento del personale
ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. - (M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

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- IV. - Gli interpreti attualmente in posto presenzieranno al corso suddetto.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA
(Generale G.B. OXILIA)

G. B. Oxilia

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SUBJECT:- Training of CO. RR.

RE ALLIED ARMY IN ITALY

Tel:- FILPO 273

Pro 47/323

19 Oct 44

Provost Marshal (R) ~~ENR~~ (2)

Copy to:- ENIA

1. A request has been made by ENIA for a further course for an additional 32 CO. RR to be trained at the GEP Depot. These individuals will, in due course, be posted to Italian Combat Group Pro Sec.

2. It is desired that they should commence training on or about 13 Nov 44.

3. Will you please say if this can be arranged.

James Lynch

Colonel
Provost Marshal

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SUBJECT:- Provost Sec (OC.RR) for an
Italian Combat Group - WE RA/524/1

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel:- PHLFOT 273

Pro 47/273

15 Oct 44

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MEMO

Copy to:- G (3D2)

SMRE asked to see that each
Provost section contains Commanders as shown below
and to let MM19 if it is practicable to count their
drivers against the 50 OA's included in the establishment
or if the establishment should be increased

When providing personnel for employment with Pro Secs,
based on the above mentioned WE, it is requested that drivers
i/o be allotted for duties as under:-

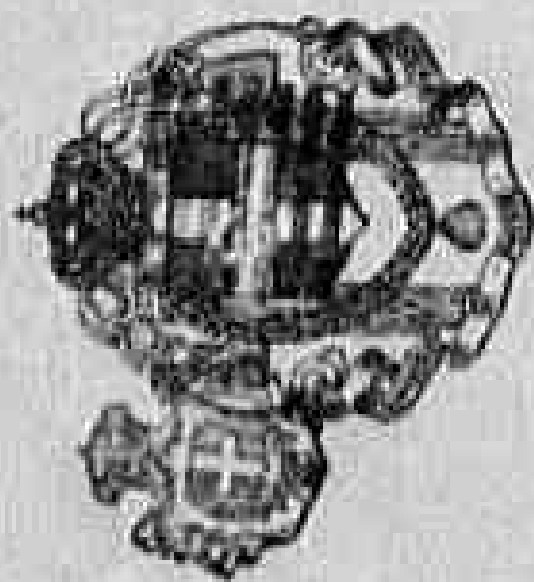
HQ	1 Driver for Lorry 3-ton GS. 1 Driver for Car 2-str 4 x 2.
Each Foot Squad	1 Driver for every Truck 15-cwt GS.
Motor cycle Squad	1 Driver for Truck 15-cwt GS.

Pro Sec

Alfred S. Reynolds

Colonel
Provost Marshal

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*Trasmissione
S.M.*
Ministero della Guerra

GABINETTO

N. 302379/C.A.
317-V-10

P.M. 151, 14 ottobre 1944

Allegati 1

OGGETTO: Corso per CC.RR. dei gruppi di comb. "Piceno" e "Mantova"

*Carabinieri base per Piceno e Mantova
Piceno e Mantova*
ALLA M.M.I.A.

ROMA

Trasmetto, in allegato, copia della lettera 1004/A/14/edd, in data 7 corr. dello S.M.R.E. relativa a disposizioni per il corso indicato in oggetto.

IL SOTTOSGREGARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA

(Gen. G. B. Oxilia)

G. Oxilia

*here with find letter 1004/A/14/edd. date 7 corr
from SMRE referring to order name for the course*

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Caribbean house for several of our best friends. When
 Prince and Mary left

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DATE OF DEATH: 04/10/2000

(Gen. 3.3. Oxilia)

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Copia per M.V.T.A.

Stato Maggiore Regio Esercito
UFFICIO ADUNGERIA

n° 1004/4/14/ADD. di prt. P.M. 151, 11 7 ott. 1944.
OGG. PROR. corso per Car. binieri Reali.

- AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CALABRIA P.M. 114
- AL COMANDO MILITARE PUGLIA E LUCANIA P.M. 67
- AL COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO NAJTOVAF. 104
- AL COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATT. FICENO 1. 92

- ALLO S.M.A.M.
- Uff. Ordine e Mobilitazione SEDE
- Uff. Segreteria e Personale SEDE
- Uff. Servizi SEDE
- Uff. *Truppe*

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e) i Comandi dei Gruppi di Combattimento "Mantova" e "Piseno":

- dispongono perché le dipendenti sezioni C.C.R. inizino immediatamente l'addestramento alla guida e alla manutenzione motociclisti istruttori: i motociclisti delle sezioni stesse.
- l'addestramento: le motociclette delle sezioni.
- infine al corso sul controllo del traffico il seguente personale:

per ciascuna sezione dipendente:

- 1 ufficiale o maresciallo
 - 4 sottufficiali o graduati (fra questi devono essere compresi i motociclisti addetti all'addestramento di cui sopra. Totale per ciascun Gruppo di Combattimento 2 ufficiali o marescialli - 3 sottufficiali o graduati)
- tenendo presente che detto personale

deve essere presente al corso di Otteviano la sera del giorno precedente

- AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CALABRIA P.M. 114
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- tenuto presente che detto personale
 - dovrà giungere a Ottaviano la sera del giorno precedente al l'inizio del corso, soddisfatto di vettovagliamento e stivaggio o paga e tale data;
 - dovrà avere al seguito gli utensili per la consumazione di rancio a due coperte da campo;

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- sarà vattovagliato e alloggiato durante il corso dal Comando Deposito di Polizia Militare Inglese.
- invio a questo S.M.M.M. - Ufficio Ordine e Mobilitazione con la massima urgenza le richieste per il ripianamento degli organici delle sezioni;
- b) 1. Ufficio Segreteria e Personale S.M.M.M. - disporrà perché gli ufficiali interpreti, già ad Ottaviano, rimangano in posto per il presente corso;
- c) 1. Ufficio Ordine e Mobilitazione e 1. Ufficio Servizi - soddisferanno le richieste che inoltreranno i Comandi interessati.
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P. C. C.

IL COLONNELLO in S. di S.M.
CAPO UFFICIO ADDESTRAMENTO

- G. Ferrari -

IL GENERALE ADDESTRATO

- A. Santi -



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IL GENERALE ADDETTO

- A. Santi -

D. C. C.

IL COLONNELLO in S.d.I S.M.

CAPO UFFICIO ADDESTRAMENTO

- G. Ferrari -



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

SEGRETO

N° 4699 / Ord. di prot.

P.M. 151. 11 ottobre 1944

OGGETTO: Sezioni carabinieri reali per gruppo combattimento.-

Sezioni di Carabinieri per Carabinieri gruppo

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLEATA PER L'ESERCITO (MMIA)

R O M A

1. - Gli organici delle sezioni carabinieri reali per gruppo di combattimento prevedono 2 ufficiali subalterni per ciascuna sezione (1 ufficiale comandante ed 1 vice comandante). In totale 4 ufficiali subalterni.-

2. - Nella attuale situazione, in cui l'arma dei CC. RR. assolve a numerosi e sempre crescenti servizi d'istituto, si è manifestata penuria di ufficiali subalterni dei CC.RR.-

In considerazione di ciò, si prega codesta Sottocommissione di voler esaminare la possibilità a che gli organici delle sezioni CC.RR. per gruppi di combattimento siano modificati in modo da avere 1 ufficiale subalterno, anziché 2, per ciascuna sezione.-

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La cosa non presenterebbe difficoltà in quanto i marescialli del CC.RR. sono normalmente addestrati a tenere comandi isolati, in località lontane, e perciò si avrebbe garanzia di sicuro funzionamento della sezione.-

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3. - Le due vacanze che si avrebbero così negli organici del gruppo di combattimento, potrebbero essere tenute a disposizione per l'assegnazione di ufficiali di altre armi, in relazione a necessità che potrebbero verificarsi.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO  
(Alessandro Santi)



PA/Mr



STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO ADDESTRAMENTO

N° 838 /A/14 di prot.  
Oggetto: - Corso CC.RR. -

P.M. 151,11 28-9-944

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# SUBJECT: Training of Carabinieri for Combat Groups

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Army Sub Commission (M.I.A.)

M. G. A.C.O.

R. G. E. R.

2/5/1952

5 Sep 44

Ministry of War

Copy to: All M. A. S. I.

State Police, Carabinieri, Legion, Police

Depot and Foreign Establishments C.I.P.

The following arrangements are confirmed:-

1. Courses in Traffic Control for selected personnel of the Carabinieri Section to be allotted to the Combat Groups and the 5 of 6 for the Italian Combat Forces will be held at the Corps of Military Police Training Establishment, ORTAVIA.

2. Courses will be of 9 days, with 20 trainees per course.

| Course No | Formations      | Offrs | No | Date of Joining | Date of Departure |
|-----------|-----------------|-------|----|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1         | PARMA           | 2     | 6  | 17 Sep          | 26 Sep            |
| 2         | VERONA          | 2     | 6  | 20 Sep          | 9 Oct             |
| 3         | 5 of 6 Soccs(3) | 3     | 18 | 10 Oct          | 19 Oct            |

3. 2 Interpreters will report with the other personnel on 17 September, and will remain until all courses are finished.

4. Rations will be provided as for Italian trainees already at the Depot.

5. Personnel will arrive with all necessary personal kit. Pay arrangements for the period will be completed before the report date.

6. Please arrange for transport to and from the Depot as shown above.

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| Course No: | Formations     | Offrs | No | Date of Departure | Date of Return |
|------------|----------------|-------|----|-------------------|----------------|
| 1          | PARMA          | 2     | 8  | 17 Sep            | 26 Sep         |
| 2          | LEGNANO        | 2     | 8  | 30 Sep            | 9 Oct          |
| 3          | 1 of C Secs(3) | 2     | 8  | 10 Oct            | 19 Oct         |

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*W. B. M. J.*

Major General  
Army Sub Commission A/C

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PROPOSED:- Italian Combat Courses

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Commandant, Depot & Try Det GAR  
ITALIA

Cc to:- Provost Marshal (Mr) AFTH  
DET 3 District

New York 5/8/24/21

CANASINIAN

1. INTRODUCTION

6 Groups of Combatants will be formed and equipped from British sources.

Candidates for discipline and to duties have been allotted on the following scale:-

2 Socs CO 12 per Group (ie 12 Socs)  
5 Socs CO 12 per 1 of 6 Duties.

Proposed III of these Provost Sections (OC 12) is given at Appendix 'A'

2. DETAILS

A policy has been agreed by this HQ and MILA for certain instruction to be given to the Provost element in the Group at the GAR Depot.

The GAR Depot and Training Establishment will therefore accept orders from the OC III sections and will give basic British General instruction.

3. TABLE

A series of 9 day courses will be arranged on a basis of 20 trainees per course. The following has been agreed by MILA and this office:-

| Course No. | Group No. | Revised Date | Date of Reporting | Date of Departure |
|------------|-----------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|------------|-----------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|

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6 Grouped at Carabattarandi will be furnished and equipped from British sources.

Carabattarandi for discipline and TC duties have been allotted on the following scale:-

- 2 Spos OC MR per Group (is 12 Spos)
- 3 Spos OC MR per 1 of 0 Duties.

Proposed 1st of these Provost Sections (OC MR) is given at Appendix 'A'.

## 2. TRAINING

A policy has been agreed by GIDA and MTA for certain instruction to be given to the Provost element in the Group at the GID Depot.

The GID Depot and Training Establishment will therefore accept cadets from the OC MR sections and will give basic British Central instruction.

## 3. REMARKS

A series of 3 day courses will be arranged on a basis of 20 trainees per course. The following has been agreed by MTA and this office:-

| Course No. | Grouped No.        | Personnel<br>OC MR | Date of<br>Reporting | Date of<br>Departure |
|------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1.         | 1                  | 2                  | 17 Sep 44            | 26 Sep 44            |
|            | 2                  | $\frac{2}{4}$      |                      |                      |
| 2.         | 3                  | 2                  | 30 Sep 44            | 9 Oct 44             |
|            | 4                  | $\frac{2}{4}$      |                      |                      |
| 3.         | 1 of 0<br>Sections | 1                  | 10 Oct 44            | 19 Oct 44            |
|            |                    | 6 per<br>Sec       |                      |                      |
|            | <u>Total</u>       | 2                  |                      |                      |
| 4.         | 5                  | 2                  |                      |                      |
|            | 6                  | $\frac{2}{4}$      |                      |                      |
|            |                    | 8                  |                      |                      |
|            |                    | $\frac{8}{16}$     |                      |                      |

Details to be fixed later

The above mentioned personnel will return as training cadets to their units, but it is possible that further courses at the Depot may be required.

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INTERVIEWERS

Military interviewers will be provided by MIA on a scale of 2 per course.

5.

PERSONNEL

No rejections of personnel will be made.

6.

ACCOMMODATION

Sufficient tentage will be provided at the Depot.

7.

RAVENS

Will be supplied on existing Italian trainee basis.

8.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

All administrative details will be undertaken by existing attached Italian duty personnel. The OC IM will not be called upon for any fatigues beyond normal interior security.

Personnel will arrive with blankets and all necessary personal kit, but no accommodation stores. All pay arrangements will be made by MIA before report date.

9.

REGIMENT AND ORGANISATION

OC IM sections will retain normal Italian organization subject to such modifications as British equipment imposes. A new G4098 is being drafted but no responsibility exists or will be undertaken by the Depot in this connection.

10.

ACKNOWLEDGE

*Alfred. Reynolds*

Colonel

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Will be supplied on existing Italian trainee basis.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

All administrative details will be undertaken by existing attached Italian duty personnel. The OC IR will not be called upon for any fatigues beyond normal interior security.

Personnel will arrive with blankets and all necessary personal kit, but no accommodation stores. All pay arrangements will be made by MILA before report date.

9. EQUIPMENT AND ORGANIZATION

OC IR sections will retain normal Italian organization subject to such modifications as British equipment imposes. A new 64098 is being drafted but no responsibility exists or will be undertaken by the Depot in this connection.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE

*Charles J. Reynolds*

Colonel  
Provost Marshal

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# APPENDIX 'A'

## RESTRICTED

### A PROVOST SECTION (CC RR) FOR AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

(Consisting of Headquarters, 2 Foot  
Squads and 1 Motor-cycle Squad)

#### Proposed war establishment

#### (i) Personnel

| DETAIL                                                          | HEADQUARTERS | 2 Foot squads<br>(each) | Motor-cycle<br>squad | Total provost<br>section for an<br>Italian combat<br>group |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Officer commanding (subaltern)<br>Subaltern                     | 1<br>1       |                         |                      | 1<br>1                                                     |
| Total, officers                                                 | 2            |                         |                      | 2                                                          |
| Squad leaders (serjeant)<br>Clerk for pay duties                |              | 1                       | 1                    | 3                                                          |
| Corporals<br>Privates                                           | 1<br>6(a)    | 2<br>11                 | 1(b)<br>15(b)        | 1<br>5<br>41                                               |
| Total provost section<br>(CC RR) for an Italian<br>combat group | 9            | 14                      | 15                   | 52                                                         |

#### (ii) Transport

|                      |   |    |    |
|----------------------|---|----|----|
| Motor cycles, solo   | 1 | 13 | 14 |
| Car, 2 seater, 4 x 2 | 1 |    | 1  |

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(i) Personnel

DETAIL

|                                                           | HEADQUARTERS | 2 Foot squads (each) | Motor-cycle squad | Total provost section for an Italian combat group |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Officer commanding (subaltern)                            | 1            |                      |                   | 1                                                 |
| Subaltern                                                 | 1            |                      |                   | 1                                                 |
| Total, officers                                           | 2            |                      |                   | 2                                                 |
| Squad leaders (serjeant)                                  |              | 1                    | 1                 | 3                                                 |
| Clerk for pay duties (serjeant)                           | 1            | 2                    | 1(b)              | 1                                                 |
| Corporals                                                 | 6(a)         | 41                   | 13(b)             | 5                                                 |
| Privates                                                  |              |                      |                   | 41                                                |
| Total provost section (OO RR) for an Italian combat group | 9            | 14                   | 15                | 52                                                |

(ii) Transport

|                          |   |    |    |
|--------------------------|---|----|----|
| Motor cycles, solo       | 1 | 13 | 14 |
| Car, 2 seater, 4 x 2     | 1 |    | 1  |
| Trucks, 15 cwt, 4 x 2 GS |   | 1  | 3  |
| Lorry, 3 ton, 4 x 2 GS   | 1 |    | 1  |

(a) Includes 2 motor-cyclists

(b) Motor-cyclist

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NOTE

All personnel will be Italian

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AL COMANDO DIVISIONE FRIULI  
AL COMANDO DIVISIONE CREMONA  
ALL'UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOB.  
- J.M.R.E. -  
ALL'UFFICIO SEGRETERIA E PERS.  
- S.M.R.E. -  
ALL'UFFICIO SERVIZI - J.M.R.E. -

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ALLA S.E.I.A. - sottoseg. per l'ins. - R.O.M.A.

AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CAMPANIA -  
NIA - Uff. Op. Add. mob. -

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AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA -  
GNA - Uff. Op. Add. mob. -

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OGGETTO: corso per Carabinieri Reali.

I° - I Carabinieri Reali delle sezioni divisionali dovranno essere addestrati al controllo del traffico secondo i sistemi in uso negli eserciti alleati.

II° - Saranno perciò inviati speciali corsi presso il deposito della Polizia Militare Inglese di Ottaviano. Durata del corso per le sezioni delle Divisioni "Friuli" e "Cremona": 17 - 26 settembre.

III° - A tal proposito

a) i Comandi delle Divisioni "Friuli" e "Cremona":

- dispongono perché le dipendenti sezioni CC.RR. inizino im-

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AL COMANDO DIVISIONE TRIULI  
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ALL'UFFICIO SEGRETERIA E PERS.  
- S.M.R.E. -  
ALL'UFFICIO SERVIZI -S.M.R.E.-

6. per conoscenza:

ALLA S.M.I.A. -Sottoc. per l'Esar.- R.O.H.A.  
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CAMPANIA  
NIA -Uff. Op. Add. exob.-  
AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA SARDEGNA  
GNA -Uff. Op. Add. exob.-

OGGETTO: corse per Carabinieri Reali.

I° - I Carabinieri Reali delle sezioni divisionali dovranno essere addestrati al controllo del traffico secondo i sistemi in uso negli eserciti alleati.

II° - Saranno perciò indetti speciali corsi presso il deposito della Polizia Militare Inglese di Ottaviano.  
Durata del corso per le sezioni delle Divisioni "Friuli" e "Cremona": 17 - 26 settembre.

III° - A tal proposito

- a) i Comandi delle Divisioni "Friuli" e "Cremona":
- dispongono perché le dipendenti sezioni CC.RR. inizino immediatamente l'addestramento alla guida e alla manutenzione motocicli.
  - Istruttori: i motociclisti delle sezioni stesse.
  - Materiale d'addestramento: le motociclette delle sezioni.
  - Invio al corso sul controllo del traffico il seguente personale per ciascuna sezione dipendente:
    - 1 ufficiale o maresciallo
    - 4 sottufficiali o graduati (resta inteso che fra questi non devono essere compresi i motociclisti addetti all'addestramento di cui sopra).
  - Comande presente che detto personale:

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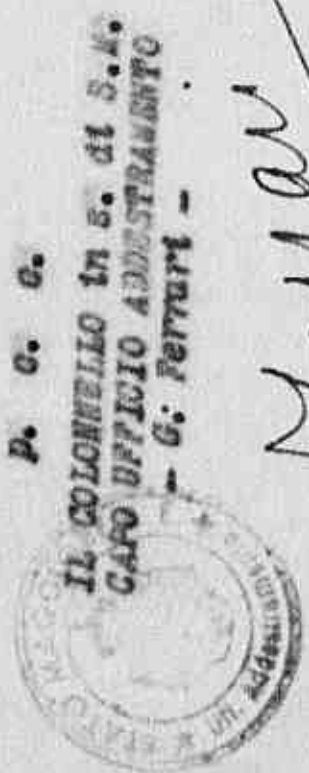
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- dovrà giungere a Ottaviano la sera del 16 settembre soddisfatto a tale data.
- dovrà avere al seguito gli utensili per la consumazione del rancio e una coperta da campo;
- sarà sottovaligiato e alloggiato durante il corso dal Comando Deposito di Polizia Militare Inglese.
- invio a questo S.M.R.R. Ufficio Ordinanze Mobilitazione, con la massima urgenza le richieste per il ripianamento degli organici delle sezioni;
- b) l'Ufficio Segreteria e Personale S.M.R.R.
  - invi al corso due ufficiali interpreti con un attendente;
- e) l'Ufficio Ordinnamento e Mobilitazione e l'Ufficio Servizi sod disino le richieste che inoltreranno i Comandi delle Divisioni interessate.

IV° - Accusare ricevuta.

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interessate.

IV° - Accusare ricevuta.

P. G. G.



IL COLONNELLO IN S. di S.M.  
CAPO UFFICIO ADDIZIONALE  
- G. Ferrari -

*Ferrari*

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