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Unit + Distinguishing Signs

Oct. 1944 - MAR. 1945

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SUBJECT: Unit Signs.

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

5/8/29/40 ✓
15 March 45

TO : A.F.H.Q.

Copy to: BCU, ETC IOF.

Reference your WSD/76 of 22 October.

1. The Reinforcement Training Centre at Cesano, which has cadres from the PIERA Group, is using the vehicle marking numbers as laid down in your above letter, so far as they apply to the different units at the Centre. It has not, however, been possible to allot numbers to the following :-

- H.Q. 152 Italian Training Schools
- 152 Italian Infantry School
- 152 Italian Instructors School All Arms
- 152 Italian Mechanic School

2. May appropriate numbers please be allotted.

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

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SUBJECT: Vehicle Signs.

'F' P.L.U., R.T.C., I.C.F.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A) ROME.

Ref: G/6A/5.

13 March 1945.

To: H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A).

1. Reference your S/G/29/40 dated 3 March 1945, together with attached letter from G-3 Section, A.F.H.Q. ref: WSD/76 dated 22 Oct. 1944.

2. When Major Gelardi visited G-3 Section, A.F.H.Q. recently, he mentioned the fact that from the list contained in the last mentioned letter, it was not possible to allot Unit Numbers for the following Units of R.T.C., I.C.F. :-

H.Q., 152 Italian Training Schools.
152 Italian Infantry School.
152 Italian Instructors School, All Arms.
152 Italian Mechanics School.

3. It was suggested that Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C. (M.M.I.A) make application for the necessary Unit Numbers.

4. May action please therefore be taken to secure Unit Numbers for the above mentioned units.

A. M. Gelardi
Major
Lieut-Col. R.A.

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Letter sent to AFHQ

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SUBJECT: Vehicle Signs.

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

3/6/20/40 ✓
March 45

TO : BLU, RTC ICF, CEGANG.

Reference your C/6A/28 of 26 Feb 45.

1. Attached is a copy of AFHQ's WSD/76 of 22 October laying down vehicle markings and numbers for Combat Groups.
2. RTC ICF will adopt the appropriate markings for the PICENO Group. An example of the PICENO flash with the Group sign is attached. You are requested to adopt the vehicle marking numbers as shown for a Combat Group to the slightly different units of the R.T.C.

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-3 SECTION

FILE NO : WSD/76

22 Oct 44

SUBJECT : Unit Signs

TO : All concerned

1. Authority is granted for the four Italian Combat Gps now in course of form and any such Gps to be formed in the future to use vehicle markings and vehicle marking Nos. as under :-

40	Gruppo HQ and all Tps NOT listed below	
51	87 Regt	(Senior Regt)
55	1/87 Regt	(Senior Bn)
56	11/87 Regt	(Second Bn)
57	111/87 Regt	(Junior Bn)
58	88 Regt	(Second Regt)
60	1/88 Regt	(Senior Bn)
61	11/88 Regt	(Second Bn)
62	111/88 Regt	(Junior Bn)
42	HQ Arty Regt	
43	Arty	(25 Pdr Btys)
46	Arty	(A/Tk Bty)
47	Arty	(LAA Bty)
48	Engrs	(Senior Pz Coy)
49	Engrs	(Second Pz Coy)
50	Engrs	(Sigs Coy)
64	Rgtl Mortar and A/Tk Coys in Senior Regt	
65	Rgtl Mortar and A/Tk Coys in Second Regt	
74	S & T Coy (equivalent Div Tps Coy)	
76	Senior Pz Hosp	
77	Second Pz Hosp	
86	Mech Engrs Wksp	

42 HQ Arty Regt
43 Arty
46 Arty
47 Arty

(25 Pdr Btys)
(A/Tk Bty)
(LAA Bty)

48 Engrs
49 Engrs
50 Engrs

(Senior Pd Coy)
(Second Pd Coy)
(Sigs Coy)

64 Rgtl Mortar and A/Tk Coys in Senior Regt
65 Rgtl Mortar and A/Tk Coys in Second Regt

74 S & T Coy (equivalent Div Tps Coy)

76 Senior Pd Hosp
77 Second Pd Hosp

86 Mech Engrs Wksp

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2. The sign of the Div from which each Gruppo originated will be painted on the LEFT side and the unit no. on the RIGHT, both front and back, the unit no. being in white on the background of the Div colours.

3. Will Army Sub Commission ACC please fwd to this HQ for approval before adoption and for purposes of record, copies of all Div Signs and particulars of Div colours proposed to be used.

By Command of General WILSON.

(Sgd) J. A. H. GARDINER,
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff.

CHG/tb

Distribution : HQ AAI

Liaison

G-3 (Org 4)

Army Sub Commission ACC (ref C/5/16) (7 copies)

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SUBJECT: Colours of Groups.

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

S/G/29/40

20 February 45

TO : A.F.H.Q.
15 Army Group.

Ref AFHQ letter WSD/76 of 22 Oct 44.

1. The following Divisional colours as given by S.M.R.E. for Background of Unit Numbers for marking of vehicles are correct and standardized.

1. FRIULI: Blue with black longitudinal stripes.
2. CREMONA: Green with two red longitudinal stripes.
3. LEGRANO: Black with three blue stripes.
4. FOLGORE: Blue number in white.
5. MANTOVA: Rectangle yellow and green divided horizontally.

R.S.A. James Ramsay
Major General
M.M.I.A.

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LR13 V LAEE NR60P (OP)

IMMEDIATE

FROM 50 BLU 182030A

TO MMIA

QQX GR-- BT

G 36 REF YOUR SS 636 DATED 13 YOUR SS 629

DATED 15 YOUR SS 598 ~~S-538~~ 23 JAN. WAS IN FACT

RECEIVED. IN THIS OFFICE AND WAS CONFIRMED BY THIS OFFICE

SIG 3H702 DTED 26 JAN ADDRESSED TO YOU

IT IS AGAIN CONFIRMED THAT YOU SS 598 DATED 23 JAN

IS CORRECT

BT 182030A

SCN: WA SS 598 IS DATED IMI DATED

SENT NR6 190150A JLP BB K

RECD NR 6 190150 A AAA AR K

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SIGNAL

18 1030 A

FROM MMIA

TO 50 BLU

SS 636

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION SECRET

REF YOUR G 21 of 16 FEB 45 AND OUR SS 598 DATED 23 JAN 45 NOT RECEIVED
BY YOU (.) S M R E GIVE FOLLOWING AS DIVISIONAL COLORS FOR BACKGROUND
OF UNIT NUMBERS FOR MARKING OF VEHICLES (.) FRIULI BLUE WITH
BLACK LONGITUDINAL STRIPE (.) PLEASE CONFIRM IF ABOVE IS CORRECT AND
STANDARDIZED

PRIORITY IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

RGA Gower-Raines
Capt.

S/G/23/40 ✓

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1800 V HAAZ NR 821

FROM 52 E L U 1689433

TO H H E A

BOX GR 11 DT

AGY1 (.) RESTRICTED (.) YOUR S-S 598 AND 622 (.)

DIVISIONAL COLOURS L E S N A R G CORRECT

BT

SENT NY 821 1932A C F M AS TRS X

RD NR 821 DML 1932 (81)

28/17 029/40
ASK

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1/2/29/2
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FROM E N Y A

151145 A

TO 50 BLU
52 BLU

SS 629

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

Confidential

REFERENCE OUR SIGNAL SS 598 DATED 23 JAN 45 NO REPLY YET

RECEIVED FROM YOU (.) PLEASE EXPEDITE

PRECEDENCE

Routine

AUTHENTICATED

R. G. A. Jones - Rame 984
Capt

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5/1/29/40 ✓

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Army Form C.2128.

MESSAGE FORM

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OUT

No. of Groups.
GR.

Serial No. 2
Office Date Stamp

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

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Spec Sec

FROM

56 BLU

Originator's Number

AG 6

Date

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In Reply to Number

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SECRET

MANIOVA

SIGN

as started

by you

IS

standardized

throughout group

This message may be sent As Written
by any means
(except)
(.....) Wireless

This message must be sent In Cipher
if liable to interception or to fall into
enemy hands

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

Time of Orig. 983

Signature.....

Signature.....

* Originator may delete "except" and insert "including"

(Below this Line is for Signals use Only.)

System in	Time in	Reader	Sender	System out	Time out	Reader	Sender	System out	Time out	Reader	Sender

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

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Army Form C 2128		MESSAGE FORM.		Serial No. 24/61	
CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN	CIPHER SECRET 22	No. of Groups. G.R.	Office Date Stamp	
	OUT			25	
(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)					
TO MMIA info AFHQ IS AGP 8/Sec					
FROM 53 BLU		Originator's Number SD/G/9-39	Date 31	In Reply to Numbers 1/2	
SECRETO					
Confirmed	FOLGORE	group	unit	sign on	vehicle
is	blue	background	with	unit	serial
number	in	white @	MMIA SS	508 of 23	Jan 1961
This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means.		If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER.		Originator's instructions Degree of priority	
Signed		Signed (BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)		Time of origin. 8:29 30	
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				T.O.R.	

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

MSG Center No. : N81/25
Classification : ~~SECRET~~
Precedence : ROUTINE
From : ~~SECRET~~
To : MMA IS ARMY GROUP

40/26
E762
SVC 40/26
29/40
c/94
Date Time Rec'd : 25 1030H
Date Time Sent :
Reference NR : 94
Cite :

SECRET (C) reference your SS592 of 23 JAN 45
Confirmed that background colours of vehicle
markings for CREMONA GRUPPO are green
with two red longitudinal stripes (C) already
in force

HEADQUARTERS
25 JAN 45

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SUBJECT: Distinguishing Sign for Supply and Transport Company

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. AQ/15/1
23 Jan 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Copy to: 52 MLU

1. Your N3/89/SHV is acknowledged.
2. MMIA agrees that it would be convenient for all personnel of S and T Companies in the Combat Groups to wear a distinguishing sign. The use of the RASC Blue and yellow Flash, however, cannot be authorised.
3. Do you wish to propose an alternative sign?

D.S.L. GREGSON
D.S.L. GREGSON, Major
For Major General
M. M. I. A.

Internal: S/Sec
S & T

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MESSAGE FORM.

FROM : MAIA

DATE - TIME

TO (FOR ACTION): 50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
54 BLU

23 1004 A

TO (FOR INFO) : AFHQ.
15 ARMY GROUP

SS 593

SECURITY
CLASSIFICATION - SECRET

REFINISHED AFHQ 121/70 OF 22 OCT (.) SHALL GIVE FOLLOWING AS DIVISIONAL COLOURS
FOR BACKGROUND OF UNIT NUMBERS FOR MARKING OF VEHICLES (.) PRISM BLUE WITH
BLACK LONGITUDINAL STRIPE (.) DREMONA GREEN WITH TWO RED LONGITUDINAL STRIPES (.)
LEONARD BLACK WITH THREE BLUE STRIPES (.) FOLDON BLUE NUMBER IN WHITE (.)
RANIOVA RECTANGLE YELLOW AND GREEN DIVIDED HORIZONTALLY (.) BLUE PLATE
CONFIRM IF ABOVE IS CORRECT AND STANDARDIZED

RECORDED ROUTED

AUTHENTICATING
OFFICER

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-3 DIVISION

8 Jan 45

FILE NO:- WSD/76

SUBJECT:- Vehicle Markings

TO :- HQ No. 1 District

Ref 50 BLU letter G/5/16 dated 28 Dec 44 and further to WSD/76 dated 22 Oct 44.

1. The following additional serial numbers are allotted to units of Italian Combat Groups :-

Pl Bk Coy	51
Gr Pl Bk	92
Pl B Group	552

2. Markings as proposed for HQ Mixed Engn Bn, Med Secs and G C R R are approved.

By Command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER,

(Signature)
J. HARDING,
Lieut. General,
Chief of Staff.

CHG/jhg

Copy to :-

HQ 15 Army Grp
Brit Element HQ Fifth (US) Army
HQ Eighth Army
HQ No. 3 District
Land Forces Sub-Commission 10 (LIL)
G-3 (Org-1)

with copy of
50 BLU letter G/5/16
dated 28 Dec 44

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Subject: Unit Veh markings

COPY

50 British Liaison Unit
Ref G/5/16.

25 Dec 44

51
1 DIST

Ref this office letter G/5/16 dat 1 Dec 44.

1. Additional veh markings have been requested for 1 Fd Pk Coy., O.F.P. and for Fd Bakeries. They are 51, 37 and 73 respectively, but have NOT YET BEEN APPROVED.

2. There should be all that are required for this I C G except in regard to the following

HQ Mixed Bn or Bn.
Med Secs other than Fd Hospitals.
C C R R

As these units present a considerable amount of confusion, all carrying the I C G HQ number 40, would you please authorise them to be marked as follows, in addition to carrying the 40 sign on the FRIULI patch (para (a) of a/m letter).

(a) HQ Engr Bn.

To carry the Engr badge immediately above the FRIULI patch.

(b) Med Secs.

To carry the red cross in a white circle immediately above the FRIULI patch.

Med Secs permanently attached to Regts or Engr Bn should carry the Regt or Engr Bn number and not the I C G number 40.

(c) C C R R

To carry the C C R R badge immediately above the FRIULI patch.

(d) The overall dimensions of these additional signs will be 12 cm x 12 cm and be centrally placed above the FRIULI patch. Where the regimental badge does NOT permit of a square design, the width will remain 12 cm., but the depth may be reduced below 12 cm.

(e) All regimental badges to be, of course, Italian.

3. May an early ruling be given above.

(Sd)

Major
For Lt. Col.
G.S.

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G.M.F.
FFK/LCB

Copy to :- G-2 Org. A.F.H.C

15 Army Group (ref G/5/16 dated 7 Dec).

5 Army (Br) (" " " ")

55 Area (" " " ")

FRIULI I C G (50-511 G/5/16 dated 30 Oct 44).

NOT FOR ACTION YET.

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Subject :- Venicle Markings.

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

S/C/29/40.
8 Jan., 45.

To :- 50 BLU.
51 BLU.
52 BLU.
53 BLU.
56 BLU.

Below is copy of AFHQ's WSL/76 of 3 January, for information and action.

*Ref your S/C/29/40 dated 27 Dec 44.

1. It is considered that BLU to Gruppi should in due course carry the formation veh sign of the Army under the comd of which they are respectively operating.
2. Veh marking No.. 4075 has already been allotted to 51 BLU.
3. Veh marking Nos. 4189, 4190, 4191 and 4192 are hereby allotted to 50, 52, 53 and 56 BLU respectively."

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

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS

G-3 (ORG) SECTION

3 Jan 45

FILE NO: WDD/76

SUBJECT: Veh Markings

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MIA)

Ref your S/G/29/40 dated 27 Dec 44.

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By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER :

J. HARDING,
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff.

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COPY TO:-

HQ 15 Army Gr
HQ No. 3 District

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Subject :- Vehicle Signs.

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

3/0/29/40.

27 Dec., 44.

To :- A.P.H.Q.

Reference your WSI/76 of 22nd October, 1944.

May a ruling please be given on what serial number and sign should be carried on BLU as distinct from Combat Group vehicles.

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

Copy : 53 BLU (your G9-51 of 22 December refers)

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Subject: Vehicle Signs

To: Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (LSIA)

Copy:- HQ Combat Group FOLCORE
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Ref this HQ G9 - 17 of 5 Dec 44.

2. It is now confirmed that the FOLCORE Cp Sign will be the FOLCORE (or lightning) sign in BLUE on the GREEN, WHITE and RED background; and that unit signs will be their serial numbers in WHITE on a BLUE background.

3. The painting of these signs will be put in hand forthwith.

W. H. H. H.
Lt. Col.
G.S.

53 B.L.U.
Ref G9 - 19
10 Dec 44.

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MESSAGE FORM.

Date Time of Origin.

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From : MMIA
To : AFHQ for G 3 Org.
To(Info) : 50 BLU.

Ref No. SS 449

SECRET

Following from 50 BLU (*) NOTE (*) May vehicle serial number be allotted to FD PARK COY and FD BAKERYs (*) Suggest 51 for FD PARK and 73 to cover all FD BAKERYs (*) Also suggest OFF be allotted number 87 as this unit supplies workshops which are 86 (*) ^{UNQUOTE} Similar numbers required for other Auxiliary units as detailed in MMIA S/G/29/26 of 26 October

IMPORTANT

Authenticated

[Signature]

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

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MSG Center No : N123/8
Classification : SECRET
Precedence : PRIORITY
From : SO BNU
To : MMIA

Date/Time Rec'd : 081215
Date/Time Sent :
Reference NR : 95466
Cite : —

IMPORTANT

S/Sec.
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SECRET ① may vehicle serial number be
allotted to FD PARK COY and FD BAKERYS ①
suggest 51 for FD PARK and 73 to cover
all FD BAKERYS ① also suggest OFP be
allotted number 84 as this unit supplies
workshops which are 86

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SUBJECT: Unit Signs

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/29/40 ✓
3 Dec 44

TO : 52 BLU
53 BLU
54 BLU

(Ref 53 BLU G 9-12 of 23 Nov)

1. Authoritative instructions for the marking of vehicles are contained in AFHQ WSD/76 of 22 Oct a copy of which is attached.
2. The "Sign of the Division" to be painted on the left side is the Green, White and Red rectangle with the relevant crest on the White portion (as worn on left shoulder of battle dress).
3. The "Div. colours" referred to are those normally worn on the collar (under the arm of the service marking). Details of these colours in respect of your Group should be sent to MMIA for record.
4. No other distinguishing marks or variations from the above are permitted. The left side of a vehicle is the left hand side to anyone sitting in the vehicle facing forwards.

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-3 SECTION

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22 Oct 44

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TO : All concerned

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42 HQ Arty Regt
 43 Arty (25 Pdr Btys)
 46 Arty (A/Tk Bty)
 47 Arty (AAA Bty)

48 Engrs (Senior Pdr Coy)
 49 Engrs (Second Pdr Coy)
 50 Engrs (Sigs Coy)

64 Rgtl Mortar and A/Tk Coys in Senior Regt
 65 Rgtl Mortar and A/Tk Coys in Second Regt

74 S & T Coy (equivalent Div Tps Coy)

76 Senior Pdr Hosp
 77 Second Pdr Hosp

86 Mech Engrs Bksp

2. The sign of the Div from which each Gruppo originated will be painted on the LEFT side and the unit no. on the RIGHT, both front and

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43 Arty
46 Arty
47 Arty

(25 Pdr Btys)
(A/Tk Bty)
(LAA Bty)

48 Engrs
49 Engrs
50 Engrs

(Senior Fd Coy)
(Second Fd Coy)
(Sigs Coy)

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76 Senior Fd Hosp
77 Second Fd Hosp

86 Mech Engrs Wasp

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3. Will Army Sub Commission ACC please fwd to this HQ for approval before adoption and for purposes of record, copies of all Div Signs and particulars of Div colours proposed to be used.

By Command of General WILSON.

(Sgd) J. A. H. GARNETT,
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff.

CHC/tb

Distribution : HQ AAI

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Considered and recommended with 8 copies of letter

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1st Lt. Paul Morgan
2nd Lt. Paul Morgan
3rd Lt. Paul Morgan

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Subject: Unit Signs

To :- Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MMIA) ✓

Copy to:- HQ Combat Group FOLGORE

1. Ref this HQ G9 - 1 of 31 Oct 44.
2. Herewith full-scale design of proposed Gp sign for vehicles of FOLGORE Gp.
3. Unit signs will have the same Blue background.
4. Please intimate approval, or otherwise, earliest so that the necessary work can be put in hand without delay.

53 B.L.U.
Ref. G9 - 12
23 Nov 44

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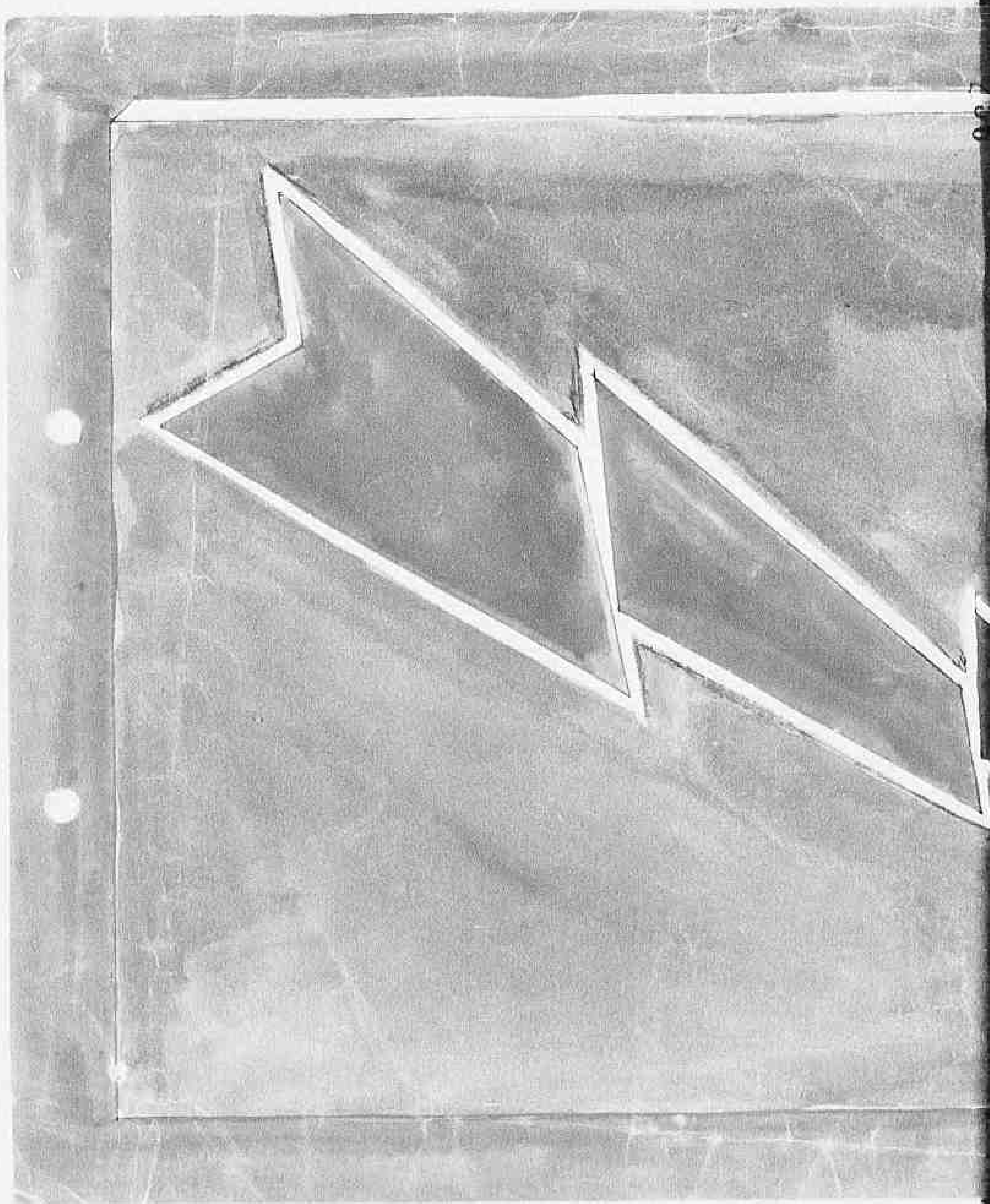
Charles 968
for Lt.Col.
G.S.

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Subject :- Distinguishing Marks.

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

53 B.L.U.
Ref. Q3 - 13
20 Nov. 44.

1. Reference MMIA letter No. S/G/29/13/2 dated 15 Nov. 44.
2. All officers of this BLU are unanimous in their very strong objections to being forced to wear a defeated nations colours in any shape or form. This HQ letter Q3-11 dated 16 Nov. 44 gives our suggested design which incorporates the Combat Group sign but the background suggested is blue.
3. Owing to the strong feeling of all ranks against wearing the Italian colours it is requested that the question is reconsidered.

C. A. L. M. M.

Lt. Col.
G.S.

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Subject: Unit Signs.

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm A.G.
(M.L.I.A.)

29/40.

53 B.L.U.

Ref. 65 - 11

16 Nov. 44

21 Nov

1. Ref conversation Col. Pidsley - Lt. Col. Brooks on 8 Nov. re unit signs for 53 B.L.U.
2. It is considered that the Italian national colours should not appear in the signs.
3. It is suggested that a standard sign for all British Liaison Units should be authorised; this to be a rectangle, $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wide and 2" deep, made of dark blue material with the Combat Cp sign superimposed on it.
4. An enlarged diagram of the suggested sign for this unit is attached.

✓ Awaiting replies from others

B.F. 1 Dec 44.

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Notes

File 21/11

Lt. Col.
G.S.

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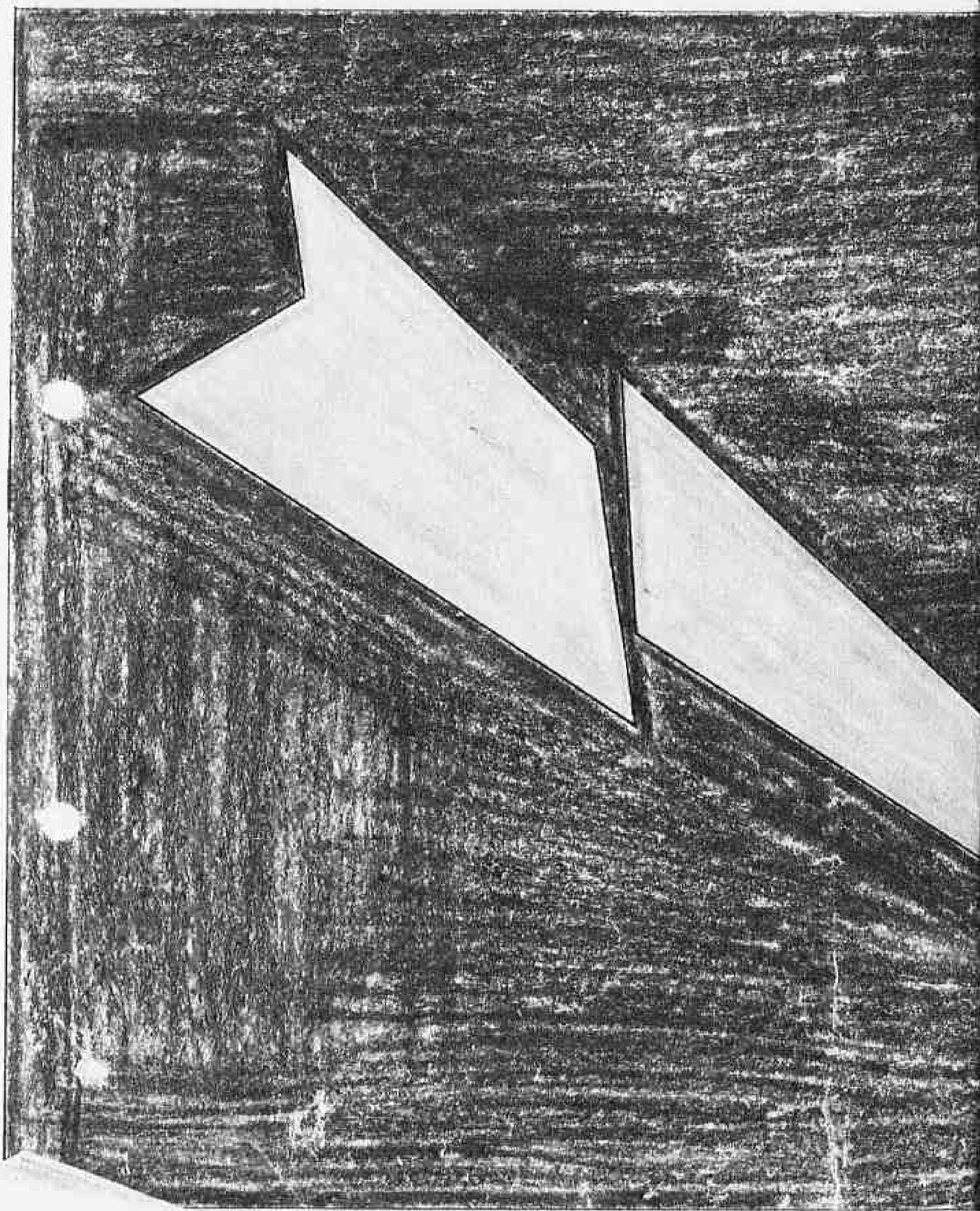
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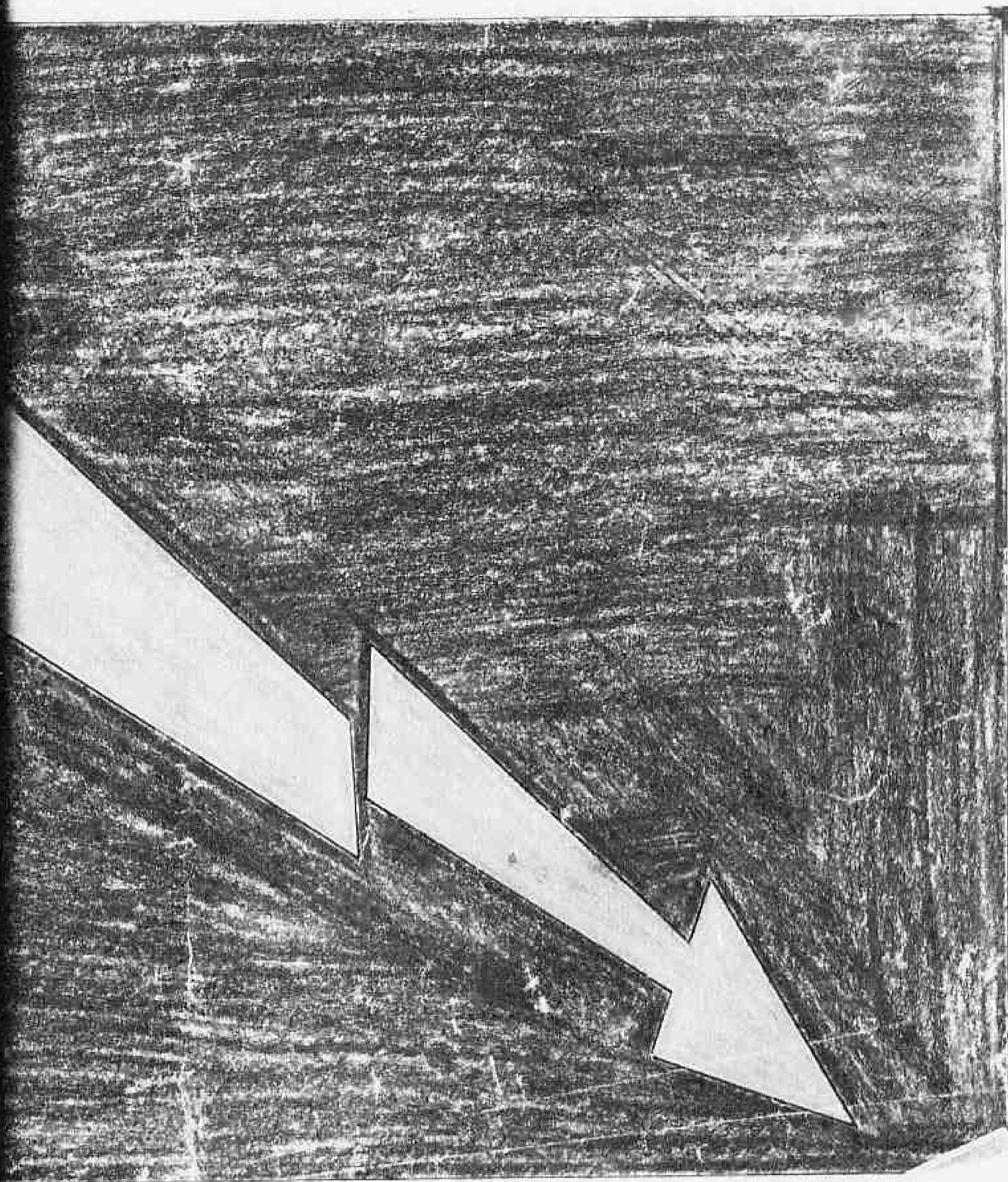
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SUBJECT: Distinguishing Marks

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.I.A.)
S/G/29/13/2
15 Nov 44

TO : 50, 51, 52, 53, 54 B.L.U.

Ref S/G/29/13 dated 8 Oct 44.

As the opinions of all from GSO I differed the following compromise
has been decided upon.

A shield with the Div sign on it to be cut out of the material used
for the regulation group sign and worn at present by B.L.U. personnel.

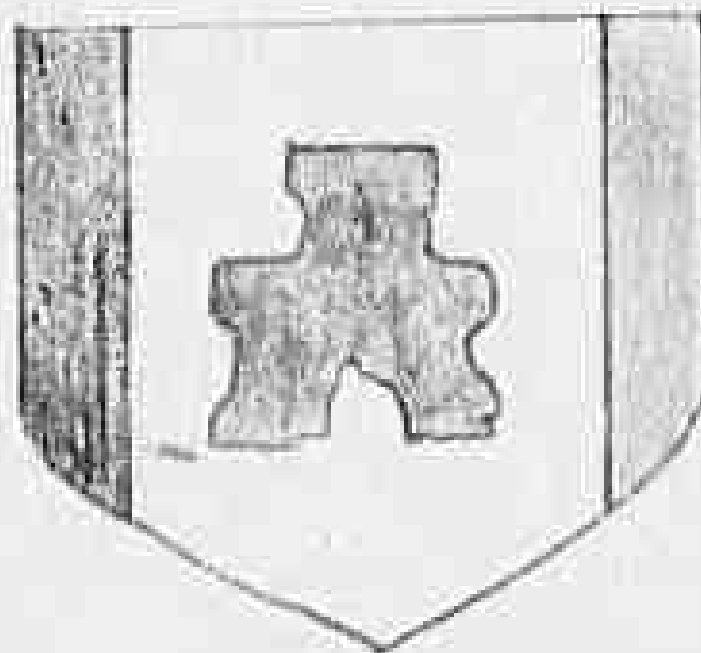
A pattern showing size and colouring is attached herewith.

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

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Shield with Div Sign to be cut out
of the regulation Group Sign and
used by HLU personnel.

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Subject :- Unit Signs and Badges

To :-
HQ MMIA

51 British Liaison Unit

Q 10/1

Ref attached copy Translation of HQ CREMONA letter 622/3 dated
3 Nov 44.

- 1 May we please be advised if in fact demands of this nature should be made through B L U HQ MMIA channels.
- 2 The above being so, may arrangements please be made to release the items enumerated in the attached letter.

Field
6 Nov 44
RWH/RGT

W. N. ...
for
Major
DAA & QMG

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TRANSLATIONSubject : Clothing AccessoriesTo :-
51 B L U

622/3

- 1 As you are already aware distinctive Italian Army badges of rank, caps FS and Flashes are to be worn with battle dress.
- 2 This HQ sent an indent for these articles to SMRE on 13 Oct and has so far received only the tricolour flashes.
- 3 In the meantime we have been instructed by the Ministry of War to pass all indents for equipment through your HQ.
- 4 We therefore list below the items required and would add that the supply of this equipment is urgent in view of the coming change over to battle dress.

Metal Stars	16000 pairs
Caps FS	9500
Artillery Flashes	1600 pairs
Engineer "	900 "
Transport "	1500 "
A F V "	300 "
Administrative Staff flashes	150 "
Medical Unit flashes	350 "
Supply " "	100 "
Infantry Badges	5000
Artillery "	1600
Engineers "	900
Transport "	1500
A F V "	300
Medical Unit Badges	350
Supply " "	100
Chevrons, Sergente Maggiore	150
" Sergente	250
" Caporal Maggiore	300
" Caporale	400
" Soldato Scelto	300
Cotton, gray-green or black	50000 metres

Field
3 Nov 44Adelmo Pedarzani, Col
Chief of Staff, Cremona Division

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C O I A



Roma, 9 novembre 1944

ESPRESSO

Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

DIV. V.E.

A. G. R. 21831/V di Sped.

Allegati

ALLA DIREZ. DI COMM/TO DEL COMANDO MIL. DEL LAZIO

UMBRIA E ABRUZZI = RCMA =

ALLA DIREZ. DI COMM/TO DEL COMANDO MIL. DELLA

CAMPANIA

= P.M. 120 =

ALLA DIREZ. DI COMM/TO DEL COMANDO MIL. DELLA

PUGLIA E LUCANIA = P.M. 67 =

Risposta al foglio

OGGETTO Assegnazione di materiali di provenienza italiana.

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA M.M.I.A. (rif. 21852/V del 24.10.44) = ROMA =

(rif. AQ/60/55 del 28.10.44)

ALLO S.M.R.E. - Uff. Serv. Sez. Comm/10 = P.M. 151 =

(rif. 3/9611/S del 19.10.44)

AL COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO "CREMONA"

(rif. tel. 280/3 del 16.10.44) = P.M. 64 =

Si autorizzano le Direzioni in indirizzo a cedere al Comando Gruppo di Combattimento "Cremona" i materiali per ciascuna segnati:

Dir. Comm/10 di "oma":

- fregi per berretti a busta da fanteria n. 5.000
- " " " autieri " 1.400

Dir. Comm/10 di Napoli:

- mostrine sanità p. 550
- " sussistenze " 100
- " genio " 300
- " autieri " 1.500
- " art. - sanità " 1.500

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 - fregi artiglieria n. 1.500
 - " sanità " 300
 - " sussistenze " 100

Dir. Comm/to di Bari:

- stellette p. 5.000
 - berretti a busta panno g/v n. 8.000
 - fregi per genio " 800
 - filati cucitini g/v Kg. 1

Per i fregi e le mostrine eventualmente indisponibili le Direzioni di Comm/to provvederanno alla possibile confezione con materie

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prime esistenti ed, in difetto, ricorreranno ad acquisti da commercio cercando di ottenere le migliori condizioni.

Accordi diretti fra gli enti interessati per il ritiro de-
materiale.-

P. IL MINISTRO
f.to -Pelligr-

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Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.
(L.F.S.C.)

3 Nov 44

Dear

Before asking AFHQ for a decision on the nature of the distinguishing mark (divisional sign) to be worn by BLU's attached to Italian Groups, I would like your personal views on this sartorial problem.

The following courses are open to you:-

- (a) The Group shoulder mark as it stands (i.e. same as the Group itself).
- (b) A small green, white, or red ^{strip} 2" x 1", rather like a bit of medal ribbon.
- (c) A small strip of the Group colours as worn on the collar by the Group.
- (d) Any other simple and effective design.

Please let us have your preference and views (which we will consider with others) as soon as you can.

Yours,

W. P. Dwyer

Addressee:

Officer Commanding:-

50 BLU,
51 BLU,
52 BLU,
53 BLU,
54 BLU.

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*Cy D copies taken by
Col. P. Dwyer 3/11*

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Subject: Clothing Regulations.

MILITARY MISSION
ITALIAN ARMY
R O M E
21/12/13
6 Oct 44

TO : A, B, C, D, E and F BUs.

1. In order that uniformity be achieved in the wearing of clothing, badges of rank, etc by personnel of the Italian Combat Forces, the following will apply.
2. Headdress (other than steel helmets), rank badges, gorget patches, distinguishing marks, medal ribbons, and service markings are to be supplied, issued and worn under Italian arrangements.
3. There are no restrictions on types of markings etc, but it is stressed that complete uniformity must be achieved.

W. H. G. G. G.
Major
Maj Gen
M M I A

"P" BU - Your 2-2 updated refers.

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Subject: Clothing Regulations.

AT NMIA
Q-2

To: NMIA
RONE

From: NMIA, LO, Folgore

1. I am requested to ascertain:
 - (a) What badges of rank will be worn by Officers and CRS.
 - (b) Where badges of rank will be worn.
 - (c) If gorget patches will be worn on ED collars.
2. Especially NCO badges are in short supply and are shabby.

Letter is all BLU's.

J.A. Philip
As per

J.A. PHILIP
Captain

(including rank badges)

Headstems (other than steel helmet) rank badges, paper patches, distinguishing marks, medal ribbons, and service markings are and to be supplied, *95%* issued & worn under Italian uniform - no uniformity in *7/10* as long as uniforms are *8/10* achieved with *8/10* authorized

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