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LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (LMLA)
SD/39/2
9 Nov 1945

Minutes of a Conference on a suggested new lay-out for the ITALIAN
Inf Div, held by permission of GOC 2 DISTRICT at HQ 2 DISTRICT on
2 and 3 Nov 45

Chairman	Lt-Col. A.F.C. SOUTHEY	GSO1 (SD) MILA
Present	Major V.L. MEDLAM	GSO II(Trg) MILA
	Lt-Col. T.M. ELLERTON	GSO1 designate 50 BLU senior MILA LO
	Lt-Col. J.E. BLATER	GSO1 51 BLU
	Lt-Col. J.E.H. DOUGLAS	GSO1 52 BLU
	Lt-Col. C.C. MANNING	GSO1 53 BLU
	Lt-Col. A.W. GIBSON	GSO1 56 BLU
	Major H.W. DAVIE	GSO VI (Trg) MILA & RU
	Capt. W.J. STOCKER REME	50 BLU
	Capt. J.E. GROPE R.Sigs	50 BLU
	Capt. P.H. NELSON REME	52 BLU
	Capt. A.W. DENVER ILACC	53 BLU
	Capt. E.G. AYLING RASC	56 BLU

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3. The Chairman emphasised that the conference was purely exploratory that no action could be expected until recommendations had been examined by AFHQ, and that in particular the suggestions of the Conference were on no account to be discussed with the ITALIANS or outside MILI and the BLUs.

4. Certain limitations were explained, as imposed by:-

- (a) the AFHQ Directive on the handing over to the ITALIANS of the ITALIAN ARMY.
- (b) manpower.
- (c) uncertainty as to availability of equipment.

5. The purposes for which the ITALIAN Inf Div was to be organised were discussed. These were:-

- (a) defence against minor frontier aggression.
- (b) duties in aid of the Civil Power.

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6. The comparative desirability was considered of producing:-

- (a) an organisation specialised to cope with 5(a) and (b) above.
- (b) a pocket, model, all-purpose organisation.
- (c) a full-scale organisation, on the most modern BRITISH or AMERICAN lines, realising the limitations imposed, and accepting the fact that in peace a large portion of the War Establishments and Equipment Tables could not possibly be implemented.

7. With GSCM 56 BLU (Lt-Col. GIBSON) and GSO II (Trg) MMA dissenting, it was agreed that the Conference should investigate the model, pocket, all-purpose type of organisation.

Lt-Col. GIBSON requested that his protest be formally attached to the minutes (Appendix 'A').

8. A layout submitted by MMA for discussion was considered in detail as follows and it was by agreement recommended:-

(a) Div HQ

- (i) comd: that the Second in Comd for the Div always already present, should be officially added, plus ADC, batman and driver.
- (ii) staff: that a CRA and suitable staff, to include a Pde Major, I.O. and Signal officer should be added, the present arrangement whereby the Comd of the Arty Regt acts as CRA having proved universally impossible to work in action.
- (iii) staff: that a Signals Staff Officer be added, in view of the complete present ignorance of ITALIAN comds and 'G' staff of all signals matters.
- (iv) staff: that an Engineers Staff Officer be added, for the same reasons as advanced for the Signals Staff Officer.
- (v) staff: that a DIRM be added in order to co-ordinate traffic control etc. with the 'G' staff and discipline with the 'A' staff.

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- (v) staff: that a DMTM be added in order to co-ordinate traffic control etc. with the 'G' staff and disciplins with the 'A' staff.
- (vi) services: that the duties of the Head of the Automobilitic Section be defined as equivalent to those of a BRITISH CME and that he be graded at least as Lt-Col in order to cope with Regt Comds.
- (vii) services: that a junior staff officer be added to assist the CME above.

(b) Div Tps

With GSC1 56 BLU (Lt-Col. GIBSON) dissenting, it was agreed that a Recce Element be added to the Div.

Subject to expert RAC advice it was agreed that a small armd car bn of HQ (three armd cars) and three sqns each of HQ (two armd cars) and three tps (each of three armd cars), total thirty-six armd cars, would meet requirements.

Lt-Col. GIBSON considered that two or three full-scale armd car regts or recce bns, held as corps tps, would be more satisfactory.

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(c) Inf Regt HQ

- (i) staff: that the Lieut Col (Legal Duties) be deleted and the division of duties between officers of Regt HQ be revised.
- (ii) services: that an SME be added to advise the comd on all ME matters and coordinate ME work throughout the Regt.
- (iii) services: that a POWO or equivalent be added to the Regt HQ to supervise all OMI matters in the Regt.

(d) Inf Regt

- (i) that the addition of a IIG coy was necessary.
- (ii) that the existing 6 pr A/Tk coy be deleted complete, and that in compensation the arty A/Tk be increased.
- (iii) the the existing 3" mortar coy be converted to 4" mortar and shown as "4" mortar coy". It was felt that the British 4.2" mortar was not an entirely satisfactory weapon and that the Italians may have a better 4" mortar of their own. The need for a heavier mortar than the present 3" mortar was agreed.

- (iv) that a Regt Band was required and was preferable to having three Bn Bands. Personnel to be found from Bn stretcher bearers attached Regt HQ coy as bandmen during peacetime!

(e) Inf Bn

- (i) Bn HQ: that a second in comd be added.
- (ii) Bn HQ: that a QM be added.
- (iii) Bn HQ: that the "two junior officers" at present shown at the Bn HQ be defined respectively as I.O. and Ppt Ofcr.
- (iv) that a small number of Bn(Regt) Police be added.

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(v) HQ and sp coys: that the existing separate HQ and support coys should be amalgamated into one HQ Wing, with the addition of a Capt as second in cmd.

(vi) Sp coy: that the existing carrier pl be deleted and being unnecessary and of negligible tactical value.

(vii) Sp coy: that the existing ./Tk pl (two 6 prs) be deleted complete for the same reason.

(viii) Sp coy: that the 3" Mortar Pl be increased to contain six 3" Mortars in place of the present four 3" Mortars, and be transferred to the new HQ Wing.

(ix) Sp coy: that the existing assault Pnr pl be retained as it is, and be transferred to the new HQ Wing.

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Inf Bn (Cont'd)

- (x) Rifle coys: that the coy comd be allotted a carrier as a recon veh.
- (xi) Rifle coys: that the present OC HQ pl be defined as second in comd of the coy, and used as such.
- (xii) Rifle coys: that one Sgt and one Cpl be deducted from coy HQ sig sec leaving one Cpl and two ptus to act as runners.
- (xiii) Rifle coys: that the present rifle secs (2 and 8) are unnecessarily large, and should be reduced to 2 and 6.
- (xiv) Rifle coys: that the present pl HQ is unnecessarily large, and should be reduced by two men.

(F) Arty

- (i) that the Div Arty requires an all round increase with the exception of Lt AA.
(see 8 (F) (v) below)
- (ii) that a CR4 and staff must be added to Div HQ (see 8 (a)(ii) above)
- (iii) 25 prs: that the 25 prs element must be increased to forty eight guns, from the existing thirty two, with a resultant division into two 25 pr regts each of three btys of eight guns, and a consequent provision of extra Regt and bty HQs.

It was considered that for peace purposes it would not be necessary to implement the third bty in each regt.

- (iv) A/Tk: that the present bty of eight 17 prs be increased to a regt, to consist of four btys, two to be 17 pr btys and two to be 6 pr btys (for close support of fwd inf) all btys to be of eight guns, with resulting addition of regt and bty HQs.
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(iv) Lt Tk: that the present bty of eight 17 prs be increased to a regt, to consist of four btys, two to be 17 pr btys and two to be 6 pr btys (for close support of fwd inf) all btys to be of eight guns, with resulting addition of regt and bty HQs.

(v) Lt Lt: that with present equipment against modern aircraft, existing Lt Lt was of negligible value and should be deleted complete.
It was considered that at a later date Corps Lt Lt, with improved equipment, would meet requirements.

(g) Engineers (Genio)

- (i) that it was essential to divorce signals ~~from~~ ^{from} Sappers.
- (ii) that staff officers for each branch were required at Div HQ (see 8 (c) (iii) and (iv) above).
- (iii) Sigs: that, with additions to cover newly added arty and recon bn, and with some detailed minor amdts (appdx 'B') the existing Sigs coy was satisfactory but must be commanded by a Major, and the arty pl by a Capt.
- (iv) Sappers: that an I.O. be added to Bn HQ.

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(g) Engineers (Cont'd)

- (v) Sappers: that two recon officers be added to each Fd coy.
- (vi) Sappers/
Sigs: that one subaltern be transferred from the present GENIO Bn HQ to Sigs coy HQ, the Engineer Bn HQ thereby being left one officer less.
- (vii) no RE rep being available at the conference, that expert advice be sought on the desirability of having one Fd Pk coy per Div.

(h) S and T Coy

- (i) that the present establishment had always been inadequate under war conditions.
- (ii) that in order to remedy this and to cover the proposed additions to the Div, one additional Tpt Pl is needed on WB. whether or not this should be implemented for peace conditions depends on rail etc facilities and length of road turn-round for supplies in each individual Div area.

(j) Mechanical Engineers

- that the following additions and conversions would meet the case.
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 - (ii) Arty: convert the two present 'B' Type LAD's into 'C' Type LAD's. no other additions would be needed to cover the increased arty lay-out.
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- (v) Wxsys: increase personnel up to the level suggested in B Army R/1300/11/EME dated 22 Mar 45 (-ppdx 'G') that one truck 15 cwt 4 wald water and one ~~table~~ ^{table} 15 cwt 4 wald water are essential additions to the present tpt table.
- (k) Medical
 - (1) OPF: that addition of one Capt, one Chief Clerk and eleven other personnel was required to man the .DOS dump.
 - (m) FSS: that a FSS composed as shown in appdx 'D' is required, personnel to be found NOT from CC.RR. and if necessary by forming a new Italian Intelligence Corps.
 - (n) CC.RR.
 - (i) that the two existing CC.RR secs be combined into one coy and a coy HQ be added.
 - (ii) it was understood that under peace conditions only one sec would probably remain with the Div.

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CC.RR. (Cont'd)

(iii)

it was felt that CC.RR. att'd to Divs must be taught to act as CMP: to this end it was suggested that a special Regt or Legion of CC.RR. should be earmarked for duties with combat tps and be given any suitable distinguishing sub-title.

(c) General

(i)

that generally speaking scales of tpt provided by original WEs have proved inadequate, and must be increased for WE purposes, even if not implemented under peace conditions. It was suggested that expert advice be sought from G(SD) at GHQ.

(ii)

that all Lloyd carriers (tractors etc for 6 pr L/Tk guns) be replaced by portees.

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- (d) The functioning of the services is correspondingly muddled, and further complicated by the arty acting as Ordnance over provision of arms and RASC over control of issue of amm. (This had been altered by every single BLU within a few weeks of joining the ICGs, and the Italians had preferred the British method).
- (e) The head of the Commissariato acts as ADOS and CRASC, where allowed to by the head of the Srevizi sec. g.a.i
- (f) The following was recommended for discussion with appropriate British service experts, and with the Ministry of War:
 - (i) the Chief of Staff if possible to be eliminated on the Div level.
 - (ii) servizi to be divorced from G(Ops) and G(I), and the head of the servizi sec to become A&QMG on British lines.
 - (iii) the head of the Commissariato to combine some of the functions of CRASC, less tpt, and ADOS, the Commissariato being divided into two halves, one for "supply" and one for "ordnance", a DADS and a DADOS being respectively responsible. DADS and his sec to handle rations, clothing, POL, fuel, force and personal equipment less arms. DADOS and his sec to handle all arms, warlike equipment, amn tools etc.

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9. (Cont'd)

- (iv) the existing Tpt Coy to carry everything and to man supply pts for rations, POL and amm as in the British system, and as they in fact do in the Divs at present.
 - (v) an organisation similar to an ADOS dump but termed a "Commissariato (supply sec) dump" to hold forage, fuel clothing and personal equipment.
 - (vi) an organisation similar in part to an OFP, but termed a "Commissariato (ordnance sec) dump" to hold arms and warlike equipment (but NOT IT).
 - (vii) the Sezione Automobilistica to handle, hold and repair all MT and all MT spares, and to repair arms etc as do British REME. The repair portion to be named? "Automobilistica" (Sezione Meccanica).
 - (viii) Arty to remain purely gunners and to be divorced from any ordnance services duties.
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- 12. Comds of BLUs unanimously expressed concern over the new BLU WE, notably over the deletion of
 - (a) a RAOC officer
 - (b) all interpreters
 - (c) all signal personnel
 over the extremely slender scale of tpt, and over the fact that no Italian increment for adm purposes, nor civilians as in 'B' Type BLUs, appears to have been provided for the 'A' Type.
- 13. Comds of BLUs asked for earliest infan as to by whom they would be administered after redeployment and on what authy.
- 14. Comds of BLUs asked for instructions as to their future responsibilities for liaison between Italian Territorial Comds and British Districts or Areas.

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War Diary (Two)
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Appendix 'A' to MILA
Conference Minutes (C/39/2)
dated 4 Nov 45.

The new Italian Division

1. It is recommended that the Italian Army should be organized so that it can mobilize with real divisions, with three regiments and a full div. arty., not with "pocket" divisions. This will require an approximate strength of 18,000 per division. Including reinforcements and Corps and Army troops, 50,000 per division will be required.
2. This involves for five divisions a combat ceiling of 90,000 and a total ceiling of 250,000. It is unlikely that this will be agreed to.
3. It is recommended that, rather than form pocket divisions, which are tactically unsound and administratively uneconomical, the divisions should be given a WE equivalent to that of a British or American division. To keep within the combat ceiling the peace establishment should be reduced by codirizing a proportion of units.
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Appendix 'B' to MIA.
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 dated 9 Nov 45.

INCREASE OF SIGNALS PERSONNEL IN ITI. INF. DIV.

<u>Reason for increase</u>	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>Approx. increase</u>
1. Divorce Signals Coy from Engr Bn	3	10
2. Provide Rear Link W/T and R/T from Div HQ and increase in Div HQ personnel	10	10
3. Increase in Arty	2	45
4. Inclusion of Armd Cav Regt		20
5. Give small wireless layout to Engrs		15
6. Increase in Regt Pns		10
	<u>5</u>	<u>110</u>
Approx. total increase		
	<u>7</u>	<u>327</u>
Approx. present total		
	<u>12</u>	<u>437</u>
Approx. proposed T.S.		

3.	Increase in Army	20
4.	Inclusion of Arm'd Car Regt	15
5.	Give small wireless layout to Engrs	10
6.	Increase in Regt Pins	110
	Approx. total increase	155
	Approx. present total	327
	Approx. proposed T.M.	482

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Appendix 'C' to M.L.
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dated 9 Nov 45.

MECHANICAL ENGINEERS WKSF FOR AN ITALIAN COMBAT GP

Proposed new WD

1. PERSONNEL:

	Commando H.L.	Sec W/S	Off Sec	Sez Rec	Sec Rec	Sex Stores	Mat Stores	Totals	Totals
Ufficiali	1								1 Majors
Maggiori	2	1		1		1			5 Captains or 6 Lieutenants
Capitani o Teneti									<u>WOS & SGTs</u>
<u>Sottufficiali o capitecnici</u>									
Scritturali	1								2 Clerks
Armaicli									1 Armourer
Meccanici D'artiglieria									2 Gun Fitters
Magazzinieri	1					1			2 Storemen
Autieri	1								1 Driver
di contabilita	1								1 Pay & Acnts
addetto alla cucina	1								1 Cook
Motoristi					1				4 Motor Mechs
Elettricisti									1 Electrician
Strumenti ottici etc									1 Inst Mechs
Radionotatori									1 Telecomm
									<u>Mechs (field)</u>
									<u>17</u>
<u>Truppe</u>									
Scritturali	3								<u>OR</u>
Autieri ed autieri attendenti	10					1			5 Clerks
Motoriclisti	2								20 Dvrs & Dvr Batmen
Servizi Generali	17					2			5 Motor Cyclist 24 General Duties (incl Cooks)

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1	1	1	2 Clerks
1	1	1	1 Armourer
2	2	2	2 Gun Fitters
	1	2	2 Storemen
		1	1 Driver
		1	1 Pay & Accnts
		1	1 Cook
	3	4	4 Motor Mechs
	1	1	1 Electrician
	1	1	1 Inst Mechs
	1	1	1 Telecomm
		17	17 Mechs (field)
			OR
	3	5	5 Clerks
	10	20	20 Dvrs & Dvr
			Batmen
	2	5	5 Motor Cyclist
	17	24	24 General Duties (incl Cooks)
			TRADSMEN
	5	5	5 Gun Fitters
	4	4	4 Inst Mechs
	4	3	3 Inst Mechs
	3	3	3 Telecomm
		3	3 Mechs (fd)
	3	3	3 Blacksmiths
	2	2	2 Carpenters
	2	2	2 Coachtrimmers
	3	3	3 Sheet Metal workers
	3	3	3 Welders
	1	1	1 Painter
	8	3	3 Electrician
	18	18	18 Veh Mechs
	3	3	3 Turners
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 Autieri
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 addetto alla cucina
 Motoristi
 Eletttricisti
 Strumenti ottici etc
 Radiomentatori

Truppa
 Scritturali
 Autieri ed autieri attendenti

Motociclisti
 Servizi Generali

Specializzati
 Meccanici d'artiglieria
 " strumenti ottici etc

Armaiceli
 Radiomentatori

Fabbri
 Falegnami
 Carrozzeri
 Laminatori

Saldatori
 Verriciatori
 Meccanici elettricisti
 Meccanici automobilisti
 Tornitori

Appendix 'C' (Cont'd)

PERSONNEL

Commando Hq.	Sec W/S	Off Sec	Sec Rec	Rec Sec	Sec Stores	Mat Stores	Totals	Total Rank and File... 179
		7	10				17 Driver Mechs	
		27	8				36 Motor Mechs	
					8		9 Storamen	
							1 Pay Cpl	
		5					3 Assistants (hammerman)	
								Total OAs ... 196
								Total ME Wksp ... 202

TRANSPORT

Detail	Descrizione	Hq		Wksp		Stores		Total
		Comm ando	Off	Sec	Sec	Sec	Sec	
Motor Cycles Solo	Motociclette, manoposto	2		2				5
Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4	auto 5 cwt 4 x 4	1		1				3
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2GS	autocarri 15 cwt 4x2 GS	6	1	2	2			11
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2GS	" " 3 ton "	4	6	2	5			17
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2	" " 15 cwt 4x2 (XL)		1					1
	tipo							
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2	(Generator 9 KW)		1					1
Generator 9 KW	Autocarri 15 cwt 4 x 2							1
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2	Autobotte " " "	1						1
Water								
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2	Autocarri 3 ton 4 x 2		2					7
Binned Stores	Magazzini							9
	Autofficina 3 ton 6x4							

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TRANSPORT

Detail	Descrizione	HQ				Wksp Rec				Stores				Total
		Comm ando	Sec Off	Sec Ric	Sec Mater	Sec Off	Sec Ric	Sec Mater	Sec Off	Sec Ric	Sec Mater			
Motor Cycles Solo	Motociclette, monoposto	2				2				1				5
Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4	Auto 5 cwt 4 x 4	1				1				1				2
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2GS	Autocarri 15 cwt 4x2 GS	6				2				2				11
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2GS	" 3 ton "	4				6				5				17
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2	" 15 cwt 4x2 (XL)													1
Type XL	tipo					1								
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2	(Generator 9 KW)													1
Generator 9 KW	Autocarri 15 cwt 4 x 2					1								1
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2	Autobotte " " "	1												1
Water														
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2	Autocarri 3 ton 4 x 2					2				7				9
Binned Stores	Magazzini													
Lorries 3 ton 6 x 4	Autofficina 3 ton 6x4					1								1
Machy Type 'M'	tipo 'M' or 'X'					1								1
" " 'I'	" 'I'					1								1
" " 'P'	" 'P'					1								1
" " 'D1'	" 'D1'					1								1
" " 'Z'	" 'Z'					1								1
Lorries 3 ton 6x4	Autocarri 3 ton 6 x 4					1				4				5
B/Down	ricuperi									2				2
Tractors B/Down 6x4														
Trailers	Rimerchi													
7 1/2 ton 6 whd 1t Rec	7 1/2 ton 6 route leggera									4				4
15 cwt 2 whd Machy	15 cwt 2 route per													1
	maldestori autog	1												1
10 cwt 2 whd GS	10 cwt 2 route GS									1				1

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Appendix 'D' to ILLI
Conference Minutes (G/39/2)
dated 1 Nov 45.

1. THE PROPOSAL

The proposal is for the formation of an ITALIAN Field Security Section for attachment to HQ of an ITALIAN Combat Gruppo.

2. THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL

(a) personnel:-

Capt or Lt	1
Total Officers	1
Maresciallo Capo	1
Sergenti Maggiori	4
Sergenti	6
Total NCOs	<u>11</u>

Attached :-

Batman/Driver	1
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(b) transport:-

Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2	2
Car 5 cwt 4 x 4	1
MGs	6

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(b)

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MMIA DATE 041630 TIME A

TO : 1 BLU 7 BLU
 2 BLU 8 BLU
 3 BLU 9 BLU
 4 BLU 10 BLU
 5 BLU 11 BLU
 6 BLU 12 BLU

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MMIA
1630
14 Jan 6

WARNING ORDER (.) A CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT HQ MMIA
 ROME ON 28 AND 29 JAN (.) AGENDA FOLLOWS (.) ALL
 OFFRS COMMANDING BLU'S TO ATTEND (.) IN ADDITION TO O&C
 BLU'S $\sqrt{9}$ REFS FROM 'A' TYPE BLU'S ONLY MAY ATTEND IF
 DESIRED (.) NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFRS ATTENDING TO MAJOR FEAK
 HQ MMIA TELE 478187 BY 21 JAN (.) MAJOR FEAK WILL MAKE ALL
 ARRANGEMENTS NECESSARY FOR ACCOMODATION OF OFFRS AND OTHER
 RANKS WHETHER BRITISH OR ITALIAN AND WILL
 ARRANGE TRANSPORT OR GARAGE FOR CARS OF OFFRS ATTENDING (.)
 VISITORS SHOULD REPORT ELISEO HOTEL TELE 478871
 NEAR PORTA PINCIANA ON ARRIVAL

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED *A. J. [Signature]*
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INTERNAL: LIST 'A'

FILE : G/33/3

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WORK ON INTERCOMBAT E.O.C.
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Present
C.O.C.
Col M/Q
Sgt I BD
Sgt II FSG

1. Call-up
The practicability of the four months' period in road.
2. Accommodation and training of 40,000 recruits. 4 3
40,000 recruits will be called up at the end of February. Training centres will by that time be ready both as regards staff and accommodation.

3. Instructors.
In order to cater for the larger numbers concerned, squads will have to be bigger than was originally intended. They will still, however be small enough for good instruction.

4. Barracks.
K of W have prepared a list of barracks needed. This will be vetted by 'M' and 'N' and steps taken to complete repairs etc as soon as possible.

5. War Establishments.
Figures are now being worked out from which war establishments for Oceanic Group and S.S.C. will be written. The I.S.C. establishment will be based on an original intake of 5,000 plus a progressive increase for each additional 500.

6. WIA Memorandum.
As a result of the 'O' conference at Milan, and various conferences with H of W, it can be seen that certain changes are necessary in the W.S. of Inf Divs etc.
Based on Minutes of Milan conference WIA will produce a comprehensive memorandum to crystallise the project to date.
This should be ready not later than the 7/10th December.
A copy will be sent to AUSA for information.

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A of W have prepared a list of barracks needed. This will be covered by 'Q' and 'R' and steps taken to complete repairs etc as soon as possible.

Bar Establishments.

figures are now being worked out from which war estab for Oceano Group and I.I.C. will be written. The I.I.C. estab will be based on an original intake of 3,000 plus a progressive increment for each additional 500.

VIA Memorandum.

As a result of the 'Q' conference at Milan, and various conferences with R of W, it can be seen that certain changes are necessary in the W.E. of Inf Dive etc.

Based on Minutes of Milan conference WEA will produce a comprehensive memorandum to crystallize the project to date.

This should be ready not later than the 7/10th December.

A copy will be sent to AFHQ for information.

Demobilisation.

The rate of demobilisation will be governed by the rate of effective intake. Under no circumstances will the strength ²⁰⁰⁵ ever be allowed to drop below a figure compatible with operational efficiency. It must be ready always to cope with disorder in the country without having to call in Dr Ips to help maintain order.

Territorial HQ.

The 7,000 allowed for I.H.Q. should be implemented as soon as possible.

Gen S.S. (BLU).

A signal has been sent to G.H.Q. asking for implementation of new B.U.W. immediately.

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Conferences.

A monthly conference between WMA and coms BLU would help everyone. They should be held alternately in Milan or Rome.

The next conference should be about the middle of December.

A 1941 conference in Milan would help BLU to settle their conversion difficulties.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT S.M.R.E. ON 5 DEC 45.

PRESENT:

M.M.I.A:

Lt-Col W.L. MEDLAM (G I(IRE))
Major C.F. BALMANN (G II(L))

MIN OF WAR:
GEN. LUZZI
COL. QUEROLA

*Added to original file
for New Year
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1. Lt-Col Medlam said that he had asked for this personal meeting because in the past he had on occasions been somewhat misinformed by more junior officers over important matters of S.M.R.E. Policy.

2. T.F.C.

G I required certain information concerning T.F.C.

This was:

- (a) The policy with regard to entry of the recruits to the T.F.C. Time allowed for purely adm matters prior to commencement of training.
- (b) The programmes which the recruit would follow whilst at the T.F.C.
- (c) The policy with regard to posting the recruit from T.F.C. to unit or Other School.

3. G I said MIA was daily reviewing the situation and attending to the matter of getting Barracks released for T.F.C.

4. With regard to Central Schools all was settled except the Engineers. A proposal for a temporary site for the Engineer School would be sent in by S.M.R.E. when they had completed their recess on the subject.

5. G I explained the way in which schools etc had been grouped in the Staff Tables. This did not prejudice the location of any school under any group.

6. Officer Cadet Training.

(a) G I stated that in his General's view and also in his own, 4 years continuous study was unlikely to produce a really first class officer. He would tend to be too academic and scholastic and too little the practical man.

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(b) G I then explained the British peace time ~~officer~~ ^{officer} 18 month course at each of the Military Cadet Establishments. This turned out an officer fit to command the lowest sub unit of his Arm, i.e. Platoon or Troop. The newly commissioned officer was then posted for service in his unit; periods of Regtl service being interlarded with courses to perfect his training. Selection of officers for courses was left to the C.O. concerned, he always having the most up to date knowledge of the officers concerned.

Thus was training and study well broken up by periods of practice, and surveillance by his own superior officers.

(c) G I then asked Gen Liuzzi (in view of the already expressed S.M.R.B. view) that he should consider anew the whole question of cadet training and submit his findings to M.M.I.A.

(d) G I spoke of the many advantages arising from having Officer Schools near the great Military Centres.

This would not be the case if Italian schools were dispersed to Turin and Parma. Gen Liuzzi was asked to give his views on this matter when he had had time to take Counsel

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Subject: Equipment and Schools.

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

G/Trg/4.

26 Nov 45.

To: 'P' British Liaison and Trg Unit, CEBANO.

1. A Conference will be held at M.K.I.A. at 1000 hrs on Saturday 1 Dec to discuss equipment for Schools and other training matters.
2. A representative of G Trg, C.B.A. will attend the conference.
3. You are requested to send 'G' and 'Q' representatives.
4. Will you please forward by Friday 1200 hrs any suggestions for inclusion in the agenda.

Major General
M. K. I. A.

W. H. W. L. W. L.

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MGLA

Date

Time

TO : G.H.Q. FOR G3(TRG) BR

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REF: G.TRG 136

CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT M.M.T.A. ON SATURDAY DEC 1
AT 1000 HRS (.) MAIN SUBJECT QUOTE ARMS AND EQUIPMENT
REQUIRED FOR T.T.C. AND GENERAL SCHOOLS ITALIAN ARMY
UNQUOTE (.) REQUEST REP TRG G H Q ATTEND (.)
ACK IF AVAILABLE TO ATTEND.

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NOTES ON MEETING HELD AT MMIA
ON THE 8TH NOVEMBER WITH
GENERAL LUZZI AND COL PACIENTINI OF SMRE
ON THE TERMS OF SERVICE AND MANPOWER SITUATION
THE INTERIM ITALIAN ARMY

MMIA Officers Present

Colonel Pidsley
Lt Colonel Albert
Lt Colonel Gillmore
Lt Colonel Southby
Major Medlam
Major Christie

Interpreters

Major Baumann
Captain Pacini

1. Conditions of service, relative strengths of permanent cadre and conscript element.

The SMRE opinion was that the optimum was 50% regular, 50% conscript whereas under present circumstances they did not see their way clear to enlisting more than 20% as regulars. While agreed that this was not sufficient to provide all the officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and specialists which would be necessary to lead, train and administer the interim army, it was suggested that the obstacle to a larger regular cadre was "finance". In view of this obstacle, which MMIA felt was only a vague one, it was agreed that SMRE would produce a study of the relative costs of maintaining soldiers on both the regular and the conscript bases bearing in mind the current cost of living and the fact that the actual pay handed to him over the pay table was only a very small proportion of that needed for his complete upkeep. As soon as this study is ready, we will meet again and consider from it the relative costs of a conscripted and a regular army bearing in mind that for equal effectiveness the conscripted army must be very much larger one because of the complete turn-over of

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2. Future intake.

In order to maintain the interim army at the approved figure of 140,000 and to permit the gradual demobilisation, SARE propose to call up from those regiments, which had not yet been called up, the 1925 class and the remaining 2/3 of the 1924 class. The total yield of this class is estimated at 200,000 of which 120,000 might be selected in three intakes of 40,000 each; the first 40,000 to be ready by the last week in February. Without prejudice to future call-up arrangements, it was agreed that this call-up of approximately 40,000 in February should be proceeded with and that arrangements should be made to take approximately 3,600 recruits into the training centers on the first of March.

3. Distribution of recruits.

It was agreed:

- a. That new intakes into the army would be trained at depots within the territorial regions from which they were called up.
- b. That all regional training centers would be approximately the same size.
- c. That surplus men called up in any of the heavily populated regions would be transferred for training to centers in the under populated regions.
- d. That after training, men would be posted to units stationed away from their regions in such a way that men from a particular region would all serve in a particular unit. SARE agreed to produce a plan affiliating regiments to regions and at the same time to consider the question of special regiments or battalions such as Alpine, etc. In the case of the islands, MIA would examine the provision of the messes ^{SEW} and transport.

4. Demobilisation.

SARE referred to the proposals for demobilising the 1921, 1922 and 1923 classes, who, they stated, had been under arms a long time, were getting restive and should not come in contact with the new call-up of the 1924 and 1925 classes. Colonel Pidsley explained the danger of promising early demobilisation which later could not be fulfilled, and gave as the worst situation that the 1921 class might not be demobilised before May and at the best that it might be in March. Final decision could not be given until after Christmas when we knew the result of the Christmas wastage, whether large numbers of ER-ITI and US-ITI service troops would become available for the Italian Army, how many volunteers were coming in under the voluntary scheme and how the prospects of the call-up were going. If all of these conditions were favorable, we might demobilise the 1921 class in March and the 1922 in April.

aming the provision of the Army

4. Demobilisation.

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5. Leave.

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Colonel Pidsley asked SMB to consider the question of leave in the interim army, and felt that if recruits were given leave immediately after their training before leaving their regiments, it would ease the transportation problem and should suffice for the period of their twelve-months' service. SMB undertook to look into this question and make recommendations.

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9 Nov 1945

Colonel
MIA

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MINUTES OF A CONFERENCE HELD AT MALTA ON 22 OCTOBER, 1945.

PRESENCE

M.M.I.L.

Maj. W.L. MEDLIM (G II TRC)
Lt. Col. W.H.M. WILCOX (D.S.T.)
Maj. R.G. COHENSTONE S.O.R.E.

F. BL & TU.

Col. L.H. MACKAY O.B.E.
Maj. W.L. PRICE
Maj. E.W. BRADLEY

G.H.Q.

Lt. Col. F.R.St.P. BONEUEY

ACTION

TRAINING OF INSTRUCTORS.

1. Training state

(a) Under training:

130 officers and 360 ORs.

(b) To be trained at S.I.V.A.

40 officers of Bn Comd Rank
120 officers of Coy Comd Rank

(c) To be trained at Inf School

470 officers of Pl Comd Rank
890 Senior NCOs
1050 Junior NCOs

(d) Special Art. Instructors being trained - 160.
Special Genic Instructors being trained - 160.

All to be trained by 20 Dec 45. The anticipated wastage may be as high as 12%.

2. Transport

(a) Italian sources are supplying the 13 load carrying vehicles requested by R.T.C.

(b) R.A.S.C. are replacing the E.L.R. vehicles and

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2. Transport

(a) Italian sources are supplying the 13 load carrying vehicles requested by R.T.C.

(b) R.A.Z.C. are replacing the B.L.R. vehicles and making shortages up to W.I.

(c) Diesel or Dery must immediately be made available for the 13 vehicles mentioned in para 2 (a) above.

(d) The petrol situation may become serious due to the much increased area in which R.T.C. now operates.

(e) BL & TU to inform S & T MIA of likely future requirements.

S&T MIA
'P' BL & TU
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'P' BL & TU

3. Training Equipment and Publications

(a) British translated manuals etc.

A shortage has been anticipated and instructions issued to the Ministry of War to keep stocks up to likely demand.

(b) British Weapons.

PIAT and 2" Mortar are needed now.

Maj. PRICE will furnish figures of future needs to MIA, based on MIA forecast of numbers to be trained.

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'P' BL & TU

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(c) Equipment

No great difficulty is likely to arise in the provision of equipment necessary.

MMIA and 'P' BL & TU will supply a forecast of figures to I.F.H.Q.

(d) transport at R.T.C. does not leave much free for collection of stores etc. at distances from CESSANO.

MMIA to investigate possibility of delivery of all stores by rail (rather than collection by R.T.C.)

(e) Blackboards are in very short supply. MMIA will investigate sources and try to increase the issue.

(f) Sports Kit:

The need is undiminished, but kit is in very short supply. Some kit might be made available for purchase through British Welfare channels.

MMIA will continue its efforts to produce this kit.

(g) British Pamphlets:

MMIA will supply copies of RASC training pamphlets.

ACCOMMODATION.

(c) Gunners. Will occupy both Bks at FRACCIANO.

(b) Signals. Pietrolato Bks, ROME to be investigated.

(c) Engineers. A Bks will be sought, perhaps near TERNI.

Should nothing suitable be found Pietrolato Bks could accommodate both Sappers and Signals. Aurelia Bks at CIVITAVECCHIA is still up our sleeve and could be used if absolutely necessary.

(d) S.I.V.d.

The M.O.D. at ROME would be ideal for this, and could include the Police and P.T. Schools.

MMIA to investigate.

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(E) British Pamphlets:
MMIA will supply copies of RASC training pamphlets. G TRG

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4. ACCOMMODATION.

- (c) Gunners, Will occupy both Bks at ERACCIANO.
- (b) Signals. Pirotolato Bks, ROME to be investigated.
- (c) Engineers. 4 Bks will be sought, perhaps near TERNI. Should nothing suitable be found Pirotolato Bks could accommodate both Sappers and Signals. Aurelia Bks at CIVITAVECCHIA is still up our sleeve and could be used if absolutely necessary.

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(a) S.I.V.A.

The R.F.C. MMIA would be ideal for this, and could include the Police and P.T. Schools.

MMIA to investigate.

(e) Roads inside R.T.C. are much in need. R.A.S.C. refuse to sanction their construction.

G TRG
'Q' MMIA

MMIA to take up the matter of roads and grill squares.

(f) The water situation at CESANO becomes worse and worse. Drinking water is carried from ROME as practically none is available at CESANO. MMIA S.O.R.E. will investigate.

S.O.R.E.
MMIA
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(g) Workshops.

These to be situated in the Gas Factory when it has been cleared.

'F' BL & TU

5. SERVICES TRAINING.

Mostly by apprenticeship method, but Automobilsimo will require a Driving School separate from the R.T.C. They hope to find good accommodation at GECIGNOLA.

S & T
'Q' MMIA

D.A.D. SAT.

Major ANDREWS has left and his replacement urgently required. MMIA to act.

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'Q' MMIA

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6. ITALIAN SCHOOLS.

Commanders of P & H School and Mech. School considered insufficient. 'P' BL & TU to report on these officers to PMA who will take action.

Whitcomb
for Lt. Col. *Wray*
G.S.

25 Oct 45.

DISTRIBUTION:

'P' BL & TU, CESANO
Lt. Col. BUNBURY CHQ.

INTERNAL:

- MA. to GOC (4)
- Col A/Q (1)
- G OPS & SD (2)
- G TRG (2)
- A (1)
- Q (2)
- ENG (1)
- X (1)
- SRT (1)
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TRAINING CONFERENCE MMIA
1000 HRS 22 OCT 45

AGENDA

TRAINING OF INSTRUCTORS

1. Progress achieved.
2. Serious difficulties and problems requiring special solution.
3. Stores and equipment. Italian.
4. Training Equipment. British.

ACCOMMODATION

5. Situation at BRACCIANO.
6. Engineer and Signal Schools.
7. AURELIA Barracks.
8. PIETI and TERMI.
9. Barrack problems. R.T.C.

FUTURE SET-UP

10. Probable Set-out of Trg in Italian Army.
11. System to be adopted for change over.
12. Services Training. Tradesmen and Specialists.

"P" HL & M

13. Future function

DISTRIBUTION:

MA to GOC	1
C of S	1
A/Q	2
G-1	1
ADS & T	1
Lt. Col. BOWERY	1
Trg	3
A	1
Q	1

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MEMORANDUM FOR FILE G/3/E

File G/Trg/4.

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Maj. Gen. WARD visited us Monday, 15 Oct 45, and has promised to take up the u/m 5 points which are outstanding by AFHQ:-

(1) Accommodation

He will instruct "G" at AFHQ that on application by us for certain accommodations for ITI Army, ITI Army is to have priority.

(2) Armament for Interim Army

It is essential that we know for training purposes what the future policy is with regard to the new Interim Army.

(3) MMIA WE

Gen. WARD promised to take hastening action with LONDON.

(4) MMIA Directive

Gen. WARD will hasten.

(5) Directive re handing over ITI Army to ITI Government

Gen. WARD promised to speed up.

19 Oct 45

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM: IRIA

DATE: 18
TIME: 1110 A

TO: CHQ OMP FOR G3 TRG BR

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REF: G TRG 134

FOR BUNBURY (.) CONFERENCE ARRANGED AT CESSANO 1000 HRS
20 OCT WILL NOW BE HELD AT IRIA 1000 HRS WEDNESDAY 22 OCT (.)
PLEASE SIGNAL IF YOU CAN ATTEND AT REVISED TIME DATE AND
PLACE

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE OFFICE OF THE GENERALE
ADDETTO, S.M.R.E. ON 1ST OCTOBER 1945

ACTION

PRESENT

1. S.M.R.E.

Brig. Gen. LIUZZI
Col. GERITA
Col. PIACENTINI
Col. MELANI
Maj. RATTI

M.M.I.A.

Lt. Col. INGLEDW
Maj. MELAM
Capt. GROVES-HAINES

OBJECT

2. The object of the meeting was to discuss the "C" Points contained in D.O. letter from Lt. Col. INGLEDW to Gen. LIUZZI which followed Gen. BROWNING's conference with the Minister of War in Sep.

ORGANIZATION OF AGENS OF THE SERVICE

3. War Ministry agreed that operationally Sigs and Eng should be divided at all levels coming under one head only at the War Ministry. Administratively they would remain as one Corps.

MMIA

4. As far as other branches of the Army and the Adm Services were concerned War Ministry stated that they had only and experience up to Combat Cp level and consequently did not carry the set-up at higher levels. They would be pleased however to consider further on receipt of more details.

5. War Ministry agreed that there was a certain amount of red-tape in staff procedure between Ministry of War and

MMIA

2. The object of the meeting was to discuss the "G" Points contained in D.O. letter from Lt. Col. INGLEDEW to Gen. LIUZZI which followed Gen. CROWING's conference with the Minister of War in Sep.

ORGANIZATION OF ARMS OF THE SERVICE

3. War Ministry agreed that operationally Sigs and Eng should be divided at all levels coming under one lead only at the War Ministry. Administratively they would remain as one Corps.

4. As far as other branches of the Army and the Adm Services were concerned War Ministry stated that they had only had experience up to Combat Cp level and consequently did not study the set-up at higher levels. They would be pleased however to consider further on receipt of more details.

MMIA

5. War Ministry agreed that there was a certain amount of red-tape in staff procedure between Ministry of War and S.M.R.E. and would be pleased to receive and consider details of the British or Allied Staff systems in organization with a view to a change. It was decided that MMIA should study and submit a proposal.

MMIA

CALL-UP

6. War Ministry considered that for the present the Italian system versus the American system was more suitable for the requirements of Italy. War Ministry agreed however to try out the monthly call-up system (on condition that points at (a), (b) and (c) below are satisfactorily taken care of) thereby ensuring an even flow of intakes. It was decided, however, that should it be necessary to have a larger call-up initially in the earlier part of 1946 in view of any large scale demobilization this would be independent, but the S.M.R.E. stressed that in their opinion this should be a preliminary. It was agreed that plans on monthly basis should be made as under:-

- (a) Accommodation Ministry of War (Initially)
- (b) Trn of Instructors G(Trs) War Ministry/G(Trs) MMIA
- (c) Trpt "C" MMIA

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It was agreed that another meeting should be held to discuss progress at a very early date. It will be necessary however for respective "A" Branches to agree on "intake" requirements and terms of service as early as possible.

MMIA

DISTRICT HQS/DEPOTS

7. War Ministry agreed that later it would be desirable to combine Dist HQs and Depots but in view of the general remark it was decided to leave the matter temporarily.

RECRUIT TFC

8. The adoption of the system of PTC's and ITC's and the Specialists TFC at CESANO was generally agreed and it was decided that plans should proceed on the lines already discussed, and that investigations should continue as to the desirability of combining the training of PTC and ITC.

MMIA

CESANO

9. In view of the fact that the Allies cannot release the Army Barracks at CIVITAVECCHIA until M.L.R., it was agreed that a re-adjustment would have to be made possibly making use of the barracks at VITERBO.

MMIA

WAR ESTABLISHMENTS

10. War Ministry stated that their views on adjustments to Combat Op WEs would be in two parts.

WAR
MINISTRY

(a) Minor adjustments already submitted.

(b) Major requirements which would be submitted within a week.

It was agreed that, once a standard NE had been agreed

Specialists Trg at CESANO was generally agreed and it was decided that plans should proceed on the lines already discussed, and that investigations should continue as to the desirability of combining the training of PTC and ITC.

CESANO

9. In view of the fact that the Allies cannot release the Arty Barracks at CIVITAVECCHIA until Mar, it was agreed that a re-adjustment would have to be made possibly making use of the barracks at VITERSO.

MIA

WAR ESTABLISHMENTS

10. War Ministry stated that their views on adjustments to Combat Gp WEs would be in two parts.

WAR
MINISTRY

(a) Minor adjustments already submitted.

(b) Major requirements which would be submitted within a week.

11. It was agreed that, once a standard WE had been agreed upon, the I.S. Bdes and Inf Regts in Combat Gps should both be organized onto this WE thereby permitting "interchangeability".

NOMENCLATURE

12. SMRE liked the nomenclature "M. Infantry Regiment" etc and preferred the term "Division" to "Combat Group" but it was decided that before any official action was taken, SMRE should consult Combat Gp Commanders.

WAR
MINISTRY

TERRITORIAL LAYOUT

13. War Ministry agreed that it would be desirable to retain a ceiling of approx 1,000 personnel in reserve. They stated that an official reply should already have reached

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MISC. POINTS

14. (a) MMIA agreed that as there was such close and excellent liaison between branches of Ministry of War and branches of MMIA, the liaison office of Lt. Col. SANSONE could be closed shortly. MMIA would write officially to War Ministry on this subject.

MMIA

(b) MMIA agreed to render all assistance in reducing the number of interpreter officers in the Combat Gps to the authorized WE of 6.

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R. G. A. Brown-Raines
for Lt. Col. Capt
G. S.

6 Oct 45

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DISCUSSION - H.M.I.A.

2 OCT 1945

Present : G.O.C.
Col A/Q
GSO 1
GSO 11(Trg)

QUESTIONS

FOR WAR MINISTRY

1. What is the call-up estimate per Region? i.e. are they all equal in man-power production?
2. What percentage of Army should be Regular, for strengths of:
140,000?
165,000?
190,000?
215,000?
3. Is a 4-weekly call-up (even in winter) accepted definitely, despite its difficulties and disadvantages, as being possible and the best on balance?
4. At what age will the recruit be inducted?
5. What action is being taken to produce a new style uniform for the Italian Army?

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FOR H.M.I.A.

6. Is a combined PIC/ITC advisable with "universal" instructors? Named "Territorial Training Centre"?
7. Is it accepted that a 3-monthly intake is worse than a 4-monthly from the aspect of:-

2. strengths of:
 140,000 ?
 165,000 ?
 190,000 ?
 215,000 ?

3. Is a 4-weekly call-up (even in winter) accepted definitely, despite its difficulties and disadvantages, as being possible and the best on balance?

4. At what age will the recruit be inducted?

5. What action is being taken to produce a new style uniform for the Italian Army?

FOR M.M.I.A.

6. Is a combined PTC/ITC advisable with "universal" instructors? Would "Territorial Training Centre"?

7. Is it accepted that a 3-monthly intake is worse than a 4-monthly from the aspect of:-

- (a) greater fluctuation in effective strength
- (b) greater overheads and waste of effort.

on basis of 100 intake per PTC

At PTC/ITC with 4-monthly, instructors required are for $100 + 60 + 60 = 220$.

At PTC/ITC with 3-monthly, instructors required = 300.

(difference is waste of instructors for 80 for 2 months.)

At CEEANO, difference is waste of instructors for 300 for 4 months in the year.

8. On what date can PTC/ITCs be fully ready to start functioning?

Training equipment aspect?

Administrative aspect?

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FOR M.M.I.A. (cont)

Action

9. Do we start the conscript flow when PTC/ITC are ready? A/Q

10. Is it accepted that a complete demobilisation of all one class (e.g. 1921) all at once is impossible, as this would throw the whole system of flow and training of recruits out of gear and the recruits would have to be trained in units? G

11. Is it accepted that we establish PTC/ITC/GERARD system as soon as possible, despite the fact that this will mean that operational units will, in consequence, gradually fall to some 25% below establishment? G

This condition will only obtain while the ceiling is limited to 140,000. An increase to (say) a permissible 200,000 under the Peace Treaty would automatically allow operational units to be made up to full establishment again.

12. Can we put the PTC/ITC/GERARD system into force unless we have adequate similar (British) warlike training equipment at all these places? G

13. While it is advisable to draft new new terms and conditions of service for Regulars, the actual putting of these into force (i.e. the actual constitution of the new Regular element in the Army) can await the signing of the Peace Treaty and does not hinder the establishing of the general project we are working on. Meanwhile existing terms and conditions of service for Regulars continue. Is this agreed? A/Q

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A/Q

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Bill

Capt. R.O. GROVES-RAINES
"C" Branch
M.M.I.A.

27

2 October 1945

Dear

1. Attached herewith is draft minutes of the very cordial meeting we had with your General yesterday. We feel that the decisions reached, although not in all cases conclusive, is a great step forward in the interim planning of the points outstanding between our respective branches.
2. Will you please say if the draft is agreed when we will post to you officially.

Yours

R.G.A.G-R.

Major RATTI
Office of Generale ADETTO
S.M.R.E.

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE OFFICE OF THE GENERALE
ADDETTO, S.M.R.E. ON 1ST OCTOBER 1945

ACTION

PRESENT

1. S.M.R.E.

Brig. Gen. LUZZI
Col. QUERCIA
Col. PIACENTINI
Col. MELONI
Maj. RATTI

M.M.I.A.

Lt. Col. INGLEDEN
Maj. MULLAM
Capt. GROVES-RAINES

OBJECT

2. The object of the meeting was to discuss the "G" Points contained in D.O. letter from Lt. Col. INGLEDEN to Gen. LUZZI which followed on Gen. BROWNING's conference with the Minister of War in Sep.

ORGANIZATION OF ARMS OF THE SERVICE

3. War Ministry agreed that operationally Sigs and Eng should be divided at all levels coming under one head only at the War Ministry. Administratively they would remain as one Corps. MMIA

4. As far as other branches of the Army and the Adm Services were concerned War Ministry stated that they had only had experience up to Combat Gp level and consequently did not know the set-up at higher levels. They agreed however that there appeared many advantages and would be pleased to consider further on receipt of more details.

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- 5. War Ministry agreed that there was a certain amount of overlapping in staff procedure between Ministry of War and S.M.R.E. and would be pleased to receive and consider details of the British or Allied Staff systems in organization with a view to a change. It was agreed decided that MMIA should study and submit a proposal. MMIA

CALL-UP

- 6. War Ministry considered that for the present the Italian system versus the American system was more suitable for the requirements of Italy. War Ministry agreed however to try out the Monthly Call-up system (provided points at (a), (b) and (c) below are satisfactorily taken care of) thereby ensuring an even flow of intakes. It was decided, however, that should it be necessary to have a larger call-up initially in the

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earlier part of 1946 this should be superimposed. It was agreed that plans on monthly basis should be made as under:-

- (a) Accommodation Ministry of War (Initially) MMIA
- (b) Trg of Instructors G(Trg) War Ministry/G(Trg) MMIA
- (c) Tpt G. MMIA

It was agreed that another meeting should be held to discuss progress at a very early date. It will be necessary however for respective "A" Branches to agree on "intake" requirements and terms of service as early as possible.

DISTRICT HQS/DEPOTS

7. War Ministry agreed that later it would be desirable to move Dist Hqs and Depots next to each other but in view of the general reorg it was decided to leave the matter temporarily.

RECRUIT TRG

8. The adoption of the system of FIC's and ITC's and the Specialists Trg at CESANO was generally agreed and it was decided that plans should proceed on the lines already discussed.

CESANO

9. In view of the fact that the Allies cannot release the Arty Barracks at CIVITAVECCHIA until Mar, it was agreed that a re-adjustment would have to be made possibly making use of the barracks at VITERBO. MMIA

WAR ESTABLISHMENTS

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WAR ESTABLISHMENTS

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MINISTRY

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- (a) Minor adjustments already submitted.
- (b) Major requirements which would be submitted within a week.

11. It was agreed that, once a standard WE had been agreed upon, the I.S. Edes and Inf Regts in Combat Ops should both be organized onto this WE thereby permitting "interchangeability". Sicily would then produce four such Regts from its I.S. Dive and Sardinia would produce two.

NOMENCLATURE

WAR
MINISTRY

12. SARE liked the nomenclature "BARI Independent Regt" etc and preferred the term "Division" to "Combat Group" but it was decided that before any official action was taken, SARE should consult Combat Gp Commanders.

TERRITORIAL LAYOUT

WAR
MINISTRY

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MISC. POINTS

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MMIA

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(b) MMIA agreed to render all assistance in reducing the number of interpreter officers in the Combat Gps to the authorized NE of 6.

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SUBJECT: Veh Maint

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MIA)

G/TRG/4

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Oct 45

TO : 'F' BL & TU

1. It is regretted that owing to the extreme shortage of officers for ERE it is impossible at present to arrange the attachment of an officer for supervision of veh maint.
2. GHQ 2nd Echelon have agreed however to authorise the attachment of two NCOs and suitable WOs are being found for this attachment.

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Major General,
MIA.

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SUBJECT: Veh Maint.

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G-3 Trg (Brit)
ATHQ, CEF.

Phone Ex 551.

DET/87/AT1.

27 Sep 45.

F. H. H. W.
Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MIA)

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Ref your G/Trg/4 dated 3 Sep 45.

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2. GHQ 2nd Echelon have agreed however to authorise the attachment of two NCOs and suitable NCOs are being found for this attachment.

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in Brigadier.
G-3 (Ops & Trg)

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Subject :- Specialist Personnel.

Land Forces and Comm.
A.O. (C.I.I.A.)

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19 Sept 45.

Dir. Gen. Artig e Motorizzazione

Ministry of War.

1. To confirm arrangements made at the conference held at this Headquarters between the Branch and A.O., Branch of A.O.I.A. and S.A.A. and Corso Automobiliato of the Ministry of War.

2. The deficiency of the ITI-III category on the new organization after allowing for demobilizations up to 1945 class was 344 out of a total of 1000. This is a very serious deficiency and drastic steps are required to improve the position.

3. Against this deficiency of specialists have been posted to Territorial Headquarters BHL from 637 Italian Workshops Company and 50 specialists at CIVILIO are to be transferred to the Repair Unit for ITI-III category. There are 30 specialists in the ITI-III from US-III disbandments being transferred to Territorial Headquarters BHL for ITI-III reinforcements.

4. Points raised as suggestions to ensure that all efforts were made to put every specialist to best use, were as follows :-

(a) A letter will be sent to all Territorial Headquarters giving them power to screen all units, whether ITI-III or ITI-III, within their territory, and ensure that specialists are being used to best advantage, arranging transfers between categories where necessary.

(b) A proposal to re-commence the training of Army specialists in industrial schools will be submitted to A.O.I.A. by Ministry of War for consideration.

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3. Against this deficiency of specialists have been posted to Territorial Headquarters BMTI from 637 Italer Workshop Company and 50 specialists of UKV LTO are to be transferred to 1100 Repairs Unit for IRI-III category. There are 30 specialists in 1100 from US-III disbandments being transferred to Territorial Headquarters for IRI-III reinforcements.

4. Points raised as suggestions to ensure that all efforts were made to put every specialist to best use, were as follows :-

(a) A letter will be sent to all Territorial Headquarters giving them power to screen all units, whether IRI-III or IRI-III, within their territory, and ensure that specialists are being used to best advantage, especially transfers between categories where necessary.

(b) A proposal to re-commence the training of Army specialists in industrial schools will be submitted to the Ministry of War for consideration.

(c) 2nd I.I.C. District will screen 27 division to ensure that reinforcements from 713 and 714 Italer Workshops Company surplus to requirements will be reported immediately for disposal instructions.

(d) All future disbandment orders will include specialist instructions for disposal of specialists. 9982

5. Owing to present deficiency of 150 specialists in the Combat Groups, it was decided to post the present holding of approximately 60 specialists at Usarno to them.

6. Preference will be given in future to IRI-III Repairs Units.

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Copy to :-

J. M. Butler

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for BRANCH,
Land Forces Sub Coms. C. (LFI)

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Subject: Vehicles at GERMANO.

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

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3 Sept 45.

To: D.M.P., c/o 56 Area.

Reference your DM/37/MP of 27 Aug 45.

1. Vehicles at GERMANO have now been pooled.
2. A proposal to amend the W.O. of 'P' British Liaison and Troop Unit will be submitted.
3. Ref para 1 of your letter under reference. It is hoped that the attachments may be possible pending alteration to W.O.

[Signature] J.P. Col
Major General
M.T.A.

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Ref (17).

Vehicles at Cerano
have now been
joked. F BLTU
is applying for amend.
to WE to incl
British MT Officer
2 NEO's.
to supervise
vehicle maintenance

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Mr. (17)

9 (10)

SUBJECT: Vehicle Maintenance.

D.L.T. A.F.H.Q. C.M.F.

Tel: 16872

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27 Aug 45.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (LMLA).

Copy to:- 'F' British Liaison & Trg Unit.

Reference your G/Trg/4 dated 22 Aug 45.

1. As stated in DET/87/MT1 dated 17 Jul 45 this Directorate will try to find a British D.L.O. and two NCOs to supervise vehicle maintenance at the IRTC if the adm tpt of the individual regts and schools is pooled. No action has yet been taken as no confirmation has been received that the pooling of tpt has in fact taken place.
2. Under present conditions it is unlikely that G - 1 (Br) and GHQ 2nd Echelon will authorise the attachment of the officer and NCOs. It is therefore suggested that a proposal should be submitted to AFHQ to amend the W.E. of 'F' BL and TU to incorporate the necessary personnel.
3. Will you please confirm that the pooling of the tpt has taken place and that a proposal to amend the W.E. of 'F' BL and TU will be submitted.

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How low is the (part) of
business progressing
if you can confirm that
pooling has in fact
taken place*

*Can
well find out
if you have
pooled them
present for
RAC*

S. H. SHOOSMITH

for
S. H. SHOOSMITH
Brigadier.
D.L.T.

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Subject: Transport - RUC, ICB.

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

G/TG/4

22 Aug 45.

To: D.M.F. c/o 56 Area.

Reference your DMT/ST/STP of 17 July 45 and our G/TG/4 of 14 July 45, para 17.

May this H.Q. please be informed of any action that has been or will be taken regarding British M.F. personnel.

Major General
M.I.A.

WTR/rja

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SUBJECT:- Transport.

'F' BRITISH LIAISON & TRAINING UNIT
R.T.C., I.C.F.

Ref:- AQ/17/47

20 Aug 45.

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

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Ref your G/Trg/4 dated 15 Aug 45.

1. Details of 'F' BL & TU Transport are:-

	<u>W.E.</u>	<u>Held.</u>
3 Ton	1	1
15 cwt	3	3
Utilities	4	4
Motor Cycles	4	4

2. Formation of Transport Pool on Italian side - my AQ/17/1096 of 31 July 45 and AQ/17/2 of 10 Aug 45 refer. ✓

3. Exchange of PU's for 15 cwts - R.A.A.C. were requested to issue trucks 15 cwt GS in lieu of outstanding PU's in my AQ/17/1019 of 19 July 45 and R.A.A.C. Q.242/4 of 22 July 45 to A.F.H.Q. (Q.AE), copies NOT to you refer. NO releases have yet been received.

4. No action has been taken on para.17.

Q. M. J. Galardi
Major, R.T.C.

Colonel
Commander, 'F' British Liaison
and Training Unit, RTC ICF,

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repts of M. A. I. - W.C.*

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Subject: Transact.

Deaf Persons Sub Commission, A.C.
(H. H. I. A.)

G/Eng/4.

16 Aug 45.

To: 1st British Liaison & Eng Unit, OSSANO.

Reference G/Eng/4 of 14 July 45.

1. Para 16. This H.Q. would like information on the 3 points noted in this para:

- 1. Details re 1st LI & EN Unit.
- 2. Formation of Tpt Pool on Italian side.
- 3. Exchange of PWs for 15 out.

2. Para 17. Has this para been implemented by D.M.??

W. H. H.
Major General
MIAA. *Wain*

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MINUTES OF A BR-III TRAINING MEETING
HELD AT MILA, RCME ON 10 JULY 1945.

Ray. Hadlan
WP **(13)**

W. J. ...

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MILIA)

G/TRS/4

14 July 45

PRESENT

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|----|---------------|---------|
| 1. | Lt. Col. S.M. | EGLEDEW |
| | Col. F.J. | NGAMES |
| | Col. L.H. | MACKEY |
| | Lt. Col. J. | PEDEIE |
| | Lt. Col. F.M. | EGERTON |
| | Major J.A. | DOBBS |
| | Major H.W. | KING |
| | Major A. | GELARDI |
| | Major W.L. | MEDLAM |

- Chairman
Col. "Q" MILIA
Comd "F" HL & TU
DET
Senior IC MILIA
"A" Branch MILIA
"F" HL & TU
"F" HL & TU
"C" Trg MILIA, Secretary

ACTIOR

OBJECT OF THE CONFERENCE

2. The chairman explained that the object of the conference was to consider training problems generally but in particular "F" HL & TUs present project for dealing with trg and reinforcements.

PLANNING

3. It was decided that planning beyond present interim phase was not possible until AFHC declared its policy in regard to the final com-position of the post-war Italian Army.
4. However it was agreed that in present planning it would be wise to keep 'futures' at the back of one's mind.
5. It was agreed that "F" HL & TU would submit WE for Italian staffs to deal with present phase i.e. CESANCO ceiling 7500. It was agreed that this would be done as economically as possible.
6. It was decided that the present skeleton plan for the training

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DEMobilisation CENTRE

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ACCOMMODATION

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CLOTHING

15. It was agreed that clothing should be as uniform as possible at RUC. In survey this would be KD. In winter it was hoped that a uniform type of wadion clothing would be available. Khaki was preferred but no objection would be raised to a uniform green.

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TRANSPORT

16. It was agreed that "G" WFL would initiate steps for obtaining more reliable transport for "G" ELUs own HQ. DWT would support the request at once. "F" WFL will submit details to "G" WFL. It was agreed that at the Italian side a transport pool should be formed. "G" WFL are awaiting details from "F" HQU and will endeavour to exchange IV type vans for 15 cwt types. *WFL*

17. It was agreed that DWT would endeavour to arrange loan of MT officer and 2 MT HCOs (or) to assist in the above. *DWT*

PAY

18. It was agreed that WFL should again raise the matter of tradesmen's rate of pay with the Italian Ministry of War. *WFL*

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STANDARD OF PERSONNEL

19. It was agreed that urgent steps had been and were being taken with Italian Ministry of War for a better type of reinforcement, and for an improvement in the present Italian system of documentation.

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"A"

FUTURE MEETINGS

20. The Chairman reported that NMIA LOs Conference would take place approximately on the 6th of August, and that G-1s of BLUs (including Comd "F" EL & TU) would be invited.

"C"

W. H. C. Jones

Lieut. Colonel,
CS.

DISTRIBUTION:

"F" EL & TU
56 AREA for DMT

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AUTHENTICATED [Signature]

FILE :

C O P Y

Subject: - Clothing at RTC, ICF.

To: DAA & QMG, "F" BL & TU.

"F" British Liaison & Training

Unit: RTC; ICF.

For information to:

A.D.O.S., R.A.A.C., RCME

D.A.D.O.S. M.M.I.A.

Ref: ORD/21/144

July 30th 1945.

Reference to AQ/5/1045 dated 23rd July 1945 a conference between ADOS, RAAC, DADOS, MMIA, and DADOS "F" BL&TU was held on 28th July 45.

1. The following points were agreed:-

- (1) On arrival at RTC, ICF, all recruits could be equipped to service scale plus a complete set of web equipment.
- (2) Before departure from RTC, ICF, Service Troops should retain clothing and equipment to Service Scale only. Combat Troops should receive Clothing & Equipment to Combat Scale after handing in all clothing and equipment used during training.
- (3) The permanent Staff of RTC, ICF could be issued with Combat Scale.

2. The following points affect procedure within RTC, ICF and originate from DADOS "F" BL & TU:-

- (1) Some confusion in the clothing and equipping of troops leaving RTC; ICF, is foreseen unless a Holding Battalion is formed. In this Battalion, the trained recruits, segregated as to Service and Combat Troops could be administered and supervised to ensure that they will be properly clothed and equipped.
- (2) Advanced information giving the necessary details of policy and estimates of reinforcements will be required if adequate provision action is to be expected. At the present moment Ordnance is not informed and our calculations can only be based on conjecture.
- (3) Is the scale of Blankets for Service Troops likely to be present it is 2 Blankets per man as opposed

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(3) pending in air clothing. The permanent staff of ETC, ICF could be issued with Combat Scale.

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 - (3) Is the scale of Blankets for Service Troops likely to be increased? at present it is 2 Blankets per man as opposed to 4 per man for Combat Troops.
 - (4) In the interest of economy, troops designated for Service Units should NOT hand in their Green Battle Dress in exchange for another similar Battle Dress. Your para 5 refers, and my para 1. (2) above. Attention is drawn to G.S.O. 849/45.

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 of 30 July

M.W. JEFFERY
 Major
 D.A.D.O.S.

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Subject: CLOTHING AT Hqs ICF
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Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.S.I.A.A.)
H G W K
2/05/24

30 July 45.

To: Mr. Br. Liaison and
Trg Unit (2)
H.Q.C. I.C.F.

Ref. your AG/5/1045 of 21 July 45.

Enclosed herewith for information is a copy of notes
of a conference held 28 July in the office of A.D.C.S. H.S.A.C.
re clothing at H.Q.C. I.C.F.

W.A. Badcock

W.A. BADCOCK, Major
for Col. DA & GIG,
M.S.I.A.A.

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8/03/24

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AmBrock

V.A. BROCK, Major
for Col. M.A. G. G.,
M.B.I.A.

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CLOTHING for training at RTC ICF USARV

NOTES OF CONFERENCE 28 JULY 45

Present: Lt. Col. REED ADON HAAG
Maj. STEPHENS DASH ON MLTU
Maj. MADDOCK DASH MSIA

1. The policy detailed in 7th MLTU letter AQ/5/1045 of 23 July 45 to HQ, M.M.I.A. (copy attached) was noted.
2. Ref. para 5 of e/a letter - It was agreed that, in view of the general shortage of clothing (as emphasized in CMO 649/45) it would be inadvisable to issue instructions that, when a soldier is posted to a BRITISH service unit, the green BS which he had worn during training should necessarily be replaced by a fresh issue. It was considered that this should be done only if the BS had become unserviceable.
3. The question of the basic scale of for troops under training was discussed and it was agreed that - while there were disadvantages such as a lowering of morale and difficulties in arranging a change of clothing for a number of men at short notice - the winter scale of clothing and necessities for BRITISH Service troops should be adopted for all troops under training at USARV with the addition of British web equipment - British web equipment would be withdrawn from troops posted to BRITISH Service and held in a pool for re-issue, Grade III clothing and personal equipment would be withdrawn from troops posted to Combat Groups and Grade I clothing issued to them together with the British items of clothing and personal equipment on the Combat Group scale.
4. To implement this training scale it would be necessary to transfer a stock of Grade III green battle dress and other clothing and personal equipment from BRITISH stocks to RTC ICF USARV.
5. In order to approximate Grade III clothing and personal equipment at USARV it would probably be necessary to reduce stocks

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2. Ref. para 5 of s/q letter - it was agreed that, in view of the general shortage of clothing (as emphasized in GIC 542/45) it would be inadvisable to issue instructions that, when a soldier is posted to a BRITISH service unit, the green 20 which he had worn during training should necessarily be replaced by a fresh issue. It was considered that this should be done only if the 20 had become unserviceable.

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5. In order to accommodate Grade III clothing and Italian equipment at CASANO it would probably be necessary to reduce stocks of British Grade I clothing and equipment held at CASANO as storage space was limited - and to hold a reserve in the AFM DUMP ROOM.

6. It was agreed that - in order to make provision for the winter and to decide on quantities of each type of clothing to be held - it is essential to have a reasonable estimate of the number of troops likely to pass through CASANO each month for posting to

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(a) combat Groups (b) ARMY Service units.

If troops were to be equipped to correct seals before being sent forward it would be necessary for reasonable notice to be received of numbers and Categories to be sent forward.

7. Other points connected with organization at GUSING were discussed which will be included in a similar report being submitted by Major JEFFERIES BARRIS WFO BIAU.

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M. S. BARRIS, Major.

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T.A. BAROCKI, Major.

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SUBJECT: Clothing at I.I.C., I.C.I.

NEW BRITISH BRANCH & THE UNIT
I.I.C., I.C.I.

REF: 12/5/45

03 July 45.

To: H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Com. I.C. (MIA).

Reference your 1/02/45 of 21 July 45 and confirming conversation Col. HAYES - Major BROWN - Major GIBSON of same date.

1. It is understood from the Branch I.I.C. that there will be no postings out of Japan for Service Units until, probably, the end of September. In the meantime therefore, it is suggested that until say the beginning of September, all personnel posted to I.I.C. I.C.I. should be equipped according to Combat scale, as at present.
2. It is understood that there is no likelihood of there being one clothing issue for all troops of the Italian Army for some considerable time and that troops posted to Combat or Service units must be clothed according to the applicable scale.
3. It is also understood that all clothing for Service Groups will be supplied ex I.I.C. Depots and all clothing for Combat Groups will be supplied ex British Depots through I.I.C.
4. It is agreed that:-
 - a) Regiment staff at I.I.C., I.C.I. will be equipped

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of September. In the meantime, all personnel posted to U.S.C. I.C.C. by the beginning of September, all personnel posted to U.S.C. I.C.C. should be equipped according to Combat scale, as at present.

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4. It is agreed that:-

- a) Personnel staff at U.S.C., I.C.C. will be equipped according to Combat scale.
- b) In view of the fact that all reinforcements received the same training at U.S.C., I.C.C. and are only commended for Combat or Service units at the end of their training, it is considered essential that there be only one scale of clothing for reinforcements. **8766**
All reinforcements arriving at U.S.C., I.C.C. should therefore be equipped according to a basic scale not higher than that of the Service Troops, and remain this scale throughout their training.
- c) That clothing in possession of each individual will be made up to the appropriate scale before he is despatched to his new Unit.

5. It is also agreed that while under training all reinforcements will be issued, when winter dress is worn, with five Battle dress worn on being posted to their own units the unit of Battle dress worn during the period of training will be withdrawn and appropriate Service Battle dress, either Khaki or Green, according to whether the individual is going to Combat or Service Troops, will be issued. All diary Battle Dress will be returned to U.S.C. Depot, England.

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for disinfection, washing and re-issue.

6. It is pointed out that no guarantee can be given that individuals will only be issued with all items corresponding to their Service Group; that is Combat Troopers may join their units with items issued from S.I.I.A. stocks if these form part of the recruits' basic equipment, and vice versa; Service Troops may join their units with such items issued from S.I.I.A.C.

7. It is considered that a clothing stock should be held at I.C.F. to cover one month's requirements - at present this is estimated to be 1,000 sets of each Combat and Service stockings.

8. It is agreed that a conference should be held between S.I.I.A.C., New Area Allied Command, S.I.I.A.S., S.I.I.A., and S.I.I.A.S., and B.I. & T.U., to agree the basic scale for recruits training. It is requested that S.I.I.A.S., S.I.I.A., please arrange this conference as soon as possible.

(1064) P G LINDI, Major
for Colonel
Commander 'D' British Liaison &
Training Unit I.C.F. I.S.S.

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(Sgd) P O LAMBI, Major
for Colonel
Commander 'F' British Liaison A
Training Unit U.S.O. I.S.F.

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Subject: Trk Conference - 10 May 45.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.G.
(M. H. L. A.) RGS.

27 July 45.

G/Try/A.

To: D.M.T. A.F.H.Q.

Reference your LSC/37/271 dated 17 July 45.

- 1. Ministry of War has now been instructed to order pooling of vehicles at RHC. TWP.
- 2. A.F.H.Q. Q(AE) has been asked to issue two 15 cwt Trucks as a temporary increase to the III.
You have been quoted as supporting this request.

[Signature]
Major General
MIA.

Initial: *EQ*

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Subject:- Transport 1 R.T.C. Cesano.

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

9/5/11
26 July 1945.

To:-

A.F.H.Q. for Q(AE)

It has been decided to establish as part of the Training Centre Italian Army, Cesano an Man Management Training Team.

It is the intention that this team shall visit Italian Formations and assist them in this form of training. As no suitable vehicles can be spared from the present authorised scale of transport, it is requested that two 15 cwt. trucks may be issued for this specific purpose as a temporary increase to the W.E.

This proposal has the full support of the D.M.T.
your H.Q. His DME/87/PM of 17 July refers.

R.A. Curtis

R.A. CURTIS Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M. M. I. A.

Copy to:-

R.A.A.C.
M.M.I.A. "G" ←

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Subject:- Transport - Maintenance of R.T.C. I.G.F. Cesano,

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

2/5/44
26 July 1945.

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To:-

Ministry of War.

1. Reference is made to this H.O. letter
2/5 dated 12 July 1945.

2. The maintenance of vehicles held on charge by
the various units comprising the Training Centre at Cesano will
be improved if centralised control is instituted.

It is proposed to furnish further Allied
assistance in the shape of British supervisory technical
personnel, if these can be spared.

3. The attention of the Commandant has been directed
to the present unsatisfactory state of affairs and to the plan that
is considered should be adopted to remedy the matter.

The replacement of unserviceable vehicles from
British sources and the supply of spare parts and tools will be
more easily obtained if evidence is forthcoming that the Italian
Authorities are themselves determined to effect an improvement.

4. You are, therefore, required to direct the
Commandant -

- (a) To centralise all transport in a common pool.
- (b) To appoint a selected officer to be responsible for -
 - (i) the allocation of efficient vehicles
as between units.
 - (ii) the supervision of maintenance and
repair of the vehicles.

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R. A. CURTIS Lt. Col.
for Major General.
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to:-

R. A. A. C.

F BL and TU (AQ/17/1008 of 17 July refers).

"G" M.M.I.A. ←

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SUBJECT: Trg Conference - 10 May

D.M.T. A.F.H.Q.
C.M.F.

Tel: 16282

DMT/87/MT1

17 Jul 45.

Handwritten notes:
D.T.O.
G. Jones
cm/597/1
Same as ORBAT 2/10 but added 319
List of units
G (Trg)

HQ DMTA, CMF

Handwritten notes:
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Suggestion is
to pool it on
a central basis

1. At the above conference it was stated that the pooling of the tpt held by Italian units at the IRIC, CESAMO was under consideration. Rep DMT agreed to try and find a British M.T.O. and two MCOs to supervise vehicle maintenance (as advised by the Unit Maintenance Inspectorate) if this step were taken. May this Directorate now be informed what decision in this matter has been taken?

2. Vehicles for Man Management Training Team. Your 'Q' branch should ask Q (AE) AFHQ for the release of the necessary vehicles (two 15 cwt trucks were suggested) surplus to War Establishment stating that the demand is supported by this Directorate who considers the vehicles essential in order that the training in man management may be effectively carried out.

Handwritten notes:
Q for comment and return to G (Trg)
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Signature: J. Radcliffe
S.N. SHOGSMITH,
Brigadier,
D.M.T.

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MINUTES OF A BR-III TRAINING MEETING
HELD AT MILA, ROMEC ON 10 JULY 1945.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMLA)

C/Trg/4

14 July 45
[Signature]

PRESENT

- 1. Lt. Col. S.M. INGLEDEN
- Col. F.J. NOAKES
- Col. L.H. MACKAY
- Lt. Col. J. REDDIE
- Lt. Col. F.M. EGERTON
- Major J.A. ROBBS
- Major H.W. KING
- Major A. GELARDI
- Major W.L. MERRIAM

- Chairman
- Col. "C" MMLA
- Comd "F" HL & TU
- DET
- Senior IO MMLA
- "A" Branch MMLA
- "F" HL & TU
- "G" HL & TU
- "G" Trg MMLA, Secretary

OBJECT OF THE CONFERENCE

2. The chairman explained that the object of the conference was to consider training problems generally but in particular "F" HL & TU present project for dealing with trg and reinforcements.

PLANNING

3. It was decided that planning beyond present interim phase was not possible until AFHQ declared its policy in regard to the final com-position of the post-war Italian Army.

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16.7.45
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ACCOMMODATION

11. It was decided that planning would not include the possibility of occupying the barracks at CIVITAVECCHIA at present occupied by R.I.T.D. may be available to the Italian Army in the near future.

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*Done 26/7/48
Planned by
26/7/48*

COURSES

14. "F" ELTU reported that they have made arrangements with ELUs attached to Combat Groups for a check copy of course allocations to be sent to them.

15. It was agreed that a small FT course for instructors should be started. "F" ELTU reported that with the assistance of Maj NEWTON arrangements for Man Management courses were being completed, and are as under:-

(a) 1st course. Junior Officers. 6 Aug to 17 Aug. 25 Students.

(b) 2nd course. Senior Officers. 20 Aug to 31 Aug. 25 Students.

(c) Both courses will have the same syllabus. This and lecture precis are being printed and will be distributed to students together with other suitable translated pamphlets etc.

(d) An Italian officer has been nominated as "opposite number" to Maj NEWTON and will get special training to enable him to run all courses in the future.

TR-NSPORT

16. It was agreed that "Q" MMIA would initiate steps for obtaining more reliable transport for "F" ELUs own HQ. DMT would support the request at AFHQ. "F" ELTU will submit details to "Q" MMIA. It was agreed that on the Italian side a transport pool should be formed. "Q" MMIA are awaiting details from "F" ELTU and will endeavour to exchange PU type vans for 15 cwt types. *Spoke 7 26.47U 26.7.45*

*"F" ELU
not yet
done 26/7/45*

17. It was agreed that DMT would endeavour to arrange loan of MT officer and 2 MT NCOs (Br) to assist in the above. **2041**

PAY

18. It was agreed that MMIA should again raise the matter of tradesmen's rate of pay with the Italian Ministry of War. *"A"*

*Spoke 26.47U
26/7/45*

STANDARD OF PERSONNEL

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19. It was agreed that urgent steps had been and were being taken with Italian Ministry of War for a better type of reinforcement, and for an improvement in the present Italian system of documentation.

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FUTURE MEETINGS

20. The Chairman reported that MIA LOs Conference would take place approximately on the 6th of August, and that G-1s of BLUS (including Comd "F" BL & TU) would be invited.

"C"

Follow up

Lieut. Colonel,
CS.

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"F" BL & TU
56 AREA for DMT

INTERNAL:

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War Diary (Two)

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)

Minutes of EPI - ITI Trg Meeting held at HQ MMIA Rome on 12 Jun 45.

Ref. G/Trg/4

PRESENT.

- 1. Lt Col S.M. Ingledeu
- Col W. Pidsley
- Col F.J. Noekes
- Col L.H. Mackay
- Lt Col J. Peddie
- Reps of Branches and Services
- Major W.L. Medlam

- Chairman Col A MMIA
- Col C MMIA
- Comd 'B' BUU
- G I. DMET
- MMIA and 'T' BLU
- Secretary MMIA.

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- 4. It was agreed that, in accordance with AFHQ instructions, MIA was responsible for trg and that in future all reports would be rendered to MIA. MIA will forward a monthly consolidated progress report to DMT. C(Trg)
MIA

CESANO CELLING

- 5. In anticipation of AFHQ's written order it was agreed that
 - { a } Cesano ceiling for reinforcements would be 7500 excl staff
 - { b } those attending courses from units would be in addition to (a) above. 2040 F' BLU
 'P' BLU to submit trg and WEs for centre staffs.

TRADESMEN

Col A agreed to put forward his views on percentage of ceiling to be trained as tradesmen. A

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ActionTYPE OF TRG

6. It was agreed that all reinfnts would receive basic trg under the auspices of a particular arm or service except Infantry which would be catered for separately. Personnel would then be drafted to units. Specialist schools would cater principally for students sent from units. 'P' BLU

ALLOTMENT OF VACANCIES ON COURSES

7. Chairman outlined the new procedure which was to allot all vacancies to Italian Ministry of War, which would in turn allot to Combat Gps, Adm Divs and other BPI-ITI Italian fms. and G(Trg) It was stressed that these vacancies MUST be filled. 'P' BLU

TRG EQUIPMENT

8. It was agreed that the present procedure for obtaining trg equipment should continue i.e. 'P' BLU direct to DMT, but with copy to MMIA. 'P' BLU
9. Col Q agreed that 'P' BLU could not accept responsibility for trg equipment once issued to Italian units. All equipment was issued as on loan. The method of accounting was on a high level but Col Q agreed to raise the question again with AFHQ of charging the Italian Govt for such equipment as was now being issued. Q

POPULARISING RTG CESANO IN EYES OF COMBAT GFS

10. It was agreed that the undermentioned steps, majority already taken, were all that were necessary and it was considered the position would right itself.
- (a) M of W would write officially to junior Italian fms.
 - (b) G. a. V. G. would personally invite Combat Gp Comds to visit RTG
 - (c) Propaganda was being spread through MMIA, LOs, Brit Trg Incrs and BLUs.
 - (d) 'P' BLU to submit suitable article to 'A' MMIA for inclusion in "La Patria". 'P' BLU

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IN EYES OF COMBAT GPS

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- (b) Gen Vogni would personally invite Combat Gp Comds to visit RTO
- (c) Propaganda was being spread through MIA, LOs, Brit Trg Incrs and BLUs.
- (d) 'P' BLU to submit suitable article to 'A' MIA for inclusion in "La Patria".

It was decided to retain nomenclature "PICENO"

ACCOMODATION

11. It was agreed to support M of W's request for additional barracks at CIVITAVECCHIA. 'P' BLU would submit details of proposal tonight after studying new layout.

BRITISH WEs

12. It was announced that implementation of British liaison and Trg Unit to FTO ICF CM/1018/1 and consequent disbandment of Z Trg Team CM/510/1 and BLU to FTO ICF CM/132/1 and British Trg increment for FTO ICF CM/733/1 had been ordered by AFHQ W.O.F. 1 June.

It was hoped that instructions for disbandment of Trg Unit to Italian Army CM/100/1 and Trg increment (Inf) to BLU (for Combat Gps) CM/542/1 and Trg increment (PEME) to BLU (for Combat Gps) CM/640/1 would follow shortly.

GI asked DIT to look after all offrs who would not be immediately absorbed into the new WEs.

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ADM AND MAN-MANAGEMENT TRG

13. On the recommendation of Col A it was agreed first to train a small nucleus of Italian officers which would then be capable of training Combat Gps and Adm Dive G(Trg)

GARIBALDI REGT

14. Sufficiently trained in its Italian weapons to undertake I.S. duties.
AQM(2) agreed to press IADC for those items of British equipment not yet released.

TRUCK DVPS AC

15. Col A stated that the Italian Army was short of vch dvrs and it was agreed not to vary the programme of trg for the remaining two Truck Coys AC. G(Trg)
Personnel are located at CIVITAVECCHIA.

FUTURE MEETING

16. It was decided to hold another meeting shortly. G(Trg)

13. Lt-Col G.S.

13. June 45

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SUBJECT:- Trg Conference

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMIA)

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8 Jun 45

TO :- "F" ELU
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EME

1. There will be a trg conference in the Conference Room HQ MMIA, ~~ROME~~, at 1500 hrs Tues 12 Jun 45.
2. The object of the conference is
 - (a) to co-ordinate the trg of the Italian Army through MMIA.
 - (b) to maintain interest in trg and to make such plans for the future as present limited knowledge of "futures" will permit.
3. Will you please be represented. Agenda is att herewith. Additional points for inclusion should reach this office by 1200 hrs 11 Jun.

Copy to : DMT c/o 56 area

W. H. ...
Lt Col
GS

*DMT phone +
min' fax to attend.
W.H.*

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Subject : Training Conference.

Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
ROME
EME/1006
11 June 45

"G" Training (through Q2).

Confirming conversation (Majors Medlam - Taylor).

If the training of R.E.M.E. specialists does not come within the scope of item 2 of the Agenda, can this be added as Item 11, please.

FGWT/erc

J. Taylor
Major R.A.O.C.
for R.E.M.E. Branch,
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (MMIA)

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Trg Conference to be held Conference Room HQ MMIA
1500 hrs 12 Jun 45

1. Trg procedure (MMIA - DMT).
2. Trg and holding rfts for interim Italian Army (7,500 ceiling at CESANO).
3. Method of allotment of vacancies on courses.
4. Trg equipment, (a) procedure for obtaining.
(b) responsibility for holding.
(c) accounting.
5. Steps taken to popularise RIC CESANO in the eyes of Combat Gps.
6. Accommodation RIC CESANO. Future policy.
7. British trg instructors surplus to new WEs.
8. Adm trg and man-management trg.
9. GARIBALDI Regt.
10. Truck dvrs A.G.

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W. H. Y.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

SUBJECT : Conference - Methods of Instruction.

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ CMF

Tel: 11375

DMT/162/MT.2
Copy to :- DMT/168/2/MT.2

CF 22/3000 19 Mar '45. WP

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R.A. Trg Depot.
HQ E.T.B.
R. Sigs Depot & School of Sigs.
HQ No.1 I.R.T.D.
1 Bn IRTD (Gds).
R.A.S.C.T.D.
5 Bn C.R.T.D.
Depot & Trg Est CMF.
No.1 Armd Repl Gp.

RACC Trg Centre.
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Intelligence Trg Centre.
Army School of Education.
ACC Trg Centre.
Ind Inf Specialist School.
HQ C.M.T.C. (2)
HQ Base 2 Polish Corps.
R.T.C. I.C.F. c/o Land Forces Sub
Commission AC (MILIA) POME.

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HQ Army Sec AFHQ.
Sigs Sec AFHQ.
HQ Infantry AFHQ.
S.T. BR AFHQ.
Provost Marshal AFHQ.

DOS AFHQ.
DME AFHQ.
Chief Catering Advisor AFHQ.
I.J.L.M. AFHQ.
25 BLU att Base 2 Polish Corps.
M.M.I.A.
OC "A" Mobile Method of Instruction
Team, c/o HQ C.M.T.C.

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5 Bn G.R.T.D.
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No.1 Armd Repl Gp.

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3. It is essential that the C.I. or Bn Trg Offr from each of the
following trg establishments should attend :-

- (a) RAC School
- RAC Trg Depot
- School of Arty
- RA Trg Depot
- SME
- RETD
- School of Sigs
- R Sigs Depot
- HQ No.1 IRTD.
- 1 Bn IRTD (Gds)
- 4 Bn IRTD
- 5 Bn IRTD
- 6 Bn IRTD

- 7 Bn IRTD
- 8 Bn IRTD
- RASCID
- 5 Bn CRTD
- Depot & Trg Est CMP
- Armd Repl Gp
- R/MOC Trg Centre
- School of E & H.E.
- Intelligence Trg Centre
- Army School of Education
- ACC Trg Centre
- Ind Inf Specialist School

(b) C.M.T.C.

Tac School (to incl C.I. for each course)

- Ldm School
- Weapon Trg School
- School of Hygiene
- Mechanics School
- School of C.W.
- School of P.T.

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(c) HQ Base 2 Polish Corps.

One English speaking senior instr from each of the following centres is suggested :-

P.A.T.C.
Pol Arm'd Corps Trg Centre,
7 Pol Div.
Polish Wing CMTC.

(4) R.T.C. I.C.F.

GSO II (Br) and two English speaking senior Italian offrs are requested to attend.

4. Comd offrs may attend in addition to C.Is or Bn Trg offrs.
5. Discussion on the third day is intended only for those who are directly interested in tactical instruction but any other reps are invited to attend if they wish to do so.
6. Further details for joining, dates and an agenda for the conference will be issued as early as possible.

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Br Brig.,
D.M.T.

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SUBJECT : Conference - Methods of Instruction.

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
A.F.H.Q., C.M.F.

Tel : 11375

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29 Mar 45

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Sub Commission AC (MILIA) ROME.

Copy to : HQ C.M.T.C. (2)
26 BLU attached Base 2 Polish Corps.
M.M.I.A.
O.C., 'A' Mobile Method of Instruction Team.

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Ref DMT/162/MT.2 dated 19 Mar 45.

1. In order to assist HQ C.M.T.C. in adm arrangements for the proposed conference on Methods of Instruction, you are requested to forward details of accommodation requirements in duplicate under the headings of att proforma to reach this Directorate not later than 7 Apr 45.
2. The conference will commence at approx 0900 hrs on 16 Apr and will end on the afternoon of 18 Apr. Arrangements are being made for the provision of accommodation from 15 Apr, the day of assembly.
3. Will I.R.T.D. and Ind Inf Specialist School please state whether meals other than lunch and tea will be required on any day.
4. On arrival reps should report to O.C., 5 Group, CORNER HOUSE, BENEVENTO.
5. Full camp kit should be brought.
6. Batmen will be provided by C.M.T.C.

O.C., 'A' Mobile Method of Instruction Team.

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MMIA. 'G'
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DATE: 30/3.

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for
Brig.
D.M.T.

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NOTES ON MEETING RE MIA HOME 1800 hrs 18 MARCH 45

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(Following S.A.C. visit to R. CREANO)

PRESENT : Major General SIO RING, (GOG, MIA)
Brig SHOSMITH and Lt Col WAITS (DMT)
Brig ANDERSON and Maj BARNES (GS Org)
Col FIDLEY and Lt COLLINGSWORTH (MIA)

2. M.I's (TRAINING)

- (a) All officers, men and vehicles of B.F.U. at CREANO will be kept by D.M.T. for transfer to Trg branch MIA when W.S. is approved.
- (b) D.M.T. will try to find a good G.S.O. I (Trg) for MIA and attach until posting is authorized by W.S.
- (c) Agreed that, pending amalgamation or disbanding of Trg increments and BU's, each Trg increment would work under orders of its O i/c BU.
- (d) D.M.T. will try and send a G.S.O. II (Trg) to "F" BU from those surplus to Combat Groups and notify MIA his name.
- (e) Special Section MIA will take care of training matters till G.S.O. I (Trg) arrives.

3. REPARATION OF ITALIAN P.O. OFFICERS from U.S. for duty with BU, having been agreed in principle by S.A.C., MIA will send names, numbers and conditions to G 3 (Org) soonest. AFHQ will request repatriation by AIR (S.A.C. offered to ask 3 of 3 personally if necessary).

4. S.A.C. having agreed to examine application for local rank of Colonel for O i/c "F" BU, MIA to submit recommendation.

5. S.A.C. having supported the request for extra battle dress or denim for rfts at B.T.C. GS (Org) will take up the question of a pool of 20,000 suits and notify MIA result

6. GS (Org) will take up at AFHQ S.A.C.'s decision to re-examine Italian Army ration scale.

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- 4. S.A.C. having agreed to examine application for Local rank of Colonel for C i/c "F" MU., MIA to submit recommendation.
- 5. S.A.C. having supported the request for extra battle dress or uniforms for Gfts of S.F.C. G 3 (Org) will take up the question of a pool of 20,000 suits and notify MIA result.
- 6. G 3 (Org) will take up at AFHQ S.A.C.'s decision to re-examine Italian Army ration scale.
- 7. MIA strong recommendations for division of responsibilities of M.F.C. GEMANO were considered and have been submitted to AFHQ in writing.
- 8. MIA awaits views of 15 Army Group before giving a ruling on MIA proposals for the formation of Patriot peace units. It was agreed that the main object of this scheme was "to take the heat out of the problem," and that the organization should achieve that object, which has as much a political as a military flavour.
- 9. G 3 (Org) was asked to ensure that MIA was kept informed of any discussions on post war Italian Army matters.
- 10. G 3 (Org) agreed to ensure that the GSO II (Lisbon) appointment which M.F.C. proposed to transfer from MIA to "F" MU as DAV-DC referred only to the person of Major CALABDI and NOT to the appointment on the M.F.C. of MIA, which will be required.
- 11. G 3 (Org) will define the new trg responsibilities of MIA in relation to D.S.T. D.S.T. will initiate action in this respect.
- 12. Man management courses being organized by MIA will be in line with similar courses at USMC and AFHQ. Action MIA to produce definite proposals for AFHQ to issue.
- 13. G 3 (Org) was asked to let MIA have the revised "priority list" as soon as possible.

Copies to: G 3 (Org)
D.S.T.
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SUBJECT: Establishment of Training Facilities for the Italian Army.

URGENT

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Land Forces Sub Com, AG.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/29/44.
31 Dec 44.

TO: G(SD) *for my return to SD include*
AG
Maj GELARDI.
A.D.S.T.
D.A.D.M.E.
D.A.D.M.S.
S.O.R.E.
S.O.P. Sigs.
Lt. Col. DEIN.

WP

Herewith a copy of Agenda for a Conference at A.F.H.Q. which I shall be attending on 5 Jan to discuss Training Facilities for reinforcements to Combat Groups and British Service Units.

We are having a preliminary meeting here with D.M.T. at 0900 hrs on 2nd. Jan. Please send any points affecting your service to:

Spec Section for Combat Tps) ¹⁴⁰⁰ by 1700 hrs 1 Jan at
G (SD) for Service Tps) latest.

W. P. Deady

Colonel.
M.M.I.A.

tvS.WP.

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DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ, GCP

Ref. 14667

DMT/ST/ST1

29 Dec 44.

To: All Concerned

SUBJECT: Reestablishment of British facilities for the Italian Army.

1. A meeting will be held in G.I.O.'s Conference Room AFHQ on 5 Jan 45 at 1000 hrs.

2. OBJECT

To decide on the needs in which Depots, Training Centres and schools are required for maintenance of the efficiency of the GRUPO DI COMUNITARI and PBI-III Service units.

3. AGENDA

- (a) The number and location of schools and training Centres required for Combat and Service Deps.
Training is necessary for rifts, specialists and instructors.
- (b) Capacity of rif depots
- (c) Requirements in accommodation.
- (d) Provision of Italian tr staffs.
- (e) Provision of British personnel to supervise tr.
- (f) Provision of tr equip.

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(b) Capacity of rifft depots

(c) Requirements in accommodation.

(d) Provision of Italian trng staffs.

(e) Provision of British personnel to supervise trng.

(f) Provision of trng. capt.

(g) Requirements and trng of translators and interpreters.

(h) Trng elements of rear establishments.

4. Detailed plans are attached.

5. Addressees are requested to send a representative empowered to give policy decisions on behalf of his branch or Section.

6. Addressees are requested to notify C-5 Trng (M) (Tel: WINDON 361) by 3 Jan 15 the number of persons attending from their branch or Section.

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Staff (AFHQ)	2
Infantry, G-3	2
S. T. AFHQ	2
Medical AFHQ	2
Ord (AFHQ)	2
REAF (AFHQ)	2
D. Lab (AFHQ)	2
Provost (AFHQ)	2
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SUBJECT	AGENDA
<p>1. <u>MANPOWER</u></p> <p>(a) The depots and schools as proposed in para 2 below will require a staff of approx the following numbers:- TR 600 Adm 1500</p> <p>(b) Figures of authorised rft holdings are at Appx 'A'</p>	<p>1. Does the ceiling suffice to provide the numbers suggested?</p> <p>2. Are these figures agreed? <i>yes</i></p>
<p>2. <u>METHODS OF TRG</u></p> <p>(a) It is proposed to meet the trg requirements of NRI-ITI forces by two methods:-</p> <p>(i) getting up of depots and schools</p> <p>(ii) Attachment to existing units</p> <p>(b) Depots and schools proposed are:-</p> <p>(i) 2 base rft depots (for basic tr of services trs) located at <u>AFRAGOLA AND IRANI</u></p>	<p>3. Are these locations agreed?</p> <p><i>yes, the cables to be provided must be available to be used - no way clear as yet later. Some are working on...</i></p>

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AGENDA

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PROBLEM

ACTION OR DECISION

1. Does the ceiling suffice to provide the numbers suggested?

2. Are these figures agreed? *yes*

3. Are these local ops a risk?

yes. Per Galt to be provided correct. ...

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SUBJECT	PROPOSAL	A
<p>(ii) 1 Rft Tr Depot (for combat Tps) located at BRACCIANO. This depot will include with the rft tr, the following schools to serve both combat and service Tps. Inf school D & M school (All Arms) Mechanics school (All Arms) Instructor school (Tactics, weapon Tr, Adm) Engineer Tr. Centre Signals Tr. Centre</p>	<p>4. Is it a good that the proposed tr, centre and schools are sufficient and not excessive?</p> <p>5. Can the tr, centre and schools cater for both combat and service Tps? <i>Yes</i></p>	
<p>(c) Art Tr is at present being carried out at COLLE VERDE. It is proposed that the Art Tr, in of the Rft Tr Depot shall be set up there.</p> <p>(d) A diagrammatic layout for the Rft Tr Depot is attached as APP: 13</p>	<p>6. Is it a good that the Art Tr shall continue at COLLE VERDE?</p>	
<p>(e) Ord and pro tr is at present being carried out at:- ACC Tr Centre SALERNO Depot for establishment, GNP CANTALAN</p>	<p>7. Is it a good that ord and pro tr shall continue at present? <i>ad</i> <i>Proc Cantalano</i></p>	

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PROBLEM

ACTS OF DEVIANCE

Is it agreed that the proposed
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sufficient and not excessive?

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schedules are sufficient and
not excessive?

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Is it agreed that the Army
shall continue at COMBAT LEVEL?

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shall continue at COMBAT LEVEL?

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SUBJECT	PROPOSAL
<p>2 (f) It is proposed that Corps trg for the following should be by attachment to existing units selected by Heads of Services concerned.</p> <p>Medical S & T (Supply) Vets and Remounts Labour E & ME (Non technical trades e.g. Blacksmiths)</p>	<p>8. Is such attachment agreed for the Services at para 2 (f) <i>Consider of it</i></p> <p>9. If so, much will depend on good personnel selection. Is this to be left in the hands of Italians, or is British supervision required? <i>It is</i></p>
<p>3. <u>ACCOMMODATION.</u></p> <p>Recesses of BRACCIANO area have already been made by reps of certain arms and services.</p>	<p>10. Is it agreed that in order to co-ordinate all demands for accommodation and trg areas for the Rft Trg Depot, a Siting Board as at Apex "C" should be formed now?</p>
<p>4. <u>PROVISION OF ITALIAN TRG STAFFS</u></p> <p>Italian trg staffs have to be found and where necessary trained for the Rft Trg Depot mentioned in para 2.</p>	<p>11. Are there any difficulties of accommodation at COLLE FERRO?</p> <p>12. Can IMA state now how and from what sources they propose to meet those demands?</p> <p>13. Will Services and Branches undertake in conjunction with IMA to select and thereafter train the necessary instructors?</p>

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PROBLEMS	ACTION OR DECISION
Is such attachment agreed for the Services at para 2 (f)	<i>provide basis for of 4 weeks to given to 1925/25 class.</i>
If so, much will depend on good personnel selection. Is this to be left in the hands of Italians, or is British supervision required?	<i>It is to do selection first but on percentages given by P.S. By Cable to report to COMUSMACV.</i>
Is it agreed that in order to co-ordinate all demands for accommodation and trg areas for the 1st Trg Depot, a Siting Board as at Apex "C" should be formed now?	
Are there any difficulties of accommodation at COLLE FERRG?	
Can MIA state now how and from what sources they propose to meet these demands?	<i>already in sentence.</i>
Will Services and Branches undertake in conjunction with MIA to select and thereafter train the necessary instructors?	<i>yes</i>

SUBJECT	PROGRAM
5. <u>PROVISION OF BRITISH PERSONNEL TO SUPERVISE TRG.</u>	
(a) In order to establish the Trg Centres and Schools quickly small cadres of British personnel have been temporarily attached to the Rft Trg Depot.	14. Is the long term policy agreed ?
As a long term policy it is proposed to add a British Trg Increment of all arms to the Rft Trg Depot to supervise trg as long as necessary.	15. If so will Branches and Services who have not already done so submit details of their recommendations to DMT by 9 Jan 45 for inclusion in the W.E.
(b) It is not proposed to add British Trg Increments to <u>Base Rft Depots.</u>	16. Will AFMA agree to submit the W.E. to G-3 (Org) AFHQ on receipt of the trg requirements from DMT ?
	17. Is it agreed that no British Trg Increments are required at Base Rft Depots ?
6. <u>PROVISION OF TRG EQPT.</u>	18. Where not already done it is requested that Branches and Services will submit detailed lists of trg eqpt to DMT by 12 Jan 45.
	19. Are Branches and Services satisfied that adequate trg eqpt can in fact be made available ? Can a firm date be given for release ?
	20. It appears that some 300-400 vehs will be required for trg and adm purposes. Can these be supplied, and by whom ?

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PROBLEMS

14. Is the long term policy agreed ?

15. If so will Branches and Services who have not already done so submit details of their recommendations to DMT by 9 Jan 45 for inclusion in the W.E.

16. Will WIA agree to submit the W.E. to G-3 (Org) AFHQ on receipt of the trg requirements from DMT ?

17. Is it agreed that no British Trg Increments are required at Base Rft Depots ?

18. Where not already done it is requested that Branches and Services will submit detailed lists of trg eqpt to DMT by 12 Jan 45.

19. Are Branches and Services satisfied that adequate trg eqpt can in fact be made available ? Can a firm date be given for release ?

20. It appears that some 300-400 vehs will be required for trg and adm purposes. Can these be supplied, and by whom ?

ACTION OR DECISION

yes.

yes.

Re: Subject to be looked after Dept.

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SUBJECT

PROBING

7. PROVISION AND USE OF TRANSLATORS AND INTERPRETERS

It has been represented by MML that there will be such a demand for translators and interpreters as to justify the establishment of a school.

8. WAR ESTABLISHMENTS

- 21. What is the approved curriculum?
 - (a) Translators
 - (b) Interpreters
- 22. If a school is considered, will MML submit a proposal C-5 (Or) AFHQ.
- 23. Will MML agree to submit all proposals to C-5 (Or) AFHQ thru A.D.M.

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- 21. What is the apper requirement in:-
 - (a) Translations
 - (b) Interpretations
- 22. If a school in emergency necessity will the submit a proposal T.S. to C-5 (OP) AFRG.
- 23. Will the agree to submit all T.S. proposals to C-5 (OP) AFRG through DPT.

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for meeting with (?)
see history of meeting
yes
~~*no*~~

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NOTE: Ref to DMT/87/MTM dated 29 Dec 44.

THE AUTHORIZED SCALE OF MILITARY UNITS TO BE MAINTAINED AT DEPOTS

	<u>COMBAT</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>
Base Rpt Depot (2)		4,800 +
Rpt Trn Depot		
Infantry	4,500	
Artillery	1,140	
Engineers	365	
Signals	250	
Ordnance	50	
Inf	180	
S I T	250	
Medical	210	
	6,925	
Provent	75	
Total	7,000	4,800

* A proportion of this total will be under tr. at the Rpt Trn Depot. It is not possible to state with any accuracy what proportion this will be until the break up of the Service Troops has been called by order in law.

It is worthy of note that approx 1/3 of this total will be labour etc for their training by attachment is proposed.

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EME	160
S & T	250
Medical	240
	6,925
Provoost	75
Total	7,000

4,300

* A proportion of this total will be under 40% at the R2C Tr Depot. It is not possible to state with any accuracy what proportion this will be until the break up of the Service Troops however ceiling by area is known.

It is worthy of note that approx 1/3 of this total will be Labour rfts for whom training by attachment is proposed.

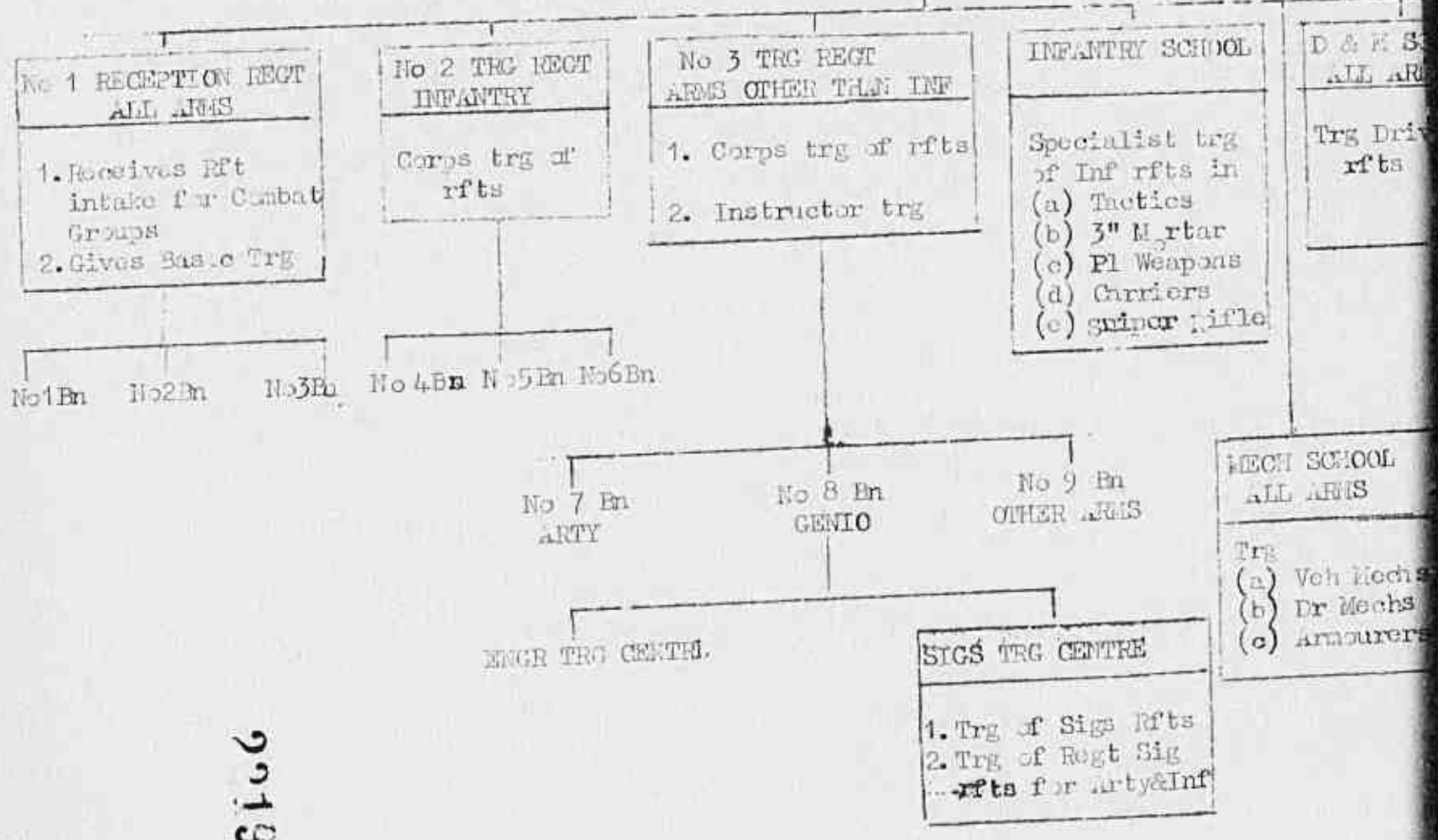
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REINFORCEMENT TRAINING DEPOT

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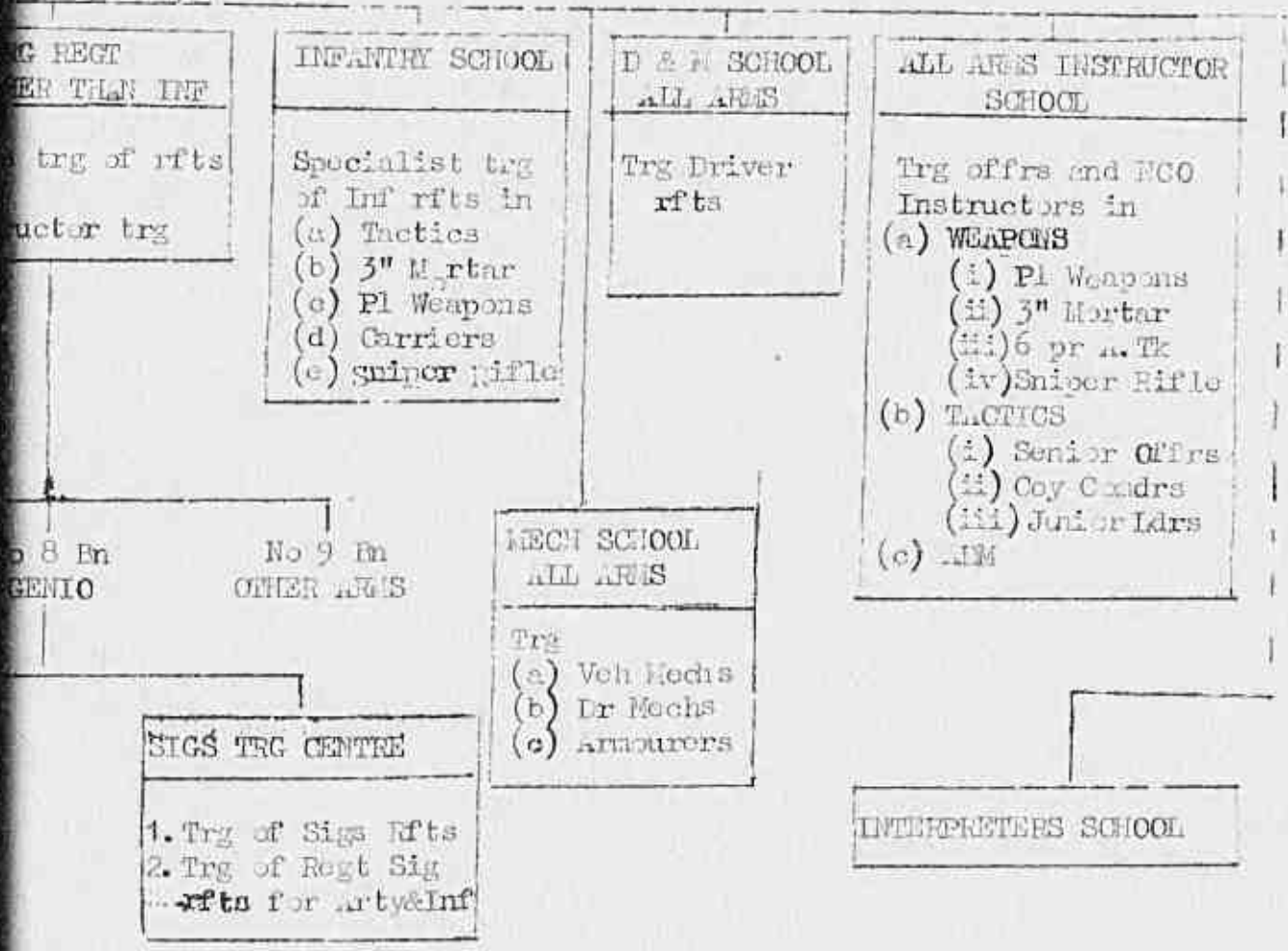
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DIAGRAMMATIC LAYOUT
FORCEMENT TRAINING DEPOT

HQ R.T.D.



REGIMENTAL REGIMENT
GREATER THAN INF
Trg of rfts
Instructor trg

INFANTRY SCHOOL
Specialist trg
of Inf rfts in
(a) Tactics
(b) 3" M. rtar
(c) Pl Weapons
(d) Carriers
(e) sniper rifle

D & M SCHOOL
ALL ARMS
Trg Driver
rfts

ALL ARMS INSTRUCTOR
SCHOOL
Trg offrs and NCO
Instructors in
(a) WEAPONS
(i) Pl Weapons
(ii) 3" Mortar
(iii) 6 pr a. Tk
(iv) Sniper Rifle
(b) TACTICS
(i) Senior Offrs
(ii) Coy Cmdrs
(iii) Junior Idrs
(c) CIM

No 8 Bn
GENIO
No 9 Bn
OTHER ARMS

MECH SCHOOL
ALL ARMS
Trg
(a) Veh Mechs
(b) Dr Mechs
(c) Armourers

SIGS TRG CENTRE
1. Trg of Sigs Rfts
2. Trg of Regt Sig
rfts for arty&Inf

INTERPRETERS SCHOOL

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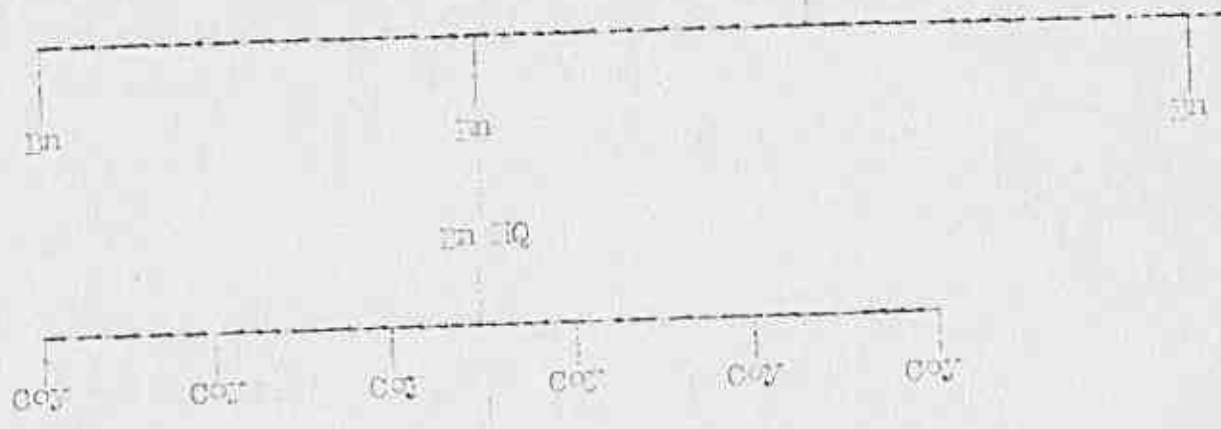
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DIAGNOSTIC LAYOUT OF

BASE RET DEPOT

CAPACITY 6,000

DEPOT HQ



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to DIT/67/101 dated 29 Dec 44.

ORGANIZATIONAL LAYOUT OF

BASE LEFT DEPOT

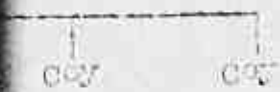
CAPACITY 6,000

DEPOT HQ



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Appx 'C' to DAI/37/APP
dated 29 Dec 44.

STAFFBOARD TO PILOT ACCOMMODATION AND TRAINING AREAS
IN ANGIANO AREA

Committee to include

- Rep of D.H.T. Chairman
- " " M.H.I.A.
- " " S.M.H.S.
- " " R.A.A.C.
- " " R.A. Tr Depot

Terms of Reference

The committee detailed above will make a detailed allotment of the available accommodation and training areas in the area of ANGIANO and CHINO to meet the needs of the R.A. Tr Depot.

They will forward their decisions to M.H.I.A. to order with details of the R.E. works, labour etc required by 25 Jan 45.

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They still for and their decisions to H.I.I.A. to other with
details of the R.E. works, labour etc required to 25 Jan 45.

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