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Training + Reinforcement of Italian Army Policy

Dec 1944 - Dec 1945

D R A F T

SUBJECT:- Training Supply Personnel Intake.

G (Tng.)

1. It is understood that the Ministry of War has submitted a proposal for the training of Supply Personnel to be carried out under the Commissariat ROME in their Supply Installations.

2. This Branch disagrees with this proposal for the reasons stated below.

(a) Training of personnel in Bulk Depot work is impossible as no

Bulk depot exist in Rome Territorial Command and the Distribution Depot does not hold large stocks.

(b) There is no suitable central Military Bakery where recruits can be trained.

(c) The only possible place where practical training may be carried out is the Distribution Depot but this is not recommended for the following reasons.

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same, warranty expiry technicalities, recovery of damaged

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(2) The depot is sited in antiquated buildings, badly laid out, and does not lend itself to modern supply methods.

3. The proposal of this branch is that training be done in the MILAN Territorial Command. This is proposed for the following reasons.

(a) There is a Bulk Depot situated in MILAN approx 2 miles from the Distribution Depot. This Depot is rail and road served and well laid out in a modern warehouse.

(b) The Distribution Depot and Bakery are situated in the same building.

(c) The Distribution Depot is well laid out, clean and conform to a high technical standard.

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(d) The Bakery has adequate facilities for training and machinery for recovery of damaged or suspected flour.

4. The RASC officer with 3 BLU is located near to all the depots and in view of the fact that he is only responsible for the MILAN Territorial Command S & T work he would be available to supervise all the courses on the spot.

TRANSLATION

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FROM : Ministry of War
 TO : TURIN Commissariat Directorate
 INFO : MMIA (ST/272 of 18 Dec 45 refers).
 TURIN & MILAN Military Territorial Commands
 MILAN Commissariat Directorate

6567/IC/Ris

27 Dec 45

SUBJECT:- 1 Military Bakery.

Attached herewith is copy of MMIA letter ST/272 dated 18 Dec 45.

You are requested to transfer forthwith to 3 Military Bakery the officer i/c of dependent 1 Mil Bky in order to have him acquainted to organisation and running system of the a/m 3 Bakery.

Sgd.

Gen. Pelligra

S & T, MMIA

Reed

DEC 28 1945

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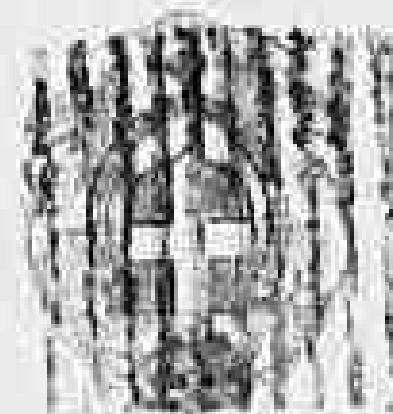
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Direzione Generale dei Servizi Logistici

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Gen. Pelligra
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DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO ED AMMINISTRATIVI

Mo/M

Ispettorato Generale Servizi Commissariato

Sezione

Roma,

24

Dicembre 1945

Prot. N° 6567/IC/Ris Allegati

Risposta al f.° del

Al LA DIREZIONE DI COMMISS/TO

Div.

Sez.

N.

DEL COMANDO MILIT.TERR/LE

TORINO

Oggetto: 1° Panificio Militare:

SDT

e, per conoscenza:

→ ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

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R O M A

(Rif.f. n° SD/272 - 18 dicembre c/a.)

AI COMANDI MILITARI TERRITORIALI TORINO - MILANO
 ALLA DIREZIONE DI COMMISS. DEL COMANDO
 MILITARE TERR/LE MILANO

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Si trasmette, in copia, l'unita lettera n.SD/272
 - data 18 dicembre c.a. della Missione Alleata.

Codesta Direzione è pregata di comandare subito
 presso il 3° Panificio Militare di Milano il consegnata-
 rio del dipendente 1° Panificio Militare perchè lo stesso
 possa essere inquadrato sui sistemi di organizzazione e di
 funzionamento del predetto 3° Panificio.

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Delegato

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TRANSLATION

From : M of War - Directorate Gen.
Commissariat and Admin. Services

Ref : 5471/IC/R

To : SMRE & Copy to MMIA

Dtd : 14 Dec 45

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Subject : Transfer of 2nd Port Detachment. X

Sharing the following view with the MMIA, we hereby state that, owing to the transfer of the Special action Depot from Genoa to Milan, it has also become necessary to take measures for the posting of the Port Detachment from Genoa to Milan, in order to guarantee that the aforementioned Depot may have sufficient personnel to carry out release and despatch of food-stuffs.

We communicate the above, begging you kindly to give the necessary orders.

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The Director General,
sgd. PELLICORA

18 Dec

S & T. MMIA

Recd DEC 18 1945

File ST/

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SUBJECT:- No. 1 Increment Military Bakery.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.
(M.H.I.A.).

ST/272

18 Dec 45.

Ministry of War.

Copy to:- 1 BLU (your letter 12 Dec 45 refers).

In view of the fact that 1 Military Bakery (TURIN) is at present not operating it is suggested that the O.C. visit 3 Military Bakery (MILAN) or even be attached for a short period, he would no doubt gather much useful information especially as the MILAN Bakery is extremely satisfactory.

AG/gnc

Mr
Lt.Col. RASQ.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.(M.H.I.A.).

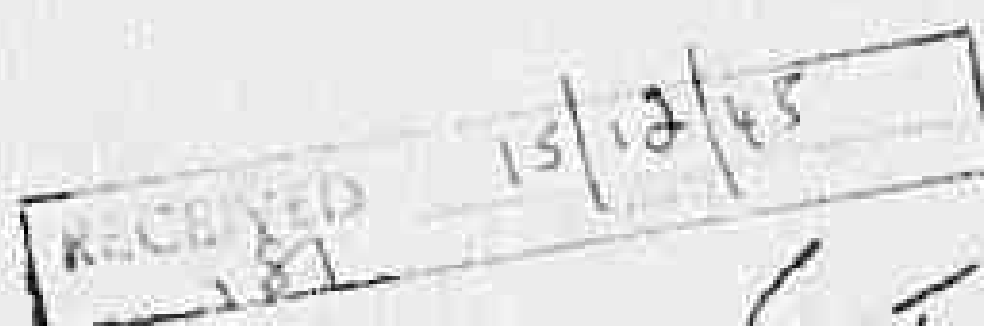
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Subject :- No 1 Increment Mil Bky

1 British Liaison Unit

To :- HQ BMA (for SAT)
HQ No 1 BLU

HQ No 1 Territorial Command.



It appears that this unit is not operating as a unit, but that personnel are being attached to other units of the Commissariato pending the opening of a Terr Military Bky. It is suggested that the OC be given an opportunity to visit other Military Bakeries in area.

The undersigned is making arrangements for this, should it be desired.

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DADS
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C & T. MMA.

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H. Harker

Capt RMGC

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Field
12 Dec 45

Subject : No.2 Port Det.

1 British Liaison Unit.

ST/3

To : HQ MMIA for ST. ✓
G1 No.1 B.L.U.
G11 No.2 B.L.U.

Copy: HQ Italian Territorial Comd,
GENOVA.

It appears that the a/m unit is not operating as a Port Det, nor in fact as a unit, but the personnel are being attached for duty to No.2 Supply Coy.

This is thought both sensible and justified, however it is suggested that the O.C. be attached to other units of the Commissariato and Servizi, to enable him to improve his general knowledge of 'Supplies' while awaiting an operational role.

*Speak to Col F and suggest
that this unit goes to No.2 Bulth
at Milan. Let F investigate
the orders for its move. 12/11.*

Field
6 Dec 45

Capt RASC.
M M I A.

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11/2/45
S & T. MMIA
Recd DEC 12 1945
File ST/ 272

I. O. M.SUBJECT :- Training of Supply Personnel.

ST/272

TO :- G2 Training MMIA.

1. Below are shown figures on which it is considered that training for supplies personnel should be based.

	<u>WE</u>
Existing ITI-ITI Units	2134
Units becoming ITI-ITI w.o.f.	
30 Sept 45	692
Reserve to be held for	
formation of new units or	
increases of existing WE	283

	3109
Required to train 5% monthly	156

2. Training of supplies personnel can be along lines of school held by Commissariat Directorate, War Ministry for supplies personnel. Instruction was based on MMIA Pamphlet "Supply Organization and Accounting Instructions for the Provision of Food to the Italian Armed Forces". Suggested duration of School is fifteen day period and conducted in locality where there is a Bulk Food Depot, Food Distribution Depot, and Bakery.

3. For existing ITI-ITI formations and BR-ITI units to be converted to ITI-ITI category see Appendix 'A' and 'B' respectively.

KRN/gmc

3 Sept 45

KRN-5205
Lt. Col.
A.D.S.T.

APPENDIX 'A'

I.O.M. ST/272 of 3 Sept 45

<u>SERIAL</u>	<u>FORMATION</u>	<u>WE</u>
1.	War Ministry - General Directorate	105
2.	Terr. Commissariati -(No. 1 - 11 incl.)	495
3.	Incr. I to 8 Terr. Commissariato	34
4.	" 2 to 1,4,5,6,7,10 Terr. Comm/to	103
5.	Supply Companies (No.1 - 11 incl plus No.14)	240
6.	Port Detachments (No. 1 - 6 incl.)	102
7.	Bulk Food Depots (No.2,5,7,9,10,11,14)	231
8.	Bakeries (No. 1 - 11 and No. 14)	120
9.	Food Distribution Depots (total 62)	<u>704</u>
	TOTAL	2,134

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APPENDIX 'B'.

I.O.M. ST/272 of 3 Sept 45

<u>SERIAL</u>	<u>FORMATION</u>	<u>WE</u>
1.	No 20 Tpt and Sup Co (Sups)	102
2.	No 44 " " " " "	102
3.	No 51 " " " " "	102
4.	No 104 " " " " "	102
5.	No 184 Tpt and Sups Co. (Two Comp Pltns)	72
6.	No 152 Bation Depot	20
7.	No 1 Field Bakery	32
8.	No 2 Field Bakery	32
9.	No 316 " "	32
10.	No 317 " "	32
11.	No 318 " "	32
12.	No 319 " "	32
	TOTAL	<u>692</u>

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-3 (ORG-A) SECTION.

FILE NO : ASD/922.2

SUBJECT : Reinforcement and Trg. of the Italian Army.

TO : All Concerned.

Further to this H, even reference dated 14 Dec. '44.

The following notes have been passed to this Section for publication:

PARA 8

G-1(A) and G-1(B) are asked to arrange for an MMIA representative to be present at this meeting.

PARA 10 - Issue of Blankets

Policy governing the issue of blankets is laid down in paras 1 and 3 of annex "B" to this H, letter AG 400/105 D-0 dated 22 Sep. '44

PARA 12 - Tentage

Last sentence: for action to (Maint) read action to (AE)

PARA 15 - Transit Camps

To action sections, add to (Maint)

PARA 16

Land Forces Sub Commission state that the words "or were unserviceable" should be deleted as they were NOT used.

APPENDIX "B"

Amend category for AREZZO Transit Camp to read BR - ITI

"S & T, MMIA.

Recd 22/12/44

Charles F. Francis
for DANIEL NOCE, Lt Col

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last sentence: for action (Maint) read action (A)

PARA 15 - Transit Camp

to action sections, add (Maint)

PARA 16

Land Forces Sub Commission state that the words "or were unserviceable" should be deleted as they were NOT used.

APPENDIX "B"

amend category for APPEZO Transit Camp to read BR - ITI

"S & T, MMIA.

Recd 29 Dec

File ST/ 96/1.

JNG/vp

Charles F. Davis
for DANIEL NOCE, 1st Col

Major General, G.S.C.

Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

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Engrs. 2
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S & T. 2
Surgeon (A) 1
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Ord (A) 1
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

G-3 (CHC-4) SECTION.

FILE NO : ASD/922.2

SUBJECT : Reinforcement and Training of
the Italian Army.

OT
TO : All Concerned.

Further to this HQ letter of even reference dated 6 Dec, 1944.

1. MINUTES of the meeting held at this HQ on 11 December 44 are attached.
2. The following is a subject index to pages:-

Page	Subject.
1	Members Present.
2	Introduction. Resume, Present State of Italian Army. Territorial, District & Depot Hqs.
3.	Administrative Hqs.
4.	Enlistment. Exemption from Enlistment-Leakage of Manpower
5.	Clothing & Equipment. Documentation. Accommodation. Camps & Training Depots. Training.
6.	Transit Camps. Movement by road & rail. Conclusions.
7.	Appendices A & B. <u>A. Distribution of Manpower.</u> B. Approved Organisation.

8/10/54

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

3. Administrative HQs.
 4. Enlistment.
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 Clothing & Equipment.
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 DANIEL NOCE,
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 Assistant Chief of Staff G-3.

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G-3 CRC - A SECTION.

FILE NO : 922.2

SUBJECT : Reinforcement of the Italian Army.

TO : All Concerned.

MINUTES of Meeting held at A F H

on Monday 11 December, 1944.

1. PRESENT :

Brigadier J. d'A Anderson
Brigadier E.B. Edwards
Brigadier G.B.S. Hindley
Brigadier J.H. Woods
Colonel W. Harris
Colonel C.P. Kerr
Colonel I.L. D. Leavis OBE
Colonel B.M. Libby
Colonel J.W. Loff
Colonel R.J. Noakes
Colonel A.S. Pidsley
Colonel R.H. Thicknesse
Lt. Col. I.L. Allen
Lt. Col. G. Brown
Lt. Col. F.A. Coffin
Lt. Col. J.G. Duncan III
Lt. Col. I.E. Hinks
Lt. Col. F.J. Fowler.
Lt. Col. T.D. Gerrett
Lt. Col. E.A.H. Goodwin
Lt. Col. P. Higgins
Lt. Col. S.A. Ingledew
Lt. Col. T.E. Jackson
Lt. Col. K.A. McK. Handley
Lt. Col. L.T. Chavacross
Lt. Col. J.J. Sloan
Maj. G.A. Barnfield

G-3 (Org-B) Chairman.
Engrs.
A.A.I.
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M.M.I.
3 District
G-4(A)
P.B.S.
M.M.I.A.
M.M.I.A.
D.M.F.
G-4 (A)
G-4 (M & Tn)
Engrs.
G-1(A)
L.F.
Surgeon (B)
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 Lt. Col. J. E. Links
 Lt. Col. T. J. Fowler
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 Maj. G. A. Barnfield
 Maj. C. D. Beach
 Maj. A. E. Chandler
 Maj. K. L. Firdalater
 Maj. C. Steit Gardner
 Maj. K. Goodnan
 Maj. K. R. Hayward
 Maj. E. E. Hock
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 Maj. R. A. Macfadyen
 Maj. T. C. L. Nicolle
 Maj. K. L. Prosser
 Maj. W. C. Rodgers
 Maj. W. K. H. Sanderson
 Maj. G. A. Steiner
 Maj. P. Thorp
 Maj. H. E. P. F. Thrupp
 Capt. J. M. Graham
 Capt. G. B. Lang
 Capt. A. T. Poulson
 Capt. I. J. Shaughnessy
 Capt. W. McN. Goodward
 Sgt. Selvin
 Maj. D. Barnes

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2. AGENDA...

As in this R. letter SD/922.2 dated 6 December 1944.

3. INTRODUCTION.

The Chairman stated that, as the problems under discussion represented in effect the re-birth of the Italian Army, he proposed to take this opportunity of making known to Branches of A.H. the extent of the work involved, all of which could not be carried out by 3-3 (Org) and must therefore, be handed over in part to other branches. If it appeared that the Agenda trespassed into the province of other branches, it was submitted that this might be accepted in the interests of coordination, a function of 3-3 (Org).

The old Italian Army machine has been largely destroyed. If it were to be made to work to the standard of Allied requirements, Allied methods might be introduced, but the Italians must be encouraged to do as much as possible themselves. Shortage of equipment, clothing, and accommodation would be the limiting factors in expansion of the army by enlistment.

The Land Forces Sub Commission (L.F.S.C.) would be asked to give a brief resume of the present state of the Italian Army as a forward to discussion of the detailed agenda.

4. REMARKS: PRESENT STATE OF THE ITALIAN ARMY

The representative of the Land Forces Sub Commission LC (L.F.S.C.), Col. Kerr, explained the present breakdown of the strength of the Italian Army into categories as required by the Combined Chiefs of Staff. Ceiling figures for categories are shown at Appendix 'A' to these minutes.

IMI-ITIs were accepted as an International commitment for purposes of administration and supply in so far as the Italian Government were unable to provide for them. Troops of the Carabinieri, Guard Battalions, Allied Commission Security Police, and units used for purely Italian administration, including hospitals, were within this category.

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As part of the III-ITIs Italian Administration, Territorial, District, and Depot Hqs had been re-established. These were unable to assist the Allies to any great extent as they were fully occupied in bringing order into the chaos resulting from the Italian defeat. The Italian Army had been a conscript army, and these Hqs were the only means by which the Italians could straighten out the records of the old army in the old conscription centres.

5. TERRITORIAL, DISTRICT AND DEPOT Hqs.

It was decided that Territorial, District and Depot Hqs would remain in existence, at least until the Italians had completed all the documentation, records, and purely Italian administrative matters connected with the old army. It was accepted that this work would decrease. The number of Hqs would be reviewed at a later date in the light of post-war policy for the Italian Army.

ACTION G-3 (ORG-1)

Territorial Hqs would be responsible for District Hqs, Depot Hqs, and also for the purely Italian administration carried out by the Administrative Div., Hqs. They would look after Italian Army Real Estate, Hospitals, Courts Martial (in conjunction with District Hqs), and would represent the War Ministry throughout the area for which they were responsible. There are at present six Territorial Hqs.

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In normal cases, Depots were controlled by Districts, but for the present there were some instances where District HQs acted also as Depots. The only assistance which would be given by District HQs to troops in Allied Service would be in documentation of men enlisted into the army, and in matters of discipline.

Depot HQs would be responsible for personal records of all soldiers, for the record of arms and equipment issued to ITI-ITIs, for Regimental records, and for administrative problems connected with repatriates.

The total strength of Territorial District, and Depot HQs would not exceed 2,045 and would count against the ITI-ITI ceiling.

The Land Forces Sub Commission stated that the number of HQs at present agreed (See Appendix 'D') would in no way afford the Italian Government the means for reconstituting the Italian Armed Forces on the pre-war scale.

It was agreed that VE/TOS would be produced for Territorial District and Depot HQs by the Land Forces Sub Commission.

ACTION: 1071A.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE DIV HQS.

The need for Administrative Div HQs in addition to Territorial HQs was strongly represented by the Land Forces Sub Commission and was accepted.

There are at present seven Adm Div HQs, which are under the command of the Territorial HQ in whose area they operate. They are responsible for organization of supplies, welfare, and discipline, for all Italian Tps under the command of the parent Allied HQ, and are the recognized authority with whom the Allied HQs will deal on all local administrative matters.

Administrative Div HQs would be responsible for the local administration of Replacement (Reinforcement) Depots, Schools and Transit Camps.

The Land Forces Sub Commission had prepared a VE/TG for an Administrative Div HQ and would submit this for approval of this HQ.

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ACTION: MEIA
PES (South)

7. ENLISTMENT.

It was stated by the Land Forces Sub Commission that it would be impossible to make use of the Territorial, District and Depot Hqs to anything approaching the extent necessary to produce 35,000 recruits per month, even if clothes, equipment and rail transport were available to deal with that number. The present arrangement whereby a special recruiting staff had been set up temporarily for each area of enlistment was considered by the Land Forces Sub Commission to be an adequate measure in the light of present conditions. It was hoped by these means to produce a monthly intake of 10,000. Accommodation at enlistment centres had been provided locally and the formation of mobile Camp Staffs with camp equipment to deal with the temporary holding of recruits awaiting transport was stated to be unnecessary. It was agreed that the Land Forces Sub Commission would continue temporarily with the present method of enlistment.

ACTION: MEIA.

The Land Forces Sub Commission were asked to explain why they considered that it would be impossible for the Ministry of War to call up 35,000 per month. The answer was given that it would be possible, in case of need, if age groups outside the present 1914-24 classes were included in the call-up. The Land Forces Sub Commission were asked to arrange that, as the lower figure of 10,000 had been agreed, sufficient men would be examined by the ^{draft} centres, to ensure acceptance of 10,000 men of highest standard.

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ACTION: MEIA.

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8. EXEMPTIONS FROM ENLISTMENT.

Strong representations were made by employing Hqs against the compulsory call-up of unskilled men. It was stated that such call-up would result in serious shortage of civil labour. G-1(A) and G-1(B) were asked to arrange a separate meeting to discuss this urgent problem. Districts and Peninsular Base Section would be invited to attend.

ACTION G-1(A)
G-1(B)

*Asked to arrange for
an HMA rep to
attend this meeting.*

9. WASTAGE OF MANPOWER.

Concern was expressed at the high rate of wastage in Italian Army units, from camps, and during rail journeys. Excessive losses in pack tpt coys (1,000 per month) and on train journeys (up to 150 in a train of 800) involved a severe drain on manpower and on equipment. It was requested that immediate steps should be taken to find, and remove, the causes of this serious depletion of resources.

ACTION AAI

AMLA

3 District

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G-4 (M & Tn)

10. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.

Generally, the supply of clothing and equipment was at present limited. It was thought that, if the intake of recruits came at a steady flow, both US-MS and MS-MS could be clothed and equipped, but that it would be at least six months before supplies could be made available at the rate of 35,000 sets per month. There would be very few vehicles available.

In view of the probable size of the monthly intake (10,000) action should be based on this lower figure, and every effort made to find clothing and equipment for the national shares of the total.

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US-ITI	-	3,000
HR-ITI (Service)		3,000
HR-ITI (Combat)		3,000
ITI-ITI		1,000

per month)

ACTION 3-A(A)
G-L(B)
G-N.
Q(AE)

3 District stated that if the projected withdrawal of one blanket per man were made from "talian troops in their area, large losses of both men and blankets might be expected. It was stated that, owing to the shortage of blankets, a priority would probably have to be established between one area and another. Every effort would have to be made to find enough blankets to give the required scale of 3 per man. It was pointed out that the CCS minimum scale of 2 blankets per man was inadequate in winter but that no upper limit had been set by the CCS.

*Policy re issue of Blankets
see memo 3*

ACTION: LEMIA
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G-L(b)
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It was decided that documentation and selection of reinforcements for both Combat and Service Troops would be the subject of a separate meeting to be called by G-1(A) and (B).

ACTION G-1(A)
G-1(B)
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12. ACQUISITION.

It was established that the Italian Authorities were responsible for all accommodation of Italian Army troops. Italian Military Barracks were reserved for the sole use of the Italian Army. Works stores and hutting could NOT be made available on a large scale at present although small releases might be possible to meet specific needs, if all labour were provided from Italian sources. In two months, there would be a greater supply of works stores available.

ACTION G-4(A)
G-4(B)
(Maint)

Camps at ARDIGOLA and TRALLI were stated by the Land Forces Sub Commission to be adequate for the present rate of reinforcement. The camp at ASTRONI is being increased in size by FES to deal with 3,000 troops.

There was a considerable requirement for tentage, but it was decided that discussion of this must be held over until a subsequent conference to be called by DTF on the subject of reinforcement training depots, after which a more accurate assessment would be possible.

ACTION G-4(A)
G-4(B)
(Maint) Q(4E)

13. CAMPS AND TRAINING DEPOTS.

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ACTION C-4(A)
C-4(B)
~~Q(AE)~~ Q(AE)

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US - ITI	
(Pack Coy)	COLLE CALVETTI
HR - ITI (Service)	APPAGOLA
	TRANI
BR - ITI (Combat)	CEGANO (BRACCIATO Area)
DR - ITI	
(Pack Coy)	ORVETTO (FOSSOMBRONE later)
ITI - ITI	Various small depots.

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NE/TCS would be prepared as soon as possible by the Land Forces Sub Commission in conjunction with LMT.

ACTION MHA
LMT

14. TRAINING

It was decided that LMT should call a further conference to discuss the following aspects of training:-

- (a) Number of schools required for Combat Tps and Service Tps.
- (b) Siting of schools.
- (c) Capacity of Reinforcement and Training Depots.
- (d) Provision of Training Staffs.
- (e) Training of ITI-ITIS.
- (f) Requirements for Translators and Interpreters
- (g) Requirements for Accommodation.
- (h) NE/TCS.

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ACTION DMT

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FHS stated that US-ITIs were trained by attachment to working units, and that no separate schools would be instituted for US-ITIs.

It was agreed that British Branches and Services would be responsible in conjunction with IIT for establishment of ER-ITI schools.

ACTION : IMT

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EME, IRO.

The Land Forces Sub Commission would be responsible for provision of Italian personnel for schools and Training Establishments, and will be generally responsible for administrative supervision. It was suggested that a OSC 2 (Training) should be added to the LE of the Land Forces Sub Commission, who would put up a proposal to this effect, in conjunction with IMT.

ACTION : MHA

IMT

15. TRANSIT CAMPS.

It was stated that transit camps would have to be cut to a minimum owing to the difficulty of providing regions. The number, size and siting of transit camps would be discussed further at the G-1 Conference to follow.

16. MOVEMENT BY ROAD AND RAIL.

Col. Kerr of the Land Forces Sub Commission stated that of the 900 vehicles scheduled to come over from SALAMHA, half were either motor-cycles ~~or more~~ or more, and that too much dependance should not be placed on them.

Time did not permit a full discussion on problems of movement of Italian troops, but it was stated that there would be little difficulty in providing

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It was stated that transit camps would have to be cut to a minimum owing to the difficulty of providing rations. The number, size and siting of transit camps would be discussed further at the G-1 Conference to follow.

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Time did not permit a full discussion on problems of movement of Italian troops, but it was stated that there would be little difficulty in providing rail transport for the intake now visualised at 10,000 per month. Demands for movement should be submitted to AFHQ by Wednesday of each week, one week in advance, and by Saturday of each week for moves within or into AAI.

17. CONCLUSIONS.

(a) The Territorial District and Depot HQs will be required to serve the immediate war effort as far as possible.

(b) The maximum call-up possible for the next six months will be about 10,000 per month.

(c) If 60,000 men are released from Service in Northern Italy within six months, it will be impossible to replace them. Appendix 'D' to AFHQ letter ASD/922.2 dated 6 December 44 (AGHMA) refers.

(d) The machinery of reinforcement for both Combat and Service units will have to be planned by joint action between H Ls, G-1(a), G1(1), and G2E.

(e) Training will be the responsibility of IAT for both Combat and Service
Tps. (M-III)

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Major. SECRET

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Appendix 'A' to AFHQ Letter
ASD 922.2, dated 14 Dec 44

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ITALIAN ARMY WITHIN THE MANPOWER
CEILING AUTHORIZED BY THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>EMPLOYMENT</u>	<u>AUTHORIZED CEILING</u>
<u>IS - ITI</u>	Fifth Army	14,000
	P.B.S.	55,000
	Corseica	5,000
	Air Corps	5,500
<u>PR - ITI</u>	Replacements (5%)	4,000
	Service Troops	90,000
	Reinforcements (5%)	4,800
	Combat Troops	57,000
<u>ITI - ITI</u>	Reinforcements (15%)	8,700 *
	Administration	27,000
	Internal Security Divs	16,000
	Guard Battalion	17,600
	Allied Commission	3,000
	Searchlight Units	600
	Security Police (SMC)	1,500
	Reinforcements (5%)	3,300
Total excluding Carabinieri		313,000

* Includes 3,000 from British Service Unit Ceiling.

APPENDIX 'B'

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Approved Organization.

ITI-ITI Eleven(11) Italian Territorial Hqs.
ITI-ITI Ninety-nine (99) Italian District Hqs.
ITI-ITI Ninety (90) Italian Depot Hqs.
ITI-ITI One (1) District

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ITI-ITI	Ninety-nine (99) Italian District Hqs.
ITI-ITI	Ninety (90) Italian Depot Hqs.
IR-ITI	Hq 209 Italian Adm Div (1 District)
US-ITI	Hq 210 Italian Adm Div (FIFTH ARMY)
US-ITI	Hq 212 Italian Adm Div (FIS)
IR-ITI	Hq 227 Italian Adm Div (3 District)
IR-ITI	Hq 228 Italian Adm Div (EIGHT ARMY)
IR-ITI	Hq 230 Italian Adm Div (3 District)
IR-ITI	Hq 231 Italian Adm Div (BRITISH IV FIFTH ARMY)
US-ITI	Base Rpt and Trg Depot ASTORIA
IR-ITI	Base Rpt & Trg Depot APR. 1.
IR-ITI	Base Rpt & Trg Depot TRAIL
US-ITI	Adv Rpt & Trg Depot GOLDEN VALLEY
IR-ITI	Adv Rpt & Trg Depot ORVINO (future)
IR-ITI	Combat Forces Rpt & Trg Depot - CESANO (BRACCIANO)
IR-ITI	Pack Tpt Coy Formation Camp FOSSOLONE (future)
IR-ITI	Rft and Trg Depots.
IR-ITI	Transit Camp ALERZO *
IR-ITI	Transit Camp IMFI *
IR-ITI	56 (Combat Force) Transit Camp
IR-ITI	Training Schools *

* Subject to further review.

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TO

I wish all officers to study folio 26 and attachments in order that they may get a better idea of the complexities of the Italian Army problems.

The problems posed by AFHQ cover a wide field. Some are capable of easy solution, but many reveal how far reaching is the whole subject and how what we try to do in the Mission impacts on the whole administrative machine in Italy.

N. L. Venner

Lt. Col.
A.D.S.T.

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G-3 SECTION

AGD/922.2

SUBJECT: Reinforcement of the Italian Army.

TO : ALL CONCERNED.

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Date : 6 Dec. 44

AGENDA for Meeting to be held in
G-4 (M & Tn) Conference Room Fifth Floor,
AFHQ, on Monday 13, December, 44 at 1030 hrs.

1. OBJECT

To establish the policy which will create an organization in Italy capable of dealing with the provision, and training of recruits for the Italian Army serving the Allied cause.

2. SCOPE

The following subjects will be included in the discussion:-

1. Territorial Headquarters.
2. District Headquarters.
3. Depot Headquarters.
4. Administrative Div Headquarters.
5. Base Rpt. (Replacement) and Trg. Depots.
6. Combat Force Rpt and Trg Depot.
7. Transit Camps.
8. Recruitment (Enlistment) Camps.
9. Documentation.
10. Equipment and Clothing.
11. Schools and Trg. Establishments.
12. Movements by Road and Rail.

3. METHOD

Problems involved and suggested solutions are set out in detail at Appendix 'A' to this letter. Members will be asked to establish the policy to be adopted to deal with each problem.

1. Territorial Headquarters.
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4. APPENDICES

The following appendices are attached:-

- A. Detailed agenda for discussion.
- B. Diagram - Territorial Layout and Channels of Reinforcement.
- C. Diagram - Training Schools and Rft Depots.
- D. Statement of Italian Army manpower.

5. ATTENDANCE

addressees are requested to send a representative who will be authorised to agree policy on behalf of his Section. Please notify number of persons attending.

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

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DETAILED AGENDA - REINFORCEMENT OF THE ITALIAN ARMY.

Subject & Notes.	Problem.								
1. <u>Territorial Headquarters:</u> (a) Functions:- (i) Represent the War Ministry and SIRE through area of responsibility. (ii) Adm and discipline of all Italian Tps in area of responsibility. (iii) Custody and accounting of all Italian Military stores. (iv) Org of Italian Services in area of responsibility. (v) Control of Italian District and Depot Headquarters, Hospitals etc. (vi) Supervision of Call-up and Demobilisation. (vii) Liaison with Allied Headquarters and Civil Authorities. (b) Proposed is to form total of 11 such Headquarters for whole of Italy. (c) Strength of each would be about 100 persons	1. In view of the functions detailed, will the establishment of TTHs, working in conjunction with District Depots, make the provision of Adm unnecessary except for FIFTH and 2. How many Territorial Hqs are and when will the remainder be ab 3. Should the following Hqs be T Territorial Hqs? <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Hq 212 Div</td><td>(PRG)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Hq 227 Div</td><td>(3 District</td></tr> <tr> <td>Hq 230 Div</td><td>(3 District</td></tr> <tr> <td>Hq 9 Corps</td><td>(3 District</td></tr> </table> and are there any other such Hqs 4. Should these Hqs be FFI-ITI? 5. Who will prepare proposed TE/	Hq 212 Div	(PRG)	Hq 227 Div	(3 District	Hq 230 Div	(3 District	Hq 9 Corps	(3 District
Hq 212 Div	(PRG)								
Hq 227 Div	(3 District								
Hq 230 Div	(3 District								
Hq 9 Corps	(3 District								

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REINFORCEMENT OF THE ITALIAN ARMY.

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 Appendix 'I' to AFH Jettis
 File ASD/922.2 dated
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1. In view of the functions detailed by ITIA, will the establishment of these H's working in conjunction with Districts and Depots, make the provision of Adm Div H's unnecessary except for FIFTH and EIGHTH ARMY'S?
2. How many Territorial H's are in existence and when will the remainder be able to function?
3. Should the following H's be turned into Territorial H's?

H.	212 Div	(FES)
H.	227 Div	(3 District)
H.	230 Div	(3 District)
H.	9 Corps	(3 District)

and are there any other such H's available?

4. Should these H's be ITI-ITI?
5. Who will prepare proposed VE/TC?

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Problems.

Subject & Notes.2. District Hqs.

(a) Districts constitute the Documentation and Adm Centres through which citizen enters or leaves the Army.

Functions:-

- (i) Machinery of conscription.
- (ii) Demobilisation & Recall of Reserves.
- (iii) Assistance to families of killed, wounded & prisoners.
- (iv) Allowances to dependants.
- (v) Records of junior reserve officers.
- (vi) Settlements of claims and complaints by NCOs and ORs.

(b) Proposal is to form a total of 27 District Hqs.

(c) Strength of each would be 5 persons.

1. Should these District Hqs. be used as the channel for the discharge of soldiers after they have left the Army, and if so, is 5 persons a sufficient number to undertake this work?

2. Is welfare of the soldier undertaken by this HQ?

3. Can a sufficient number of Hqs be provided in time to handle projected Drafts (Calls-up)?

4. Should these Hqs be ITI-?

5. Who will prepare proposals?

6. Can such Hqs function in the absence of Combat Groups?

(Note (iii) refers)

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4. Should these Hqs be ITI-ITIs?

5. Who will prepare proposed TE/TC?

6. Can such Hqs function in any way for Combat Groups?

(Note (iii) refers)

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3. Depot Hqs.

- (a) These are the homes and Regimental Record Centres of Italian Regiments.

Functions:-

- (i) Soldiers record in Army.
 - (ii) Clothing and Arming the soldier when first called up.
 - (iii) Forming personnel into units, including units for Allies.
 - (iv) Records of all arms and equipment issued to units.
 - (v) Holding stocks of clothing unit and personal equipment.
 - (vi) Regimental Adm & Records.
- (b) Proposal is to form 90 such Depot Hqs.
- (c) Strength of each would be 5 persons.

(MIL TS/G/12 of 4 Oct. 44)

1. To what extent do these carry out functions of clo equipping new drafts now?

2. Can Depots be made to designed, quickly, for the drafts?

3. If the Depots exist, s be made to carry out all t functions and if so, is 5

4. Could Depots serve Com

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6. Should these be ITI-IT

7. Who will prepare prop

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1. To what extent do these Depots carry out functions of clothing and equipping new drafts now?
2. Can Depots be made to function as designed, quickly, for the projected drafts?
3. If the Depots exist, should they not be made to carry out all their stated functions and if so, is 5 an adequate staff?
4. Could Depots serve Combat Groups?
5. Are Depots sited conveniently already?
6. Should these be ITI-ITIs?
7. Who will prepare proposed WE/TO?

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Subject & Notes.

4. Administrative Hqs.

(a) The following Hqs are in existence or planned:-

H. 209 Div (1 District)
 H. 210 Div (5th Army)
 H. 212 Div (FBS)
 H. 227 Div (3 District)
 H. 228 Div (3th Army)
 H. 230 Div (3 District)
 H. 231 Div (Brit Inc 5th Army)

Functions:-

- (i) Answerable to Territorial Hqs for purely Italian adm of Tps in Allied Armies. Districts or Base Sections.
- (ii) appear to duplicate functions of District and Depots Hqs combined.

(b) Strength of each is about 150 persons.

Problem.

1. If these are all to be retained is there any justification for of Italian Territorial District and Depot Hqs. ?
2. Would 210, 228, and 231 Div be essential if District Hqs were in Army Areas?
3. Could Adm Hqs carry out the Combat Tps ?
4. Could Adm Hqs supervise R and Schools and control Italian Transit Camps ?
5. Will the establishment of the framework of Territorial Hqs lead to confusion ?
6. Who is responsible for providing accommodation for these Hqs ?
7. Is there a WE/TO for an

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Problem.

Decisions or Remarks.

1. If these are all to be retained, is there any justification for formation of Italian Territorial District, and Depot Hqs. ?
2. Would 210,228, and 231 Div Hqs be essential if District Hqs were functioning in Army Area?
3. Could Adm Hqs carry out documentation of Combat Tps ?
4. Could Adm Hqs supervise Rft & Trg Depots and Schools and control Italian staffs at Transit Camps ?
5. Will the establishment of Adm Hqs over the framework of Territorial, District & Depot Hqs lead to confusion ?
6. Who is responsible for provision of accommodation for these Hqs ?
7. Is there a NE/TC for an Adm Hq. ?

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Subject & Notes

Problems

F. Base Rft and Trg Depots

(a) Functions:-

(i) To turn out 35,000 Italian tps per month for four months, and 7,800 per month thereafter.

(ii) To clothe and equip recruits.

(iii) To offer basic military training.

(iv) To select personnel for combat tps and for individual trades in Service Tps.

(v) Records of all personnel passing through Depot.

(b) If AMI depot for 8000 established ANCOM. area, AFHQ will require to form five equal depots for period of four months, and thereafter only two depots would possibly be retained altogether.

(AMI 1605/50/36/G (SD1), 23 Nov.)

1. When would clothing and equipment be at rate of 35,000 sets per month as figures given in AMI letter (1605/50/ of 23 Nov. 1944).
2. Can accommodation be found for FIVE 6,000 (in addition to Trg Schools) in
3. What Works Stores and hutting can be now?
4. What standard of accommodation is to
5. Can vehicles be provided from Italian Sources for SIX Depots for four months?
6. Are the following sites for Reinforce (Replacement) Depots agreed?

Combat Force RTD	- PERUG
AMI - (BR-ITI) Depot	- ANCOM
PDG - Two (US-ITI) Depots	- (ASTRO (COLL
AFHQ - Two (BR-ITI) Depots	- (AFR. (MINE
AFHQ - One (ITI- ITI) Depot	- TRAN

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1. When would clothing and equipment become available at rate of 35,000 sets per month as required by figures given in LLI letter (1605/50/36/G(SD1) of 23 Nov. 1944).
2. Can accommodation be found for FIVE depots of 6,000 (in addition to Trg Schools) in AFH area now?
3. What Works Stores and hutting can be made available now?
4. What standard of accommodation is to be provided?
5. Can vehicles be provided from Italian or Allied Sources for SEI Depots for four months?
6. Are the following sites for Reinforcement (Replacement) Depots agreed?

Combat Force RTD	-	PERUGIA
LLI - (BR-ITI) Depot	-	ANCONA
PDS - Two (US-ITI) Depots	-	ASTRONI (COLLE SALVETTI)
AFH - Two (BR-ITI) Depots	-	AFR. GOL. (MINERVINO)
AFH - One (ITI- ITI) Depot	-	TRANI

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5. Base Rft & Trg. Depots cont'd.

6. Is tonnage available likely to be required for month for four months?

7. When four months are Rft & Trg Depots be retained places only :-

PBS - (US-ITIs) - 4

AMH - (BR-ITIs) - 1

AMH - (ITI-ITIs) - 1

8. Is each Depot to have If so how big? Can be provided (two US army)?

9. Who is responsible for Organisation of Depots?

10. Who will produce the

11. Do they count against category each serves?

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6. Is tentage available on the scale likely to be required for 35,000 tps per month for four months?
7. When four months are over, will Base Rft & Trg Depots be retained at the following places only :-
 - PRG - (US-ITIs) - ASTRONI
 - APH - (BR-ITIs) - AFRAGOLA or
MINEWING
 - APH - (ITL-ITIs) - TRANI ?
8. Is each Depot to have an Allied Staff? If so how big? Can six staffs be provided (two US army)?
9. Who is responsible for formation and Organisation of Depots?
10. Who will produce LE/TOs?
11. Do they count against ceiling of category each serves?

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5. Base Rft & Trg. Depots - Cont'd.

12. Is authority
forthwith with for
these Base Rft & T

13. Will staffs in
(ITALIAN) capable
documentation with
higher H. ?

14. Will clothing
centrally or with
& Trg Depot ?
Can the Italian R
run these ?

15. Will all recruit
these Depots before
Combat Forces Rft
Will they undergo

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12. Is authority given to proceed forthwith with formation of any or all these Base Rft & Trg Depots ?
13. Will staffs include full GSE staffs (IT-1113) capable of dealing with all documentation without reference to higher HQ ?
14. Will clothing Depots be sited centrally or with each Base Rfts & Trg Depot ?
Can the Italian Regimental Depots run these ?
15. Will all recruits enter one of these Depots before going to the Combat Force Rft Trg Depot ?
Will they undergo Basic Trg here ?

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Problem.

Subject & Notes.6. Combat Force Rft & Trg. Depot.(a) Functions:-

- (i) To carry out documentation of Combat personnel.
- (ii) To train combat personnel in Inf, Arty, Engr, and Sigs ARMS.
- (iii) To record strengths by trades and specialists of all Combat personnel.
- (iv) To accommodate up to 6,000 trainees.
- (v) To act as Base Adm Hq for six Combat Groups. (Italian Adm only)

1. Is Accommodation

2. Can accommodation
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3. Must Combat Gro
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5. Can all person
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6. Who is respons
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7. Can a British

8. Will the Trg
Trg Staff at Rft

9. Is authority
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10. Is transport

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1. Is Accommodation Adequate at TERMO ?
2. Can accommodation be found between FLORENCE and TERMI as requested by MML.
(S.G.29/10/A of 18 Nov)
3. Must Combat Groups have separate specialist schools for REME, QND, etc. tradesmen and specialists, or can schools be set up to deal with both Combat and Service requirements ?
4. Has WE been agreed DMT and H I .?
5. Can all personnel be passed through Base Rft and Trg Depot to be equipped and basically trained before entry to Combat Depot to save unwieldy Adm Staff?
6. Who is responsible for formation of the Combat Force Rft Trg Depot ?
7. Can a British Staff be supplied ?
8. Will the Trg Staffs of BLUs be absorbed into Trg Staff at Rft Trg Depot ?
9. Is authority given for immediate formation of Depot while WEC decision still pending ?
10. Is transport immediately available ?

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7. Transit Camps.

These Camps would be set up to deal with
Troops despatched from Base Depots for absorption
into units.

1. Is one camp sufficient?
2. How many camps are required?
(a) US - ITIs)
(b) BR - ITIs) Serv
(c) ITI - ITIs) Adm
3. Have sites been selected?
Where?
4. Is sufficient equipment available?
5. What is to be the capacity?
6. Is training to be conducted?
7. Will staffs be entirely British?
8. Will camps be run under District Hqs?
9. Will Works Services be provided for building of camps?
from any source?
10. What Italian Barracks are available?
11. Have JE/TOS been provided?
12. Can any camps be formed for Transit Camp? Where is the best place?
13. Who is responsible for the work?
authority given for work?

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1. Is one camp sufficient for all six groups?
2. How many camps are required for -
(a) US - ITIs)
(b) BR - ITIs) Service and
(c) ITI - ITIs) Adm Tps.
3. Have sites been selected for any such camps ?
Where?
4. Is sufficient equipment available for these camps?
5. What is to be the capacity of each camp ?
6. Is training to be continued at Transit Camps ?
7. Will staffs be entirely Italian ?
8. Will camps be run under control of Italian
District Hqs ?
9. Will Works Services or materials be available
for building of camps ? Is tentage available
from any source ?
10. What Italian Barracks can be used for this purpose ?
11. Have ME/TCs been prepared?
12. Can any camps be formed now in addition to 58 Combat
Transit Camp ? Where is 58 Transit Camp ?
13. Who is responsible for setting up these camps and is
authority given for work to proceed ?

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8. Recruitment Camps.

(a) Functions:-

(i) To move from town to town wherever a 'call-up' is to be organised, to accommodate drafts awaiting transportation.

(ii) To make preliminary records in conjunction with District Hqs (Italian) for onward transmission to Depots.

(b) Camps should be capable of accommodating two train-loads (1600) of persons.

1. Will the draft mob camps and sta at call-up centre

2. How many such

3. Can tentage in buildings be

4. Can Italian these camps to be carried out

5. Are such camps

6. Has a CE/TO

7. Is authority of such camps?

8. Who is responsible

9. What are the

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1. Will the drafting of civilians without such mob camps and staffs lead to unsatisfactory conditions at call-up centres and consequent disorders?
2. How many such staffs are required?
3. Can tentage be provided or can accommodation in buildings be guaranteed?
4. Can Italian vehs be permanently allotted to these camps to enable local movement of recruits to be carried out at call-up centres?
5. Are such camp staffs accepted as ITI-ITIs.
6. Has a CE/TO been prepared?
7. Is authority given for setting up a number of such camps?
8. Who is responsible for formation of Camps?
9. What are the immediate requirements?

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9. Documentation (a) Combat Tps.

- (i) Units will report strengths by trades and arms to MMIA, copy to Combat Force RTD.
- (ii) Units will submit returns to superior Allied Pnn or C2E.
- (iii) MMIA will apply to HQ AAI for priority of bulk allotment of rfts to units.
- (iv) MMIA will supervise provision of rfts within arms.
- (v) Allies will move rfts from RTD to units.

(AAI letter 3098/15/1/A (C) of 27 Oct 44 refers)

- 1. AAI system involves so C2E staff at MMIA.
- 2. Can C2E (British) cope Combat Force returns as ?
- 3. Are Italian District Staffs not to assist in Combat Forces ?
- 4. Would 228 and 230 Di to assist with documenta Tps ?
- 5. Should Italian C2E s centrally to deal with C returns - say at Territo
- 6. Who will be responsi translations ?
- 7. Is central C2E to be at Ministry of War level

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1. AAI system involves setting up of C2E staff at MLE.
2. Can C2E (British) cope with Italian Combat Force returns as proposed by AAI?
3. Are Italian District of Territorial Staffs not to assist in C2E work for Combat Forces?
4. Would 228 and 230 Div HQs be able to assist with documentation of Combat Tps?
5. Should Italian C2E staff be set up centrally to deal with Combat Force returns - say at Territorial Hq?
6. Who will be responsible for translations?
7. Is central C2E to be established at Ministry of War level?

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- (i) Units will report strength by trades of arms to nearest Italian Dist Hq.
- (ii) Italian Dist Hq. will forward consolidated returns to MMIA direct and to an OOE Section to be set up at Ministry of War (or at SME) ?
- (iii) MMIA will refer bulk demands to AFH, who will decide priority between AMI and L of C and between US-ITI, BR-ITI, and ITI - ITI, and between types of units.

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- 1. Can Italian designed to do forwarding
- 2. Will calcul basis ? This is of List 8 each
- 3. Can List 8 by MMIA working figures determined by AFH ?
- 4. Should All or OOE (British records of Ita (US - ITIs and

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1. Can Italian District HQs be designed to deal with the consolidation & forwarding of returns ?
2. Will calculations be made on a monthly basis ? This in effect would involve republication of List 8 each month.
3. Can List 8 or equivalent be operated by MIA working on bulk allotment figures determined from time to time by ANM ?
4. Should Allied Machine Record Units and/or OZE (British) be asked to undertake records of Italian Service Units (US - ITIs and BR - ITIs) ?

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10. Equipment and Clothing

(a) A.I. recommend intake of 35,000 civilians each month for four months and thereafter 7,800 per month (approx.)

(b) Split of these figures suggested:-

US-IT - 10,000	2,000
BR-ITI - 6,000	2,000
(Combat	
BR-ITI - 11,000	2,000
(Service)	
ITI-ITI - 8,000	1,500

(c) Acceptance of these figures is entirely dependant on whether clothing and equipment can be made available.

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1. What are stocks of Italian Clothing and Equipment now ?
2. What stocks are available for US-ITIs ?
3. What stocks are available for BR-ITIs ?
4. Can Regimental Depots be organised quickly to handle stocks ?
5. Can warehousing be made available in vicinity of Base Camps ?
6. Can Italian Tpt handle moving of stocks.
7. Are vehs likely to be made available for units formed on the scale of the A.I recommendation ?
8. Is any clothing and equipment to be done at Combat Force RTD ?

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11. Schools and Training Establishments

1. Basic Military Training would be carried out at Base Rft Depots.
2. Advanced Military Training (Arty and other arms) would be carried out at the Combat Force Rft and Trg Depot.
3. Specialist Tradesmen would require training at schools to be organised by US, British, and Italians for each category.
4. Specialist schools required are:-

Tactical & Battle School
 Engrs.
 Sigs.
 Driving & Maint of Vehs.
 Ord.
 RFTD.

1. Should all basic training be carried out at Base Rft Depots?
2. Is it possible to afford sep schools for Combat Tps when spec urgently required for Service Tps or US staffs are likely to be so?
3. Can the specialist schools be in one area, say at BRACCIANO or C...
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5. Will Services be responsible in conjunction with DT for establish of Allied Schools? How far will MMIA be responsible?
6. Should schools be grouped at one or more of the Base Rft Depots?
7. Should schools be formed as to existing Allied schools?
8. How many services could provide training staffs for both Combat Trg Depots?
9. Is Service Unit training to favour of Combat Tps?
10. How can the language difficulty in the specialist schools?
11. Are vehs to be made available in quantity to permit trg, particu...

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1. Should all basic training be completed before recruits are moved to Combat Force RTD ?
2. Is it possible to afford separate specialist schools for Combat Tps when specialist are urgently required for Service Tps, and British or US staffs are likely to be scarce.
3. Can the specialist schools be grouped in one area, say at BRACCLINO or CRVIETC ?
4. Would the existing Italian Schools be used for US or BR-ITIs or would these be turned over to training of ITI-ITIs ?
5. Will Services be responsible in conjunction with DT for establishment of Allied Schools ?
How far will MMA be responsible ?
6. Should schools be grouped around one or more of the Base Rft Depots ?
7. Should schools be formed as "Kings" to existing Allied schools?
8. How many services could provide Allied training staffs for both Combat AND Service Trg Depots ?
9. Is Service Unit training to be postponed in favour of Combat Tps ?
10. How can the language difficulty be overcome in the specialist schools.?
11. Are vehs to be made available in sufficient quantity to permit trg. particularly of Drivers.?

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12. Movements by Rail and Road.Factors:-

- (i) Maximum use to be made of Italian Tpt including vchs now coming from SARDINIA.
- (ii) There may be a temporary availability of Gen Tpt (Truck, Jeeps, but this may diminish in early Spring.
- (iii) Train parties require supervision to prevent desertions en route.
- (iv) Adequate travel rations should be provided and staging points for hot meals established.
- (v) Rail space on maintenance lines must be bid for 10 days in advance.

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4. Can Staging
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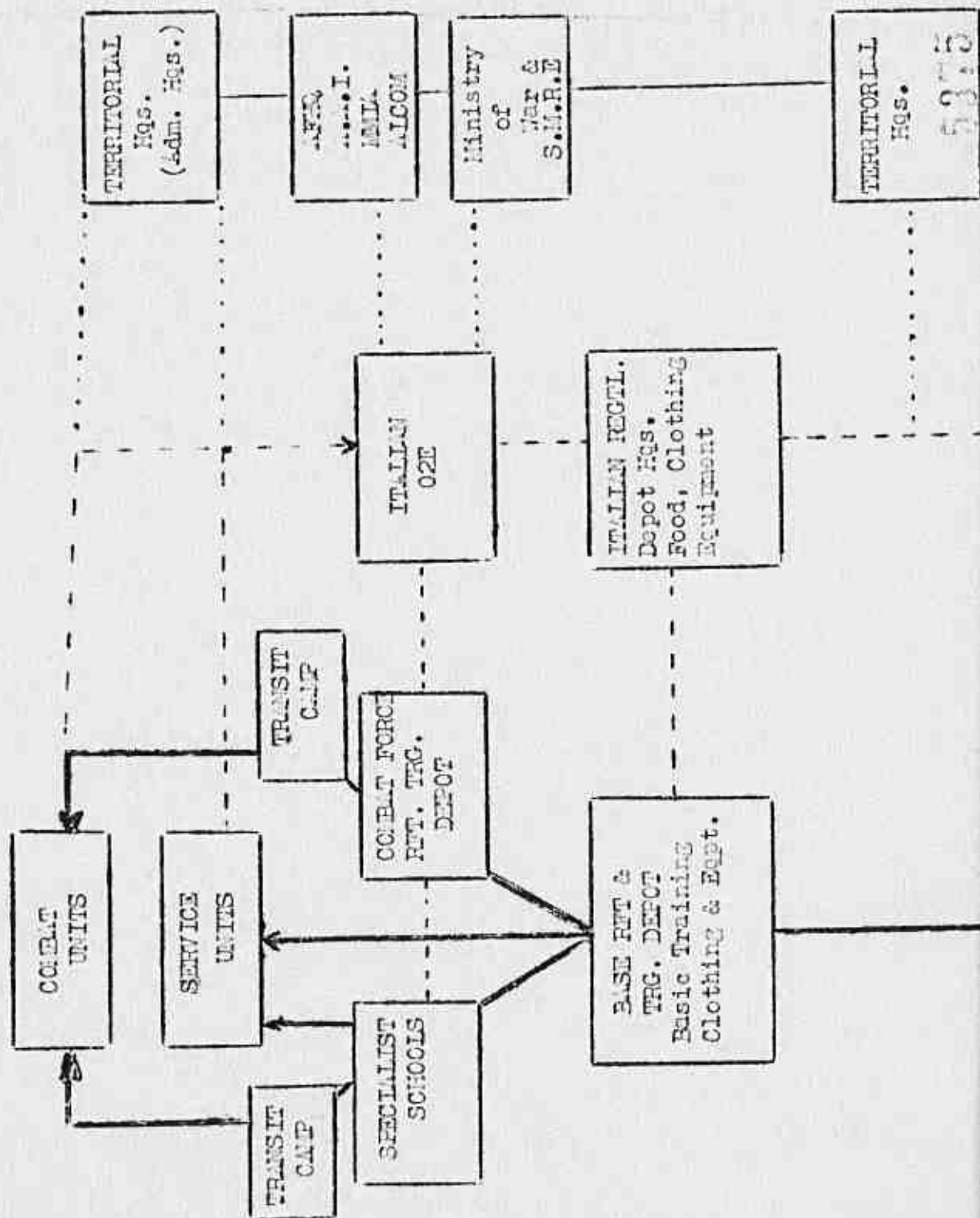
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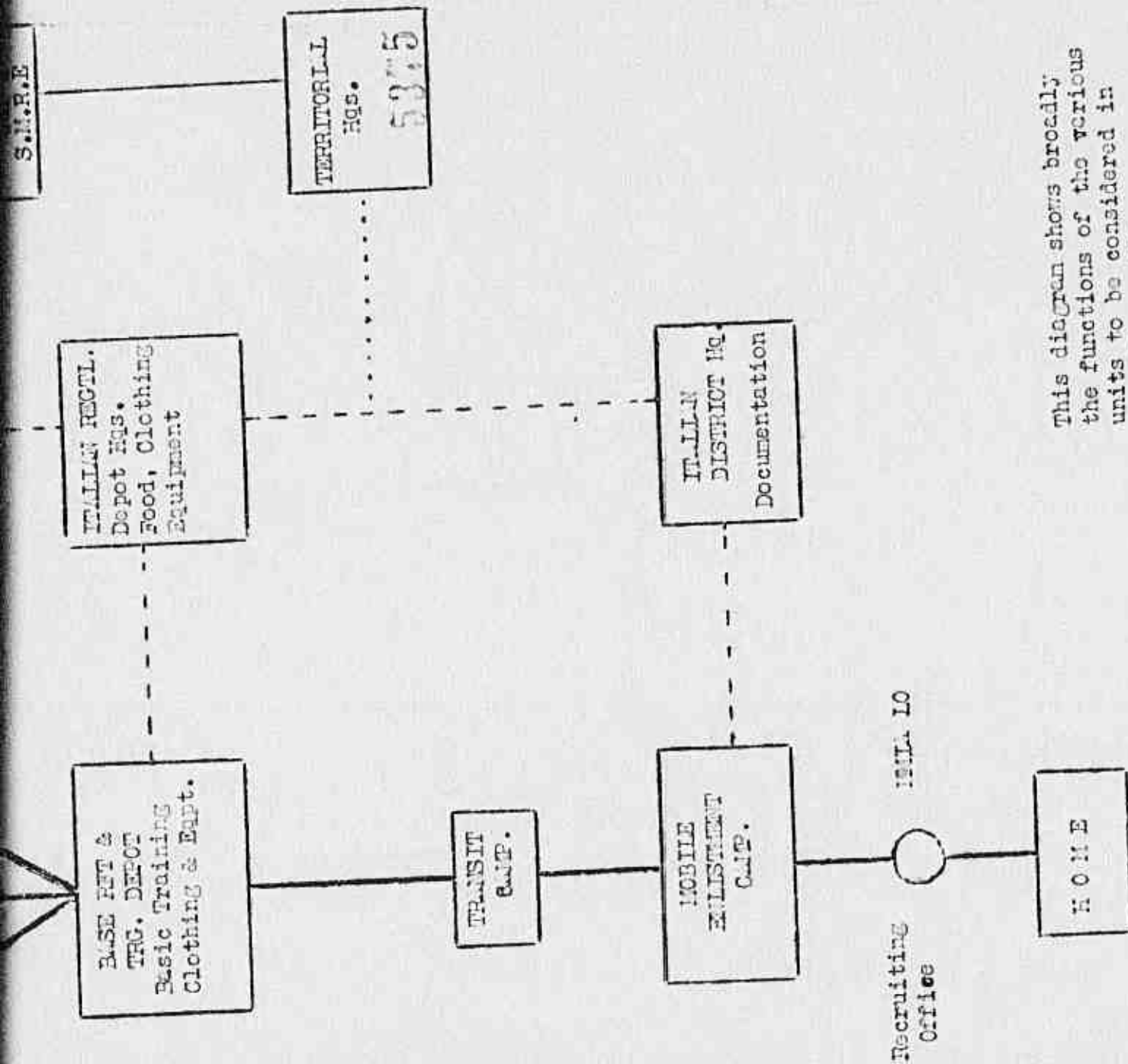
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1. How many Italian Tpt Platoons can be formed from vehs in Italy and from those arriving from SARDINIA?
2. Can the railways deal with the movement of 35,000 rfts per month for 4 months as visualised by A.I?
3. To what extent can Allied Tpt Pls be made available?
4. Can Staging Areas be formed if not already in existence?
5. Can Italian Tpt. Deliver drafts to Base Depots now.?
6. On completion of shipment of vehs from SARDINIA can an affirmative answer be given to para. 5 above.?
7. Can G-4(M & Tn) organise rail tpt. on the uncertain estimates at present available as to the number of men likely to enlist from each area.?

SECRETTERRITORIAL LAYOUT AND CHANNELS OF REINFORCEMENT**SECRET**Appendix "B" to AFHQ letter
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This diagram shows broadly the functions of the various units to be considered in this discussion.

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SECRETTRAINING SCHOOLS and RFT DEPOTS

Provisional layout showing
suggested number of Depots
and Camps required for monthly
Intake of 35,000

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WEST ITALY
(Movwit)

US-ITI
Transit
Camp

COLLE SALVETTI

US-ITI Adv. Base
Rft & Trg. Depot
6,000

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Railway

"Robertson Line"

BRACCIANO
US-ITI
Specialist
Schools

CENTRE ITALY

COMBAT
Transit
Camp

PERUGIA

BR-ITI Combat
Perco P.T.D.
6000

ORVIETO

BR-ITI Specialist
Schools

Railway

"Robertson Line"

BR-ITI
Transit
Camp

EAST ITALY
(Movwit)

BR-ITI
Transit
Camp

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BR-ITI Adv. Base
Rft & Trg. Depot
6,000

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Railway

STRETCH

BR-ITI Specialist
Schools

"Robertson Line"

ER-11
Transit
Camp

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AN-111
Transit
Camp

ITI-ITI
Transit
Camp

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Dr-ITI Base Rft. 2
Tra. Depot. 6,000

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Specialist Schools

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NOTE: Sites shown are for purposes of discussion only

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US-ITL

Specialist
Schools

US-ITTI

Transit Camp

ASTROMI

US-ITF Case

Gift & Tr. Depot
6,000

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Transit

Transit
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UR-ITI Paso Pft. &
Tre. Depot. 6,000

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STATEMENT OF ITALIAN ARMY MANPOWER AT NOVEMBER 1944.

CATEGORY	Authorised Ceiling	November Strength	Deficiency
US-ITI			
Fifth Army	14,000	9,906	4,094
P.B.S.	55,000	40,672	14,328
Corpses	5,000	5,000	-
Air Corps	5,500	5,500	-
Reinforcements	4,000	-	4,000
BR-ITI			
Service Troops	93,000	57,476	35,524
Combat	57,000	54,255	2,745
Reinforcements	10,500	-	10,500
ITI-ITI			
Administration	27,000	27,000	-
I.S. and Guard Bns	33,600	33,000	+ 3,600
Allied Commission	3,000	2,156	844
Searchlight Units	600	600	-
Intelligence (S.I.M)	1,500	1,500	-
Reinforcements	3,300	-	3,300
TOTAL:	313,000	245,065	67,935

ITALIAN ARMY REQUIREMENTS OF MANPOWER

Authorised Ceiling 313,000
Present Strength (Excl. CC.RR))
(..S at 1 November) 245,000
DEFICIENCY: 68,000

Allied Commission	3,000		
Searchlight Units	600		
Intelligence (S.I.N)	1,500		
Reinforcements	3,300		3,300
TOTAL:	313,000	245,065	67,935

ITALIAN ARMY REQUIREMENTS OF MANPOWER

Authorized Ceiling 313,000
 Present Strength (Excl. CC.RR))
 (As at 1 November) 245,000

DEFICIENCY: 68,000

ADD: Normal wastage at 2½% per month for
 Nov. Dec, Jan, Feb. 31,200

Personnel entitled to demobilisation)
 when PO Valley is occupied. 60,000

Provision of personnel required to complete)
 ceiling by end of February 1945. 159,200

Average provision required for months Nov. Dec. Jan. Feb. 35,000 (Approx)

Thereafter, assuming no further excessive demobilisation
 occurs, replacement required to meet wastage at 2½% per
 month on ceiling will be 7,800

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