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SUBJECT :- Vehicle Establishments - Motor Cycles.

File

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
SL/93/1

50 British Liaison Unit.

Coy to:- 51, 52 and 53 EMBs for info.

6 Nov 44.

(A. Speer)

Your SL/4/43 of 30 Oct 44 refers.

1. It is agreed that under training conditions, when due regard can be given to weather, time of day and nature of terrain, there may be an apparent shortage of motorcycles for convoy control, etc.

Experiences in actual operations has, however, shown that the motor-cycle is not altogether satisfactory and there have been several cases where the use of motorcycles had to be abandoned because bad weather and road conditions were causing such high accident rates. On balance, reports adverse to the use of motorcycles would seem to have been more frequent than reports in favour.

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- iii. At an unmarked or unpoliced Y road junction - FOLLOW THE MAJOR ROAD.

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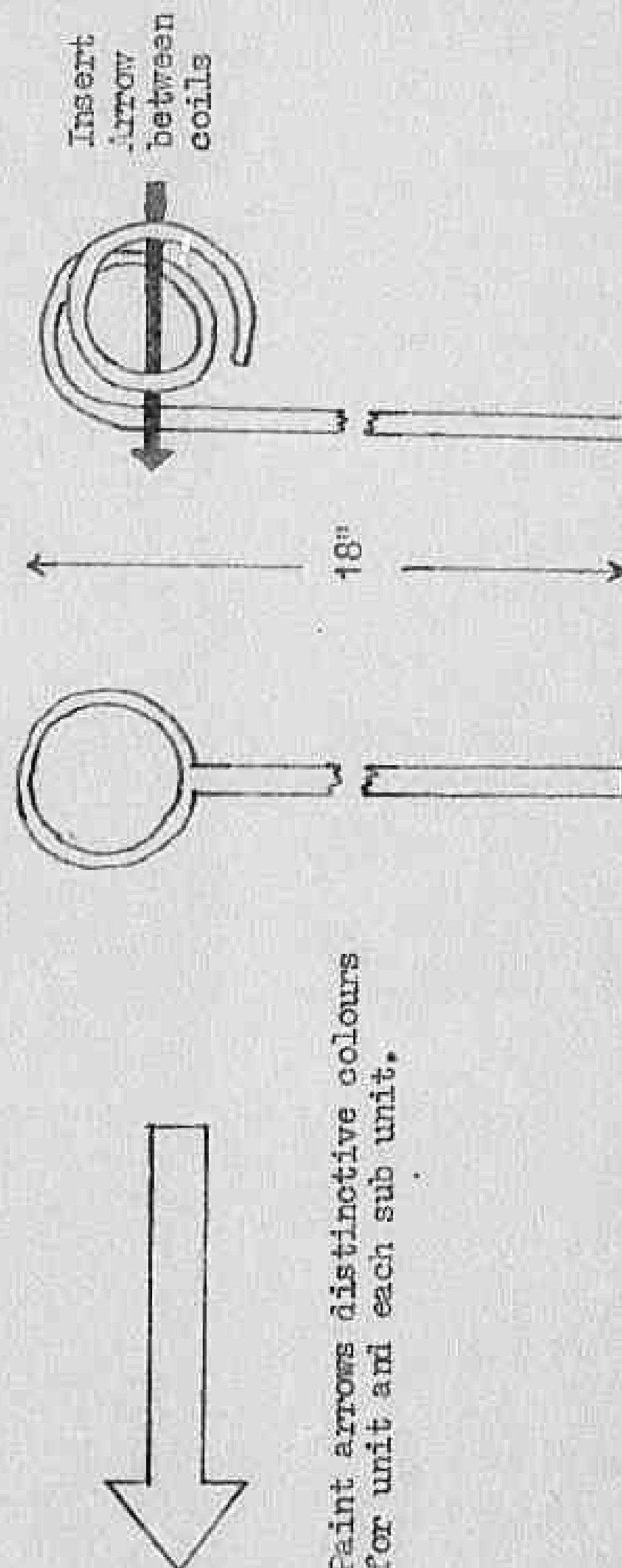
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- ii. The recon party precedes the convey by about half an hour and marks the route.
- iii. Simple direction arrows can be made from sheet tin or wood by unit workshops. Wire holders are probably the most handy to use and carry about.



Paint arrows distinctive colours for unit and each sub unit.

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The use of these direction arrows, which can be stuck in the ground, crevices of walls, trees, etc, largely eliminates the necessity for using motorcyclists for route control.

iv. Arrangements should be made for arrows and plate signs to be picked up by the rear vehicle of the convoy.

5. The basic principle is so to sign a convoy route that vehicles can proceed along it as though on a railroad.

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ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).

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INTERNAL:- Spec Sec.

TRANSPORT COMPANY (AUXILIARY UNIT FOR COMBAT GROUPS)

Composed of:

1. Headquarters
2. 4 Transport Platoons
3. 2 Reserve Driver increments
4. 1 Workshop Platoon

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HEADQUARTERSPersonnel

Officer Commanding (Major)	1
Captains	2
Subalterns	<u>1</u>
Total Officers	4
NCO's (1)	4
Other Ranks (2)	<u>34</u>
Total NCO's and other ranks	38
Total Officers, NCO's and men	42

NOTE:-

- (1) Consisting of 1 Warrant Officer, 1 Staff Sergeant for administration, 1 Sergeant Clerk, 1 MT Sergeant.
- (2) Consisting of 1 Corporal for administration, 2 driver batmen, 1 Balman, 1 Butcher, 4 Clerks, 5 Drivers, 6 for LMG crews, 4 Motorcyclists, 2 Mess Servants, 2 CC.MI, 2 variously employed, 4 Storeman, 1 Water Duties man, 2 Cooks.

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ADDITIONAL REQUESTS (TRANSPORT & WEAPONS)Transport

Motorcycles, solo	6
Cars, Two seater	5
Cars, Four seater	4
Trucks, 15 CWT	2
Lorries, 3 Ton	3
Trailer, 2 Wheeled, water	1

Weapons

Pistols	9
Rifles	12
Machine Guns	4
LMG's	2
Anti-tank rifles	2

TRANSPORT PLATOON (OF 5 Sections)

1. <u>Personnel</u>	
Officer Commanding (Subaltern)	1
Sergeants	2
Corporals and other ranks	12
Drivers	35
	(1)
Total All Ranks	50
2. <u>Transport</u>	
One seater Motorcycles	3
Cars	1
Trucks (with three in reserve)	56
3. <u>Weapons</u>	
Pistols	9
Rifles	43
Anti-tank rifles	2

NOTE:

- (1) Consisting of 1 Adjuster, 5 Driver mechanics, 1 Corporal for Administration, 5 Corporals: section leaders, 1 Driver Batman, 22 Drivers, 3 for IMG crew, 2 Motorcyclists, 4 Reserve Drivers, 1 Water Duties man, 2 Cooks.

RESERVE DRIVER INCREMENT

1. <u>Personnel</u>	
<u>Serjeants</u>	1
Drivers (including 1 Corporal)	<u>30</u>
Total other ranks	31
2. <u>Weapons</u>	
<u>Rifles</u>	31

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TABULATION TRANSPORT COMPANY

	PERSONNEL			TRANSPORT		WEAPONS			
	Offrs	NCO's	OR's	Cars	Trucks	M/Cs	Pistol	Rifle	A'tk
Headquarters	4	4	36	4	5	6	9	32	2
4 Tpt Platoons	4	8	136	4	144	32	36	172	8
2 Res Dvrs Incr	-	2	60	-	-	-	-	62	-
1 Wksbys Platoon	1	3	36	1	12	2	-	-	-
TOTAL	9	17	318	9	161	40	45	266	10

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MOTOR AMBULANCE COLUMN

Consisting of:-

1. Headquarters
2. 3 Motor Ambulance Platoons
3. 2 Reserve Driver Increments
4. 1 Workshop Platoon
5. 1 Medical Platoon

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HEADQUARTERSPersonnel

Officer Commanding (Major)	1
Captains	2
	3
	5
	3
NCO's (1)	19
Other Ranks (2)	22
Total NCO's and other ranks	22
TOTAL ALL RANKS	25

NOTE:-

- (1) Consisting of 1 Staff Sergeant for Administration, 1 Sergeant Clerk, 1 MT Sergeant.
- (2) Consisting of 1 Corporal for Administration, 3 Driver Batmen, 2 Clerks, 4 Drivers, 2 Motorcyclists, 2 Mess Servants, 1 variously employed, 1 Water Duties man, 2 Cooks.

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HEADQUARTERS (TRANSPORT)Transport

Motorcycles, solo

Cars

Trucks, 15 GWT

Lorries, 5 Ton

Trailers, 15 GWT, 2 Wheeled, Water

3
3
4
5
4

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MOTOR AMBULANCE PLATOONS1. Personnel

Officer Commanding (Subaltern)	1
Sergeants	2
Corporals and other ranks	11
Drivers	32
(1)	46
Total all ranks	46

2. Transport

Motorcycles	5
Cars	1
Motor Ambulances	25
Trucks	1

3. Weapons

Pistols	6
Rifles	40

NOTE:-

- (1) Consisting of 1 Adjuster, 4 Driver Mechanics, 1 Corporal for Administration, 5 Corporals section leaders, 1 Driver Natsan, 22 Drivers, 2 Motorcyclists, 8 Reserve Drivers, 1 Water Duty man.

RESERVE DRIVER INCREMENT1. Personnel

Sergeants	1
Drivers (including 1 Corporal)	28
Total other ranks	29

2. Weapons

Rifles	29
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MEDICAL PLATOONPersonnel

Staff Sergeants (Medical)
Sergeants (Medical)
Medical Orderlies

Total other ranks

1
3
15
19

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TABLE TOP MOTOR AMBULANCE COMPANY

Headquarters
3 Mot. Amb. Pls.
2 Res. Dvr. Inscr.
1 Wkshp Pl.
1 Mod. Pl.

PERSONNEL				TRANSPORT			WEAPONS	
CITY'S FOC'S (R's Cars				Mot. Amb.	Trucks	M/Cs	Pistol	Rifles
3	3	19	3	-	4	3	-	-
3	6	129	3	75	3	15	18	120
-	2	56	-	-	-	-	-	38
1	3	36	1	-	12	2	-	-
-	4	45	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	18	285	7	75	19	20	18	178

TOTAL

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FIELD BAKERY

To work in 3 shifts and capable of producing approx 10,000 lbs of bread daily.

(i) Personnel.

Capitano
Furiere (Baker)
Sergente Maggiore (Baker)
Caporali Maggiore
Soldati
For duty as:-
Bakers
Storemen
Issuers
Bakman
General Dutyman
Cooks
Drivers

1
1
4 - (1 for supervision and maintenance 1 for each shift).
1 - (Clerical duties)

12 - 4 for each shift.
3 - 1 for each shift.
3 - 1 for each shift.

1
2
2
2
2
2
22

Total all ranks

(ii) Transport.

Motorcycles, solo
Truck 3 Ton
Trailer, water, 180 gall.

1
1 (Cooks, baggage)
1

(iii) Weapons.

Pistols
Rifles
L.M.G.

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2
30
1

Note:-

If mobile bakery equipment is issued, the requisite numbers of drivers will require to be added, plus 1 driver mechanic, 1 Fitter and 1 Electrician.

FIELD BAKERY

To work in 3 shifts and capable of producing approx 10,000 lbs of bread daily.

(i) Personnel.

Capitano	1	
Furiere (Baker)	1	
Sergente Maggiore (Baker)	4	(1 for supervision and maintenance 1 for each shift).
Caporali Maggiore	1	(Clerical duties)
Soldati		
For duty as:-		
Bakers	12	4 for each shift.
Storemen	3	1 for each shift.
Issuance	3	1 for each shift.
Batman	1	
General Dutyman	2	
Cooks	2	
Drivers	2	
Total all ranks	<u>32</u>	

(ii) Transport.

Motorcycles, solo	1
Truck 5 Ton	1 (Cooks, baggage)
Trailer, water, 180 gall.	1

(iii) Weapons.

Pistols	2	
Rifles	30	
L.M.G.	1	3086

Note:-

If mobile bakery equipment is issued, the requisite numbers of drivers will require to be added, plus 1 driver mechanic, 1 Fitter and 1 Electrician.

FIELD BAKERY

To work in 3 shifts and capable of producing approx 10,000 lbs of bread daily.

(i) Personnel.

Capitano	1
Baricore (Baker)	1
Sorgento Maggiore (Baker)	4 - (1 for supervision and maintenance 1 for each shift).
Caporali Maggiore	1 - (Clerical duties)
Soldati	
For duty as:-	
Bakers	12 - 4 for each shift.
Storemen	3 - 1 for each shift.
Issuers	3 - 1 for each shift.
Battman	1
General Dutyman	2
Cooks	2
Drivers	2
Total all ranks	<u>32</u>

(ii) Transport.

Motorcycles, solo	1
Truck 3 Ton	1 (Cooks, baggage)
Trailer, water, 120 gall.	1

(iii) Weapons.

Pistols	2
Rifles	30
L.M.G.	1

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Notes-

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FIELD BAKERY

To work in 3 shifts and capable of producing approx 10,500 lbs of bread daily.

(I) Personnel.

Capitano	1
Private (Baker)	1
Sergeant Maggiore (Baker)	4 - (1 for supervision and maintenance 1 for each shift).
Caporal Maggiore	1 - (Clerical duties)

Soldati

For duty as:-

Bakers	12 - 4 for each shift.
Storemen	5 - 1 for each shift.
Ismaels	3 - 1 for each shift.
Battman	1
General Dutyman	2
Cooks	2
Drivers	2
Total all ranks	30

(II) Transport.

Motorcycles, solo	1
Truck 3 ton	1
Trailer, water, 180 gall.	1
(Cooks, baggage)	3084

(III) Weapons.

Pistols	2
Rifles	30
L.M.G.	1

Notes:-

If mobile bakery equipment is issued, the requisite numbers of drivers will require to be added, plus 1 driver mechanic, 1 fitter and 1 electrician.

FIELD BATTERY

To work in 3 shifts and capable of producing approx 40,000 lbs of bread daily.

(i) Personnel.

Captains
 1
 1
 4 - (1 for supervision and maintenance 1 for each shift).
 1 - (Colonial duties)

Soldiers

For duty as:-

Bakers
 12 - 4 for each shift.
 3 - 1 for each shift.
 3 - 1 for each shift.
 1
 2
 2
 2
 1
 22
 Total all ranks

(ii) Equipment.

Motorcycles, solo
 1
 1 (cooks, baggage)
 1

(iii) Supplies.

Pistols
 2
 30
 1
 3083

Note:-

If mobile bakery equipment is issued, the required number of drivers will require to be added, plus 1 driver mechanic, 1 fitter and 1 electrician.

FIELD RATION

To work in 3 shifts and capable of producing approx 10,000 lbs of bread daily.

(A) Personnel:

Captain	1
Platoon (Baker)	1
Sergeant Magdore (Baker)	4 - (1 for supervision and maintenance 1 for each shift)
Company Magdore	1 - (Official Grades)

SoldiersPer shift are:

Bakers	12 - 4 for each shift
Storeman	3 - 1 for each shift
Teamster	3 - 1 for each shift
Butcher	1
Company Dutyman	2
Cook	2
Drivers	2
Total all shifts	34

(A1) Equipment:

Motorcycles, solo	1
Truck 3 Ton	1 (Covers, baggage)
Truck, water, 150 gals.	1

(A11) Animals:

Horses	2
Mules	30
C. & G.	1
Total	3082

Note:

If mobile bakery equipment is issued, the requisite number of drivers will require to be added, plus 1 driver motorcade, 1 Pilot and 1 Electrician.

Maintenance Company (Commissariato)

for

Italian Pocket Division.

1. It is considered such a unit might be organized as follows:

<u>Sub unit</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
HQs of Company	5	39
Composite Platoons (2)	36	3774
Transport Platoons (3)	3	180
(each 1 Officer & 60 ORs)	-	3816
Relief Driver Increment	1	40
Workshops Platoon	12	326
Giving a total of ...	...	...

2. The vehicle strength of the transport platoons must depend upon availability of vehicles and the rôle that such pocket divisions are called upon to fulfil.

As an initial working basis 30 x 3 Ton for each platoon has been adopted, but reductions may be made in the light of further information, with consequent reductions in driver personnel.

3. An R.P.I. is considered necessary to allow drivers to be rested and to provide loader labour.

4. The Workshop Platoon has been included at this stage as it is clearly desirable for the unit to be able to carry out normal minor overhauls and repairs.

Provision of workshop equipment will be the governing factor, but in any event a workshop nucleus should be included to take care of minor running repairs and to supervise vehicle maintenance generally.

5. Suggested War Establishments are attached hereto 3081

<u>Sub Unit</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
HQs of Company	5	39
Composite Platoons (2)	3 6	37 74
Transport Platoons (3)		
(each 1 Officer & 60 ORs)		
Relief Driver Increment	3	130
Workshops Platoon	1	38 16
	<u>1</u>	<u>40</u>
Giving a total of ...	<u>12</u>	<u>326</u>

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ADST, Army Sub Comm, ACC.

H Q M T Company

Designed to command and administer 2 to 5 Transport platoons.
An R.D.I. will be added to provide relief drivers and/or drivers
for duty as loaders.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

(i) Personnel

Major	1
Captains (a)	3
Subaltern	1
	<u>5</u>
C.S.M.	1
C.Q.M.S.	1
Sergeants (Includes 1 Clerk(M.T))	2
	<u>4</u>
Corporals	4
Lance Corporals	3
Drivers i/c	26
Cooks	2
	<u>36</u>
Total rank & file (d)	40
Total O.Rs	<u>45</u>
Total all ranks (b) .	

Total officers

Total W.O. & Sgts ...

(ii) Distribution of rank & file by duties

Administration Corporal	1
Drivers i/c for duty as:	
Batmen/Drivers	1
Batmen/Drivers	3
Butchery dutyman	1
Clerks (includes 1 Corporal)	4
Drivers of Vehicles (includes 1 L/C)	5
LMG Detachments (c) (includes 1 Cpl & 1 L/Cpl)	6
Motor Cyclists (includes 1 L/Cpl)	4
Officers Mess Orderly	1
Orderly	1
Reg. Police	2
Sanitary duties	2
Storeman	1

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Sergeants (Includes 1 Clerk(M.F))	2
Total W.O. & Sgts ...	4
Corporals	4
Lance Corporals	3
Drivers i/c	26
Cooks	2
Total rank & file (d)	36
Total O.Rs	40
Total all ranks (b) .	45

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IMG Detachments(c) (includes 1 Cpl & 1 L/Cpl)	6
Motor Cyclists (includes 1 L/Cpl)	4
Officers Mess Orderly	1
Orderly	1
Reg. Police	2
Sanitary duties	2
Storeman	1
Water duties	1
Cooks (includes 1 Sergt)	2
	<u>36</u>

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(iii) Transport

Motor Cycles, solo. (1 Subaltern, 1 Sergt, 4 M/Cyclists)	6
Cars, 2 Str	3
Cars, 4 Str	1
Trucks, 15 cwt (IMG Dets & A/Tk Rifle)	2
Lorries, 3 ton (1 Cooks, 1 Baggage, 1 Unit Petrol)	3
Trailer, 1(cwt, 2 whld, water	1

(iv) Weapons & Ammunition

		<u>Rounds per Weapon</u>	
		<u>With Men</u>	<u>Unit Reserve</u>
Pistols	9 (officers & 4 Senior NCOs)	12	12
Rifles	32	25	50
Machine carbines	4 (M/Cyclists)	50	100
LMGs .303	2	250	1500
A/Tk Rifles or P.I.A.T.	2	10	15

NOTES.

- (a) For allotment to duties with transport platoons as required by operations.
- (b) Two officers and 4 men will be trained in bomb and mine reconnaissance duties.
- (c) A LMG Det comprises 3 men, incl the driver of the vehicle. Vehs should be fitted with suitable A.A. mountings.
- (d) One man will be trained in first aid duties and at least 1 NCO and 2 men in anti gas and gas decontamination duties. One man will be trained in water duties. This in addition to the man allowed on establishment. Two men should be trained in boat repairing if materials can be made available.

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RELIEF DRIVER ELEMENT.

Added to the headquarters of the company to provide relief drivers for periods of operational strain and to provide personnel for duty as loaders.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT.(1) Personnel

Sergeant	1
Drivers I.C. (incl. 1 L/Cpl).	30
Total.....	<u>31</u>

(11) Weapons

Rifles	<u>31</u>
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COMPOSITE PLATOON.

This platoon, which forms a part of the Company, comprises the specialist personnel for ammunition, supply and petrol duties, and the capacity of the platoon is sufficient to meet the requirements of an infantry brigade group or similar formation.

(i) Personnel

Captains

Subalterns

Staff Sergeant

Sergeants

Corporals

Drivers i/c

Privates

Cook

Total officers

Total S/Sgts & Sgts ...

Total Rank & file

Total ORs

Total all ranks

Attached (c)

Storeman, Ammunition (Corporal)

Storeman, ammunition

Total all ranks,
incl attached . 43

(ii) Distribution of rank & file by trades and dutiesTradesmen:-

Butchers (incl 1 Corpl)

Clerks (incl 2 Cpls)

Storeman, supplies (i/c Cpls)

Cooks

Total tradesmen

Non tradesmen:-

Drivers i/c for duty as:-

Batmen/Drivers

Drivers of Vehicles

Motorcyclists (for liaison duties)

Supply issuers

Total non tradesmen..

2
1
1
1
4
1
3
10
13
1
32
27
40

1
2
2

3
6
5
2
14

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3
2
6
7
19

Privates 18
Cook 1
Total Rank & file 19
Total ORs 32
Total all ranks 51

Attached (c)

Storeman, Ammunition (Corporal)
Storeman, ammunition

1
2
2

Total all ranks,
incl attached . 43

(ii) Distribution of rank & file by trades and dutiesTradesmen:-

Butchers (Incl 1 Corpl)
Clerks (incl 2 Cpls)
Storemen, supplies (L/Cpls)
Cooks

3
6
5
3

Total tradesmen 17

Non tradesmen:-

Drivers l/c for duty as:-
Batmen/Drivers
Drivers of Vehicles
Motorcyclists (for liaison duties)
Supply issuers

3
2
6
7

Total non tradesmen.. 18

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(iii) Transport

Cars 2 Seater
Motorcycles, solo
Lorries, 3 Ton

3
6
2

(iv) Weapons

Pistols
Rifles

9 (Officers & M/Cyclists)
34

Notes

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NOTES.

- (a) Clerk
- (b) 1 Sergt Clerk, 1 Sergt trained in supplies, 1 Sergt Butcher,
1 Sergt for Ammunition.
- (c) Attached from the equivalent of R.A.O.C.
Require technical knowledge of ammunition for storage and
maintenance duties.

Recommendation (1)

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(a) Unchanged
(b) Unchanged
(c) Unchanged

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(c) Unchanged

TRANSPORT PLATOON.

This platoon is domestically self-contained and will form part of the mechanical transport company.

It is designed to operate 30 task vehicles, which may be of any type and capacity to suit the role allotted to the company concerned. The normal equipment of the transport platoon will be the lorry, 3-ton, on which basis a transport platoon can lift the marching personnel of one infantry battalion or 90 tons of general stores.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT(1) Personnel

DETAIL	: : : :			
	: Head- : 1-5 : Total :	: quarters : Sections: : Transport :	: (each) : (5 Sections):	:
Subaltern	1	1	1	1
Serjeant	1	1	1	1
Corporals	(a) 2	1	6	6
Lance Corporals	18	1	7	7
Drivers, I.C.	1	5	43	43
Private	2		1	1
Books	24	7	2	2
	25	7	59	59
	25	7	60	60
	26	7	61	61
Total, Rank and File				
Total, Other Ranks				
Total, All Ranks				
Total Officers				

(11) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties.

Tradesmen:-	1	1	1	1
Fitter			1	5
Driver mechanics	1	1	1	6
Total, Tradesmen				
Non-Tradesmen:-	1	1	1	1
Administrative Corporal			1	5
Corporals i/c Sections				
Drivers I.C. for duty as:-				
Batman/Driver	1			3
Clerk	1			4
Drivers of vehicles	4		(b)5	29
Light machine gun detachments (c)	(b)3			3
Motor Cyclist	2			2
	(b)8			8
Total				
3676				

DETAIL

	Head- quarters	1-5 Sections	Transport Platoon	Total (5 Sections)
Subaltern	1	1	1	3
Serjeant	1	1	1	3
Corporals	1	1	1	3
Lance Corporals	1	1	1	3
Drivers, I.C.	(a) 2	1	6	9
Private	18	1	7	26
Cooks	1	5	4	10
	2	7	2	11
Total, Rank and File	24	26	20	70
Total, Other Ranks	25	26	20	71
Total, All Ranks	26	27	21	74

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties.

Tradesmen:-			
Fitter	1	1	1
Driver mechanic	1	1	1
Total, Tradesmen	2	2	2
Non-Tradesmen:-			
Administrative Corporal	1	1	1
Corporals i/o Sections	1	1	1
Drivers I.C. for duty as:-			
Batman/Driver	1	1	1
Clerk	1	1	1
Drivers of vehicles	1	1	1
Light machine gun detachments (c)	4	(b) 5	9
Motor Cyclist	(b) 3		3
Spare drivers	2	(b) 8	10
Water dutyman	1	1	2
Cooks	2	2	4
Total, Non-Tradesmen	23	27	50
Total, Rank and File	24	27	51

(iii) Transport

Motor/Cycles, solo (for Serjeant, corporals i/c sections & motor/cyclists)	3	8	1
Car, 2 Seater, (for Subaltern)	1	1	1
Truck, 15 cwt, for L.M.G. detachments and A/Tk rifles (c)	1	1	1
Lorries, 3 ton, Task (e) for (Relief (10 per cent) (e) (f) for cooks and baggage)	3	30	3
Trailer, 15 cwt, 2 wheeled, water, 180 galls	1	1	1

SHEET 2.

DETAIL	Head- quarters	1-5 Sections (each)	Total Transport Platoon (5 Sections):
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(iv) Weapons

L.M.Gs. .303 -inch	2	1	7
P.I.A.T.	2		2
Guns, 20 m.m.	2		2
Pistols	1		1
Machine carbines (Motorcyclists & car - drivers)	4	1	9
Rifles			51

- (a) Is a Lance Sergeant.
- (b) Includes a Lance Corporal.
- (c) A.L.M.C. detachment consists of three men, including the driver of the vehicle. These vehicles will be fitted with A.A. mountings.
- (d) At least one man will be trained in first aid, and one N.C.O. and two men in anti-gas duties and decontamination work. One man will be trained in water duties, in addition to the man allotted for the purpose.
- (e) Or may be vehicles of any other type or capacity, or proportion of several types.
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NOTES.

1. One truck, 15 cwt, 4 x 2 water and 1 driver, I.C., (and 1 rifle .303 inch) may be substituted for the trailer, 2 wheeled, water, 180 gallons.

2x ~~Transport company, motorcyclists & car drivers~~

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Details left at base:-
Rank and File 2
Rifles, .303 inch 2

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4. Liaison.

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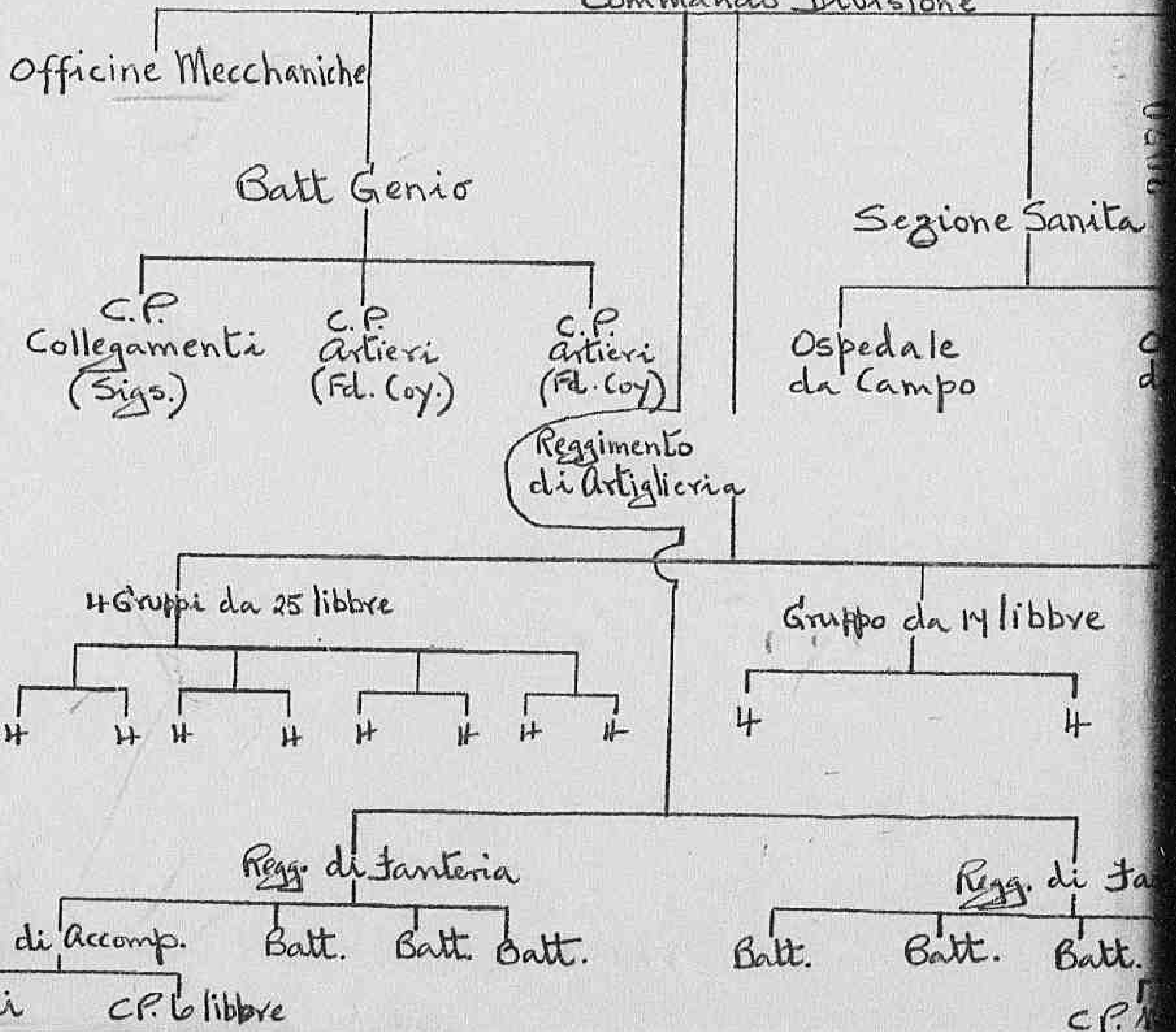
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TENTATIVE ORGANIZATION OF ROCKE

at 24 JUL. 44.

Commando Divisione



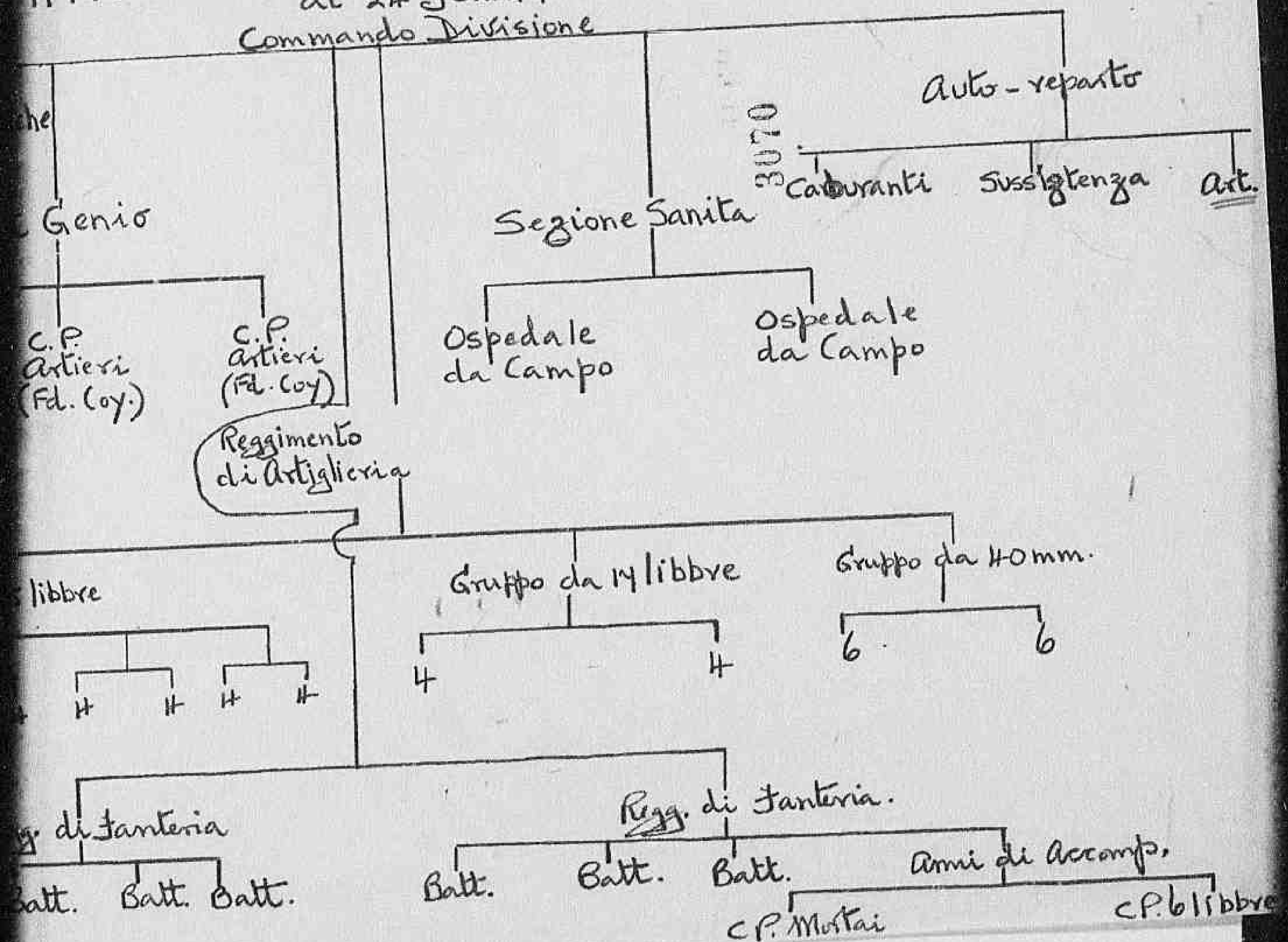
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ORGANIZATION OF POCKET DIVISION

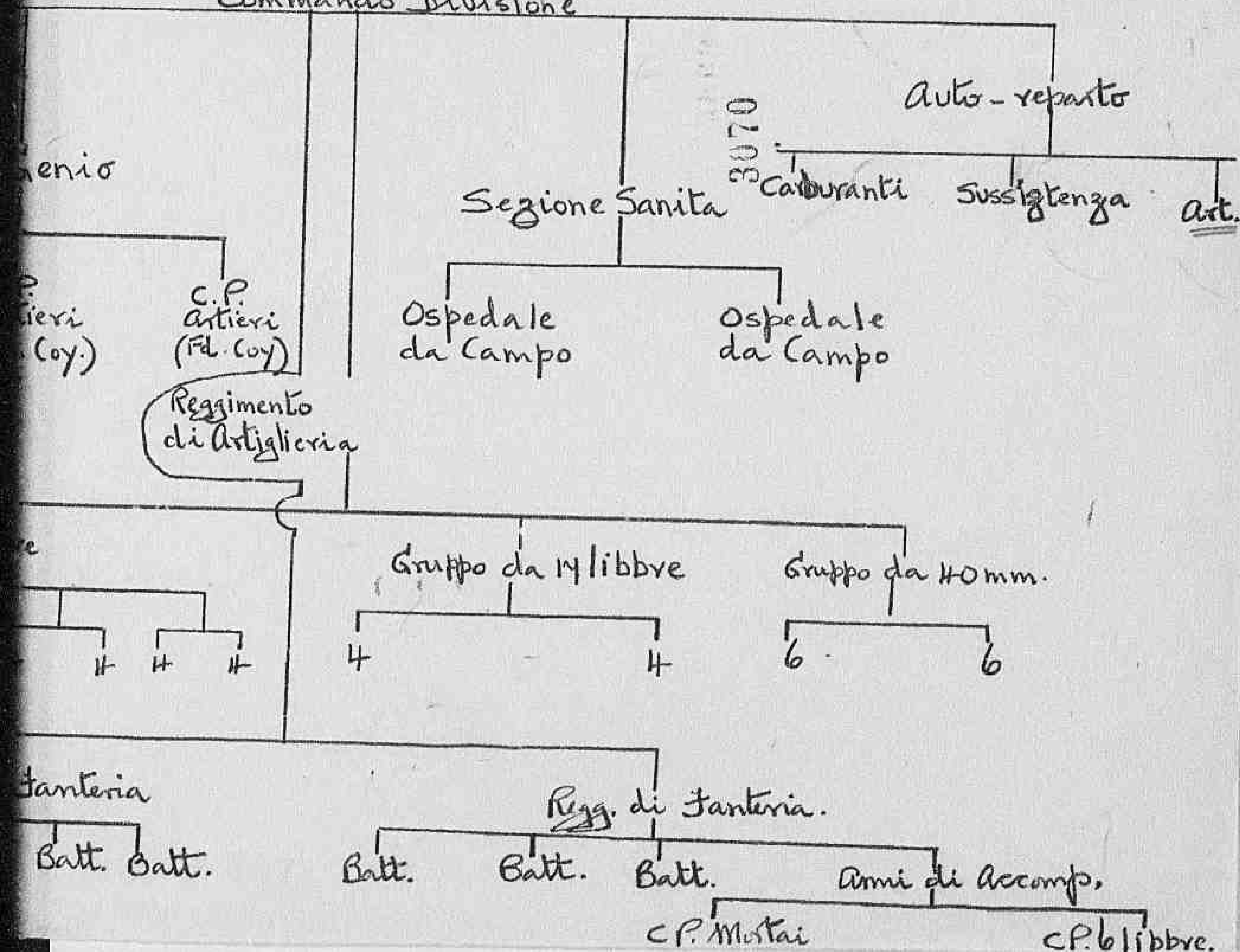
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ATTIVE ORGANIZATION OF POCKET DIVISION

at 24 JUL. 44.
Commando Divisione



TOP SECRET.

Maintenance Company (Commissariato)

for

Italian Pocket Division.

1. It is considered such a unit might be organized as follows:

<u>Sub unit</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
<i>Helms.</i>		
✓ HQs of Company	5	40
Composite Platoon	3	39
Transport Platoons (3)		37
(each 1 Offr & 60 ORs)	3	180
1 Mech Platoon Relief Driver Increment	-	38 31
Workshops Platoon	1	40
giving a total of	12	328

2. The vehicle strength of the transport platoons must depend upon availability of vehicles and the rôle that such pocket divisions are called upon to fulfil.

As an initial working basis 30 x 3 Ton for each platoon has been adopted, but reductions may be made in the light of further information, with consequent reductions in driver personnel.

3. An R.D.I. is considered necessary to allow drivers to be rested and to provide loader labour.

4. The Workshop Platoon has been included at this stage as it is clearly desirable for the unit to be able to carry out normal minor overhauls and repairs.

Provision of workshop equipment will be the governing factor, but in any event a workshop nucleus should be included to take care of minor running repairs and to supervise vehicle maintenance generally.

5. Suggested War Establishments are attached hereto. They are being vetted by S.H.A.C. for their propriety.

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4 Platoons
1 Heavy Platoon. Relief Driver Increment
Workshops Platoon

giving a total of

130
3031
40
328

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B.L. PERCEVAL.
Lt. Col, RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Comm, AOC.

26 Jul 44
BP/LW

H Q M T Company

Designed to command and administer 2 to 5 Transport platoons.
An R.D.I. will be added to provide relief drivers and/or drivers
for duty as loaders.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT.(i) Personnel

Major	1	
Captains (a)	5	1
Subaltern	1	1
	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>
C.S.M.	1	
C.Q.M.S.	1	
Sergeants (Includes 1 Clerk(M.F))	2	2 (175)
	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>
Corporals	4	
Lance Corporals	5	1 Cpl. (Adm)
Drivers i/c	26	13 (Not driving)
Cooks	3	1
	<u>36</u>	15 Drivers (5 reserve)
Total rank & file (d)	40	2
Total O.Rs	<u>40</u>	5
Total all ranks (b)	<u>45</u>	

Total officers

Total W.O. & Sgts ...

Total rank & file (d)

Total O.Rs

Total all ranks (b) .

(ii) Distribution of rank & file by duties

Administration Corporal	1
Drivers i/c for duty as:	
Batmen/Drivers	1
Batmen/Drivers	3
Butchery dutyman	1
Clerks (includes 1 Corporal)	4
Drivers of Vehicles (includes 1 L/C)	5
IMG Detachments(c) (includes 1 Cpl & 1 L/Cpl)	6
Motor Cyclists (includes 1 L/Cpl)	4
Officers Mess Orderly	1
Orderly	1
Reg. Police	2
Sanitary duties	2
Storeman	1

C.S.M.	2	
C.Q.M.S.	1	
Sergeants (Includes 1 Clerk(M.F))	2	(N.F.)
Total W.O. & Sgts ...	4	
Corporals	4	
Lance Corporals	3	
Drivers i/c	26	
Cooks	3	
	1	Cpt. (Adm.)
	13	(N.F. driving)
	1	
Total rank & file (d)	56	Driver (5 reserve)
Total O.Ns	40	Reconnaissance
Total all ranks (b) :	45	11/4/4/4

(ii) Distribution of rank & file by duties

Administration Corporal	1	
Drivers i/c for duty as:		
Batmen:	1	
Batmen/Drivers	3	
Butchery dutyman	1	
Clerks (includes 1 Corporal)	4	
Drivers of Vehicles (includes 1 L/C)	5	
IMG Detachments(c) (includes 1 Cpl & 1 L/Cpl)	6	
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Officers Mess Orderly	1	
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Reg. Police	2	
Sanitary duties	2	
Storeman	1	
Water duties	1	
Cooks (includes 1 Sergt)	3	
	36	
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(iii) Transport

Motor Cycles, solo. (1 Subaltern, 1 Sergt, 4 M/Cyclists)	6	2
Cars, 2 Str	3	1
Cars, 4 Str	1	1
Trucks, 15 cwt (IMG Dets & A/Tk Rifle)	2	9
Lorries, 3 ton (1 Cooks, 1 Passage, 1 Unit Petrol)	3	6
Trailer, 1 (6cwt, 2 whld, water	1	

(iv) Weapons & Ammunition

		<u>Rounds per Weapon</u>	
		<u>With Man</u>	<u>Unit Reserve</u>
Pistols	9 (officers & 4 Senior NCOs)	12	12
Rifles	32		
Machine carbines	4 (M/Cyclists)	25	50
LMCs .303	2	50	100
A/Tk Rifles or P.I.A.T.	2	250	1500
		10	15

NOTES.

- (a) For allotment to duties with transport platoons as required by operations.
- (b) Two officers and 4 men will be trained in bomb and mine reconnaissance duties.
- (c) A IMG Det comprises 3 men, incl the driver of the vehicle. Vehs should be fitted with suitable A.A. mountings.
- (d) One man will be trained in first aid duties and at least 1 NCO and 2 men in anti gas and gas decontamination duties.
One man will be trained in water duties. This in addition to the man allowed on establishment.
Two men should be trained in boot repairing if materials can be made available.

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Rifles	22	23	50
Machine carbines	4 (M/Cyclists)	50	100
LMGs .303	2	250	1500
A/Tk Rifles or P.I.A.T.	2	10	15

NOTES.

- (a) For allotment to duties with transport platoons as required by operations.
- (b) Two officers and 4 men will be trained in bomb and mine reconnaissance duties.
- (c) A LMG Det comprises 3 men, incl the driver of the vehicle. Vehs should be fitted with suitable A.A. mountings.
- (d) One man will be trained in first aid duties and at least 1 NCO and 2 men in anti gas and gas decontamination duties.
One man will be trained in water duties. This in addition to the man allowed on establishment.
Two men should be trained in boat repairing if materials can be made available.

DW

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RELIEF DRIVER INCREMENT.

Added to the headquarters of the company to provide relief drivers for periods of operational strain and to provide personnel for duty as loaders.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT.(i) Personnel

Sergeant	1
Drivers I.C. (Incl. 1 L/Cpl).	30
Total.....	<u>31</u>

(ii) Weapons

Rifles

31

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COMPOSITE PLATOON.

This platoon, which forms a part of the Company, comprises the specialist personnel for ammunition, supply and petrol duties, and the capacity of the platoon is sufficient to meet the requirements of an infantry brigade group or similar formation.

(i) Personnel

Captains
Subalterns

Total officers

Staff Sergeant
Sergeants

(a)

(b)

Total S/Sgts & Sgts

Corporals
Drivers i/c

Privates

Cook

Total Rank & file

Total ORs

Total all ranks

Attached (c)

Storeman, Ammunition (Corporal)
Storeman, ammunition

Total all ranks,
incl attached . ~~43~~ 40

(ii) Distribution of rank & file by trades and duties

Tradesmen:-

Butchers (Incl 1 Corpl)

Clerks (incl 2 Cpls)

Storemen, supplies (L/Cpls)

Cooks

Total tradesmen

Non tradesmen:-

Drivers i/c for duty as:-

Batmen/Drivers

Drivers of Vehicles

Motorcyclists (for liaison duties)

Supply issuers

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Drivers i/c
Privates
Cook

	10	7
	18	
	1	29
Total Rank & file	32	34
Total ORs	37	37
Total all ranks	40	37

Attached (c)

Storeman, Ammunition (Corporal)
Storeman, ammunition

1
2
2

Total all ranks,
incl attached. ~~41~~ 40

(ii) Distribution of rank & file by trades and duties

Tradesmen:-

Butchers (Incl 1 Corpl)
Clerks (incl 2 Cpls)
Storemen, supplies (L/Cpls)
Cooks

3
6
5
2
14

Total tradesmen

Non tradesmen:-

Drivers i/c for duty as:-

Batmen/Drivers
Drivers of Vehicles
Motorcyclists (for liaison duties)
Supply issuers

3	2	6	3	30
7				65
15				

Total non tradesmen...

(iii) Transport

Cars 2 Seater
Motorcycles, solo
Lorries, 3 Ton

3
6
2

(iv) Weapons

Pistols
Rifles

6	1	(Officers & M/Cyclists)
31	34	28

Notes

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TRANSPORT PLATOON.

This platoon is domestically self-contained and will form part of the mechanical transport company.

It is assigned to operate 30 task vehicles, which may be of any type and capacity to suit the role allotted to the company concerned. The normal equipment of the transport platoon will be the lorry, 3-ton, on which basis a transport platoon can lift the marching personnel of one infantry battalion or 90 tons of general stores.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT(1) Personnel

DETAIL	: : : :			
	Head- quarters	1-5 Sections	Total Platoon	Total (5 Sections)
Subaltern	✓ 1		1	1
Serjeant	1		1	1
Corporals	(a) 2	1	6	6
Lance Corporals	18	1	7	7
Drivers, I.C.	1	5	43	43
Private	2		1	1
Cooks	24	7	2	59
Total, Rank and File	24	7	59	59
Total, Other Ranks	25	7	60	60
Total, All Ranks	26	7	61	61

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties.

Tradesmen:-	1	✓	1	✓
Titter	1		1	✓
Driver mechanics	1		1	✓
Total, Tradesmen	1		1	✓
Non-Tradesmen:-	1	✓	1	✓
Administrative Corporal	1		1	✓
Corporals i/o Sections	1		1	✓
Drivers I.C. for duty as:-	1		1	✓
Batman/Driver	1		1	✓
Clerk	1		1	✓
Drivers of vehicles	4		4	✓
Light machine gun detachments (c)	(b) 3		(b) 3	✓
Motor Cyclist	2		2	✓
Spare drivers	(b) 8		(b) 8	✓
	1		1	✓

SHEET 2.

DETAIL

Head- quarters	1-5 Sections (each)	Total Transport Platoon (5 Sections):
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(iv) Weapons

L.M.Gs. .303 -inch	2	1	7
P.I.A.T.	2		2
Guns, 20 m.m.	2		2
Pistols	1		1
Machine carbines (Motorcyclists & car drivers)	4	1	9
Rifles			51

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2. ~~Transport tank, 15 cwt, 4 x 2 water and 1 driver, I.C., (and 1 rifle .303 inch) may be substituted for the trailer, 2 wheeled, water, 180 gallons.~~

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Details left at base:-
 Rank and File 2
 Rifles, .303 inch 2

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WORKSHOP PLATOON.

1. This platoon forms a part of the company and is provided for the maintenance and repair of unit vehicles.
2. It is domestically self contained and capable of providing its own defence.
3. It can be divided into two sections, each operating independently, if necessary.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT.(1) PersonnelHQ

Captain	1	Total Officers...	1
Mechanist Sgt. Major	1		1
Administrative Corporal	1		1
Clerks (For M.T. Stores) (Cpls)	2		2
Cooks	2		2
Drivers I.C. for duty as:-			
Batmen/Drivers	1		1
Drivers of vehicle	1		1
Motor Cyclist	1		1
Total HQ, other ranks	9		9
Total HQ W/Shop, all ranks	10		10

Workshops

Mechanist Staff Sgts	2
Blacksmiths	2
Carpenters	2
Coach painter	1
Sheet metal worker	2
Trimmers	1
Storeman (M.T. stores)	2
Drivers I.C.	4
Electricians	3
Fitters	3
Motor Mechanics	3
Total W/Shop Sections	30
Total W/Shop Platoon	40

Mechanist Sgt. Major	1
Administrative Corporal	1
Clerks (For M.I. Stores) (Opls)	2
Cooks	2
Drivers I.C. for duty as:-	1
Batmen/Drivers	1
Drivers of vehicle	1
Motor Cyclist	2
Total HQ, other ranks	<u>10</u>
Total HQ W/Shop, all ranks	<u>10</u>

Workshops

Mechanist Staff Sgts	2
Blacksmiths	2
Carpenters	2
Coach painter	1
Sheet metal worker	2
Trimmers	1
Storeman (M.I. stores)	2
Drivers I.C.	4
Electricians	3
Fitters	8
Motor Mechanics	2
Total W/Shop Sections	<u>30</u>
Total W/Shop Platoon	<u>41</u>

(ii) TransportHeadquarters

Car 2 Seater	1
Motorcycles, solo (M.S.M. & M/Cyclist)	2
Lorry 3 Ton (Cooks & baggage)	1
Trailer 15cwt. Water	1

Workshop Sections.

Trucks 15 cwt (For maintenance duties)	2
Lorries 3 Ton (Technical stores)	2
Lorries 3 Ton (Breakdown)	2
Lorries 3 Ton (Workshop)	2
Lorries 3 Ton (Stores)	2

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SHEET 2.(iii) Weapons.

Pistols	2
Machine Carbine (Motor cyclist)	1
Rifles	38
L.M.C.	2 (or 1 Twin)
A/TK Rifle or P.I.A.T.	1

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COMANDANT

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(1) - di cui:

MECHANIC	meccanico, 1	BLACKSMITH	motore, 1	CARPENTER	falegname, 1
ELECTRICIAN	1 elettricista, 1	UPHOLSTERER	tappezziere, 1	WAREHOUSE MAN	COOK
COBBLER	1 calzolaio, 1	BARBER	BATMAN	magazziniere, 1	croco, 1
			barbiere, 2	attende	

(c) - di cui 5 di riserva ^{vs reserve} of whom

- Cap. Magg. 0 cap. aut. 3
 - Cap. Magg. 0 cap. M.G. 2
 - Cap. Magg. 0 cap. M.G. 1
 - Cap. Magg. 0 cap. ACCOUNTANT 13(1)
 - Cap. 0 sc. 15(2)
 - Cap. 0 sc. 2
 - Cap. 0 sc. 5
 - Drivers
 - Autogoolisti:
 - Drivers
 - COCHETCOPI
 - MECHANICS
 - SOCCALLO
 - MOTOR CYCLISTS
 - MOTOCICLISTI

T o t a l e 2

2

5

1

1

6

1

41

4

2

41

36

1

1

1

2

N O T E:

of whom

(1) - di cui: 1 MECHANIC BLACKSMITH MOTORIST CARPENTER
 1 ELETTRICIAN UPOLSTERER WAREHOUSE MAN COOK
 COBLEN BARBER BATMAN
 laio, 1 bar/biera, 2 attendenti. -

(2) - di cui 5 di riserva. -
 of whom 5 reserve

③ MARESCIALLO

④ 1 FURIERE

ESTABLISHMENT OF DIVISIONAL T.Y. COY.
ORGANICO AUTOREPARTO PESANTE DIV. T.Y.

PLATOON
AUTOSEZIONE PESANTE (4 AUTOSEZIONI)

DENOMINAZIONE	Personale				Autoveicoli				
	Offi- cia- li.	Sottu- cia- fiola- li.	Grup- pa.	Auto- vetta- re.	Auto- carri pesan- ti	Auto- funzon- mi.	Auto- funzon- mi.	Auto- funzon- mi.	Auto- funzon- mi.
C/o Comandante (uff. subalt. aut.)	1			1	24	1	2	2	2
Serg. maj. or serg. driver Serg. magg. o serg. automob.		2							
DRIVERS Automobilisti:									
cap. maj.			1						
caporali maggiori			30(1)						
conduttori drivers			2						
meccanici MECHANICS			2						
motociclisti MOTORCYCLISTS			3						
soldati per servizi vari									
O.R.s for different services									
T o t a l e	1	2	38	1	24	1	2	2	2
	4	8	142	4	96	4	8	8	8

N O T E:

(1) - Di cui 4 di riserva

For the 4 PLATOONS
PER LE 4 AUTOSEZIONI

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DENOMINAZIONE	Ii. OFF.	Ii. N.C.O.s	pe. O.R.S	re. STAFF CARs	DESIGN HEAVY TRUCKS	util. UTILITY CARS	TOTAL
C/o subalterno (uff. subalterno aut.)	1			1	24	1	26
Serg. maj. or serg. driver		2					
SERG. MAJ. o SERG. automob.							
DRIVERS							
- Automobilisti:							
- caporali maggiori			1				
- conduttori DRIVERS			30(1)				
- meccanici MECHANICS			2				
- motociclisti MOTORCYCLISTS			3				
- soldati per servizi vari			3				
O.R.s for different services							
Totale	1	2	38	1	24	1	77
N O T E:							
of whom as reserve							
(1) - Di cui 4 di riserva							
For the 4 PLATOONS							
PER LE 4 AUTOSSEZIONI							

ESTABLISHMENT DIVISIONAL M.T. Coy
ORGANICO AUTOREPARTO PESANTE PER DIV. FFR.

AUTOSERZIONE MISTA
MIXED PLATOON

DENOMINAZIONE	Personale			Autoveicoli										Armi
	UFFICIALI OFFICERS	Sottufficiali	N.C.O.s	Gruppa O.R.s	Autoveature STAFF CARS	Autobus UTILITY CARS	Autocarro HEAVY PASSENGER TRUCKS	Autobottili WATER TRAILERS	Autobus AMBULANCES	Autobottili MOBILE REPAIRERS	Autobus MOBILE WORKSHOPS	Autobus	MOTORCYCLES	
C/o Comandante (uff. automob. subalt.) OFF DRIVER SUBALTERN	1				-	1	-	6	10	6	-	-	4	-
- Serg. magg. o serg. autom. SARG. MAJ. or SARG. DRIVER		1												
- Automobilisti: DRIVERS														
- Cap. Maggiore C.P.R. MAJ.				3										
- Conduttori DRIVERS				300										
- Meccanici MECHANICS				2										
- Motociclisti MOTORCYCLISTS				4										
- Soldati per servizio O.R.s for various services				3										
Totale	1	1		42	-	1	-	5	10	6	-	-	4	-

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N O T E:

of whom as reserve

DENOMINAZIONE	UFFICIO	UFFICIO	SOCCORSO	O.R.S.	Autoveh	STAFF	Autoveh	UTILITY	Autoveh	Reservat	Autoveh	WATER T	Autoveh	AMBUL	MOBILE	Autoveh	MOBILE	Autoveh	Autoveh	MOTORC	MOTORC	MOTORC
+ Comandante (uff. automob. subalt.) OFF. DRIVER SUBALTERN	1																					
- Serg. magg. o serg. autom. SARG. MAJ. or SARG. DRIVER		1																				
- Automobilisti: DRIVERS																						
- Cap. Maggiore CPE. MAJ.																						
- Conducenti DRIVERS																						
- Meccanici MECHANICS																						
- Motociclisti MOTORCYCLISTS																						
- Soldati per servizi D.R.s for various services																						
T o t a l e	1		1	42				1		1		6	10	6							4	

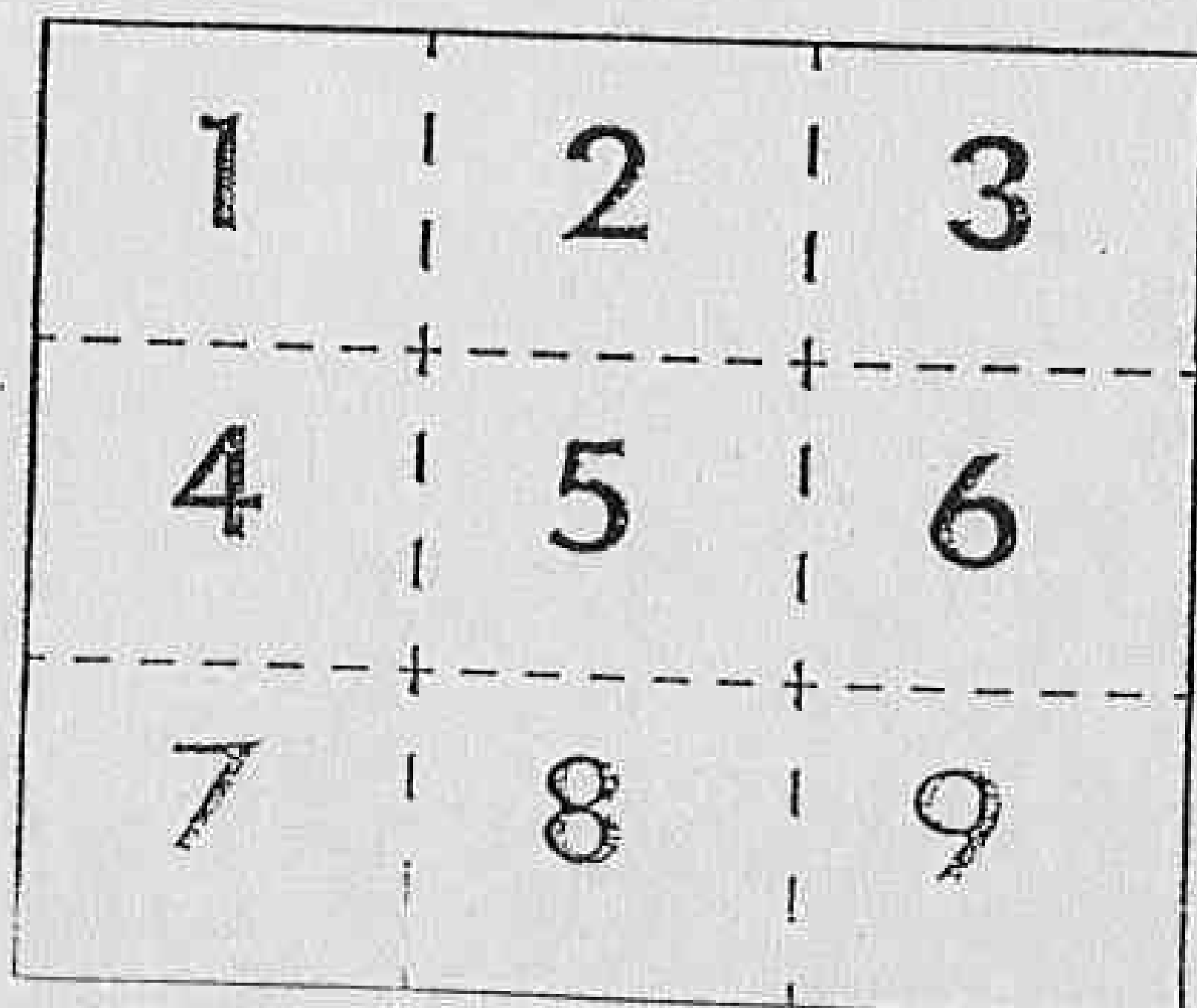
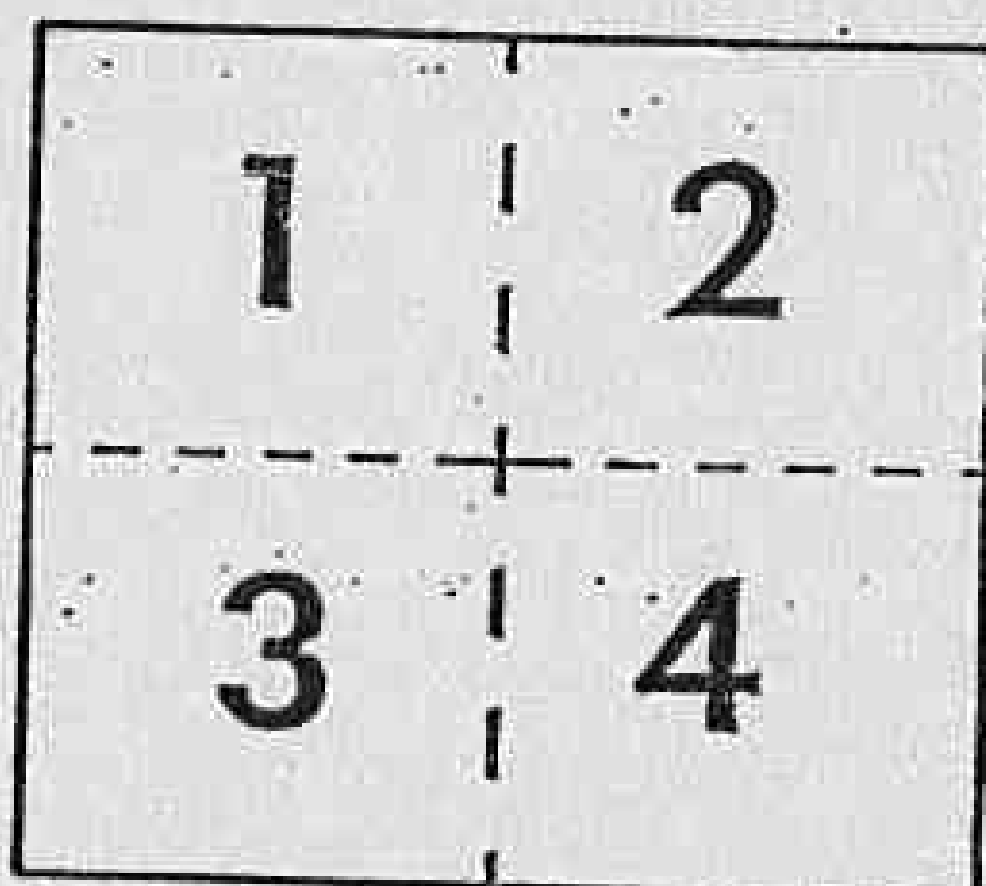
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N O T E:

of whom as reserve
(1) - Di cui 7 di riserva.

MAPS AND CHARTS TOO LARGE TO FILM
ON ONE EXPOSURE ARE FILMED CLOCKWISE
BEGINNING IN THE UPPER LEFT CORNER,
LEFT TO RIGHT, AND TOP TO BOTTOM.

SEE DIAGRAMS BELOW.



ESTABLISHMENT DIVISIONAL M.T. COY.
ORGANICO AUTOREPARTO PESANTE PER DIV.FTR.

SUMMARY
RIEPILOGO

REPARTO UNIT	PERSONNEL PERSONALE			AUTOVEH				
	Ufficiali OFF.	Sottufficiali NCOs	Truppe ORS	Autovetture STAFF CARS	Autofurgoni UTILITY CARS	Autocarri HEAVY TRUCKS pesanti	Autobotte WATER TRAILERS	Autambulanz- AMBULANCES
- COMANDO H.Q.	2	4	41	1	1	6	-	-
- 4 AUTOSEZIONI PESANTI PLATOONS	4	8	142	4	4	96	-	-
- 1 AUTOSEZIONE MISTA MIXED PLATOON	1	1	42	-	1	-	-	10
Totale Autoreparto Pesante M.T. Coy.	7	13	225	5	6	102	4	10

Riepilogo Autoreparto Pesante del
Tomi di Mobilitazione

~~8~~ ~~6~~ 160 ~~2~~ ~~4~~ 101 - -

79 autisti per l'opera d'auto

7 117

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ESTABLISHMENT DIVISIONAL M.T. COY.
ORGANICO AUTOREPARTE PESANTE PER DIV. FTR.

SUMMARY
RIEPILOGO

	PERSONNEL PERSONALE			AUTOVEICOLI										ARMI
	Ufficiali OFF.	Sottufficiali NCOs	Troppo ORS	Autovetture STAFF CARS	Autofurgoni UTILITY CARS	Autocamion HEAVY TRUCKS pesanti	Autodotti WATER TRAILERS	Autoambulan- - AMBULANCES	Autobus	Autofrigoriferi MOBILE REFRIGERATOR	Autofucina MOBILE WORKSHOP	Motorcicli MOTOR CYCLES	M.G. Mitragliatrici ci.-	
PLATOONS	2	4	41	1	1	6	-	-	1	-	1	5	2	
MIXED PLATOON	4	8	142	4	4	96	-	-	-	-	-	8	8	
	1	1	42	-	1	-	-	10	-	6	-	4	-	
to Pesante Coy.	7	13	225	5	6	102	4	10	1	1	1	17	10	

per 16
esante dai
stazione

~~6~~ ~~6~~ 160

~~2~~ ~~4~~ 101

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2 Cam. Lancia

M.T. Coy.

par. 16
 Riepilogo Autoreparto Pesante dei
 Tami di Mobilitazione

~~8~~ ~~6~~ 180 ~~2~~ ~~4~~ 101

79 auto in per tipo (div. 6)

7 117

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DIVISIONAL M.T. COY.
 COMPAGNIA TRASPORTI PER DIVISIONE PTR. (*organico per*)

DENOMINAZIONE	PERSONALE PERSONNEL			A U T O		
	Ufficiali. OFF	Sottufficiali. H.C.O.S	Truppa O.R.s	Auto- vettu- re. STAFF CARS	Autocar ri 15 C.W.T. TRUCKS	Auto- ri ti HEAVY
- Comando di compagnia COY. H.Q.	5	4	36	4	2	
- Plotone misto MIXED PLATOON	3	5	15	2	-	
- Plotone trasporti (3) TRANSPORT PL. (ciascuno su 5 sezioni) EACH on SECTIONS	3	3	177	3	3	10
- Nucleo autieri di riserva GROUP DRIVERS	-	1	30	-	-	
- Plotone officina WORKSHOP PL.	1	3	37	1	3	
Totale	12	16	315	10	8	11

N O T E:

(1)- *of whom* as reserve *to* TRANSPORT COOKS + *baggage*
 Di cui: 9 di riserva, 3 per trasporto cuochi e bagagli.-

(2)- *to* TRANSPORT WATER
 Per trasporto acqua.-

ARMAMENT OF UNIT *light M.G.* ANTI-TANK
 ARMAMENTO DEL REPARTO: 11 fucili mitragliatori e 7 armi anticarro.-

Type as amended (4)

III/11/7/2

Amdt No.	9 Oct 1942
Date	
Offrs	1
O.Rs.	60
TOTAL	61
M.Cs	8
Vehicles	36
Trailers	1

TRANSPORT PLATOON, R.A.S.C.

This platoon is domestically self-contained and will generally form part of a mechanical transport company, R.A.S.C.

It is designed to operate 30 task vehicles, which may be of any type and capacity to suit the role allotted to the company concerned. The normal equipment of the transport platoon will be the lorry, 3-ton, 4 x 2 G.S., on which basis a transport platoon can lift the marching personnel of one infantry battalion or 90 tons of general stores.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(As agreed by Standardization Conference, 1943)

79/41.E/5640(S.D.3)

(i) Personnel ...

DETAIL

DETAIL	Headquarters	1-5 Sections (each)	TOTAL, TRANSPORT PLATOON, R.A.S.C. (5 Sections)
Subaltern ...	1		1
TOTAL, Officers	1	3	4
Serjeant ...	1		1
Corporals ...	(a) 1	1	2
Lance-Corporals ...	2	1	3
Drivers, I.C. ...	18	5	23
Private ...	1		1
TOTAL, Rank and File ...	24	7	31

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WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(As agreed by Standardization Conference, 1943)

(1) Personnel ...

79/11.E./5640(S.D.3)

DETAIL			Headquarters	1-5 Sections (each)	TOTAL, TRANSPORT PLATOON, R.A.S.C. (5 Sections)
Subaltern	...	...	1	1	1
TOTAL, Officers	...	...	1	3	551
Serjeant	...	...	1	1	1
Corporals	...	...	(a) 1	1	6
Lance-Corporals	...	...	2	1	7
Drivers, I.C.	...	...	18	5	43
Private	...	...	21	1	1
TOTAL, Rank and File	...	...	24	7	57
TOTAL, Other Ranks	...	...	25	7	58
TOTAL, All Ranks	...	...	26	7	59
Attached -	...	...			
A.C.C. - Cooks	...	...	2		2
TOTAL, Transport Platoon, R.A.S.C.	...	...	26	7	61

2.

TRANSPORT PLATOON, R.A.S.C.WAR ESTABLISHMENT - Continued

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

Detail	Headquarters	1-5 Sections (each)	TOTAL, TRANSPORT PLATOON, R.A.S.C. (5 Sections)
Tradesmen -			
Fitter			
Driver mechanics	1	1	1
TOTAL, Tradesmen	1	1	1
Non-Tradesmen -			
Administrative Corporal			
Corporals i/c Sections	1		1
Drivers I.C. for duty as -			
Batman-driver			
Clerk	1		1
Drivers of vehicles	1		1
Light machine gun detachments (a)(c)	4	(b)5	29
Motor-cyclists	(b)3		3
Spare drivers	2		2
Water dutyman	(b)8		8
TOTAL, Non-Tradesmen	1		1
TOTAL, Rank and File	22 23	6	51 53
	22 24	7	(d)57-59

(iii) Transport

Motor-cycles, solo (for serjeant, corporals i/c sections and motor-cyclists)	...	...	8
Car, 2-Seater, 1 2 (for Subaltern)	3	1	1
Truck, 15-cwt, 1 2 (for I.M.G. detachments and A.Tk. rifles (a)(c))	1	...	1
Lorries, 3-ton, 1 2, 5cs.	...	...	30
Task (a) (c)	...	...	3
Relief (10 per cent) (c) (a)	...	6	1
For cooks and baggage	3	...	1
Trailer, 15-cwt, 2-wheeled, water, 180 gallons	1	...	1

Fitter	...	...	1	1	1	1	5
Driver mechanics	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL, Tradesmen	...	...	1	1	1	1	6
Non-Tradesmen -							
Administrative Corporal	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Corporals i/c Sections	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Drivers I.C. for duty as -							
Batman-driver	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Clerk	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Drivers of vehicles	...	...	4	(b)5	...	...	29
Light machine gun detachments (a)(c)	...	...	(b)3	...	...	...	3
Motor-cyclists	...	...	2	...	...	...	2
Spare drivers	...	...	(b)8	...	...	...	8
Water dutymen	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
TOTAL, Non-Tradesmen	...	...	24	23	6	...	51
TOTAL, Rank and File	...	...	22	24	7	...	(d)57-59

(iii) Transport

Motor-cycles, solo (for serjeant, corporals i/o sections and motor-cyclists)	...	...	...	...	...	8
Car, 2-Seater, 1 2 (for Subaltern, ...)	3	...	1	...	...	1
Truck, 15-cwt, 4 2 G.S., for L.M.G.	...	...	...	...	...	1
Detachments and A.Tk rifles (a)(c)	1	...	...	...	...	...
Lorries, 3-ton, 2 2; G.S.	...	...	...	...	...	30
Task (a)(c)	(2) (3)	...	6	...	...	3
Relief (10 per cent) (a)(c)	...	...	...	...	...	1
For cooks and baggage	1	...	...	...	...	1
Trailer, 15-cwt, 2-wheeled, water, 180 gallons	1	...	...	...	...	1

(iv) Weapons

L.M.Gs, .303-inch	...	...	2	1	...	7
P.I.L.T.	...	...	2	...	...	2
Guns, 20 m.m.	...	...	2	...	...	2

Pistols

Machine carbines (Motorcyclists Car down)

Rifles

1
4
1
9
51

3.

TRANSPORT PLATOON, R.A.S.C.WAR ESTABLISHMENT - Continued

- (a) Is a Lance-Sergeant.
- (b) Includes a Lance-Corporal.
- (c) Will be group C tradesmen, if qualified.
- (d) A L.M.G. detachment consists of three men, including the driver of the vehicle. These vehicles will be fitted with A.A. ~~machine~~ ^{machine} mountings, ~~rear~~.
- (e) At least one man will be trained in first aid, and one M.C.O. and two men in anti-gas duties and decontamination work. One man will be trained in water duties, in addition to the man allotted for the purpose.
- (f) Or may be vehicles of any other type or capacity, or proportions of several types. Instructions as to the types of vehicle to be held against this war establishment will be issued by the War Office as necessary.
- (g) Relief vehicles are provided to replace task vehicles in order to maintain the desired load carrying capacity of the platoon. Relief vehicles will not be regarded as reserves for the permanent replacement of casualties, and will not be used to provide additional capacity, except in operational emergency.
- (h) One each for defence of headquarters is included, manned by headquarters personnel.
- (i) Will not be issued when forming part of a motor ambulance convoy or ambulance company R.A.S.C.

NOTES

1. One truck, 15-cwt, 4 x 2 water and 1 driver, I.C., (and 1 rifle, .303-inch) may be substituted for the trailer, 2-wheeled, water, 180 gallons, under instructions from the War Office.
2. When the transport platoon forms part of a bulk patrol transport company, a tank transporter company or a water tank company, one lorry, 10-ton, 6 x 4 G.S. and one driver, I.C., will be added.

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Details left at base -	
Rank and file	2
Rifles, .303-inch	2

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TOP SECRET.

ST/93/1

Commissariato Company
for
Pocket Division (Italian)

1. This unit would comprise the following:

<u>Sub Unit</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>ORs</u>
HQ Coy	4	36
Relief Driver Increment	-	45 16
Composite Platoons	3 3	37
Transport Platoons		
(3, each of 1 Officer	3	147
and 49 ORs)	10	245
	14	40
		316

Workshop Platoon

2. Transport Platoons can be reduced or increased dependent upon the role allotted to the Division, I of C situation and type of terrain.

3. The suggested organisation is in accordance with Italian practice and should present little difficulties as regards training and operations.

Jul, 44.
BP/DW

B.L. PERCEVAL.
Lt. Col., RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Comm, ACC.

with stop platform

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ADST, ARMY SUB COMM, ACC,
B.I.2.MCROVAL,
Lt. COL, RASC,

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Oct 30th Sat.
 (Bing) telephoned to George & Mrs. Bing (P)

SUMMARY.PERSONNEL.

	<u>Officers</u>			<u>N. C. Os.</u>					<u>Sold</u>
	<u>Majors</u>	<u>Captains</u>	<u>Subalterns</u>	<u>Maresciallo</u>	<u>Puriere</u>	<u>Sergente</u>	<u>Caporal</u>	<u>Magg.</u>	
HQ	1	2	1	1	1	2	5		14
W/SHOP PLATOON	-	1	-	1	-	2	3		20
R.D.I.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-		2
Composite Pl.	-	2	1	-	-	5	4		21
Transport Pls: (3)	-	-	3	-	-	6	15		21
Totals	1	45	5	42	1	1416	2427		62
Total		4011							245275

WEAPONS

	<u>Pistols</u>	<u>Machine Carbines</u>	<u>Rifles</u>	<u>L.M.G.</u>	<u>A/Tk Rifle or PIAT.</u>
HQ	6	7	27		
W/SHOP PLATOON	2	1	37	2	2
R.D.I.	-	1	15	-	-
Composite Pl.	6	-	31	-	-
Transport Pls: (3)	3	9	138	18	18
	4517	1718	248220	2022	2021

VEHICLES

	<u>W/Trailers</u>	<u>Cars 2 Seater.</u>	<u>Cars 4 Seater.</u>	<u>M/C.</u>	<u>Truck 15 cwt.</u>	<u>Truck 3 Ton Domestic.</u>	<u>Tr</u>
HQ	1	2	1	5	2	3	
Comp Pl.		3	-	6	-	2	
Tpt Pls.	3	3	-	9	3	3	
W/SHOP PL.	4	8	1	20	5	8	
	13	17	1	22	7	7	

SUMMARY.PERSONNEL.

	<u>N. G. Os.</u>				<u>Other Ranks</u>	
	Maresciallo	Furiere	Sergente	Caporal Magg.	Soldato	Conduttore
Subalterns					14	13
1	1	1	2	5	20 26	46
-	1	-	2	3	7	147
-	-	-	1	-	-	82
1	-	-	5	4	21	27
3	-	-	6	15	21	16
						105
5	42	1	1416	2427	6282	143147
						275

WEAPONS

Carbines	Rifles	L.M.G.	A/Tk Rifle or PIAT.
7	27	2	2
1	36 37	2	1
1	15	-	-
-	31	-	-
9	138	18	18
	248		
2718	276	2022	2021

VEHICLES.

VEHICLES.									
Seater.	Cars	4 Seater.	M/C.	Truck 15 cwt.	Truck 3 Ton Domestic.	Truck 3 Ton Task.	W/Shop.	Stores.	B/Down.
	1	5	2	3	-	42	424	42	
	1	6	-	2	-	-	-	-	
	1	9	3	3	90	-	-	-	
	1	20	5	8	90	42	424	42	
		2	2	1					
	1	22	7	9					

Ø 10% Spare vehicles should be added.

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PERSONNEL.

Other Ranges

$$\begin{array}{r} 147 \\ 82 \\ 27 \\ 16 \\ 1 \\ \hline 273 \end{array}$$

WEAPONS

$$\begin{array}{r} 266 \\ 17 \\ \hline 283 \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{r} 242 \\ 18 \\ 19 \\ \hline 289 \end{array}$$

VEHICLES.

per.	Cars	4 Seater. M/C.	Truck 15 cwt.	Truck 3 Ton Domestic.	Truck 3 Ton Task.	W/Shop.	Stores.	B/Down.
57	1	5	2	3	-	42	424	42
23	-	6	-	2	-	-	-	-
	-	9	3	3	90	-	-	-
	1	20	5	8	90	42	424	42
		2	2	1				
	1	22	7	9				

Ø 10% Spare vehicles should be add

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HQ AUTOCENTRO PESANTO
per Div. Ftr. (Piccolo).

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(1) Personnel.

Comandante (O.C.)	Major	1
Capitano	Captains	2
Subaltano	Subaltern	1
	Total Officers	4
Maresciallo	C.S.M.	1
Furiere	C.Q.M.S.	1
Sergente	SGTS.	2
	Total W.Os & Sgts	4
Caporali Maggiori	Opls.	5
Soldati Operai	Ptes	20
Conduuttori	Drivers	14
		13
	Total Rank & File	37
	Total Other Ranks	36
	Total all Ranks	40

(11)

(11) Distribution of rank and file by duties

M.T. Corporals	2
Administrative Opl	1
Opls i/c L.M.G. Detachments	2
Privates for duty as:-	
Batmen/O. Mess	2
Barber	1
Cobbler	1
Mechanic	1
Blacksmith	1
Carpenter	1
Electrician	1
Upholsterer	1
Storeman	1
Cook	2
Clerks	2
Sanitary	1
Water	1
L.M.G. Dets.	4

Drivers for duty as:-
Batmen Drivers

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Maresciallo	C.S.M.	1	
Furiere	C.Q.M.S.	1	
Sergente	SGTS.	2	
	Total W.O. & Sgts	4	
Caporali Maggiori	Cpls.	5	14
Soldati operai	Ptes	28	13
Conduttori	Drivers	46	32
		19	36
	Total Rank & File	74	40
	Total Other Ranks	19	40
	Total all Ranks	93	40

(11) Distribution of rank and file by duties

M.T. Corporals	2
Administrative Cpl	1
Cpls i/c L.M.G. Detachments	2
Privates for duty as:-	
Batman/O. Mess	2
Barber	1
Cobbler	1
Mechanics	1
Blacksmith	1
Carpenter	1
Electrician	1
Upolsterer	1
Snowman	1
Cooks	2
Clerks	2
Sanitary	1
Water	1
L.M.G. Dets.	4
Drivers for duty as:-	
Batman Drivers	2
Motorcyclists	5
Driver/Mechanic	2
Drivers i/c	4

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(iii) Transport.

M/Cycles, solo	5
Cars 2 Seater	2
Cars 4 Seater	1
Trucks 15 cwt (M.C.)	2
Lorries 3 Ton (Goods, Baggage, Petrol)	3
Trailer 15 cwt water	1
Workshop Lorry	1
Spare Lorry	1
B/Duma Lorry	2

(iv) Weapons

Pistols	6	(Officers & Senior NCOs).
Machine Carbines	7	(Sgts & M/Cyclists).
Rifles	27	
I.M.Gs.	36	
A/Tk Rifle or P.I.A.T.	2	(Dependent on role allotted to Division)

WARRANT PLATOON.

1. This platoon forms a part of the company and is provided for the maintenance and repair of unit vehicles.
2. It is domestically self contained and capable of providing its own defense.
3. It can be divided into two sections, each operating independently, if necessary.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT.(1) PersonnelHQ

Captain	1	Total Officers...	1
Mechanist Sgt. Major	1		
Administrative Corporal	1		
Clerks (For M.T. Stores) (Cpls)	2		
Cook	2		
Drivers I.C. for duty as:-	1		
Battain/Drivers	1		
Drivers of vehicle	1		
Motor Cyclist	1		
Total Hq, other ranks	10		
Total HQ W/Shop, all ranks	10		

Workshops

Mechanist Staff Sgts	2	
Electricians	2	
Carpenters	2	
Coach painter	1	
Sheet metal worker	2	
Trimmers	1	
Storeman (M.T. stores)	2	
Drivers I.C.	1	
Electricians	1	
Fitters	1	
Motor Mechanics	1	
Total W/Shop Sections	20	
Total W/Shop Platoon	30	

Captain	1	Total Officers...	1
Mechanist Sgt. Major	1		
Administrative Corporal	1		
Clerks (For M.T. Stores) (Cpls)	2		
Cooks	2		
Drivers I.C. for duty as:-	1		
Patrol/Drivers	1		
Drivers of vehicle	1		
Motor Cyclist	2		
Total Hq, other ranks	10		
Total Hq W/Shop, all ranks	10		

Mechanics

Mechanist Staff Sgts	2	
Blacksmiths	2	
Carpenters	2	
Coach painter	1	
Sheet metal worker	2	
Trimmers	1	
Storeman (M.T. stores)	2	
Drivers I.C.	4	
Electricians	3	
Fitters	3	
Motor Mechanics	2	
Total W/Shop Sections	20	
Total W/Shop Platoon	30	

(11) TransportHeadquarters

Car 2 Seater	1
Motorcycles, solo (M.S.M. & M/Cyclist)	2
Lorry 3 Ton (Goods & baggage)	1
Trailer 15cwt. Water	1

Workshop Sections

Trucks 15 cwt (For maintenance duties)	2
Lorries 3 Ton (Technical stores)	2
Lorries 3 Ton (Breakdown)	2
Lorries 3 Ton (Workshop)	2
Lorries 3 Ton (Stores)	2

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SHEET 2.(iii) Weapons.

Pistols	2
Machine Carbine (Motor cyclist)	1
Rifles	38 37
L.H.G.	2 (or 1 Twin)
A/TK Rifle or P.L.A.T.	1

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AUTOTRUPATO PESANTERelief Drivers Increment.WAR ESTABLISHMENT.(i) Personnel.Serg. Maggiore
ConduttoriSgt.
Dtrs.1
15(ii) Weapons.Machine Carbine
Rifles1
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(ii) Distribution of Other Units by Area

Sgt. Maggiore	Sgt. 1/2 Platoon	1	(will be Sgt. Maggiore)
Caporal	Administration	1	
Soldati, special	Sgt. 1/2 Sections	5	
	Privates for duty as:-	1	(incl. one man trained in W/Dutty)
	Clock	3	
	Lang. Note	2	
	Cook	1	
	Acoustic	1	
Conductors	Drivers for duty as:-	1	
	Patrol/Driver	5	
	Driver/Mechanics	2	
	Motorcyclists	27	
	Drivers 1/2 Vehicles		

(iii) Transport

Motorcycles, solo	3	(Sgt. 1/2 Pl. & W/Dutty)
Cars 2 seats	1	
Truck 15 ton for L.M.G.	1	
Trucks 3 ton each	30	(6 each section)
Trucks 3 ton Cooks & Message	1	
Trailer 15 ton, water	1	

(iv) Arm.

Pistol	1	
Machine carbines	3	
L.M.G.	6	(HQ & Sections 1 each) Dependents
A/Tk Rifle or P.M.	6	(HQ & Sections 1 each) upon role allotted to Div.
Rifles	46	

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AUTOPREPARATION PLATOONSPECIALIST PLATOON

FOR

SUSSEINIZIACOMPOSITION PLATOON.

This platoon, which forms a part of the Company, comprises the specialist personnel for ammunition, supply and petrol duties, and the capacity of the platoon is sufficient to meet the requirements of an infantry brigade group or similar formation.

(1) Personnel

Captains
Subalterns

Staff Sergeant
Sergeant

Corporals
Drivers i/c
Privates
Cooks

Total officers.....	2	1	2	1	4	5	7	18
Total S/Sgts & Sgts...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total Rank & File.....	2	1	2	1	4	5	7	18
Total ORs.....	2	1	2	1	4	5	7	18
Total all ranks.....	2	1	2	1	4	5	7	18

Attached (c)
Storeman, Ammunition (Corporal)
Storeman, ammunition

Total all ranks,
incl attached..... 40

(2) Distribution of rank & file by trades and duties.

Tradesmen:-

Storeman (incl 1 Corp)
Clerks (incl 2 Cpls)
Storeman, supplies (14 Cpls)
Cooks

Total tradesmen..... 18

Non tradesmen:-

Drivers i/c for duty as:-
Ratmen/Drivers
Drivers of Vehicles
Motorcyclists (for liaison duties)

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Drivers 1/c	7
Privates	18
Cooks	1
	<u>26</u>
Total Rank & File.....	26
Total ORs.....	<u>14</u>
Total all ranks.....	<u>40</u>

Attached (a)
Storemen, ammunition (Corporal)
Storemen, ammunition

	1
	2
	<u>3</u>
Total all ranks, incl attached.....	<u>40</u>

(ii) Distribution of rank & file by trades and duties.

Tradesmen:-

Detachment (incl 1 Corporal)
Clerks (incl 2 Cpls)
Storemen, supplies (1/Cpls)
Cooks

	3
	6
	5
	<u>14</u>
Total Tradesmen.....	14

Non tradesmen:-

Drivers 1/c for duty as:-

Bagmen/Drivers
Drivers of Vehicles
Motorcyclists (for liaison duties)
Supply issuers

	5
	2
	3
	<u>7</u>
Total non tradesmen...	12

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(iii) Transport

Cars 2 Seater
Motorcycles, solo
Lorries, 3 Ton

	3
	6
	<u>2</u>

(iv) Weapons

Pistols
Rifles "

	6
	<u>31</u>
(Officers & M/Cyclists)	

NOTES

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TOP SECRET.

Maintenance Company (Commissariato)

for

Italian Pocket Division.

1. It is considered such a unit might be organized as follows:

<u>Sub unit</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>
Hqs of Company	5	39
Composite Platoon	3	37
Transport Platoons (3) (each 1 Offr & 60 ORs)	3	180
Relief Driver Increment	-	30
Workshops Platoon	<u>1</u>	<u>40</u>
giving a total of ...	<u>12</u>	<u>326</u>

2. The vehicle strength of the transport platoons must depend upon availability of vehicles and the role that such pocket divisions are called upon to fulfil.

As an initial working basis 30 x 3 Ton for each platoon has been adopted, but reductions may be made in the light of further information, with consequent reductions in driver personnel.

3. An R.D.I. is considered necessary to allow drivers to be rested and to provide loader labour.

4. The Workshop Platoon has been included at this stage as it is clearly desirable for the unit to be able to carry out normal minor overhauls and repairs.

Provision of workshop equipment will be the governing factor, but in any event a workshop nucleus should be included to take care of minor running repairs and to supervise vehicle maintenance generally.

5. Suggested War Establishments are attached hereto.

HQs of Company	5	39
Composite Platoon	3	37
Transport Platoons (3)		
(each 1 Offr & 50 ORs)	3	180
Relief Driver Increment	-	30
Workshops Platoon	<u>1</u>	<u>40</u>
giving a total of ...	12	<u>326</u>

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E.I. PERCEVAL.
Lt. Col, RASC,
ADSE, Army Sub Comm, ACC.

H Q M T Company

Designed to command and administer 2 to 5 Transport platoons.
An R.D.I. will be added to provide relief drivers and/or drivers for duty as loaders.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT.(i) Personnel

Major	1
Captains (a)	5
Subaltern	1
	<u>5</u>
C.S.M.	1
C.Q.M.S.	1
Sergeants (Includes 1 Clerk(M.T))	2
Total W.O. & Sgts ...	<u>4</u>
Corporals	4
Lance Corporals	3
Drivers i/c	26
Cooks	3
	<u>36</u>
Total rank & file (d)	<u>40</u>
Total O.Rs	<u>45</u>
Total all ranks (b) .	

Total officers

(ii) Distribution of rank & file by duties

Administration Corporal	1
Drivers i/c for duty as:	
Batmen/Drivers	1
Batmen/Drivers	3
Butchery dutyman	1
Clerks (includes 1 Corporal)	4
Drivers of Vehicles (includes 1 L/C)	5
IMG Detachments(c) (includes 1 Cpl & 1 L/Cpl)	6
Motor Cyclists (includes 1 L/Cpl)	4
Officers Mess Orderly	1
Orderly	1
Reg. Police	2
Sanitary duties	2
Storeman	1
Water duties	1

Corporals

Lance Corporals

Drivers i/c

Cooks

Total W.O. & Sgts ...	4
	4
	3
	26
	2
Total rank & file (d)	36
Total O.Rs	40
Total all ranks (b) .	42

(ii) Distribution of rank & file by duties

Administration Corporal	1
Drivers i/c for duty as:	
Batmen/Drivers	1
Batmen/Drivers	3
Butchery dutyman	1
Clerks (includes 1 Corporal)	4
Drivers of Vehicles (includes 1 L/C)	5
IMG Detachments(c) (includes 1 Cpl	
& 1 L/Cpl)	6
Motor Cyclists (includes 1 L/Cpl)	4
Officers Mess Orderly	1
Orderly	1
Reg. Police	2
Sanitary duties	2
Storeman	1
Water duties	1
Cooks (includes 1 Sergt)	2
	36

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(iii)

Transport

Motor Cycles, solo. (1 Subaltern,	6
1 Sergt, 4 M/Cyclists)	3
Cars, 2 Str	1
Cars, 4 Str	
Trucks, 15 cwt (IMG Dets &	2
A/Tk Rifle)	
Lorries, 3 ton (1 Cooks, 1 Baggage,	3
1 Unit Petrol)	1
Trailer, 1(cwt, 2 whld, water	

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(iv) Weapons & Ammunition	Rounds per Weapon	
	With Man	Unit Reserve
Pistols	12	12
Rifles		
Machine carbines	25	50
LMCs .303	50	100
A/Tk Rifles or P.I.A.T.	250	1500
	10	15

NOTES.

- (a) For allotment to duties with transport platoons as required by operations.
- (b) Two officers and 4 men will be trained in bomb and mine reconnaissance duties.
- (c) A LMG Det comprises 3 men, incl the driver of the vehicle. Vehs should be fitted with suitable A.A. mountings.
- (d) One man will be trained in first aid duties and at least 1 NCO and 2 men in anti gas and gas decontamination duties. One man will be trained in water duties. This in addition to the man allowed on establishment. Two men should be trained in boot repairing if materials can be made available.

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RELIEF DRIVER INCREMENT.

Added to the headquarters of the company to provide relief drivers for periods of operational strain and to provide personnel for duty as loaders.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT.(1) Personnel

Sergeant	1
Drivers I.C. (Incl. 1 L/Cpl).	<u>30</u>
Total.....	<u>31</u>

(11) Weapons

Rifles	<u>31</u>
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COMPOSITE PLATOON.

This platoon, which forms a part of the Company, comprises the specialist personnel for ammunition, supply and petrol duties, and the capacity of the platoon is sufficient to meet the requirements of an infantry brigade group or similar formation.

(i) Personnel

Captains	2	
Subalterns	1	
	<u>3</u>	
Total officers	3	
Staff Sergeant (a)	1	
Sergeants (b)	4	
Total S/Sgts & Sgts ...	<u>5</u>	
Corporals	3	
Drivers i/c	10	
Privates	18	
Cook	1	
Total Rank & file	<u>32</u>	
Total ORs	<u>37</u>	
Total all ranks	<u>40</u>	

Attached (c)

Storeman, Ammunition (Corporal)	1
Storeman, ammunition	<u>2</u>
	<u>3</u>

Total all ranks,
incl attached . 43

(ii) Distribution of rank & file by trades and duties

Tradesmen:-

Butchers (Incl 1 Corpl)	3
Clerks (incl 2 Cpls)	6
Storemen, supplies (L/Cpls)	5
Cooks	<u>2</u>
Total tradesmen	<u>14</u>

Non tradesmen:-

Drivers i/c for duty as:-	
Batmen/Drivers	3
Drivers of Vehicles	2
Motorcyclists (for liaison duties)	6
Supply issuers	<u>7</u>
Total non tradesmen..	<u>18</u>

Cook

Total Rank & file 1
Total ORs 32
Total all ranks 37
Total all ranks 40

Attached (c)

Storeman, Ammunition (Corporal) 1
Storeman, ammunition 2
3

Total all ranks,
incl attached . 43

(ii) Distribution of rank & file by trades and duties

Tradesmen:-

Butchers (Incl 1 Corpl) 3
Clerks (incl 2 Cpls) 6
Storemen, supplies (L/Cpls) 5
Cooks 3
Total tradesmen 14

Non tradesmen:-

Drivers i/c for duty as:-

Batmen/Drivers 3
Drivers of Vehicles 2
Motorcyclists (for liaison duties) 6
Supply issuers 7
Total non tradesmen.. 13

(iii) Transport

Cars 2 Seater 3
Motorcycles, solo 6
Lorries, 3 Ton 2

(iv) Weapons

Pistols
Rifles

9 (Officers & M/Cyclists:
34

Notes

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TRANSPORT PLATOON.

This platoon is domestically self-contained and will form part of the mechanical transport company.
It is designed to operate 30 tank vehicles, which may be of any type and capacity to suit the role allotted to the company concerned. The normal equipment of the transport platoon will be the lorry, 3-ton, on which basis a transport platoon can lift the marching personnel of one infantry battalion or 90 tons of general stores.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(1) Personnel

DETAIL	: Total :		
	Head- quarters :	1-5 Sections :	Transport Platoon (5 Sections) :

Subaltern	1	1	1
Serjeant	1	1	1
Corporals	(a) 2	1	6
Lance Corporals	18	5	7
Drivers, I.C.	1		3
Private	2		1
Cooks	24	7	2
Total, Rank and File	24	7	50
Total, Other Ranks	2	1	3
Total, All Ranks	26	8	53

(11) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties.

Tradesmen:-	1	1	1	5	2
Fitter					
Driver mechanics	1	1	1	1	1
Total, Tradesmen	1	1	1	5	2
Non-Tradesmen:-					
Administrative Corporal	1	1	1	1	1
Corporals i/c Sections					
Drivers I.C. for duty as:-					
Bulldozer/Driver	1	1	1	1	1
Clerk	1	1	1	1	1
Drivers of vehicles					
Light machine gun detachments (c)	(b) 5	(b) 5	(b) 5	(b) 5	(b) 5
Motor Cyclist	2	2	2	2	2
Spare drivers	(c) 3	(c) 3	(c) 3	(c) 3	(c) 3
Water drivers	1	1	1	1	1
Total	30	30	30	30	30

Sergeant					
Corporals					
Lance Corporals					
Drivers, I.C.					
Private					
Cooks					
	(a)				
	2	1	1	1	6
	18	5			7
	1				1
	2				2
	24	7			50
	22	7			50
	26	7			61
Total, Rank and File					
Total, Other Ranks					
Total, All Ranks					
(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties.					
Tradesmen:-					
Fitter	1	1	1	1	1
Driver mechanics	1	1	1	1	1
Total, Tradesmen					
Non-Tradesmen:-					
Administrative Corporal	1				1
Corporals i/c Sections					5
Drivers I.C. for duty as:-					1
Battman/Driver	1				1
Clerk	1				29
Drivers of vehicles	4	(b)5			3
Light machine gun detachments (c)	(b)5				2
Motor Cyclist	2				8
Spare drivers	(b)3				3
Water dutyman	1				1
Coals	2				3
Total, Non-Tradesmen	22	7			30
Total, Rank and File	24				(d)52

(iii) Transport

Motor/Cycles, solo (for Sergeant, corporals i/c sections & motor/cyclists)	3	1	6
Car, 2 Seater, (for Subaltern)	1		1
Truck, 15 cwt, for L.M.G. & tools	1	6	30
and 1/2k rifles (c)			3
Lorries, 3 ton, Tank (c) 10	3		1
(Relief 10 per cent) (e) (f)	1		1
For coals and baggage			
Trailer, 15 cwt, 2 wheeled, water, 130 galls	1		1

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DETAIL

	Head- quarters	1-5 Sections (each)	Total Transport Platoon (5 Sections):
L.M.G., .303 -inch	2	1	7
P.I.A.T.	2		2
Guns, 20 m.m.	2		2
Pistols	1		1
Machine carbines (Motorcyclists & car - drivers)	4	1	9
Rifles			51

(iv) Weapons

- (a) Is a Lance Sergeant.
- (b) Includes a Lance Corporal.
- (c) A.L.M.C. detachment consists of three men, including the driver of the vehicle. These vehicles will be fitted with A.A. mountings.
- (d) At least one man will be trained in first aid, and one M.C.O. and two men in anti-gas duties and decontamination work. One man will be trained in water duties, in addition to the man allotted for the purpose.
- (e) Or may be vehicles of any other type or capacity, or proportion of several types.
- (f) Relief vehicles are provided to replace task vehicles in order to maintain the desired load carrying capacity of the platoon. Relief vehicles will not be regarded as reserves for the permanent replacement of casualties, and will not be used to provide additional capacity, except in operational emergency.

NOTES.

1. One truck, 15 cwt, 4 x 2 water and 1 driver, I.C., (and 1 rifle .303 inch) may be substituted for the trailer, 2 wheeled, water, 180 gallons.

2. Transport company, a decontamination company.

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Details left at base:-

Rank and File	2
Rifles, .303 inch	2

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WORKSHOP PLATOON.

1. This platoon forms a part of the company and is provided for the maintenance and repair of unit vehicles.
2. It is domestically self contained and capable of providing its own defense.
3. It can be divided into two sections, each operating independently, if necessary.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

(i) Personnel

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Captain	1	1
Mechanist Sgt. Major	1	1
Administrative Corporal	1	1
Clerks (For M. T. Stores) (Cpls)	2	2
Cooks	2	2
Drivers I.C. for duty as:-	1	1
Batmen/Drivers	1	1
Drivers of vehicle	1	1
Motor Cyclist	1	1
Total HQ, other ranks	9	9
Total HQ W/Shop, all ranks	10	10

Workshops

Mechanist Staff Sgts	2
Blacksmiths	2
Carpenters	2
Coch painter	1
Sheet metal worker	2
Trimmers	1
Storeman (M.T. stores)	2
Drivers I.C.	4
Electricians	3
Fitters	8
Motor Mechanics	3
Total W/Shop Sections	<u>30</u>
Total W/Shop Platoon	<u>41</u>

Captain	1
Total Officers...	<u>1</u>
Mechanist Sgt. Major	1
Administrative Corporal	1
Clerks (For M.T. Stores) (Cpls)	2
Cooks	2
Drivers I.C. for duty as:-	1
Batmen/Drivers	1
Drivers of vehicle	1
Motor Cyclist	<u>2</u>
Total HQ, other ranks	<u>10</u>
Total HQ W/Shop, all ranks	<u>10</u>

Workshops

Mechanist Staff Sgts	2
Blacksmiths	2
Carpenters	2
Coach painter	1
Sheet metal worker	2
Trimmers	1
Storeman (M.T. stores)	1
Drivers I.C.	2
Electricians	4
Fitters	3
Motor Mechanics	8
Total W/Shop Sections	<u>30</u>
Total W/Shop Platoon	<u>41</u>

(11) TransportHeadquarters

Car 2 Seater	1
Motorcycles, solo (M.S.M. & M/Cyclist)	2
Lorry 3 Ton (Cooks & baggage)	1
Trailer 15cwt. Water	1

Workshop Sections.

Trucks 15 cwt (For maintenance duties)	2
Lorries 3 Ton (Technical stores)	2
Lorries 3 Ton (Breakdown)	2
Lorries 3 Ton (Workshop)	2
Lorries 3 Ton (Stores)	2

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6
41

SHEET 2.(111) Weapons.

Pistols	2
Machine Carbine (Motor cyclist)	1
Rifles	38
L.M.G.	2 (or 1 Twin)
A/TK Rifle or P.I.A.T.	1

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