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Subject :- Re-organization of Co-operating Units.

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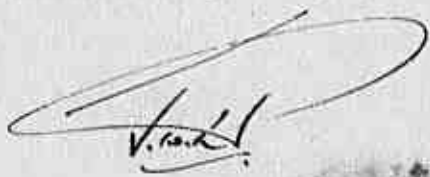
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MILIA)
Rome
Tel : Rome 489081 Ext 526

To :- D.S.T., ARML.

Ref your AMR/4214/2/ST dated 20 June.

1. It is confirmed that the new W.B.s proposed therein will provide the necessary personnel for unit administration.

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Lt. Col. AMR.,
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MILIA).

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

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To :- DADS.

Subject :- Reorganisation of Co-operator Units.

Ref. attached.

1. It is considered that the WE/TOs proposed for the Italian transport units would provide all the necessary admin personnel.
2. It is noted that the WE. proposed are normal British ones, and the quantity of Italian personnel and Tpt included in these WE/TOs is greater than the WE/TOs for existing all Italian Tpt units of a similar nature now operating as ITI L of C units (ORBAT Category 2)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

S.T. BRANCH.

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AFHQ/4214/2/ST.

Tel Ext FREEDOM 532.

SUBJECT :- Reorganisation of Co-operator Units.

20 Jun 45.

A.D.S.T.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C. (MIA) (2)

Reference AFHQ letter AG 387.4/079, COT - O, dated 16 Jun 45.

1. All S.T. Co-operator units, with the exception of "Increments to BSDs", are at present organised on integrated establishments comprising in each case a British and an Italian element. It will, therefore, be necessary to reorganise these units when Co-operators are released to BR-ITI Italian Army status.

2. It is proposed to disband the "Increments to BSDs" and to reorganise the remaining units on the lines stated at Appendix "A" to this letter. A summary showing the present and proposed W.Es. and strengths is attached at Appendix "B."

3. Will you please confirm that the W.Es. on which it is proposed to reorganise the Italian units will provide the personnel necessary for unit administration. It is appreciated that the personnel required to complete units to W.E. strength may not be immediately available.

4. As soon as confirmation has been received that the W.Es. are acceptable, application will be made by this Directorate for the reorganisation of the units.

5. The undermentioned S.T. units (units in NORTH AFRICA have been omitted) also include Co-operator elements which cannot be organised as administratively self-contained units. It will, therefore, be necessary for these Co-operators to be withdrawn. In certain instances, application may be made for their demobilisation in order that they may be retained as civilians to be employed within W.E. (AFHQ/4214/2/ST, dated 20 Jun 45, addressed to DDSST Armies, Districts etc, refers).

CRASC 8 Gen Tpt Coln
64 Coy RASC (Bulk Pet Tpt)
71 Coy RASC (Gen Tpt)
98 Coy RASC (Gen Tpt)
221 Coy RASC (Tipper)
226 Coy RASC (Gen Tpt)
325 Coy RASC (Gen Tpt)
350 Coy RASC (Gen Tpt)

429 Coy RASC (Gen Tpt)
487 Coy RASC (Gen Tpt)
546 Coy RASC (Tn Tptr)
72 D.I.D.
RASC Mobilisation Centre. 3113
RASC Training Depot.

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D.D.S.T. 2 District.
D.D.S.T. 3 District.
A.D.S.T., R.A.A.C.
Commandant, RASC Mob. Centre.
Commandant, RASC Training Depot.
G-3 (ORG) Foreign.

Major General,
Director of Supplies and Transport.

APPENDIX "A" TO
AFHQ/4214/2/ST
DATED 20 JUN 45.

PROPOSALS FOR THE REORGANISATION OF S.T.
CO-OPERATOR UNITS.

1. Field Bakeries.

(a) Units to be reorganised are :-

122	Co-operator Fd. Bakery (CM/220/1)
123	" " "
124	" " "
125	" " "

(b) Proposed future organisation :-

(i) British Cadre : British element of CM/220/1.

(ii) Italian Fd. Bakery : to be organised on the standard
for a Field Bakery (IV/33A/1) -
the following appointments not to be
implemented :-

Bakers	SM	1
"	SOMS	2
"	Sjts	4

2. D.I.Ds.

(a) Units to be reorganised are :-

197 Co-operator D.I.D. (CM/247/1).
199 " "

(b) Proposed future organisation :-

(i) British Cadre : British element of CM/247/1.

(ii) Italian D.I.D. : to be organised on the standard
for a D.I.D. (IV/106/1) - the following
appointments not to be implemented :-

Subaltern	1
Clerks S/Sjt	1
" Sjts	2
" Cpl	1
" Pte	1
Butcher Pte	1
Storemen Cpls	2

3. Independent Workshop Platoons.

(a) Units to be reorganised

(i) British Cadre : British element of CM/220/1.

(ii) Italian Fd. Bakery : to be organised on the standard
WE for a Field Bakery (IV/33A/1) -
the following appointments not to be
implemented :-

Bakers	SSM	1
"	SMS	2
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199 " "

(b) Proposed future organisation :-

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(ii) Italian D.I.D. : to be organised on the standard I.E.
for a D.I.D. (IV/106/1) - the following
appointments not to be implemented :-

Subaltern	1
Clerks S/Sjt	1
" Sjts	2
" Cpl	1
" Pte	1
Butcher Pte	1
Storemen Cpls	2

3. Independent Workshop Platoons.

(a) Units to be reorganised are :-

1732 - 1735 Co-operator Workshop Platoons (CM/214/2)	"
1742	"
1763 - 1768	"

(b) Proposed future organisation :-

(i) British Cadre : British element of CM/214/2

(ii) Italian Wksp Pl : to be organised on the standard
W.E. for a Wksp Pl (III/122/4).

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4. General Transport Coys.

(a) Units to be reorganised are :-

757	Co-operator	Gen Tpt Coy	RASC	HQ MT Coy	CM/210/1
758	"	"	"	4 Tpt Pls	CM/211/1
759	"	"	"	2 RDIs	CM/213/1
760	"	"	"	7/Shop Ser.3	CM/214/1
761	"	"	"	Pl.	

(b) Proposed future organisation :-

- (i) British Cadre : British elements of CM/210/1 and CM/214/1.
- (ii) Italian Gen Tpt Coy : to be organised as a Standard Gen Tpt Coy of four pls, i.e. :-

HQ MT Coy	III/116/3.	III/116/3
Four Tpt Pls	III/117/3.	III/117/3
Two RDIs	III/121/3	III/121/3
Workshop Pl (Ser.3)	III/122/4.	III/122/4

The following appointments not to be implemented :-

- (a) HQ MT Coy III/116/3. LMG detachment of six drivers (including one Corporal and one Lance Corporal).
- (b) Each Tpt Pl III/117/3. LMG detachment of three drivers. (including one Lance Corporal).

5. Independent Transport Platoons.

(a) Unit to be reorganised is :

1769 Co-operator Indep Tpt Pl (Amb) CM/211/1.

(b) Proposed future organisation :-

- (i) British Cadre : British element of CM/211/1.
- (ii) Italian Indep Tpt Pl -

to be organised on the standard W.E. for a tpt pl (III/117/3) - the following appointments not to be implemented :

LMG detachment of three drivers (including one Lance Corporal).

(Note: the TEs III/116/3, III/117/3, III/121/3 and III/122/4 above are reorganised.)

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(ii) Italian Gen Tpt Coy : to be organised as a Standard Gen Tpt Coy of four pls, i.e. :-

HQ MT Coy	III/116/3.	III/116/3.
Four Tpt Pls	III/117/3.	III/117/3.
Two RDIs	III/121/3	III/121/3
Workshop Pl (Ser.3)	III/122/4.	III/122/4.

The following appointments not to be implemented :-

- (a) HQ MT Coy III/116/3. IMG detachment of six drivers (including one Corporal and one Lance Corporal).
- (b) Each Tpt Pl III/117/3. IMG detachment of three drivers, (including one Lance Corporal).

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5. Independent Transport Platoons.

(a) Unit to be reorganised is :

1769 Co-operator Indep Tpt Pl (Arb) CM/211/1.

(b) Proposed future organisation :-

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(i) British Cadre : British element of CM/211/1.

(ii) Italian Indep Tpt Pl - to be organised on the standard W.E. for a tpt pl (III/117/3) - the following appointments not to be implemented :

IMG detachment of three drivers (including one Lance Corporal).

(Note: the WEs III/116/3, III/117/3, III/121/3 and III/122/4 referred to above are re-writes of WEs III/116/2, III/117/2, III/121/2 and III/122/3 respectively embodying all amendments to date).

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RE-ORGANISATION OF CO-OPERATOR UNITS - SUPPLIES and TRANSPORT

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Type of Unit	No of Units	War Establishment			Strength of each unit						O
		Present WE	Proposed WE		Brit Cadre (No Change)		Italians		Italians		
			Brit	Italian	Offrs	OR	Offrs	OR	Offrs	OR	
1. Italian Increment to a BSD	.6	CM/353/1	To be disbanded		Nil		Nil	16	-	-	
2. Co-operator Field Bakery	4	CM/220/1	CM/220/1	IV/33A/1	2	11	Nil	120	2	124	
3. Co-Operator DID	4	CM/247/1	CM/247/1	IV/106/1	3	15	Nil	18	2	25	
4. Co-Operator ST Coy	5	HQ MT Coy (CM/210/1) 4 Tpt Pls (CM/211/1) 2 RDTs (CM/213/1) Wksp Ser 3 (CM/214/1)	HQ MT Coy (CM/210/1) Wksp Ser 3 (CM/214/1)	HQ MT Coy (III/116/3) 4 Tpt Pls (III/117/3) 2 RDTs (III/121/3) Wksp Ser 3 (III/122/4)	4	13	6	368	10	377	
5. Co-Operator Wksp Pl	✓ 11	CM/214/2	CM/214/2	Num of Br III/122/4	1	11	Nil	36	1	48	
6. Co-Operator Tpt Pl	✓ 1	CM/211/1	CM/211/1	III/117/3	1	3	Nil	55	1	58	

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APPENDIX "E" TO AFHQ/4234/2/ST
DATED 20 JUN 45.

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RE-ORGANISATION OF CO-OPERATOR UNITS - SUPPLIES and TRANSPORT

War Establishment			Strength of each unit				Strength-total No of Units							
Present WE	Proposed WE		Brit Cadre (No Change) Offrs OR	Italians				Total Brit		Total Italian				
	Brit	Italian		Present Offrs OR	Proposed Offrs OR	Present Offrs OR	Proposed Offrs OR	Offrs OR	OR	Present Offrs OR	OR	Proposed Offrs OR	OR	
CM/353/1	To be disbanded		Nil	Nil	16	-	-	Nil	Nil	Nil	96	-	-	
CM/220/1	CM/220/1	IV/33A/1	2	11	Nil	120	2	124	8	44	Nil	480	8	496
CM/247/1	CM/247/1	IV/106/1	3	15	Nil	18	2	25	12	60	Nil	72	8	100
HQ MT Coy (CM/210/1)	HQ MT Coy (CM/210/1)	HQ MT Coy (III/116/3)	4	13	6	368	10	377	20	65	30	1840	50	1885
4 Tpt Pls (CM/211/1)	4 Tpt Pls (CM/211/1)	4 Tpt Pls (III/117/3)												
2 RDI's (CM/213/1)	2 RDI's (CM/214/1)	2 RDI's (III/121/3)												
Wksp Ser 3 (CM/214/1)	Wksp Ser 3 (CM/214/1)	Wksp Ser 3 (III/122/4)												
CM/214/2	CM/214/2	Hand Br III/122/4	1	11	Nil	36	1	48	11	121	Nil	396	11	528
CM/211/1	CM/211/1	III/117/3	1	3	Nil	55	1	58	1	3	Nil	55	1	58
										30	2939	78	3067	

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SUBJECT:- 1007 (I) G.T. Coy.

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M.M.I.A. (2) Recd 17/10/44

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1. During my inspection of 1007 (I) G.T. Coy on Friday 10 Nov 44, the following points were noted:-

2. Despite the fact that this Coy has been in process of mobilisation since 1st September 1944, the standard of driving and discipline still leaves much to be desired. Out of the whole Coy there are only 9 personnel considered to be first class drivers, 97 considered to be fairly competent and of the remainder many require considerable extra driving instruction. In addition a number of personnel are considered entirely unsuitable to perform driving duties.

3. The general discipline of the Coy appears poor chiefly due to lack of zeal on the part of Italian officers. O.C. British Cadre has discussed this matter with Italian OC and requests that the following four officers be removed and replaced with more satisfactory and better trained officers who have the required knowledge of M.T. and ability to command and discipline troops.

Sottotenente Graziani.
" Salomone.
" Danielli.
" Simoni.

4. There are always a considerable number of absentees and this, together with personnel permitted to go on leave, seriously affects the operational efficiency of the unit.

5. The Italian Major OC Coy has been appointed to command this unit for over a fortnight and is still without any uniform and walking about in civilian clothes. It is requested that the Italian authorities be asked that an Italian senior officer should carry out a formal inspection of the unit with a view to improving matters.

6. The clothing and equipment of the Italian troops is unsatisfactory and as it is understood that this unit has been given priority of issue, it is requested that immediate steps may be taken to meet demands submitted to you some few days ago.

7. In addition to the foregoing, it is understood that practically no trained Italian artificer personnel have been made available to meet Workshops M.E. and that difficulties have arisen owing to deficiencies in ~~trained~~ artificers. ~~workshop equipment~~. May steps please be taken to provide these personnel and equipment.

8. It is becoming increasingly difficult to procure civilian interpreters who are prepared to live in PAIO and it would greatly facilitate the working of the unit if at least one Italian officer or O.R. could be posted to this Coy to act as interpreter. None of the present officers can speak English.

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Lieut-Colonel.
Commander 12 General Transport Column R.A.S.C.

CHE.
12 Nov 44.
FAB/WHV.

Copy to: ADST 54 Area.

1007 (I) G.T. Coy - for information.

Seen by ADST

note - Original passed to 11/14
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