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SUBJECT: Application to Amend a War Establishment

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TO : G-3(ORG-3) - 7 copies. 24 Jul 45

May the following proposal be placed before the War Establishment Committee at an early date:

1. The Proposal.

- (a) In Italian Electrical and Mechanical Section - G/472/1 (XII/611D/1)
- (b) An amendment to an existing WE and its title.
- (c) Not applicable.

2. The effect of the Proposal.

- (a) (i) Alteration of title to read "British Cadre to an Ital E & M Pl" and
  - (ii) A net decrease of all Italian personnel consisting of 55 ORs all wof 1 Jul 45.
- Copy of amended WE is attached at Appendix "A".

- (b) None
- (c) Two
- (d) Not applicable.
- (e) Not applicable.
- (f) All can be Medical Category "B".
- (g) G1(Br)/1026/1 (Ser 2821) dated 5 Jul 45 refers 5937
- (h) Not applicable.

3. Reasons for the Proposal.

The Italian personnel have been converted to a new WE (CM/1502/1) which excludes the British element and it is desired that the British Cadre remains in WE G/472/1.

May the following proposal be referred to the Committee at an early date:

1. The Proposal.

(a) In Italian Electrical and Mechanical Section - G/472/1 (XII/641D/1)

(b) An amendment to an existing MB and its title.

(c) Not applicable.

2. The effect of the Proposal.

(a) (i) Alteration of title to read "British Cadre to an Ital E & M Pl" and

(ii) A net decrease of all Italian personnel consisting of 55 ORs all wef 1 Jul 45.

Copy of amended MB is attached at Appendix "A".

(b) None

(c) Two

(d) Not applicable.

(e) Not applicable.

(f) All can be Medical Category "B".

(g) G1(Br)/1026/11 (Ser 2021) dated 5 Aug 45 refers **5937**

(h) Not applicable.

3. Reasons for the Proposal.

The Italian personnel have been converted to a new MB (G/1502/1) which excludes the British element and it is desired that the British Cadre remains in MB G/472/1.

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A BRITISH CADRE TO AN ITALIAN E & M PL

Proposed Amended War Establishment.

(i) Personnel

DETAIL

|                                          |    |
|------------------------------------------|----|
| Captain                                  | 1  |
| Subaltern                                | 1  |
| Total, Officers                          | 2  |
| Military mechanists (Staff sergeants)    | 2  |
| (1 electrical, 1 mechanical)             | 1  |
| Sergeants                                | 3  |
| Total, staff-sergeants and sergeants     | 1  |
| Lance-sergeants                          | 4  |
| Corporals (sapper class)                 | 1  |
| Corporal (driver class)                  | 6  |
| Total, rank and file                     | 9  |
| Total, other ranks                       | 11 |
| Total, a British Cadre to an Ital E&M Pl |    |

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

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <u>Tradesmen</u>            |   |
| Carpenters and joiners      | 1 |
| Clerk                       | 1 |
| Electricians - maintenance  | 1 |
| Fitters                     | 1 |
| Plumbers and pipe fitters   | 1 |
| Total, tradesmen            | 5 |
| <u>Non-tradesmen</u>        |   |
| Drivers, I.C. for duty as - |   |
| Transport NCO               | 1 |
| Total, non-tradesmen        | 1 |

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Captain                                                               | 1  |
| Subaltern                                                             | 1  |
| Total, Officers                                                       | 2  |
| Military mechanists (Staff sergeants)<br>(1 electrical, 1 mechanical) | 2  |
| Sergeants                                                             | 1  |
| Total, staff-sergeants and sergeants                                  | 3  |
| Lance-sergeants                                                       | 1  |
| Corporals (sapper class)                                              | 4  |
| Corporal (driver class)                                               | 1  |
| Total, rank and file                                                  | 6  |
| Total, other ranks                                                    | 9  |
| Total, a British Cadre to an Ital ECM Pl                              | 11 |

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

|                                              |      |
|----------------------------------------------|------|
| <u>Tradesmen</u>                             |      |
| Carpenters and joiners                       | 1    |
| Clerk                                        | 1    |
| Electricians - maintenance                   | 1    |
| Fitters                                      | 1    |
| Plumbers and pipe fitters                    | 1    |
| Total, tradesmen                             | 5    |
| <u>Non-tradesmen</u>                         | 5936 |
| Drivers, I.C. for duty as -<br>Transport NCO | 1    |
| Total, non-tradesmen                         | 1    |
| Total, rank and file                         | 6    |
| (iii) <u>Transport</u>                       |      |
| Bicycles                                     | 2    |
| Motor-cycles, solo                           | 1    |
| Cars, 2-seater, 4 x 2                        | 2    |
| Trucks, 15 cwt, 4 x 2, G.S.                  | 2    |
| Lorry, 3 ton, 4 x 2, G.S.                    | 1    |
| Total, vehicles                              | 5    |

ENGINEER SECTION (BR)

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SUBJECT: Application to amend a War Establishment

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May the following proposal be placed before the War Establishment Committee at an early date:-

1. The Proposal.

- (a) An Italian Artizan Works Company RE - C/158/1 (XII/204/1)
- (b) An amendment to an existing WE and its title
- (c) Not applicable.

2. The Effect of the Proposal.

- (a) (i) Alteration of title to read "British Cadre to an Italian Artizan Works Coy RE" wef 1 Jul 45.
- (ii) A net decrease of all Italian personnel consisting of 4 offrs and 254 ORs W.E.F. 1 JUL 45
- (iii) Deletion of 1 Major from HQ Brit }  
" 1 CQMS " " " } W.E.F. 1 SEP 45  
" 1 Sapper " " " }
- (b) (i) No upgradings or downgradings.
- (ii) Under (i) Personnel

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Sergeants              | 1 |
| to be amended to read  |   |
| Sergeant (clerk)       | 1 |
| Corporals              | 1 |
| to be amended to read  |   |
| Corporal (Storeman)    | 1 |
| Sappers                | 3 |
| to be amended to read  |   |
| Sappers (incl 1 L/Cpl) | 2 |

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

Tradesmen

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Clerks                 | 3 |
| to be amended to read  |   |
| Clerks (1 to be L/Cpl) | 2 |

(iii) Coy of amended WE is attached at /

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- (a) In Italian Artizan Works Company RE - CI/158/1 (XII/204/1)
- (b) In amendment to an existing RE and its title
- (c) Not applicable.

2. The Effect of the Proposal.

- (a) (i) Alteration of title to read "British Cadre to an Italian Artizan Works Coy RE" wef 1 Jul 45.
- (ii) A net decrease of all Italian personnel consisting of 4 officers and 251 ORs w.e.f. 1 JUL 45
- (iii) Deletion of 1 Major from HQ Brit } w.e.f. 1 SEP 45  
" " 1 CQMS " " "  
" " 1 Sapper " " "

- (b) (i) No upgradings or downgradings.

(ii) Under (i) Personnel

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Sergeants              | 1 |
| to be amended to read  |   |
| Sergeant (clerk)       | 1 |
| Corporals              | 1 |
| to be amended to read  |   |
| Corporal (Storeman)    | 1 |
| Sappers                | 3 |
| to be amended to read  |   |
| Sappers (incl 1 L/Cpl) | 2 |

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

Tradosmen

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|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Clerks                 | 3 |
| to be amended to read  |   |
| Clerks (1 to be L/Cpl) | 2 |

- (iii) Copy of amended RE is attached at Appendix "A". All amendments to British Personnel wef 1 Sept 45.

- (c) Fight
- (d) Not applicable.
- (e) Not applicable.
- (f) All can be Medical Category "B".
- (g) G1(Br)1026/41 (Ser 2821) dated 5 Aug 45 refers
- (h) Not applicable.

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3. Reasons for the Proposal.

The Italian personnel have been converted to a new WE (CI/1500/1) which excludes the British element and it is desired that the British Cadre in its reduced form remains on WE CI/1500/1. It is now considered that the Cadre can be a Cpts. Command, and the C.M.S. is superfluous.

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A BRITISH CADRE TO AN ITALIAN ARTIZAN WORKS COY RE

## Proposed amended War Establishment

## (i) Personnel

| Detail                                                  |   |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---|
| Captain                                                 | 1 |
| Subaltern                                               | 2 |
| Total, Officers                                         | 3 |
| Company sergeant-major                                  | 1 |
| Sergeant (clerk)                                        | 1 |
| Total, warrant officers and sergeants                   | 2 |
| Corporal (storeman)                                     | 1 |
| Transport corporal                                      | 1 |
| Sappers (incl 1 L/Cpl)                                  | 2 |
| Total, rank and file                                    | 4 |
| Total, other ranks                                      | 6 |
| Total, a British Cadre to an Italian Art Wks Coy RE     | 9 |
| (ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties |   |
| <u>Tradesmen</u>                                        |   |
| Clerks (1 to be L/Cpl)                                  | 2 |
| Draughtsman, architectural                              | 1 |
| Total, tradesmen                                        | 3 |
| <u>Non-tradesmen</u>                                    |   |
| Drivers I.C. for duty as:-                              | 1 |
| Transport Corporal                                      |   |
| Total, non-tradesmen                                    | 1 |
| Total, rank and file                                    | 4 |

## (iii) Transport

Bicycles

Motor cycles (for subalterns and transport NCO)

Car, 4-seater, 4 x 2

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|                                                     |   |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---|
| Total, Officers                                     | 2 |
| Company sergeant-major                              | 3 |
| Sergeant (clerk)                                    | 1 |
|                                                     | 1 |
| Total, warrant officers and sergeants               | 2 |
| Corporal (storeman)                                 | 1 |
| Transport corporal                                  | 1 |
| Sappers (incl 1 L/Cpl)                              | 2 |
| Total, rank and file                                | 4 |
| Total, other ranks                                  | 6 |
| Total, a British Cadre to an Italian Art Wks Coy RE | 9 |

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

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| <u>Tradesmen</u>           |   |
| Clerks (1 to be L/Cpl)     | 2 |
| Draughtsman, architectural | 1 |
| Total, tradesmen           | 3 |
| <u>Non-tradesmen</u>       |   |
| Drivers I.C. for duty as:- |   |
| Transport Corporal         | 1 |
| Total, non-tradesmen       | 1 |
| Total, rank and file       | 4 |

## (iii) Transport

|                                                 |      |
|-------------------------------------------------|------|
| Bicycles                                        | 5933 |
| Motor cycles (for subalterns and transport NCO) | 1    |
| Car, 4-seater, 4 x 2                            | 1    |
| Truck, 15 cwt, 4 x 2, G.S.                      | 1    |
| Lorry, 3-ton, 4 x 2, G.S.                       | 7    |
| Total, vehicles                                 | 9    |

## (iv) Weapons

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Pistols .38 inch | 4 |
| Rifles .303 inch | 5 |

ENGINEER SECTION (ER)

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May the following proposal be placed before the War Establishment Committee at an early date :-

1. The Proposal.

(a) An Engineer Workshop Section (ESRD) - CM/107/3.

(b) An amendment to an existing W.E. and its title.

(c) Not applicable.

The Effect of the Proposal.

(a) Alteration of title to read "British Cadre to an Engineer Workshop Section (ESRD) and

(ii) A net decrease of all Italian personnel consisting of 108 ORs all W.E.f. 1 July 45.

Copy of amended W.E. is attached at Appendix 'A'.

(b) None.

(c) Two.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) Not applicable.

(f) All can be Medical Category "B".

(g) G-1(Er)/1026/A1 (Ser.2821) dated 5 Aug 45 refers.

(h) Not applicable.

3. Reasons for the Proposal.

The Italian personnel have been converted to a new W.E. (CM/1501/1) which excludes the British Element and it is desired that the British Cadre remains on W.E. CM/107/3.

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- 2.
- (a) An Engineer Workshop Section (ESD) - 04/101/3.
  - (b) An amendment to an existing W.E. and its title.
  - (c) Not applicable.
  - (d) The effect of the proposal.
  - (e) Alteration of title to read "British Cadre to an Engineer Workshop Section (ESD) and
  - (f) A net decrease of all Italian personnel consisting of 108 ORs all W.E.f. 1 July 45.
  - (g) Copy of amended W.E. is attached at Appendix 'A'.

- (h) None.
- (i) Two.
- (j) Not applicable.
- (k) Not applicable.
- (l) All can be Medical Category "B".
- (m) G-1(Er)/1026/A1 (Ser.2821) dated 5 Aug 45 refers.
- (n) Not applicable.

3. Reasons for the Proposal.

The Italian personnel have been converted to a new W.E. (CH/1501/1) which excludes the British Element and it is desired that the British Cadre remains on W.E. CH/107/3.

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A British Cadre to an Engineer Workshop Section (ESBD)

Proposed amended War Establishment

(1) Personnel

DETAIL

|                                                               |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Captain/Captains                                              | 2     |
| Subalterns                                                    | 2     |
| Total, Officers.                                              | 4     |
| Serjeants                                                     | 1     |
| Total, serjeants                                              | 1     |
| Lance-serjeants                                               | 3     |
| Corporals                                                     | 8 (a) |
| Lance-Corporals (Sapper class)                                | 7     |
| Sappers                                                       | 7     |
| Drivers I.C.                                                  | 3     |
| Total, rank and file.                                         | 28    |
| Total, other ranks                                            | 29    |
| Total, all ranks                                              | 33    |
| Attached -                                                    | 1     |
| A.C.C. - Cooks                                                |       |
| Total, a British Cadre to an Engineer Workshop Section (ESBD) | 34    |

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

Establishment for Engineer Services.

Engineer Clerks (Corporals)

Tradesmen -

|                                 |    |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Blacksmiths                     | 2  |
| Carpenters and Joiners          | 1  |
| Clerks, general duties          | 3  |
| Electricians (maintenance)      | 2  |
| Engine Hands I.C.               | 1  |
| Fitters                         | 1  |
| Patternmaker                    | 1  |
| Pioneers R.E. for :-            |    |
| General Duties                  | 3  |
| Motor Cycle Orderly             | 1  |
| Plumbers and Pipefitters        | 1  |
| Taxi Driver                     | 1  |
| Sawyers                         | 2  |
| Turnsmiths and Whitesmiths      | 1  |
| Turner                          | 1  |
| Welders, Acetylene and Electric | 1  |
| Woodturners and Mechanists      | 1  |
| Total, Tradesmen                | 26 |

Non-Tradesmen -

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Drivers I.C. for duty as - |   |
| Patmen-drivers             | 2 |

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|                                                               |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Serjeants                                                     | 1     |
| Total, serjeants                                              | 1     |
| Lance-serjeants                                               | 3     |
| Corporals                                                     | 8 (a) |
| Lance-Corporals (Sapper class)                                | 7     |
| Sappers                                                       | 7     |
| Drivers I.C.                                                  | 3     |
| Total, rank and file.                                         | 28    |
| Total, other ranks                                            | 29    |
| Total, all ranks                                              | 33    |
| Attached -                                                    | 1     |
| A.S.C. - Cooks                                                |       |
| Total, a British Cadre to an Engineer Workshop Section (ESWD) | 34    |

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

Establishment for Engineer Services.

Engineer Clerks (Corporals)

Tradesmen -

|                                 |    |
|---------------------------------|----|
| Blacksmiths                     | 2  |
| Carpenters and Joiners          | 1  |
| Clerks, general duties          | 3  |
| Electricians (maintenance)      | 2  |
| Engine Hands I.C.               | 1  |
| Fitters                         | 1  |
| Patternmaker                    | 3  |
| Pioneers R.E. for :-            | 1  |
| General Duties                  | 1  |
| Motor Cycle Orderly             | 1  |
| Plumbers and Pipefitters        | 1  |
| Saw Doctor                      | 1  |
| Sawyers                         | 2  |
| Tinsmiths and Whitesmiths       | 1  |
| Turner                          | 1  |
| Welders, Acetylene and Electric | 1  |
| Woodturners and Mechanists      | 1  |
| Total, Tradesmen                | 26 |

Non-Tradesmen -

Drivers I.C. for duty as -

Ratmen-drivers

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| Total, Non-Tradesmen | 2  |
| Total, rank and file | 28 |

(iii) Transport

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Motor-cycle, solo          | 1 |
| Cars, 2 seater, 4 x 2      | 2 |
| Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 2 G.S. | 2 |
| Total, vehicles            | 4 |

(a) Includes 2 Engineer Clerks.

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ENGINEER SECTION (BR)

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Tele. No. Freedom 757

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23 Aug 45

May the following proposal be placed before the War Establishment Committee at an early date:-

1. The Proposal

- (a) Royal Engineer Training Depot - OE/276/2
- (b) An amendment to an existing WE ref 1 Sep 45.
- (c) Not applicable.

2. The Effect of the Proposal.

(a) Not decrease

|                 |                                             |                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Offrs.          | ORs.                                        | Vehs            | M/Cs          |
| $\frac{16}{16}$ | $\frac{99 \text{ (Brit)}}{64 \text{ (It)}}$ | $\frac{11}{11}$ | $\frac{1}{1}$ |

Comparative Table with amended WE is attached at Appendix 'A'.

- (b) Downgradings are as shown in comparative table at Appendix 'A'.
- (c) One
- (d) No.
- (e) Not applicable.
- (f) All may be category 'B'.
- (g) Not applicable.
- (h) Not applicable.

3. Reasons for the Proposal

Owing to the reduced commitments of WE, it is now possible to effect the interim reductions proposed.

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Captain, R.E.,  
for M.C.R.E.

May the following proposal be placed before the War Establishment Committee at an early date:-

1. The Proposal

- (a) Royal Engineer Training Depot - CM/276/2
- (b) An amendment to an existing WE ref 1 Sep 45.
- (c) Not applicable.

2. The Effect of the Proposal.

- (a) Not decrease
- |        |                      |      |      |
|--------|----------------------|------|------|
| Offrs. | Orgs.                | Vchs | M/Os |
| 16     | 99 (Brit)<br>64 (It) | 11   | 1    |

Comparative Table with amended RE is attached at Appendix 'A'.

- (b) Downgradings are as shown in comparative table at Appendix 'A'.

- (c) One

- (d) No.

- (e) Not applicable.

- (f) All may be category 'B'.

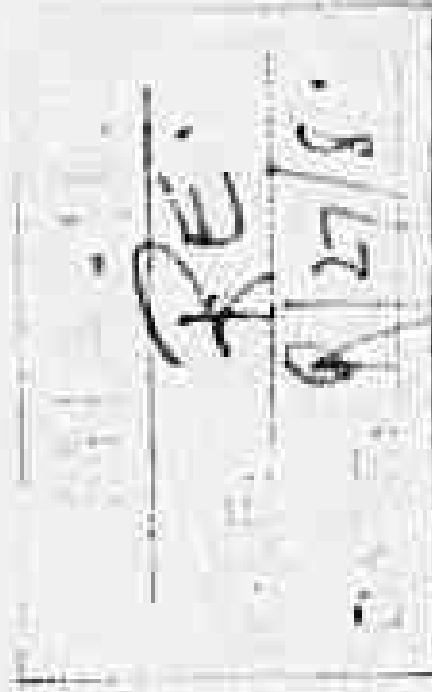
- (g) Not applicable.

- (h) Not applicable.

3. Reasons for the Proposal

Owing to the reduced commitments of REED, it is now possible to effect the interim reductions proposed.

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for M.G.R.E.

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## COMPARATIVE TABLE

## (i) Personnel

| Detail                                                    | Present<br>N.E. | Proposed<br>Amended N.E. | Remarks              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Lt-Colonel                                                | 1               | -                        |                      |
| Major (second-in-command)                                 | 1               | -                        |                      |
| Majors                                                    | 5               | 1                        | (Officer commanding) |
| Adjutant (Captain)                                        | 1               | -                        |                      |
| Captains                                                  | 5               | 1                        | (Second-in-command)  |
| Personnel Officer (Lieutenant)                            | 1               | -                        |                      |
| Subalterns                                                | 5               | 2                        |                      |
| Quartermaster                                             | 1               | -                        |                      |
| Total, Officers                                           | 20              | 4                        |                      |
| Regimental sergeant-major                                 | 1               | -                        |                      |
| Regimental quartermaster-sergeant                         | 1               | -                        |                      |
| Quartermaster-sergeant (instructor)                       | 1               | -                        |                      |
| Company sergeant-majors (instructors)                     | 3               | -                        |                      |
| Company sergeant-majors                                   | 4               | 1                        |                      |
| Orderly room staff-sergeant                               | 1               | -                        |                      |
| Company quartermaster-sergeants                           | 3               | 1                        |                      |
| Provost sergeant                                          | 1               | 1                        |                      |
| Clerk, for pay duties (sergeant)                          | 1               | 1                        |                      |
| Baggage NCO (sergeant)                                    | 1               | 1                        |                      |
| Postal worker (sergeant)                                  | 1               | -                        |                      |
| Officers mess steward                                     | 1               | -                        |                      |
| Sergeants mess caterer                                    | 1               | 1                        |                      |
| Duty NCOs (sergeants)                                     | 4               | 2                        |                      |
| Sergeants (instructional)                                 | 6               | -                        |                      |
| Total, warrant officers,<br>staff-sergeants and sergeants | 30              | 7                        |                      |
| Lance-sergeants (sapper class)                            | 7               | -                        |                      |
| Corporals (sapper class)                                  | 17              | 7(a)                     |                      |
| Corporal (driver class)                                   | 1               | -                        |                      |
| Lance corporals (sapper class)                            | 12              | 6                        |                      |
| Lance corporals (driver class)                            | 7               | 1                        |                      |
| Sappers                                                   | 41              | 45                       |                      |
| Drivers                                                   | 4               | 32                       |                      |
| Total, rank and file                                      | 89              | 77                       |                      |
| Total, other ranks                                        | 119             | 77                       |                      |
| Total, all ranks                                          | 139             | 77                       |                      |

(a) 1 to be L/Sgt

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(Officer commanding)

(Second-in-command)

|                                                        |     |      |    |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----|------|----|
| Majors                                                 | 5   | 1    |    |
| Adjutant (Captain)                                     | 1   | -    |    |
| Captains                                               | 5   | 1    |    |
| Personnel Officer (Lieutenant)                         | 1   | -    |    |
| Subalterns                                             | 5   | 2    |    |
| Quartermaster                                          | 1   | -    |    |
| Total, Officers                                        | 20  | 4    |    |
| Regimental sergeant-major                              | 1   | -    |    |
| Regimental quartermaster-sergeant                      | 1   | -    |    |
| Quartermaster-sergeant (instructor)                    | 1   | -    |    |
| Company sergeant-majors (instructors)                  | 3   | -    |    |
| Company sergeant-majors                                | 4   | 1    |    |
| Orderly room staff-sergeant                            | 1   | -    |    |
| Company quartermaster-sergeants                        | 3   | 1    |    |
| Provost sergeant                                       | 1   | 1    |    |
| Clerk, for pay duties (sergeant)                       | 1   | 1    |    |
| Baggage NCO (sergeant)                                 | 1   | -    |    |
| Postal worker (sergeant)                               | 1   | -    |    |
| Officers mess steward                                  | 1   | 1    |    |
| Sergeants mess caterer                                 | 1   | 1    |    |
| Duty NCOs (sergeants)                                  | 4   | 2    |    |
| Sergeants (instructional)                              | 6   | -    |    |
| Total, warrant officers, staff-sergeants and sergeants | 30  | 7    |    |
| Lance-sergeants (sapper class)                         | 7   |      |    |
| Corporals (sapper class)                               | 17  | 7(a) |    |
| Corporal (driver class)                                | 1   | -    |    |
| Lance corporals (sapper class)                         | 12  | 6    |    |
| Lance corporals (driver class)                         | 7   | 1    |    |
| Sappers                                                | 41  | 13   | 16 |
| Drivers                                                | 4   | 1    | 4  |
| Total, rank and file                                   | 89  | 28   | 20 |
| Total, other ranks                                     | 119 | 35   | 20 |
| Total, all ranks                                       | 139 | 39   | 20 |

(a) 1 to be L/Sgt

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## CONTINUING TABLE (contd)

## (i) Personnel - contd

| Detail                                           | Present M.E. |     | Proposed M.E. included in |      | Remarks                           |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----|---------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|
|                                                  | Brit         | It. | Brit.                     | It.  |                                   |
| <u>Attached</u>                                  |              |     |                           |      |                                   |
| RAC - Shoemakers (includes 1 Col)                | 2            |     | 1(b)                      | 1(c) | (b) Lance-corporal<br>(c) Private |
| Tailor (private)                                 | 1            |     | -                         | 4    | (Increase)                        |
| LEC (Instructor) sergeant                        | -            |     | 1                         |      |                                   |
| APC (Instructors) sergeant                       | 2            |     | 1                         |      |                                   |
| AME (Armourer) sergeant                          | 1            |     | -                         |      |                                   |
| ACC - cooks for                                  |              |     |                           |      |                                   |
| Officers' mess -                                 |              |     |                           |      |                                   |
| Corporal                                         | 1            |     | 1                         |      |                                   |
| Privates                                         |              | 2   |                           | 1    |                                   |
| Sergeants' mess                                  |              |     |                           |      |                                   |
| Corporal                                         | 1            |     | 1                         |      |                                   |
| Privates                                         |              | 2   |                           | 1    |                                   |
| Rank & File messes                               |              |     |                           |      |                                   |
| Staff-sergeant                                   | 1            |     | -                         |      |                                   |
| Sergeants                                        | 2            |     | 1                         |      |                                   |
| Corporals                                        | 3            |     | 2                         |      |                                   |
| Privates                                         | 9            | 10  |                           | 3    |                                   |
| Total attached                                   | 23           | 14  | 8                         | 7    |                                   |
| Total, Royal Engineer Training Depot, (incl att) | 162          | 91  | 47                        | 27   |                                   |
| (ii) Transport                                   |              |     |                           |      |                                   |
| Bicycle                                          |              |     |                           |      |                                   |
| Motor-cycles, solo                               | 1            |     |                           | 1    |                                   |
|                                                  | 2            |     |                           | 1    |                                   |
| Car, 2-seater, 4x2                               | 1            |     |                           | 1    |                                   |
| Car, 4-seater, 4x2                               | 1            |     |                           | 1    |                                   |
| Trucks, 15-cwt, 4x2 GS                           | 2            |     |                           | 1    |                                   |
| Truck, 15-cwt, 4x2, water                        | 1            |     |                           | -    |                                   |
| Truck, 15-cwt, 4x2, air compressor               | 1            |     |                           | -    |                                   |
| Lorries, 3-ton, 4x2, or 4x4 GS                   | 10           |     |                           | 2    |                                   |
| Total, vehicles                                  | 16           |     |                           | 5    |                                   |

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(ii) Distribution of Rank and File by Trades and Duties

| Detail                                                                     | British     | Italian |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------|
| <u>TRADES</u>                                                              |             |         |
| Clerks, general duties - corporals (a) Ø<br>lance corporals (b)<br>sappers | 3<br>2<br>3 |         |
| Pioneers PE, for duty as:-                                                 |             |         |
| Office orderlies                                                           | 2           |         |
| Motor-cyclist                                                              | 1           |         |
| Postal worker                                                              | 1           |         |
| Storeman (incl 1 L/Cpl as Ration NCO)                                      | 3           |         |
| General duties (incl 1 L/Cpl as Canteen<br>NCO)                            | 1           | 4       |
| Sanitary duties                                                            |             | 2       |
| Batman                                                                     |             | 2       |
| Butchery dutyman                                                           | 1           |         |
| Medical Officers' Orderly (Corporal)                                       | 1           |         |
| Mess Orderlies Officers' Mess                                              | 1           | 1       |
| Sgts' Mess (incl 1 L/Cpl)                                                  | 1           | 3       |
| Rank and File Mess (incl 1 L/Cpl)                                          | 1           | 4       |
| Telephone Orderlies                                                        | 2           |         |
| Orderly Corporal                                                           | 1           |         |
| Postal Corporal                                                            | 1           |         |
| Officers' Mess Corporal                                                    | 1           |         |
| Total, tradesmen                                                           | 26          | 16      |
| <u>NON-TRADES</u>                                                          |             |         |
| AT Lance corporal (driver class)<br>Drivers                                | 1<br>1      | 4       |
| Total, non-tradesmen                                                       | 2           | 4       |
| Total, Rank and File                                                       | 28          | 20      |
|                                                                            |             | 5927    |

(a) 1 to be L/Sgt

(b) 1 lance corporal for pay duties

Ø includes 1 corporal for pay duties

Pioneers PL, for duty as:-

Office orderlies  
Motor-cyclist  
Postal worker  
Storemen (incl 1 L/Cpl as ration WCO)  
General duties (incl 1 L/Cpl as Canteen WCO)  
  
Sanitary duties  
Batman  
Butchery dutyman  
Medical Officers' Orderly (Corporal)  
Mess Orderlies Officers' Mess  
Sgts' Mess (incl 1 L/Cpl)  
Rank and File Mess (incl 1 L/Cpl)  
Telephone Orderlies  
  
Orderly Corporal  
Postal Corporal  
Officers' Mess Corporal

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| 26   | 16 |
| 1    | 4  |
| 1    | 4  |
| 2    | 20 |
| 28   |    |
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Total, tradesmen

NON-TRADES MEN

MT Lance corporal (driver class)  
Drivers

Total, non-tradesmen  
Total, Rank and File

- (a) 1 to be L/Sgt
- (b) 1 lance corporal for pay duties
- Ø includes 1 corporal for pay duties

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ROYAL ENGINEER TRAINING DETACHMENT  
PROPOSED AMENDED INTEREST ESTABLISHMENT

(1) Personnel

| Detail                                        | British | Italian |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Officer Commanding (major)                    | 1       |         |
| Second-in-command (captain)                   | 1       |         |
| Subalterns                                    | 2       |         |
| Total, officers                               | 4       |         |
| Company, sergeant-major                       | 1       |         |
| Total, warrant officers                       | 1       |         |
| Company quartermaster sergeant                | 1       |         |
| Provost sergeant                              | 1       |         |
| Sergeants (general duties)                    | 2       |         |
| Sergeant's Mess Caterer                       | 1       |         |
| Clerk, general duties (sergeant)              | 1       |         |
| Total, sergeants                              | 6       |         |
| Corporals (sapper class)                      | 7(c)    |         |
| Lance corporals (sapper class)                | 6       |         |
| Lance corporal (driver class)                 | 1       | 16      |
| Sappers                                       | 13      | 4       |
| Drivers                                       | 1       |         |
| Total, rank and file                          | 28      | 20      |
| Total, other ranks                            | 35      | 20      |
| Attached -                                    |         |         |
| ACC - Shoemakers, lance-corporal (or any arm) | 1       | 1       |
| Tailor                                        | -       | 1       |
| ACC (Instructor)                              | 1       |         |
| APC (Instructor)                              | 1       |         |
| ACC - Cooks                                   |         |         |
| Officers Mess, corporal                       | 1       |         |
| private                                       |         |         |
| Sgt's Mess                                    | 1       |         |
| corporal                                      |         |         |
| private                                       |         |         |
| Park & File Mess sergeant                     | 1       | 1       |
| corporals                                     | 2       |         |
| privates                                      |         | 3       |
| Total, attached                               |         | 5       |

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|                                                |      |    |
|------------------------------------------------|------|----|
| Officer Commanding (major)                     | 1    |    |
| Second-in-command (captain)                    | 1    |    |
| Subalterns                                     | 2    |    |
| Total, officers                                | 4    |    |
| Company, sergeant-major                        | 1    |    |
| Total, warrant officers                        | 1    |    |
| Company quarter-master sergeant                | 1    |    |
| Provost sergeant                               | 1    |    |
| Sergeants (general duties)                     | 2    |    |
| Sergeant's Mess Caterer                        | 1    |    |
| Clerk, general duties (sergeant)               | 1    |    |
| Total, sergeants                               | 6    |    |
| Corporals (sapper class)                       | 7(a) |    |
| Lance corporals (sapper class)                 | 6    |    |
| Lance corporal (driver class)                  | 1    | 16 |
| Sappers                                        | 13   | 4  |
| Drivers                                        | 1    |    |
| Total, rank and file                           | 28   | 20 |
| Total, other ranks                             | 35   | 20 |
| Attached -                                     |      |    |
| WACC - Shoemakers, lance-corporal (or any arm) | 1    | 1  |
| Tailor                                         | -    | 1  |
| WAC (Instructor)                               | 1    |    |
| WTC (Instructor)                               | 1    |    |
| WCC - Cooks                                    |      |    |
| Officers Mess, corporal                        | 1    |    |
| private                                        |      | 1  |
| Sgt's Mess                                     | 1    |    |
| corporal                                       |      | 1  |
| private                                        |      |    |
| Rank & File Mess sergeant                      | 1    |    |
| corporals                                      | 2    | 3  |
| privates                                       |      |    |
| Total, attached                                | 8    | 7  |
| Total, Royal Engineer Training Depot           | 47   | 27 |

(ii) Transport

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| Bicycle                | 1 |
| Motor cycle, solo      | 1 |
| Cars - 2-seater        | 1 |
| 4 x 2                  | 1 |
| 4-seater               | 1 |
| 4 x 2                  | 1 |
| Truck 15 cwt.          | 1 |
| 4 x 2                  | 1 |
| Horries - 3 ton, 4 x 2 | 1 |

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SUBJECT : War Establishment of RTC ICF

4 AUG 45

G. (SD)

Ref SD/45/2 of 4 Aug 45.

Regarding the est. of the Engineer School, the staff would certainly not be too numerous for the total numbers of students envisaged. Small reductions could be made in the Training Bn HQ proportionate to a smaller number of recruit parties under trg. I do not, however, recommend any alterations.

*RM*  
Maj. R.E.  
S.O.R.E.  
M.M.I.A.

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LYING AND MAINTENANCE SCHOOL  
PERSONNEL TRAINING CENTER  
(INDIAN ARMY)

(Designed to instruct 1,00 pupils)

(A) Personnel.

| Assignment No. |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Date.          |     |
| Officers       | 17  |
| O.Ns.          | 243 |
| Total.         | 259 |
| STS.           | 5   |
| Vehicles.      | 103 |

| Detail.                                                | Offrs. | Senior NCOs | Junior NCOs | Privates | Total |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------------|-------------|----------|-------|
| <u>SCHOOL HEADQUARTERS.</u>                            |        |             |             |          |       |
| Commanding Officer (Major)                             | 1      |             |             |          | 1     |
| Second in command (Captain)                            | 1      |             |             |          | 1     |
| Adjutant (Lieutenant)                                  | 1      |             |             |          | 1     |
| Subaltern.                                             | 1      |             |             |          | 1     |
| M.O. Officer (Captain)                                 | 1      | 1           |             |          | 1     |
| Warrant Officer.                                       | 1      | 1           |             |          | 1     |
| Company Quartermaster-Sergeant                         |        |             |             |          | 1     |
| Clerk                                                  |        |             |             | 3        | 3     |
| Storeman                                               |        |             |             | 1        | 1     |
| R.F. Sergeant.                                         |        | 1           |             |          | 1     |
| Vehicle Mechanics                                      |        | 1           |             |          | 1     |
| Drivers I.C.                                           |        |             | 1           |          | 1     |
| Motor Cyclist                                          |        |             | 1           |          | 1     |
| Electricians                                           |        |             | 1           |          | 1     |
| Carpenter                                              |        |             |             | 1        | 1     |
| Sanitary Duty N.C.O.                                   |        |             | 1           |          | 1     |
| Water duty N.C.O.                                      |        |             | 1           |          | 1     |
| Barber                                                 |        |             |             | 1        | 1     |
| Tailor                                                 |        |             |             | 1        | 1     |
| Officers Mess N.C.O.                                   |        | 1           |             |          | 1     |
| Matron                                                 |        |             | 1           |          | 1     |
| Cooks                                                  |        |             |             | 6        | 6     |
| Bugler.                                                |        |             |             | 2        | 2     |
| Cadets (incl. Sergeants Mess)                          |        |             | 3           |          | 3     |
| Kitchen fatigue                                        |        | 1           |             | 1        | 2     |
| Barrack room orderlies                                 |        |             |             | 4        | 4     |
| General duties                                         |        | 1           | 5           | 2        | 8     |
| <u>Attached</u>                                        |        |             |             |          |       |
| Medical Officer (Captain)                              | 1      |             |             | 1        | 2     |
| Medical Orderly                                        |        |             |             |          | 1     |
| <b>TOTAL, School Headquarters (Including attached)</b> | 6      | 3           | 12          | 42       | 63    |
| <u>TRAINING WING.</u>                                  |        |             |             |          |       |
| Chief Instructor (Captain)                             | 1      |             |             |          | 1     |
| Instructors (Subalterns)                               | 2      | 1           |             | 1        | 4     |
| Clerks                                                 |        |             |             |          | 2     |
| <b>TOTAL, Training Wing.</b>                           | 3      | 1           |             | 1        | 5     |

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RESTRICTEDLAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION HQ, (MILIA)WAR ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE

11th Meeting held on Friday, 20th July 45

Present : Lt. Col. S.M. INGLEDENW Chairman  
 Col. F.J. NOAKES "Q" Branch  
 Major J.A. DOBBS "A" Branch  
 Major J.L.W. CHRYNE G(SD)

MINUTES

| <u>Serial No.</u> | <u>Category</u>          | <u>War Establishment</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 83                | HR-ITI<br>Service<br>Tps | CM/828/1                 |

INCREMENT TO FOR STRY  
CP HQ

The following amdt was approved  
 w.e.f. 20 July 45, subject to AFHQ  
 concurrence.

Add under (1) Personnel Drivers i/o (Ptes) - 11

Add under (11) Distribution of rank & file by  
duties

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Motorcyclists   | 3 |
| Drivers of Vehs | 8 |

Concurrence: Engr Sec, AFHQ.

Will be promulgated as  
 Amdt No 1 on receipt of AFHQ concurrence.

File: RE/14/1

AN ITALIAN PLAN RELOC HQ

|    |                          |
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| 84 | HR-ITI<br>Service<br>Tps |
|----|--------------------------|

The proposal was agreed in principle. It was considered however that the figure of 9 Officers and 32 ORs was too high. It was agreed that the Est should be limited to 5 Officers and 27 ORs and the proposal was deferred pending resubmission of the War Est on the above lines.

File: SD/35/2

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| 85 | HR-ITI<br>Service |
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ITALIAN SERVICE AND IT COV, A-2,

CM/822/1

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MINUTES

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| Serial<br>No. | Category                 | War<br>Establishment |
| 83            | HR-ITI<br>Service<br>Tps | CM/825/1             |

INCREMENT TO PERSONNEL  
GP HQ

The following amdt was approved  
w.e.f. 20 July 45, subject to AFHQ  
concurrence.

Add under (1) Personnel Drivers 4/c (Ptes) - 11

Add under (ii) Distribution of rank & file by  
duties

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Motorcyclists   | 3 |
| Drivers of Vehs | 8 |

Concurrence: Engr Sec, AFHQ.

Will be promulgated as  
Amdt No 1 on receipt of AFHQ concurrence.

File: RE/14/1

84  
HR-ITI  
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AN ITALIAN AMBASSY REQUEST HQ

The proposal was agreed in principle. It  
was considered however that the figure of 9 Offrs  
and 22 ORs was too high. It was agreed that the  
Est should be limited to 5 Offrs and 27 ORs and the  
proposal was deferred pending resubmission of the  
War Est on the above lines.

File: SD/55/2

85  
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Service  
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ITALIAN SERVICE AND HQ COY. P.2 CM/882/1

This new cst was approved w.e.f. 20 July  
subject to AFHQ concurrence.

It consists of 18 Officers and 509 ORs,  
and involves decrease of 3 offrs and 90 ORs on  
the existing cst.

File: SD/56/2

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War  
Establishment

CM/853/1

Category

Serial  
No.

86

BR-III

Service Tps

ITALIAN INCR TO A

MOBILE TPT COY RASG

This new est was approved  
w.e.f. 20 July subject to AFHQ  
concurrence.

It consists of 6 Officers  
and 322 ORs. It was considered  
that one Officer was required to  
command each Tp and this was added  
accordingly.

It was decided to recommend  
to AFHQ the addition of one riding  
horse to the Er Cadre for each Tp  
Commander.

Concurrences: ST, AFHQ

File : SD/3/2

ITI-III

ITALIAN BASE POST OFFICE

This proposal was deferred.

File SD/52/2

ITI-ITI

TERRITORIAL GUARD COY

308/SARE/1

This new est was approved  
w.e.f. 20 July.

It consists of 6 Officers  
and 194 ORs and Tpt. Two lorries  
were deleted as the proposed allo-  
cation of load carriers was considered  
excessive. Two Drivers were deleted  
and two General Dutymen substituted.

SD/13/2

24 July 45

W. H. Chaplin  
Secretary  
War Establishments  
Committee  
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that one Officer was required to command each Tp and this was added accordingly.

It was decided to recommend to AFHQ the addition of one riding horse to the Hq Cadre for each Tp Commander.

Concurrences: ST, AFHQ

File : SD/5/2

ITM-ITM

ITALIAN BASE POST OFFICE

This proposal was deferred.

File SD/52/2

ITM-ITM

TERRITORIAL GUARD COY

508/SARE/1

This new Coy was approved w.e.f. 20 July.

It consists of 6 Officers and 134 ORs and Tpt. Two lorries were deleted as the proposed allocation of load carriers was considered excessive. Two Drivers were deleted and two General Dutymen substituted.

SD/13/2

24 July 45

WS

DISTRIBUTION: (See Page 3)

*Placed in 5522*  
Secretary  
War Establishments  
Committee

Subject : Re-organisation of Italian  
P.C.W. Co-operator Units.

Transportation (Br) Main, 52  
C.M.F.  
Tel : Firebox - 27  
Outside line 843115  
Ref : TM.A.1/100/2.  
14 July 1945.

To : Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.I.).

1060 Co-operator Port Maint. Sec.  
1062 Co-operator Port Maint. Sec.

1. Reference AFHQ Signal (GR58BT) dated 9 July addressed to you, copy to this H.Q., it is desired that on conversion to Br-Iti status the above named units should remain on the present war establishment, except that the British Cadre will be replaced by Italians.

2. A copy of this establishment is attached and you will notice that the following personnel must be replaced by Italians:-

|                           |   |   |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| Subaltern.                | - | 1 |
| A.M.S. (Technical).       | - | 1 |
| Corporals (incl. 1 Clerk) | - | 2 |

3. Hitherto it has been found desirable to attach these Sections to larger units for administration. It is presumed there is unlikely to be any difficulty about continuing this arrangement when they become Br-Iti Units, as they will always be employed in one of the main ports.

Recommended  
After see units were meeting

No 13

File  
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(P.C.W. CLARK). 5921

Major, R.E.  
for Brigadier.

Director of Transportation.

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# I. The Proposal

Letter to HQ 07/02/51 HQ Transport to Forestry Op in  
(Oct 3 1951) attached 2 other 29 cm.

## II. The effect of the proposal

- (a) Increase of 10 other units - 3 motorcycles  
5 drivers
- (b) ...
- (c) one
- (d) Expenses covered by the allocation of 6 and 62 Italian  
Forestry Companies.

## III. The means available

The Forestry Op in the future going to employ, in its new limited  
local civilian labor in line of 61 and 62 Italian Forestry Op in  
to the availability of suitable civilian personnel.

The Op will however retain a proportion of the 10 vehicles allocated  
to 6 and 62 Op, viz.

3 1/2, 2 Cars, 4 - 15 cm, 1 - 5 ton

and it is to limit after these vehicles that the increase in  
personnel is required.

This increase has been requested by HQ Section 1010.

27 14/

27 Jun 52

C (2D-10)

Enclosed proposal in duplicate for new 100-III ME, for  
favour of con sideration on next MC meeting.

S.O.R.R.  
K.M.I.A.

I The Proposal

- (a) Italian Engineer in U.S. (abt 5 100-III)
- (b) New ME
- (c) --

II The effect of the proposal

- (a) Increase of 4 officers 12 CAs 4 vehicles  
for each Dn II.
- (b) --
- (c) Two units are to be covered  
Proposal involves an overall increase  
This increase is to be covered by the re-impersonation  
of 100-III Reg Coy's Nos 51-52 etc.
- (d) Draft WE attached

III Reasons for the Proposal

- (a) Copy of 1 District letter 1906/14/10 dated 4 Jun  
attached.
- Instructions to take 100 action received from AMB  
in their letter 100 091.711/157 of 24 Jun.

COPY

SECRET

SUBJECT: Order of Battle - ITALIAN Units

1956/14/6(m)

1 Jun 56

MEMO

Reference your No. 89/4/5 dated 23 Mar 45.

1. There are at present twelve ITALIAN Div Coy in this District, centred either on SERRA or PALLI. In addition it is understood that a further four coys will be formed in this District in the near future.
2. In order to ensure administrative efficiency of these independent units, it is desirable that they should be grouped under a small ITALIAN HQ conveniently located to carry out this task. As it is not practicable for 209 Div HQ to do this co-ordination in view of the large territory involved, an intermediate HQ is required between the units and the ITALIAN HQ, Colonel HQ. The staff of the GRV command must be expected to take on this additional administrative commitment.
3. It is therefore requested that ordering out only may be given for the formation of HQs 26 and 502 ITALIAN Div Bns with an establishment as shown at Annex A to this letter. Italian Div units would then be grouped under these HQs as follows:-

| IL             | LOCATION | UNITS TO BE ADMINISTERED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   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Reference your No. 7724/5 dated 25 June 45.

1. There are at present twelve INDIAN Div. boys in this District, centered either on SIKKA or MAHA. In addition it is understood that a further four boys will be formed in this District in the near future.
2. In order to ensure administrative efficiency of these independent units, it is desirable that they should be grouped under a single WILLIAM in conveniently located to carry out this task. As it is not practicable for 209 Div H to do this coordination in view of the large territory involved, an in immediate H is required between the units and the WILLIAM of local H. The staff of the ONE must be expected to take on this additional administrative commitment.

2. In order to ensure administrative efficiency of these independent units, it is desirable that they should be grouped under a small ITHAM HQ conveniently located to carry out this task. As it is not practicable for 209 Div HQ to do this co-ordination in view of the large territory involved, an in immediate HQ is required between the units and the ITHAM HQ, London. The staff of the CTE cannot be expected to take on this additional administrative commitment.

5. It is therefore requested that occurring one city may be added for the formation of the 23 and 240 TRAILER INC. INC with an establishment as shown at Annex A to this letter.
- Realism Park units would then be grouped under these two as follows:-

|     |            |      |          |                              |
|-----|------------|------|----------|------------------------------|
| (a) | 26 Dec 79  | HO   | HOONZUMI | UNITED TO BE ALPHABETICALLY  |
|     |            |      | AURAKIA  |                              |
|     |            |      |          | 1 Total Mar Coy              |
|     |            |      |          | 15 " "                       |
|     |            |      |          | 14 " "                       |
|     |            |      |          | 20 " "                       |
|     |            |      |          | 26 " "                       |
|     |            |      |          | Total Mar to 597 Nov Mar Coy |
| (b) | 502 Dec 80 | FORU |          | 2 Total Mar Coy              |
|     |            |      |          | 3 " "                        |
|     |            |      |          | 4 " "                        |
|     |            |      |          | 5 " "                        |
|     |            |      |          | 6 " "                        |
|     |            |      |          | 7 " "                        |
|     |            |      |          | 10 " "                       |
|     |            |      |          | Total Mar to 715 Nov Mar Coy |
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For this Gen Card, I did not

SUGGESTED IN FOR A PR-TH TEAM IN IDOFFICERS

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Bn Q3                      | 1 Major  |
| Sgt (also and Interpreter) | 1 Lieut  |
| Technical Officer          | 1 Plaut  |
| ED                         | 1 Lieut  |
|                            | <u>4</u> |
| TOTAL                      |          |

OTHER NAMES

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| Chief Clerk    | 1 Cpl     |
| QMS            | 1 Sgt     |
| Clerks         | 2         |
| Draftsmen      | 1         |
| Tylists        | 2         |
| Boatmen        | 1         |
| Coals          | 2         |
| Motor-cyclists | 1         |
| Drivers        | 2         |
|                | <u>18</u> |
| TOTAL          |           |

VEHICLES

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| Motor-cycle solo | 2        |
| Cars 2-cdr 4 x 2 | 2        |
|                  | <u>4</u> |
| TOTAL            |          |

the info for inclusion in the

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RE I4/I  
I6 May 45

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Ref my RE I4/I of I4 May forwarding proposed  
WE of Italian Mechanical Equipment Company, herewith two  
copies of detailed WE for this unit.

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RE I4/I  
I4 May 45I. Proposal

- (a) Italian Mechanical Equipment Company  
(b) New W.E.  
(c) --

II. Effect of the proposal

- (a) IO offr 298 CRS  
(b) ---  
(c) One

(d) Ref Italian Army Category Io.

The following amendments are required to provide for this unit:-

|                                                      |       |     |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----|
| Reduce strength of IO Eng Regt from I75 all ranks to | Offrs | CRS |
| Reduce strength of all Engr                          | 5     | 20  |
| Delete Engr Service Bn HQ                            |       |     |
| Service Coys from I35 "                              | "     | 3   |
| 15 "                                                 | "     | 119 |

Net saving of personnel 308

- (e) ---  
(f) Should be category A.  
(g) Draft Est attached.

III. Reasons for the proposal

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Difficulties in employing civilian labour with this equipment fall, in short, under the following heads:-

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Unwillingness of civilians to work far from their homes.

Difficulty of employing 'mobile' civilian labour.

Wastage in trained men leaving for more acceptable jobs.

It is therefore required to employ military personnel.

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- (b) ---
- (c) One
- (d) Ref Italian Army Category Ic.  
The following amendments are required to provide  
for this unit:-

|       |     |
|-------|-----|
| Offrs | ORs |
| 5     | 20  |

|                                                      |    |   |     |
|------------------------------------------------------|----|---|-----|
| Reduce strength of IC Eng Regt from I75 all ranks to | "  | 3 | II9 |
| Reduce strength of all Engr Service Coys from I35    | "  | " |     |
| Delete Engr Service Bn HQ                            | I5 | " |     |
| Net saving of personnel                              |    |   | 308 |

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| FILE: <i>RE/14</i> |
| DATE: <i>28/10</i> |

ITALIAN MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT BATTALION

Consisting of:- HQ  
Two Operating Companies  
One Maintenance Company, with two sections, for  
equipment and vehicle maintenance respectively.

(i) Personnel

| <u>Detail</u>              | <u>HQ</u> | <u>Operating Company</u> | <u>Operating Maintenance Company</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|----------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Officer Commanding Lt Col  | I         |                          |                                      | I            |
| Majors                     | I         |                          | I                                    | 2            |
| Captains                   |           | I                        | 2                                    | 4            |
| Subalterns                 | I         | I                        | 2                                    | 5            |
| Warrant Officer            | I         |                          |                                      | I            |
| CQMS                       | I         |                          |                                      | I            |
| Serjeants                  | I(a)      | I                        | I(b)                                 | 4            |
| Corporals (General duties) | I         | 4                        |                                      | 9            |
| Tradesmen & Drivers        | 3         | 108(c)                   | 38(a)                                | 257          |
| General duty men:          |           |                          |                                      |              |
| Cooks                      | 2         | 2                        | 2                                    | 3            |
| Clerks                     | 3         | I                        | I                                    | 6            |
| Storemen                   | I         |                          | I                                    | 2            |
| Orderlies                  | 2         |                          |                                      | 2            |
| Batmen                     | 2         |                          |                                      | 2            |
| for Sanitary duties        | I         | I                        | I                                    | 4            |
|                            | 21        | 119                      | 49                                   | 308          |

(a) for clerical duties (b) should be a mechanist  
(c) to include 4 Corporals

(ii) Distribution by trades

| HQ                     | Operating Coy (two) | Maintenance Coy |         | Total |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------|-------|
|                        |                     | Eqnt Sec        | Veh Sec |       |
| Tractor Operators      | 7                   |                 |         | 14    |
| Shovel Operators       | 3                   |                 |         | 6     |
| " " assistants         | 3                   |                 |         | 6     |
| Truck Drivers          | 18                  |                 |         | 36    |
| Driver mechanics       |                     | 9               | 6       | 15    |
| Fitters                |                     | 9               | 6       | 15    |
| Vehicle mechanics      |                     | 3               | 2       | 5     |
| Motor Patrol Operators | 15                  |                 |         | 15    |
| Distributor Operators  | 5                   |                 |         | 5     |
| " " Attendants         | 10                  |                 |         | 10    |
|                        | 2                   |                 |         | 2     |
|                        |                     |                 |         | 1     |
|                        |                     |                 |         | 20    |
|                        |                     |                 |         | 70    |
|                        |                     |                 |         | 5914  |



From - MCW  
To - MMIA

407/RIS/UDG  
7 May 45

Subject:- Rd Wks Bn

Ref request called 'short way' from Maj Copleston MMIA and following conversation of afternoon of 5th with him and with the intervention of the General Inspector of the Arm, we transmit a promemoria re the fundamental ~~xxxxxx~~ characteristics and the constitution of an Engr Rd Wks Bn for the use of the 4,000 tons of heavy machines for rd wks recently sent from America.

The above is set out assuming a new unit is to be formed from Cat Ic as laid down by Maj Copleston and that it is not possible to use an engr unit of Cat 3.

On receipt of instructions from MMIA ~~ex~~ they will be carried out in agreement with Engr Inspectorate.

CRIVARC

OBJECT Ref proposal from MMIA through Maj Copleston re use of 4000 tons heavy material for rd wks and the consequent formation of a engr bn for the use of this material in the repairs to rds damaged by war, this Dir Generale has considered the matter and its views are as follows:-

STRENGTH OF RD WKS BN - WE of bn could be Bn HQ and 2 Coys and I Park as follows:-

|            |       |              |
|------------|-------|--------------|
| Bn HQ      | Offrs | NCOs & ORs   |
| 2 Wks Coys | 16    | 24+176       |
| I Park Coy | 5     | 6+34         |
| Total      | 24    | 32+252 = 306 |

RATION ISSUE - Conforming to the instruction to put this personnel in Cat Ic (Engr) (Sec 4) the 306 men above will have to be rationed and clothed at the expense of existing units.

A solution is as follows:-

- IO Regt Genio (No 44 of series of Appx folio 4 to MMIA letter SD/94 of 22 Feb) does not at present carry out the ~~work~~ <sup>work</sup> set out in its WE since the admin of enroled strength can be done by 'depositi genio' whilst trg and fmn of units is more easily carried out at Ceano.

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However temporarily the deposito IO genio should be reinforced from 5 to 30 (IO offrs and 20 ORs).

As a consequence 150 rations could be made available to the Rd Bn

Reductions

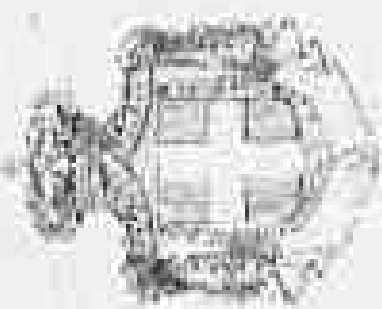
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|---------------------|------|-----|----|-----|--------------------|
| 10 Wks              | from | 175 | to | 25  | with savings       |
|                     |      | 15  |    | 0   | <del>145</del> 130 |
|                     |      | 135 |    | 122 | - 15 =             |
| HQ Engr Genio Co    |      |     |    |     |                    |
| Engr Genio Coy (11) |      |     |    |     |                    |
|                     |      |     |    |     | 143                |
|                     |      |     |    |     | <del>308</del>     |
|                     |      |     |    |     | 302                |
|                     |      |     |    |     | 300                |

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- HQ Engr Serv Bn ( No 25 of the Appx folio 4 to SD/94 of 22 Feb) owing to the way the Service Engr Coys have been formed is no longer really necessary - the I5 rations are therefore available.
- The remaining I44 can be taken from strength assigned to Engr Serv Coy (No 26 to 36 of the series) reducing the strength of ORs from I35 to I22.

The total available from the above provisions amounts to  
 $I50 + I5 + I43 = 308$  as the total carried to "o 2.

- 4. Should you agree with these proposals which conform to Maj Coplestons' instructions this NOW will in agreement with SMRE put them into effect.



*Ministero della Guerra*  
DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO  
Uff. del Dirett. Generale

Roma, 1 Maggio 1945

URGENTE

LA I.R.S.C. (A.C.)  
M.M.I.A. A.P.O. 394

e, per conoscenza:

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

S E D E

*Disposizione*  
Prot. N. 407/RIS/UDG/Magdi 1

OGGETTO Battaglione lavori stradali-

In relazione alla richiesta formulata "via breve" a mezzo del Magg. CAPIESTONE di codesta M.M.I.A. ed a seguito del colloquio del pomeriggio del giorno 5 c.m. col sopra nominato Ufficiale e con l'intervento del Generale Ispettore dell'Arma, si trasmette l'unito promemoria concernente le caratteristiche fondamentali e le modalità di costituzione di un btg. genio lavori stradali avente il compito di impiegare le 4000 T. di macchine pesanti per lavori stradali testè spediti dall'America. Le caratteristiche e modalità costitutive di cui sopra rispondono al criterio di costituire un nuovo reparto utilizzando, come da indicazione data dal Magg. CAPIESTONE forza della categoria 1 C e non sia possibile invece utilizzare un reparto del genio della 3ª categoria.

In seguito alle disposizioni esecutive che codesta M.M.I.A. riterrà opportuno impartire, sarà provveduto d'accordo con l'Ispettorato dell'Arma del Genio alle ulteriori incombenze.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE DEL GENIO  
(Gen. di Div. O. Crivaro)

*Crivaro*

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
Direzione Generale del Genio  
Ufficio del Direttore Generale

OGGETTO: Costituzione battaglione genio lavori stradali.-

- 1) - SCOPO- In relazione alla proposta inoltrata dalla I.F.S.C.-A.C. (M.M.I.A.) per il tramite del Magg. COBLESTONE circa la assegnazione di 4000 T. di materiale pesante per lavori stradali e della conseguente opportunità di costituire un battaglione genio per l'esercizio di detto materiale nell'opera di ricostruzione e di conservazione della rete stradale ordinaria danneggiata dalla guerra, questa Direzione Generale ha preso in esame l'interessante argomento per definire la modalità di ordinamento e di organico del nuovo reparto e risolvere le questioni connesse con la sua costituzione.

I risultati dello studio e le proposte conclusive sono riassunte nel presente documento.

- 2) - FORZA DEL Btg. LAVORI STRADALI- L'ordinamento del battaglione potrebbe essere su di un Cmdo di Btg. e 2 cp.lavori ed 1 cp. parco.

L'organico sommario potrebbe essere il seguente:

|              | Uff.       | S.S.T. |
|--------------|------------|--------|
| cmdo btg.    | 3          | 2+12   |
| 2 cp.lavori  | 15         | 24+176 |
| 1 cp.parco   | 5          | 6+34   |
| <hr/>        |            |        |
| Totali parz. | 24         | 32+252 |
| <hr/>        |            |        |
| Totale gen.  | 306 unità. |        |

- 3) - MODALITA' ASSEGNAZIONE RAZIONI VIVERI- In conformità della direttiva di inserire l'accennato personale sulla capienza dell'assegnazione fatta al servizio del genio sulla Cat.1-c (quadro IV), le 306 unità sopra indicate debbono vettovagliarsi mediante economie fatte a carico di enti già costituiti.

Una soluzione può riassumersi nelle seguenti linee:

- il 10° rgt.genio (n°44 di serie dell'App.- foglio IV al 1 le lettere 51/94 del 22/2 c.a.della M.M.I.A.) non risponde nel suo attuale ordinamento a specifiche esigenze, poiché l'Amministrazione della forza a ruolo può essere delegata ai depositi genio, mentre le incombenze di addestramento e formazione dei reparti del genio trovano sede più opportuna presso il Rgt.Genio della Scuola di Cesano.

Peraltro temporaneamente il deposito 10° genio dovrebbe essere rinforzato dalla attuale consistenza di u.e 30 u. (10 Uff. + 20 S.S.T.).

Di conseguenza 150 razioni potrebbero essere rese disponibili per il Btg.lavori stradali.

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- Il Cmo Btg.serv.genio(n°25 di serie della App.-Foglio IV alla lettera SD/94 del 22/2 c a. della M.M.I.A.)<sup>w</sup> date le modalità colle quali ha corso la formazione delle cp.servizio genio, non risponde più a concrete necessità; le corrispondenti 15 razioni sono perciò disponibili.

- Le residue 141 unità possono trarsi dalla forza assegnata alle cp.serv.genio(n° 26 - 36 della serie c.s.), mediante riduzione delle forze sottufficiali e truppa da 135 a 122 unità.

Il totale reso disponibile coi provvedimenti sopra elencati ammonta a  $150+15+143 = 308$  unità, come da totale riportato al n.2.-

- 4) - Ove codesto L.F.S.C.-A.C.(M.M.I.A.) approvi le accennate proposte conformi agli accordi di massima intercorsi col Magg.COPESTONE, questo Ministero passerà senz'altro ai provvedimenti esecutivi, presi gli accordi del caso con lo S.M.R.E.-

Roma, 7 maggio 1945



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Subject : Amendment to W.E.

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

27 Apr 45

G (SD)

Herewith 5 copies of proposed amendment to WE 205/SMRE/I  
Control Requisitioning Office for favour of inclusion in W.E.  
Committee Agenda.

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M.M.I.A.

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AMENDMENT No. 1I. THE PROPOSAL

MR 205/SMB/1 Central Requisitioning Office (Category 1(c))  
to be amended.

II. THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL

- (a) Increase of 66 personnel.  
Present WE allows for 50 officers and 50 A.Ss.
- (b) - -
- (c) One Unit
- (d)(e) Additional personnel to be found as follows:-
  - (i) From disbandment of part of the Ministry of War Pigeon Section - 60
  - (ii) From unallotted personnel (Category 1(c) (Genio) - 6
- (f) - -
- (g) - -

III. REASON FOR THE PROPOSAL

The Ministry of War have strongly urged this increase in ceiling in order that essential work in connection with requisitioning may continue to be carried out.

The present strength of this unit was arrived at arbitrarily when Category 1(c) was reorganised, to cover the requirements in the the portion of Italy liberated at that time. The increase in strength is required to cover commitments in the North.

Attached is the proposed present distribution of the 166 men. This shows the H.Q. to which the various offices are attached. This distribution will alter when offices in the North are opened.

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Present RE allows for 50 officers and 50 O.Ns.

- (b) - -
- (c) One Unit
- (d)(e) Additional personnel to be found as follows:-
  - (f) From Headquarters of part of the Ministry of War Pigeon Section - 60
  - (g) From unallotted personnel Category I(c) (Genio) - 6

- (f) - -
- (g) - -

### III REASON FOR THE PROPOSAL

The Ministry of War have strongly urged this increase in ceiling in order that essential work in connection with requisitioning may continue to be carried out.

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for Major General,  
H. T. A.

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| Office         | Location   | Attached to                             | Strength<br>Offrs ORA |
|----------------|------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Central Office | ROME       | -                                       | 11                    |
| Sub-office     | PALERMO    | Engr Works Services Directorate PALERMO | 2                     |
| "              | CATANIA    | "                                       | 2                     |
| "              | SIRACUSA   | "                                       | 1                     |
| "              | CATANZARO  | "                                       | 2                     |
| "              | TARANTO    | "                                       | 4                     |
| "              | BRESCIA    | "                                       | 17                    |
| "              | BARI       | "                                       | 2                     |
| "              | CAMPORASSO | "                                       | 18                    |
| "              | VASTO      | "                                       | 12                    |
| "              | NAPLES     | "                                       | 5                     |
| "              | ROME       | "                                       | 11                    |
| "              | RIETI      | "                                       | 23                    |
| "              | PERUGIA    | "                                       | 1                     |
| "              | AREZZO     | "                                       | 6                     |
| "              | ANCONA     | "                                       | 2                     |
| "              | PESARO     | "                                       | 12                    |
| "              | FLORENCE   | "                                       | 2                     |
| "              | LIVORNO    | "                                       | 10                    |
| "              | SIENA      | "                                       | 5006                  |
| "              | RAVENNA    | "                                       | 1                     |
| "              | BOLAGNA    | "                                       | 3                     |
| "              | BOLOGNA    | "                                       | 146                   |
| "              | BOLOGNA    | "                                       | 20                    |
| "              | BOLOGNA    | "                                       | TOTAL                 |

|   |   |   |   |   |   |       |    |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------|----|
| " | " | " | " | " | " | 1     | -  |
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| " | " | " | " | " | " | 17    | 4  |
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| " | " | " | " | " | " | 16    | 8  |
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| " | " | " | " | " | " | 5006  | -  |
| " | " | " | " | " | " | 3     | -  |
| " | " | " | " | " | " | 146   | 20 |
| " | " | " | " | " | " | TOTAL |    |

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HQ 15 ARMY GROUP (BS)

Tel: PILPOT 73

1805/50/9/0-3 SD1

14 Apr 45

SUBJECT: Proposal for a new VE for  
a BR-III Service Unit

Land Forces Sub Commission AO (MIA) (7)

Copy to: G-3 (ENG) (For) - AFHQ (6)

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MMI A-100  
FILE: SD14  
DATE: 14 Apr 45

1. The Proposal

- (a) An Italian Engineer Park Company
- (b) A new VE effected by amending the existing VE XII/254/1 for an Italian Pz Bn Coy.
- (c) NOT applicable.

2. The Effect of the Proposal

- (a) An increase of
- (b) NOT applicable
- (c) At present it is intended to form one unit.

| Offrs | OR  | MO | Vehs | Trailers |
|-------|-----|----|------|----------|
| 5     | 134 | 10 | 18   | 1        |

- (d) The proposal involves an overall increase in vehs and eqpt. Personnel will be provided from existing available BR-III service lifts and from the pool resulting from the disbandment of Italian Increments to Art Wks Coys (IE).

- (e) Unit to be formed in place of one of the Italian Engr Coys still to be formed.
- (f) NOT applicable

- (g) The proposal has been agreed in principle with Engr AFHQ.

- (h) The proposed VE is attached as Appx 'A'.

3. The Reasons for the Proposal

- (a) This unit is required as a Pz Bn Coy for 'P' GHQ Tps Engrs new forming.
- (b) This formation, consisting of a HQ GHQ Tps Engrs and three

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FILE: SD/4

DATE: R<sup>16</sup><sub>4</sub>The Proposal

(a) An Italian Engineer Park Company

(b) A new unit effected by amending the existing WE XII/254/1 for an Italian Pk Coy.

(c) NOT applicable.

The Effect of the Proposal

(a) An increase of

(b) NOT applicable

(c) At present it is intended to form one unit.

(d) The proposal involves an overall increase in vehs and eqpt. Personnel will be provided from existing available ER-III service eqts and from the pool resulting from the disbandment of Italian Increments to 1st Pk Coys (IE).

(e) Unit to be formed in place of one of the Italian Engr Coys still to be formed.

(f) NOT applicable

(g) The proposal has been agreed in principle with Engr AFHQ.

(h) The proposed IE is attached as Appx 'A'.

The Reasons for the Proposal

(a) This unit is required as a Pk H Coy for 'F' GHQ Tps Engrs now forming.

(b) This formation, consisting of a HQ GHQ Tps Engrs and three Pioneer Coys, each with an RE increment, will operate in a normal engr role with an AFHQ. They will require the workshops and stores facilities of a Pk H Coy.

(c) Owing to a theatre shortage, there are no British G Pk H Coys available, and it is probable that in addition to supporting 'F' GHQ Tps Engrs, the proposed unit, when formed will have to operate a stores dump for two GHQ Tps Engrs within an AFHQ.

(d) By deleting the Div Br Pl (not required in a GHQ Tps Engrs) from WE XII/254/1, and strengthening the stores pl, a suitable establishment is created for the type of unit required.

*PS White**Major General,  
Chief of Staff.*

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(44) Distribution of Rank and File by Trades and Duties

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(iii) Transport

| DETAIL                                       | Head-<br>quarters | Workshop<br>Platoon | Stores<br>Platoon | Total Italian<br>Engr Pk Coy |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Bicycle                                      | 1                 |                     |                   | 1                            |
| Motor-cycles, solo                           | 5                 | 2                   | 3                 | 10                           |
| Cars 5-cwt 4 x 4                             | 2                 |                     | 1                 | 3                            |
| Trucks 15-cwt 4 x 2                          |                   |                     |                   |                              |
| GS                                           | 1                 |                     | 3                 | 4                            |
| Machinery Type RL                            |                   | 1                   |                   | 1                            |
| Lorries 3-ton 4 x 4 GS                       | 2                 | 1                   | 5                 | 8                            |
| Lorries 3-ton 4 x 4 Winch                    |                   | 1                   |                   | 1                            |
| Lorries 3-ton 6 x 4 machinery 24 KW RE       |                   | 1                   |                   | 1                            |
| Trailer 1-ton 2-wheeled water<br>180 gallons | 1                 |                     |                   | 1                            |

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C O P YALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERSSUBJECT: Feeding of ITI-ITI UnitsAFHQ/2554/Q(Maint)23 March 45TO : Headquarters, 2 District

1. During the recent visit of Brig. Q(Maint), A.F.H.Q., to your Headquarters, the question of the feeding of ITI-ITI Units in North West ITALY from British channels until the Italian administrative organisation was set up, was raised.
2. Should the situation arise where you employ ITI-ITI Units and no Italian organisation is available to supply them, you are authorised to issue the necessary rations from British Depots pending the setting up of the necessary Italian Depots. The authorised scale for Italian Armed Forces will be issued.
3. In the event of it being necessary for you to take such action, it is requested that you forward immediately details to MMIA in order:
  - (a) that MMIA be given an opportunity to set up an Italian organisation at the earliest possible date
  - (b) to ensure that a unit does not draw its rations from two sources.

/s/ H. MC LEAN, Lt. Col.  
for Major General  
D.Q.M.G.

HMCL/FCE

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SECRETCOPYSUBJECT: Maint - Italian Armed Forces

HQ No 2 District CMF.  
1429 Q1  
23 March 45.

Land Forces Sub Commission,  
Allied Commission (MIA)

Ref conversation between Col NOAKES and Maj HARTWELL on 12 Mar 45.

1. The requirements of administrative units for NW Italy, as submitted by this HQ to AFHQ, include the following Italian formations and units:-

| <u>Formation or Unit</u>                         | <u>WE Strength (all ranks)</u> |                            |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                                  | <u>BR-ITI<br/>Combat</u>       | <u>BR-ITI<br/>Service</u>  |
| One Combat Group<br>(including Increment to BLU) | 8938                           |                            |
| Three Guard Bns<br>(including Regt HQ)           |                                | 2440                       |
| One Mine Clearance Coy                           |                                | 209                        |
| 507 Line Sec                                     |                                | 96                         |
| HQ Pioneer Regt                                  |                                | 36                         |
| Three Pioneer Bns<br>(each of six coys)          |                                | 3897                       |
| <b>Totals</b>                                    | <u>8938</u>                    | <u>4029</u>                |
|                                                  |                                | <u>2649</u>                |
|                                                  |                                | <u>Grand Total: 15,616</u> |

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|                                                  | BR-ITI<br>Combat | BR-ITI<br>Service | ITI-ITI             |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| One Combat Group<br>(including Increment to ELU) | 8938             |                   |                     |
| Three Guard Bns<br>(including Regt HQ)           |                  |                   | 2440                |
| One Mine Clearance Coy                           |                  |                   |                     |
| 507 Line Sec                                     |                  | 96                |                     |
| HQ Pioneer Regt                                  |                  | 36                |                     |
| Three Pioneer Bns<br>(each of six coys)          |                  | 3897              |                     |
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|                                                  |                  |                   | Grand Total: 15,616 |

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4. In order to restrict to a minimum issues from British sources under the terms of para 3 above, it will be desirable that the Italian Administrative Organisation for NW Italy should be brought into being there as soon as is practicable after the initial occupation. Will you please inform this HQ whether such a HQ can be made available by you to work with No 2 District in NW Italy.

/s/ R. D. PUSTER, Col.  
for Major General,  
Comd No 2 District.

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## ENGINEER SECTION

C. I. M.

Tele. No., Freedom 476

SUBJECT: New War Establishment

EC/366

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7 Feb 45

May the following proposal be placed before the War Establishments Committee at an early date.

1. THE PROPOSAL

(a) A Mobile Bridging Workshop (Italian)

(b) None

(c) 90 Mob Br Map (Italian), on an Iti-Iti establishment, to be placed on a Br-Iti establishment.

2. THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL(a) Increases

|             |    |         |
|-------------|----|---------|
| Officers    | 1  | Italian |
| Other ranks | 62 |         |

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| Vehicles | 5 |
|----------|---|

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| Trailers | 4 |
|----------|---|

(b) Not applicable.

(c) One.

(d) All personnel to be obtained from conversion of 90 Mob Br Map (Italian) on Iti-Iti establishment.

(e) Not applicable.

(f) All personnel should be Medical Category III.

(g) Approval given by Land Forces Sub-Commission L.C. (L.F.S.C.). L.F.S.C. letter RE 14/1 dated 1 Feb 45, addressed to this section, refers.

(h) Draft of proposed establishment attached at appendix 'A'.

3. REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL

90 Mob Br Map (Italian) which is Iti-Iti is employed as a Br-Iti unit and it is desired to regularise the establishment.

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- (b) Not Applicable.
- (c) 90 Feb Br Map (1st Map), on an Iti-Iti establishment, to be placed on a Br-Iti establishment.

2. THE ENTRY ON THE PROPOSAL

|               |                         |                   |
|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| (a) Increases | Citizens<br>Other ranks | 1) Italian<br>62) |
|               | Vehicles                | 5                 |
|               | Trailers                | 4                 |

- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) One.
- (d) All personnel to be obtained from conversion of 90 Feb Br Map (Italian) on Iti-Iti establishment.
- (e) Not applicable.
- (f) All personnel should be Medical Category 'A'.
- (g) Approval given by Land Forces Sub-Commission L.C. (M.I.I.), M.I.I., letter RM 14/4 dated 1 Feb 45, addressed to this section, refers.
- (h) Draft of proposed establishment attached at appendix 'A'.

3. REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL

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*L. J. Evans*  
L. J. Evans, Major, M.I.I., for M.C.A.D.

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Land Forces Sub-Commission L.C. (M.I.I.),  
M.I.I., 15 Army Group.

Appendix A to LTR/566 dated 7 Dec 45

PROPOSED AIR ESTABLISHMENT

A MOBILE BRIDGING WORKSHOP, ILLIN ANGELLES

(1) Personnel

| Detail                                                 | Headquarters | Workshop Section | Foodworking Section | Detailing Workshop, Italian Engineers |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Officer commanding (captain or lieutenant)             | 1            | -                | -                   | 1                                     |
| Total, officers                                        | 1            | -                | -                   | 1                                     |
| Company sergeant-major                                 | 1            | -                | -                   | 1                                     |
| Warrant officers (i/o workshops)                       | -            | 1                | 1                   | 1                                     |
| Company quartermaster-sergeant                         | 1            | -                | -                   | 1                                     |
| Serjeants                                              | -            | 2                | 2                   | 4                                     |
| Total, warrant officers, staff-serjeants and serjeants | 2            | 3                | 2                   | 3                                     |
| Corporals                                              | 2            | 2                | 2                   | 6                                     |
| Sappers                                                | 9            | 18               | 16                  | 43                                    |
| Drivers                                                | 1            | 2                | 2                   | 5                                     |
| Total, rank and file                                   | 12           | 22               | 20                  | 54                                    |
| Total, other ranks                                     | 14           | 23               | 22                  | 62                                    |
| Total, a mobile bridging workshop                      | 15           | 25               | 22                  | 63                                    |

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

|                                             |   |    |   |    |
|---------------------------------------------|---|----|---|----|
| Tradesmen:                                  | 4 | 14 | 4 | 4  |
| Blacksmiths                                 | 1 | -  | - | 14 |
| Carpenters & Joiners (includes 2 corporals) | 1 | -  | - | 1  |
| Cleric (corporal)                           | 1 | -  | - | 1  |
| Cooks (includes 1 corporal)                 | 1 | -  | - | 1  |
| Driver-a mechanic (driver I.C. class)       | 1 | -  | - | 1  |
| Electricians                                | 1 | -  | - | 1  |
| Pitners                                     | 1 | -  | - | 1  |
| Pitners (I.C. & Pumps)                      | 1 | -  | - | 1  |
| Pioneers for duty as:                       | 1 | -  | - | 1  |
| Battala                                     | 1 | -  | - | 1  |
| Medical orderly                             | 1 | -  | - | 1  |
| Sanitary orderly                            | 1 | -  | - | 1  |
| Office orderly                              | 1 | -  | - | 1  |
| Sappers                                     | 1 | -  | - | 1  |
| Storemen                                    | 1 | -  | - | 1  |
| Turner                                      | 1 | -  | - | 1  |

| Officer commanding (captain or lieutenant)               |  | Headquarters | Notation | Foodstore | Section | Medical | Supply | Shop, 41 | Shop, 42 |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--|--------------|----------|-----------|---------|---------|--------|----------|----------|
| Total, officers                                          |  | 1            | -        | -         | -       | -       | -      | -        | -        |
| Company sergeant-major                                   |  | 1            | -        | -         | -       | -       | -      | -        | -        |
| Warrant officers (1/c workshops)                         |  | 1            | -        | -         | -       | -       | -      | -        | -        |
| Company quartermaster-sergeant                           |  | 1            | -        | -         | -       | -       | -      | -        | -        |
| Sergeants                                                |  | 1            | -        | -         | -       | -       | -      | -        | -        |
| Total, warrant officers, staff-sergeants and sergeants   |  | 1            | -        | -         | -       | -       | -      | -        | -        |
| Corporals                                                |  | 2            | 3        | 2         | 2       | 2       | 2      | 2        | 2        |
| Sappers                                                  |  | 2            | 2        | 2         | 2       | 2       | 2      | 2        | 2        |
| Drivers                                                  |  | 3            | 13       | 16        | 16      | 16      | 16     | 16       | 16       |
| Total, rank and file                                     |  | 1            | 2        | 2         | 2       | 2       | 2      | 2        | 2        |
| Total, other ranks                                       |  | 12           | 22       | 20        | 20      | 20      | 20     | 20       | 20       |
| Total, a mobile bridging workshop                        |  | 14           | 25       | 25        | 25      | 25      | 25     | 25       | 25       |
| Total, rank and file                                     |  | 15           | 25       | 25        | 25      | 25      | 25     | 25       | 25       |
| (ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties. |  | 15           | 25       | 25        | 25      | 25      | 25     | 25       | 25       |
| Tradesmen:                                               |  | 15           | 25       | 25        | 25      | 25      | 25     | 25       | 25       |
| Blacksmiths                                              |  | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1       | 1       | 1      | 1        | 1        |
| Carpenters & Joiners (includes 2 corporals)              |  | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1       | 1       | 1      | 1        | 1        |
| Clerk (corporal)                                         |  | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1       | 1       | 1      | 1        | 1        |
| Cooks (includes 1 corporal)                              |  | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1       | 1       | 1      | 1        | 1        |
| Driver-a mechanic (driver I.C. class)                    |  | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1       | 1       | 1      | 1        | 1        |
| Electricians                                             |  | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1       | 1       | 1      | 1        | 1        |
| Fitters                                                  |  | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1       | 1       | 1      | 1        | 1        |
| Fitters (I.C. & Pumps) (includes one corporal)           |  | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1       | 1       | 1      | 1        | 1        |
| Masons                                                   |  | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1       | 1       | 1      | 1        | 1        |
| Pioneers for duty as:                                    |  | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1       | 1       | 1      | 1        | 1        |
| Battmen                                                  |  | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1       | 1       | 1      | 1        | 1        |
| Medical orderly                                          |  | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1       | 1       | 1      | 1        | 1        |
| Sanitary orderly                                         |  | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1       | 1       | 1      | 1        | 1        |
| Office orderly                                           |  | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1       | 1       | 1      | 1        | 1        |
| Sappers                                                  |  | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1       | 1       | 1      | 1        | 1        |
| Storeman                                                 |  | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1       | 1       | 1      | 1        | 1        |
| Turner                                                   |  | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1       | 1       | 1      | 1        | 1        |
| Welders, acetylene (includes 1 corporal)                 |  | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1       | 1       | 1      | 1        | 1        |
| Welders, electric                                        |  | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1       | 1       | 1      | 1        | 1        |
| Total, tradesmen                                         |  | 12           | 20       | 18        | 18      | 18      | 18     | 18       | 18       |
| Non-tradesmen:                                           |  | 12           | 20       | 18        | 18      | 18      | 18     | 18       | 18       |
| Drivers I.C. as drivers of vehicles                      |  | 12           | 20       | 18        | 18      | 18      | 18     | 18       | 18       |
| Total, non-tradesmen                                     |  | 12           | 20       | 18        | 18      | 18      | 18     | 18       | 18       |
| Total, rank and file                                     |  | 12           | 22       | 20        | 20      | 20      | 20     | 20       | 20       |
| (iii) Transport                                          |  | 12           | 22       | 20        | 20      | 20      | 20     | 20       | 20       |
| Truck, 15-ton, 4x2, G.S.                                 |  | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1       | 1       | 1      | 1        | 1        |
| Lorries, 7-ton, 4x2                                      |  | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1       | 1       | 1      | 1        | 1        |
| Trailers, workshop, various (Italian army pattern)       |  | 1            | 1        | 1         | 1       | 1       | 1      | 1        | 1        |

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Subject:- 90 Mob Br Wasp (Italian)

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (RSLA)  
RE 14/1  
1 Feb 45

AFHQ (Eng Section)  
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Ref conversation Holloway-Soplaton, the  
F.S. recommended by this HQ for 90 Mob Br Wasp,  
Italian Engro (IS-TRI) is forwarded herewith for  
the necessary F.L.C. approval.

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Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (RSLA)

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WAR ESTABLISHMENT FOR A MOBILE BATTALION: COMMANDER  
ITALIAN REGIMENTS

(i) Personnel

| Detail                           | Officers | Senior NCOs | Junior NCOs or ORs |
|----------------------------------|----------|-------------|--------------------|
| Officer Commanding Capt or Lieut | 1        | -           | -                  |
| Serjeant Major                   | -        | 1           | -                  |
| W.O. 1/c Metal Shop              | -        | 1           | -                  |
| W.O. 1/c Woodworking Shop        | -        | 1           | -                  |
| Corporal (Cook)                  | -        | -           | 1                  |
| Treaders                         | -        | 4           | 40                 |
| General Duties - Batmen          | -        | -           | 1                  |
| Cooks                            | -        | -           | 2                  |
| Medical orderly                  | -        | -           | 1                  |
| Sanitary orderly                 | -        | -           | 1                  |
| Office orderly                   | -        | -           | 2                  |
| Drivers                          | -        | -           | 4                  |
|                                  | 1        | 7           | 52                 |

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Blacksmiths            | 4         |
| Carpenters & Joiners   | 14        |
| Driver Mechanics       | 4         |
| Fitters                | 6         |
| Fitters (l.c. & Pumps) | 2         |
| Electricians           | 3         |
| Masons                 | 2         |
| Storemen               | 2         |
| Turner                 | 1         |
| Welder (elect.)        | 2         |
| Welder (acetylene)     | 2         |
| Sawyer                 | 2         |
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(iii) Vehicles

|                            |   |                   |
|----------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Lorries 4 x 2              | 7 | ton               |
| Trailers (fitted for wasp) | 4 | )                 |
|                            | 4 | ) Italian pattern |

(iv) Plant and equipment from Italian sources includes:-

Power Hacksaw  
Milling Machine  
Laths  
Drill  
Forges - two  
Fitters benches  
Electric welding plant  
Gas welding eqpt  
Welding eqpt

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WAR DEPARTMENT FOR A BATTLE ENGINEER BATTALION  
ITALIAN BATTALION

(i) Personnel

| Detail                            | Officers | Senior NCOs | Junior NCOs or ORs |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------|--------------------|
| Officer Commanding Unit or Detach | 1        | -           | -                  |
| Serjeant Major                    | -        | -           | -                  |
| W.O. I/C Metal Shop               | -        | -           | -                  |
| W.O. I/C Woodworking Shop         | -        | -           | -                  |
| Corporal (Cook)                   | -        | -           | 1                  |
| Tradesmen                         | -        | 4           | 40                 |
| General Duties - Battalion        | -        | -           | 1                  |
| Cooks                             | -        | -           | 3                  |
| Medical orderly                   | -        | -           | 1                  |
| Sanitary orderly                  | -        | -           | 1                  |
| Office orderly                    | -        | -           | 2                  |
| Drivers                           | 1        | 7           | 4                  |
|                                   |          |             | 52                 |

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Blacksmiths            | 4         |
| Carpenters & Joiners   | 14        |
| Driver Mechanics       | 4         |
| Fitters                | 6         |
| Fitters (I.C. & Pumps) | 2         |
| Electricians           | 3         |
| Masons                 | 2         |
| Storemen               | 2         |
| Turner                 | 1         |
| Welder (elect.)        | 2         |
| Welder (acetylene)     | 2         |
| Sawyer                 | 2         |
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(iii) Vehicles

|                           |   |                 |
|---------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Lorries 4 x 2             | 7 | ton             |
| Trailers (fitted for W&P) | 4 | Italian pattern |
|                           | 4 |                 |
|                           |   | 5.2.2.          |

(iv) Plant and equipment from Italian sources includes:-

Power Hackaw  
Milling Machine  
Lathe  
Drill  
Forge - two  
Fitters benches  
Electric welding plant  
Gas welding eqpt

Drivers

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades

|                        |           |  |
|------------------------|-----------|--|
| Blacksmiths            | 4         |  |
| Carpenters & Joiners   | 14        |  |
| Driver mechanics       | 4         |  |
| Fitters                | 6         |  |
| Fitters (l.o. & pumps) | 2         |  |
| Electricians           | 3         |  |
| Masons                 | 2         |  |
| Storemen               | 2         |  |
| Turner                 | 1         |  |
| Welder (elect.)        | 2         |  |
| Welder (acetylene)     | 2         |  |
| Sawyer                 | 2         |  |
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(iii) Vehicles

|                            |   |                 |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Lorries 4 x 2              | 7 |                 |
| ton                        |   |                 |
| trailers (fitted for wksp) | 4 |                 |
|                            | 4 | Italian pattern |

(iv) Plant and equipment from Italian sources included:-

Power Hackaws  
 Milling machine  
 Lathe  
 Drill  
 Forges - two  
 Fitters benches  
 Electric welding plant  
 Gas welding eqpt  
 Circular saw  
 Planing machine

# WAR ESTABLISHMENT AT KUMHUB, CHINA, 1945

## (1) Personnel

| Detail                            | Officers | Senior NCOs | Junior NCOs or AEs |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------|--------------------|
| Officer Commanding Unit or Detail | 1        | -           | -                  |
| Serjeant Major                    | -        | 1           | -                  |
| S.O. 4/c Detail Shop              | -        | 1           | -                  |
| S.O. 1/c Woodworking Shop         | -        | 1           | -                  |
| Corporal (Cook)                   | -        | -           | 1                  |
| Tradesmen                         | -        | 4           | 40                 |
| General Duties - listman          | -        | -           | 1                  |
| Cooks                             | -        | -           | 1                  |
| Medical orderly                   | -        | -           | 1                  |
| Sanitary orderly                  | -        | -           | 1                  |
| Office orderly                    | -        | -           | 1                  |
| Drivers                           | 1        | 7           | 4                  |
|                                   |          |             | 52                 |

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

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Blacksmiths            | 4         |
| Carpenters & Joiners   | 14        |
| Driver Mechanics       | 4         |
| Fitters                | 5         |
| Fitters (I.C. & Pumps) | 2         |
| Electricians           | 3         |
| Masons                 | 2         |
| Storemen               | 2         |
| Turner                 | 1         |
| Welder (elect.)        | 2         |
| Welder (acetylene)     | 2         |
| Sawyer                 | 2         |
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## (iii) Vehicles

|                              |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Trucks 4 x 2                 | 4               |
| Trailers (fitted for trucks) | 4               |
|                              | <u>8</u>        |
|                              | Italian pattern |
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## (iv) Plant and equipment from Italian sources includes:-

Power Hack saw  
 Milling machine  
 Lathe  
 Drill  
 Forges - two  
 Fitters benches  
 Electric welding plant  
 Gas welding eqpt

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(11) Distribution of rack and file by trader

Blocksmiths  
Carpenters & Joiners  
Driver Mechanics  
Fitters  
Fitters (I.C. & pumps)  
Electricians  
Masons  
Storemen  
Turner  
Welder (elect.)  
Welder (acetylene)  
Sawyer

(iii) Vehicle = s

| Series 4 x 2                | 7 ton | Italian pattern |
|-----------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| residuals (fitted for wksp) |       |                 |
|                             | 4     | 4               |
|                             | 4     | 4               |

(iv) Plant and equipment from Italian sources include:-

Power Hack saw  
Milling machine  
Lathe  
Drill  
Forger - two  
Pliers benches  
Electric welding plant  
Gas welding eqpt  
Circular saw  
Planing machine

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Subject:- War Establishments

Military Mission Italian Army  
ROME  
RE 14/1  
16 Oct 44

OC 10 Publications Depot, C.M.F.

Will you please forward to this HQ three copies of the  
undermentioned War Establishment:-

Italian Forestry Coy North Africa - NA/522/1 (amended)

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Military Mission Italian Army

RESTRICTEDSUBJECT: war Establishments

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel: FILROT 101

1701/25/6(SD2)

9 Oct 44

Allied Control Commission  
 (Army Sub Commission)  
 ROME

Ref your RE 14/1 dated 6 Oct 44.

1. Attached are copies of the following WEs:-

|                    | <u>W.E.</u>                                           | <u>No. of copies</u>  |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| To Bw.<br>not file | H.Q. of a forestry group RE (NA/521/1)                | 1 } additional copies |
|                    | Italian increment to H.Q. forestry group RE (AI/26/1) | 1 } not available.    |
| Spare              | Italian engineer company (AI/50/1)                    | 3                     |
|                    | Italian engineer workshop section (AI/51/1)           | 3                     |
|                    | Italian camouflage platoon (AI/52/1)                  | 3                     |

2. A spare copy of WE - Italian forestry company, N. Africa (NA/522/1) is not held here.

No 10. Publications Depot, C.M.F. will supply copies on demand.

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*Brinkley Capt*  
 5893  
 Lieutenant General  
 Chief of General Staff

Subject: War Establishments

Military Mission Italian Army  
ROME  
RE 11/1  
6 Oct 44

IR AAI

My three copies of each of the undermentioned recently approved War Establishments be forwarded to this IR please:-

IR of a Forestry Group RE NA  
Italian Iner to IR Forestry Gp RE NA  
Italian Forestry Coy NA  
Italian Engineer Coy  
Italian Eng. Workshop Section  
Italian Camouflage Platoon

NA/521/1 {amended}  
AT/26/1 {amended}  
NA/522/1  
AI/50/1  
AI/51/1  
AI/52/1

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*[Signature]*  
Capt. J. J. J.  
Military Mission Italian Army 5892

SUBJECT: Proposals - WE Italian Units

Army Sub Commission ACC  
for the attention Major Phillips

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Headquarters  
A. A. I.

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Aug 44.

WEs for: As requested I enclose 12 copies each of proposed

- (i) Artieri Coy
- (ii) Compagnia Parco Campale del Genio.

*W. J. Jackson*  
Major General,  
Chief Engineer.

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SECURITY

Summary: - Air Establishments -  
Italian Regt. Office.

OF 10001 ARMY  
OF 5 Corps  
OF 1 District  
OF 2 District  
OF 3 District

Headquarters,  
A. C. I.

10001/0/10

30 July 44

1. The variety of air establishments on which Italian army units operating in this theatre are at present organized, has produced complications from the arm aspect which it is considered can be avoided by a certain amount of reorganization and standardization of establishments.

2. In view of the similarity in the employment of artillery and law-created corps in armies and districts, it is considered that those types units could be organized on an identical establishment, while under direct unit control. When operating as a part of the Italian army, they would of necessity be formed on the appropriate Italian establishment.

3. It is intended therefore to convert all artillery and law-created corps with the exception of those under armed Italian troops to an establishment which will fulfill the requirements of work in armies and districts.

4. Our proposal for such an establishment is attached as an appendix to this letter.

5. Addressees are requested to examine this proposal and forward their comments and any suggested additions or amendments to the establishment, to reach this HQ by 10 Aug.

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Army Sub-Commission (ACC) ✓

W. T. Carls  
Major-General,  
Chief Engineer.

1. The variety of war establishments on which Italian army units operating in this theatre are at present organized, has produced complications from the standpoint which it is considered can be avoided by a certain amount of reorganization and standardization of establishments.

2. In view of the similarity in the employment of Army and Law-constant corps in various and districts, it is considered that these types units could be organized on an identical establishment, while under direct Army control. When operating as a part of the Italian army, they would of necessity be formed on the appropriate Italian establishments.

3. It is intended therefore to convert all Army and Law-constant Corps with the exception of those under command Italian units to an establishment which will fulfill the requirements of work in various and districts.

4. Our proposal for such an establishment is attached as an appendix to this letter.

5. Addressees are requested to examine this proposal and forward their comments and any suggested additions or amendments to the establishment, to reach this HQ by 10 AUG.

W. T. Langdon  
Major General,  
Chief Engineer.

Copy to : - G(GB)  
: 14.  
Army Sub Commission (ACC) ✓

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War EstablishmentItalian Engineer CompanyOrganico di Guerra - Compagnia Artieri(i) Personnel(i) Personnel

| Detail                         | Descrizione                          | Headquarters | 3 Platoons (each) | 3 Sezione-Ciascuna | Total Italian Engineer Company | Total di Compagnia di Artieri |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Captain                        | Capitano                             | 1            |                   |                    | 1                              |                               |
| Subaltern                      | Subalterno                           | 1            | 1                 |                    | 4                              |                               |
| Total Officers                 | Ufficiali Totali                     | 2            | 1                 |                    | 5                              |                               |
| Company sergeant-major         | Sottufficiali di Contabilità         | 1            |                   |                    | 1                              |                               |
| Company quartermaster sergeant | Sottufficiali ai Vivieri e Materiali | 1            |                   |                    | 1                              |                               |
| Sergeants                      | Sergenti e Dislocati                 | 1            | 1                 |                    | 4                              |                               |
| Total Warrant Officers         | Sottufficiali Totali                 | 3            | 1                 |                    | 6                              |                               |
| Corporals                      | Caporali Maggiori                    | 3            | 4                 |                    | 15                             |                               |
| Transport Corporal             | Caporali di Trasporto                | 1            |                   |                    | 1                              |                               |
| Sappers                        | Artieri                              | 26           | 58                |                    | 200                            |                               |
| Drivers 1/c                    | Automobilisti                        | 9            |                   |                    | 9                              |                               |
| Total rank and file            | Gradanti totali                      | 39           | 62                |                    | 225                            |                               |
| Total other ranks              | Sottufficiali totali                 |              |                   |                    |                                |                               |



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

(ii) Distribuzione dei Graduati e truppe nei diversi servizi

|                                     |                                  |   |    |      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|----|------|
| Blacksmiths                         | Fabbri                           | 1 | 2  | 7    |
| Bricklayers                         | Muratori                         | 1 | 4  | 13   |
| Clerks                              | Ragionieri                       | 3 |    | 3    |
| Carpenters & Joiners                | Carpentieri o falegnami          | 2 | 10 | 32   |
| Cooks                               | Cuochi                           | 2 | 1  | 6    |
| Cementers                           | Cementisti                       | 1 | 2  | 7    |
| Drivers i/c for bus, etc:-          | Automobilisti in servizio come:- |   |    |      |
| Vehicle drivers                     | Automobilisti                    | 8 |    | 8    |
| Motorcyclists                       | Motociclisti                     | 1 |    | 1    |
| Electricians                        | Elettricisti                     | 2 | 1  | 5    |
| Engine fitters (IC and pumps)       | Montatore Meccanico              | 2 | 3  | 11   |
| Fitters                             | Montatore                        | 1 | 2  | 7    |
| Masons                              | Muratori                         |   | 2  | 6    |
| Miners                              | Minatori                         |   | 6  | 18   |
| Painters & Decorators               | Pittori                          | 1 | 2  | 7    |
| Plumbers & Pipefitters              | Piombatori e Idraulici           | 1 | 1  | 4    |
| Pioneers for duty as :-             | Genieri in servizio come :-      |   |    |      |
| Batmen                              | Attendente                       | 2 | 1  | 5    |
| General dutymen                     | Attendente per servizi diversi   | 4 | 23 | 73   |
| Sanitary dutymen                    | Servizi sanitari                 | 1 |    | 1    |
| Water dutymen                       | Servizi idrici                   | 1 |    | 1    |
| Medical Orderly                     | Infermieri                       | 1 |    | 1    |
| Sheetmetal workers                  | Stagnini                         | 1 | 1  | 4    |
| Storemen                            | Ragazzini                        | 2 |    | 2    |
| Vehicle Mechanic (driver i/c class) | Mechanico (Automobili)           | 1 |    |      |
| Watermen                            | Rematori                         |   | 1  | 1    |
|                                     |                                  |   |    | 5869 |

|                                      |                                  |    |    |     |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----|----|-----|
| Cooks                                |                                  | 2  | 1  | 6   |
| Cementators                          |                                  | 1  | 2  | 7   |
| Drivers i/c for Int. com.            | Automobilisti in servizio come:- | 8  |    | 8   |
| Vehicle drivers                      | Automobilisti                    | 1  |    | 1   |
| Motorcyclists                        | Motociclisti                     |    |    |     |
| Electricians                         | Elettricisti                     | 2  | 1  | 5   |
| Engine Fitters (IO and pumps)        | Montatore Meccanico              | 2  | 3  | 11  |
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| Medical Orderly                      | Infermieri                       | 1  |    | 1   |
| Sheetmetal workers                   | Stagnini                         | 1  | 1  | 4   |
| Storemen                             | Maggazzinieri                    | 2  |    | 2   |
| Vehicle Mechanics (driver i/c class) | Mechanico (Automobili)           | 1  |    |     |
| Watermen                             | Rematori                         |    | 1  |     |
| Total rank and file                  | Graduati Totali e truppe         | 39 | 62 | 225 |

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| <u>(iii) Transport</u>                | <u>(iii) Transporte</u>        |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Bicycles                              | 2                              |
| Motor Cycles solo                     | <u>1</u>                       |
| Cars 2 str, 4 x 2                     | 1                              |
| Trucks, 15 cwt, 4 x 2, GS             | 3                              |
| Lorries, 3 ton, 4 x 2, GS             | <u>4</u>                       |
| Total vehicles                        | <u>8</u>                       |
| Trailers, 15 cwt, 2 wheeled,<br>water | 1                              |
|                                       | <u>Veicoli totali</u>          |
|                                       | Cisterna Mobili<br>(rimorchio) |

RESTRICTED

Subject:- Reinforcement & Re-organization.  
Engineer Units.

RE

15/6

14 C.M. Works.  
 No. 2 District.  
 Tel No. 12589,  
 C./702/3

Distribution (as below)

Advance copies of C.M. No. 411/1 Artisan Works  
 Company R. (for use with Italian Increment) (all British personnel)  
 forwarded herewith supersede the provisional C.M., copies of which  
 were enclosed with this office C./702/3 dated 16 May 44.

C./44

Brigadier,  
 Chief Engineer.

Distribution:- 17 C.M. Works (2)  
 21 " " (2)  
 35 " " (2)  
 77 " " (2)  
 C.M. 1220 HQ I of C E.C. (5)  
 Army Sub Comm ADC (1)

W. G. to W. G. (Bv.)

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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO  
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE  
- Sezione Organamento -

SECRETO

N° 3975 /Ord. di prot.

P.M. 151, 22 maggio 1944

OGGETTO: Organico di guerra ed elenco equipaggiamento.-  
*W E of Forest Corps. & equipment*  
ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO A.C.C.

RE  
LEQUILE  
23/5

Riferimento foglio RE 7/1 del 14 corrente.-

Si trasmette:

- una copia dell'organico (all. n. 1);
  - una lista delle dotazioni tecniche (all. n. 2),
- relative alla compagnia forestale, richieste da codesta Sottocommissione col foglio a riferimento.-



IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
(G.B. Oxilia)

*F. Oxilia*

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*File 20*

Subject: War Establishment

Army Sub Commission ACC  
Main HQ (MIA)  
LE UILE (LECCE)  
RE 14/1  
8 May 44

|                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| CE AAI                   | (5 copies of enclosure) |
| The Engineer, FIFTH Army | 5 " " "                 |
| CE EIGHTH Army           | 5 " " "                 |
| CE No 2 District         | 2 " " "                 |
| CE No 3 District         | 2 " " "                 |
| The Engineer, PBS        | 2 " " "                 |

1. Herewith enclosed copies as above of the War Establishment of a MINATORI and a PONTIERI Coy.
2. A MINATORI Coy is the Italian Equivalent of a BRITISH TUNNELLING Coy. Normally this company is used in mountainous country and for this reason a high percentage of its transport is made of light trucks which are specially designed for mountain roads.
3. A PONTIERI Coy or Bridging Coy has no PARK specially allotted to it.
4. A Lavoratori Artieri Coy has an identical W.E. to the British Artizan Works Coy with the following exceptions:

Officer Commanding  
Second in Command

Capt instead of Major  
Lieut instead of Capt

*R.P.*

GSH

Maj Gen  
Army Sub Comm ACC

Subject:- War Establishment

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Army Sub Commission ACC  
Main HQ (ISCA)  
LEWIS (LSCCE)  
RE 14/1  
12-Apr 44

CE No 2 District

Ref your CE/702/1 dated 9 April.

The Laboratori Artieri Coys have the same War Establishment as a British Artizan Works Coy.

It is not proposed to issue copies of this W.E. from this Sub Commission.

GEN

Brig  
Army Sub Comm ACC

Subject: War Establishments.

14/1  
18  
14 C.E. Works,  
No. 2 District,  
Tele: No: 12589,  
CE/702/1.

7 Apr 44.

Army Sub Comm ACC.,  
Main HQ., (MIA).

May 10 copies of the W.E. applicable  
to a Laboratori Artieri Coy., be provided  
this office please.

*J. R. Connelley*  
Brigadier,  
Chief Engineer.

GH/KS.,

Subject: - Establishment

Military Mission to  
Italian Army  
HQ 11/4  
27 Jan 44

Major J.W. Richardson, P.E.S., U.S. Army

Table of Personnel of 1090th Engineer Utilities Company  
is returned herewith.  
Many thanks for the loan of same.

*RRP*  
Brig  
Comd

GSH

Subject:-- War Establishments

Military Mission to  
Indian Army

NS 45/1  
25 Jan 44

S.M.R.E.

The enclosed War Establishment of a GUERILLA MINISTRI,  
Forwarded by S.M.R.E., is incomplete.

It appears that page 2, giving details of the phone  
ministry, has been omitted. May this be inserted please and the  
complete War Establishment returned to this Mission.

*PRP*  
Brig  
Genl

GHI

SUBJECT War Establishment.

HQ 15 Army Group,  
C. M. F.

S.O.R.E.  
Military Mission to Italian Army.

2503/RE

2 Jan 44.

In response to your letter RE 6/1 dated 30 Dec 43  
enclosed herewith 2 copies of T.O. 5-27 (U.S.) dated  
April 1, 1942.

*To file 14/4*

*J. Rowan*  
Capt. R.E.  
for Brigadier,  
Chief Engineer.

*File 201  
3/1*

SUBJECT: Formation of Italian Units  
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MIA  
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Attached are forwarded copies of WBS IV/22B/3 and IV/22W/2,  
Docks Co Coy and Port Maint Coy for information

RE 141 13  
R203  
SECRET

HQ 15 Army Gp  
1605/50/G/G(SD)

5 Jan 44

14/3  
*[Signature]*  
Maj-Gen,  
CCS.

Subject:- W Establishments

Military Mission to  
Italian Army

RE 14/1

3 Jan 44

GSD 15 Army Group

I will be grateful if you will forward to this  
Mission two copies of the undermentioned N.E.

IV/91/1 Fire Fighting Section

GSH

*par 1*  
Brig  
Comd

Gio/pa

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SEGRETO

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO  
UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO E MOBILITAZIONE  
- Sezione Ordinamento -

N° 1044/Ord. IV di prot.

P.M.151, 2 gennaio 1944

O G G E T T O : Organico di guerra di una cp. elettricisti del genio.-

Sgr.

Allegati: 1



ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE ITALIANA  
Presso il R.E. Italiano

LEQUILB

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
- Diraz. Generale Genio -

P.M.107

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Con riferimento alla richiesta del 30.12. u.s. di codesta Missione, si rimette allegata una copia dell'organico di guerra di una compagnia elettricisti del Genio.-

IL SOTTOCAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE  
(Gen. A. Mariotti)

From: SMRE. ORD. Mob. Br. ORD. 1044  
TO : MMIA  
TO : W.M. Eng. Br. (for info)



Ref. request of 30.12.43 herewith  
copy of the W.E. of an electrician Eng. Corp.

Gen. A. MARIOTTI

Checked 11/4.  
11/4.

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Subj: War Establishments

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Military Mission to  
Italian Army  
RE 14/1  
1 Jan 44

Mov & Tn 15 Army Gp

Ref 1605/50/GSD dated 26 Dec 43.

Will you kindly forward two copies of the War Establishments  
of the following units:-

Railway Cons Coy  
Port Maintenance Coy  
Port Cons & Repair Coy  
L.W.T. Port Op Coy  
Deck Op Coy  
Port En

GSH

RNP  
Brig  
Comd

  
**COMANDO GENIO 7<sup>a</sup> ARMATA**

F.M. 107, 9 dicembre 1943

Ufficio Stralcio

Allegati N. 13

N. 2026 di prot.

OGGETTO: organici dei reparti del Genio.

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA

LEQUILE

Si premette che, come verbalmente detto ai rappresentanti di codesta Missione, non sono previsti nell'Esercito Italiano organici di guerra per Reggimenti di alcuna specialità dell'Arma.

Per il Genio l'unità fondamentale è la Compagnia; più compagnie possono essere riunite in Battaglioni i cui organici sono la somma delle compagnie di cui ogni battaglione è costituito con l'aggiunta di un plotone, di circa 20 uomini al comando di un Ufficiale, per il Comando di Battaglione.

Solo presso i Comandi di Armata vari battaglioni delle varie specialità sono riuniti in Raggruppamento che ha sole funzioni disciplinari sui dipendenti battaglioni.

Non è possibile pertanto fornire, perchè non esistono, gli organici richiesti: per il Reggimento Genio di Armata, per il Reggimento Genio di Corpo d'Armata, per il Reggimento Pontieri, per il Reggimento Minatori.

Analogamente non è possibile fornire gli organici della Compagnia zappatori perchè detta specialità, già un tempo esistente, cambiò nome in "Artieri", nè quello della compagnia Genio perchè non esiste.

Si inviano pertanto i seguenti organici:

- Comando Raggruppamento del Genio
- Compagnia Artieri con parco autocarreggiato, carreggiato, someggiato
- Compagnia Idrici
- Compagnia ponti metallici scomponibili per via ordinaria
- Compagnia Pontieri per ponti leggeri di equipaggio
- Compagnia Pontieri per ponti pesanti di equipaggio
- Compagnia Pontieri di traghettamento
- Compagnia Minatori.
- Compagnia Ferrovieri di lavoro

Si trasmettono inoltre:

- l'organico del Battaglione misto del Genio per Divisione Alpina; e ciò data la sua particolare costituzione (il plotone Comando pre-

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- Comando Raggruppamento del Genio
- Compagnia Artieri con parco autocarreggiato, carreggiato, sommeggiato
- Compagnia Idrici
- Compagnia ponti metallici scomponibili per via ordinaria
- Compagnia Pontieri per ponti leggeri di equipaggio
- Compagnia Pontieri per ponti pesanti di equipaggio
- Compagnia Pontieri di traghettamento
- Compagnia Minatori.
- Compagnia Ferrovieri di lavoro
- Si trasmettono inoltre:
- l'organico del Battaglione misto del Genio per Divisione Alpina; e ciò data la sua particolare costituzione (il plotone Comando previsto per questo Battaglione è, di massima, quello previsto per i vari Battaglioni del Genio);
- l'organico del Battaglione lavoratori del Genio, pur non essendo detta specialità prevista dalla "Formazioni di Guerra dell'Arma

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del Genio " . Detto organico è quello stabilito dal Comando della 7<sup>a</sup> Armata per la costituzione di detti Battaglioni lavoratori.

Manca perciò, dalla richiesta fatta, solo l'organico della compagnia mista del Genio e ciò perchè la sua costituzione varia a secondo l'impiego della compagnia stessa e cioè : se per Divisione Alpina, per Divisione Celere, per Divisione Costiera, ecc. I quattro plotoni di cui detta compagnia è costituita sono, in numero vario, delle specialità Artieri, Telegrafisti e Marconisti, i cui organici risultano da quelli della compagnia artieri, della compagnia telegrafisti e della compagnia marconisti. Si allegano pertanto, per opportuna norma, anche gli organici di dette compagnia telegrafisti e marconisti.

IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO STRALCIO  
(Carmine Piancardi)



Subj: War Establishment

Military Mission to  
Italian Army  
RE 6/1  
30 Dec 43

C.E. 15 Army Group

I will be grateful if you will forward to me two copies  
of the War Establishment of the undermentioned unit:-

Coy Engineer Regt G.S.

GSH

5002  
Brig  
Comd

Subject:- War Establishment

Military Mission to  
Italian Army  
RE 6/1  
30 Dec 43

S. M. R. E.

I will be grateful if you will forward to me one  
copy of the War Establishment of the undermentioned unit:-

Coy Ele<sup>t.</sup> del GENIO

GSH

Brig  
Cand

LO/ca



REV. 6

# MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO

Divisione Materiali

n.II/ 5424 /M di prof.

Risposta al

p.m.107 n. 29 DIC 1943

Corte annessa N. 1 fascicolo

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE ALIETATA

= LEQUILE =

Si trasmette copia della costituzione del magazzino genio di Armata stralciato dal tomo I° dell'Istruzione per la mobilitazione del R.Esercito...

.....in esito alla richiesta verbale fatta dal Sig.Magg. Philips di codesta Missione.-

p. IL MINISTRO

(Gen.Div.O.Crivaro)

*Further copy of the War Department of Army Engineering Report  
in the 1st volume of the  
Tome I of mobilization instruction, is herewith*

*Put File in W.E. folder*

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COMANDO 7<sup>a</sup> ARMATA

Stato Maggiore - Ufficio Ordinamento

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R.E. 6/1

N° 4/1876/C.M. di prot.

P.M. 107, 13 19 novembre 1943

OGGETTO : Reparti del Genio.-

ALLA MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA

= LEQUIDE =

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Riferisce quale R.E. 4/1 data 15/11/43

riferimento Foglio n° R.E. 1/1 in data 15 corrente di codesta

Missione.-

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Memoria rettificata di cui segue l'elenco.

Si trasmettono gli organici della compagnia artigiani e della compagnia lavoratori del genio in base ai quali sono stati adeguati i dipendenti reparti del genio in seguito alla richiesta di codesta

Missione di portare a :

- 250 uomini per la forza della compagnia artigiani
- 200 " " " " " lavoratori del genio.-

d'ordine  
IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE CAPO DI S.M.  
(Raffaele Pelligrà)

*Raffaele Pelligrà*

SORE.

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Ask for breakdown of personnel  
by trades  
22/11 CEd

## COMPAGNIA

|                                                            | Personale      |                  |        | Autocarri pesanti | Motocicli bipesto |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                                            | uffi-<br>ciali | settar-<br>ciali | truppa |                   |                   |
| Comando di compagnia . . . . .                             | 1              | 1                | 16     | 1                 | -                 |
| M.T. sec. in H.Q. . . . .                                  | -              | 1                | 5      | 3                 | 1                 |
| Sezione parco autocarreggiato per comando compagnia. . .   | -              | -                | -      | -                 | -                 |
| Laboro pl. . . . .                                         | 1              | 1                | 47     | -                 | -                 |
| Un plotone operai . . . . .                                | -              | -                | 2      | 1                 | -                 |
| M.T. sec. add. laboro pl. . . . .                          | -              | -                | -      | -                 | -                 |
| Sezione di parco autocarreggiato per plotone operai . .    | -              | -                | -      | -                 | -                 |
| 3 artieri pl. . . . .                                      | 3              | 3                | 158    | -                 | -                 |
| Tre plotoni artieri . . . . .                              | -              | -                | 6      | 3                 | -                 |
| 3 M.T. sec. add. artieri pl. . . . .                       | -              | -                | -      | -                 | -                 |
| Tre sezioni di parco autocarreggiato per plotone artieri . | -              | -                | -      | -                 | -                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                               |                |                  |        |                   |                   |
| Totale compagnia artieri con parco autocarreggiato .       | 5              | 6                | 244    | 8                 | 1                 |



## COMPAGNIA

|                                                 | Personale |               |        | Autocarri<br>presenti | Motocicli<br>biposto | Biciclette |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|--------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------|
|                                                 | ufficiali | sottufficiali | truppa |                       |                      |            |
| compagnia . . . . .                             | 1         | 1             | 16     | 1                     | -                    | 2          |
| autocarreggiato per comando compagnia . . .     | -         | 1             | 5      | 3                     | 1                    | -          |
| autocarreggiato per plotone operai . . . . .    | 1         | 1             | 47     | -                     | -                    | -          |
| autocarreggiato per plotone operai . . . . .    | -         | -             | 2      | 1                     | -                    | -          |
| autocarreggiato per plotone artigiani . . . . . | 3         | 3             | 168    | -                     | -                    | -          |
| autocarreggiato per plotone artigiani . . . . . | -         | -             | 6      | 3                     | -                    | 1          |
| compagnia artigiani con parco autocarreggiato . | 5         | 6             | 244    | 8                     | 1                    | 3          |



## COMPAGNIA LAVORATORI

Coy. H. A

Comando di compagnia . . . . .

3 plotoni lavoratori . . . . .

3 lavoratori pls

T O T A L E . . . . .

| Ufficiali |            | Sottuffi-<br>ciali | Truppa | Mezzi di traspo |      |
|-----------|------------|--------------------|--------|-----------------|------|
| Capitani  | Subalterni |                    |        | Carrette        | muli |
| 1         | -          | 1                  | 5      | 1               | 1    |
| -         | 3          | 3                  | 192    | -               | -    |
| 1         | 3          | 4                  | 197    | 1               | 1    |



## COMPAGNIA NAVIGATORI

| Ufficiali       |            | Sottuffi-<br>ciali | Tropa | Mezzi di trasporto |      |            |
|-----------------|------------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|------|------------|
| Capitani        | Subalterni |                    |       | Carrette           | muli | biciclette |
| agnie . . . . . | 1          | -                  | 5     | 1                  | 1    | 1          |
| atori . . . . . | -          | 3                  | 192   | -                  | -    | -          |
| A E E . . . . . | 1          | 3                  | 197   | 1                  | 1    | 1          |



COMANDO GENIO 7<sup>a</sup> ARMATA

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PROMEMORIA PER IL SIG. MAGGIORE PHILLIPS DELLA MISSIONE MILITARE  
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A seguito di quanto verbalmente già reso noto preciso che un battaglione artieri su due compagnie, costituito conforme gli organici stabiliti dai Tomi di mobilitazione, dovrebbe avere circa n° 200 specializzati (muratori, cementisti, falegnami, carpentieri, fabbri, meccanici, elettricisti, scalpellini, minatori, barcaioli, tubisti, fontanieri.) n° 300 fra manovali, zappatori, terrazzieri e militari vari.-

Le suddette proporzioni però possono subire sensibili variazioni in meno a seconda delle effettive possibilità di reclutamento della mano d'opera specializzata contemplata dagli organici.-

Per i Battaglioni o le compagnie lavoratori non esistono organici definiti fin dal tempo di pace.

Essi vengono stabiliti in sede di costituzione a seconda dei lavori e delle esigenze per le quali i reparti vengono richiesti.-

Di massima un battaglione lavoratori del genio su 500 uomini dovrebbe almeno avere :

- 1/4 di personale specializzato
- 3/4 di ausiliari e personale vario.-

Dette percentuali però possono subire molte variazioni in più od in meno a seconda dei lavori cui occorre adibire il reparto e della reperibilità della mano d'opera specializzata.-

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SUBJECT: War Establishments

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Gen. 7th ITALIAN ARMY

1. I will be grateful if you will forward to this HQ a copy of the War Establishment (Organico) in respect of the following engineer units:

|                         |                             |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Army Engineer Regt.     | (Reggimento Genio d'Armata) |
| Corps " "               | ( " " di Corpo d'Armata)    |
| Fixed Engineer Bn.      | (Battaglione Fisso Genio)   |
| Mixed Engineer Coy.     | (Compagnia Mista Genio)     |
| Bridging Engineer Regt. | (Reggimento Pontieri)       |
| Mining Engineer Regt.   | ( " Minatori)               |
| Railway Engineer Regt.  | ( " Ferroviari)             |
| Labour Battalion        | (Battaglione Lavoratori)    |
| Pioneer " "             | ( " Artieri)                |
| Sapper Coy.             | (Compagnia Zappatori)       |
| Water Supplies Coy.     | ( " Idrici)                 |
| Engineer Coy.           | ( " Genio)                  |

2. In each case please include the War Establishment of the HQ and the Unit.
3. The information furnished by you will, of course, include details of personnel, transport and Engineer equipment and appliances (attrezi del genio)

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