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Supply of Mechanical Personnel

1st Class

MAR. - NOV. 1945

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FROM 883 ITALIAN BASE REFT DEPOT 1-----

TO MMIA RA// POME

QOK BT

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6/37/JF(.)S REF YOUR SIG A1005 OF 12 APR(.) PERSONNEL AVAILABLE FOR
ONE PLATOON TO ESTAB EXCEPT G C - MECH S/SCT -S COACH PAINTER -
METALWORKERS TWO - COACH TRIMMERS TWO (.)
FIGURES FOR SECOND PLATOON LATER

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3,SENT PES BB KKK

RECD SAA AT 1514 E ON 14 A ZX // AAA AR

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Subject: Shortage of Specialist Personnel in Div #6.

33 R.L.B.
Ref: 947-16.
15 Nov 45.

To: Land Forces Sub Comm A. C. (MCA).

Copied to: 4. Polgore Inf Div.
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1. Attached letter ref 2273 Aut. dated 12 Nov 45 from Comd. Polgore Div. is forwarded.
2. I regard this matter, to which your letter A 116/2 dated 22 Sep 45 drew attention, as having reached a stage as critical as is represented in attached letter.
3. Throughout the period of the Division's existence a shortage of spare parts has been building up trouble in the following way:-
 - (a) An ever increasing number of vans has been off the road.
 - (b) A correspondingly increasing strain has been placed on the ever diminishing number of runners.
4. To this can be added the large number of essential repairs to be expected when a new formation's vans have been run for twelve months without rest.
5. This work needs full establishment of mechanics and a high standard of workmanship. The lack of both at the moment calls for swift and drastic action on the part of the War Ministry, who should be asked to exert the strongest pressure.

W. H. H. H.

Lt. Col.
G.S.

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U. S. "ROADS" DIVISION
Transport Office.

Ref: 2273/Int.

Subject: Mechanics.

Re: 53 A. L. U.
For information: S. C. L. 53 A. L. U.

Enclosure P.M. 146 12 Nov 45.

1. Owing to the rate of present releases, the situation regarding specialist personnel in the Div Mechanical Workshop is becoming more critical every day.

2. At present, out of a N.S. of 157 specialists, only 16 of the original specialists remain working in the workshop, and even these, belonging to the 1941 and younger classes, do not give satisfaction from the point of view of ability or responsibility in their work, owing to their young age. The reinforcements sent by the Air Ministry are of limited ability and therefore of little efficiency.

3. In order to overcome the present crisis, this N.S. has some time ago suggested the following arrangements to the Ministry of War:-

(a) To grant special tradesmen's pay to troops working in workshops, in order to encourage specialists with units to volunteer for work in the Div W/S. Soldiers, even if they have specialist qualifications, generally prefer living with a unit to the hardworking life of the W/S.

(b) Employment of civilian personnel - genuine specialists - to whom it would be essential to give the same pay and treatment as to those specialists employed by civilian firms, otherwise it would be impossible to find really expert workmen, but only those who are inefficient, who cannot find work elsewhere, and who will accept work with the intention of making up their pay by dishonesty and theft.

4. The Div W/S are thus in a critical state owing to lack of specialists, while the number of breakdowns and accidents increases every day, especially because of the fact that the present release programme is depriving units of their old, tried and trained drivers, and the reinforcements arriving from Training Centres leave much to be desired. Added to this is the fact that, after a year of intensive work, all the vehicles require general overhaul and there is a marked scarcity of spare parts.

5. I request that you be would ask the Ministry to draw the attention of the War Div and to examine this N.S. proposals regarding:

- (a) Provision of adequate tradesmen's pay to Military Specialists.
- (b) Employment of civilian personnel - genuine specialists - with pay equal to that given by civilian firms.

3. In order to overcome the present crisis, this H.Q. has some time ago suggested the following arrangements to the Ministry of War:-

(a) To grant special technicians' pay to troops working in workshops, in order to encourage specialists with aptitude to volunteer for work in the Div W/S. Soldiers, even if they have specialist qualifications, generally prefer living with a unit to the monotonous life of the W/S.

(b) Employment of civilian personnel - genuine specialists - to whom it would be suggested to give the same pay and treatment as to those specialists employed by civilian firms, offering it would be impossible to find really expert workers, but only those who are competent, who cannot find work elsewhere, and who will accept work with the intention of making up their pay by dishonesty and theft.

4. The Div W/S are thus in a critical state owing to lack of specialists, while the number of technicians and assistants increases every day, especially because of the fact that the present release programme is depriving units of their old, tried and trusted drivers, and the reinforcements arriving from training centres leave much to be desired. Added to this is the fact that, after a year of intensive work, all the vehicles require general overhaul and there is a marked scarcity of spare parts.

5. I request that you be would ask H.Q. to draw the attention of the War Ministry to the critical situation of specialist mechanical personnel in this Div and to examine this H.Q.'s proposals regarding:

- (a) Provision of adequate technicians' pay to military specialists.
- (b) Employment of civilian personnel - genuine specialists - with pay equal to that given by civilian firms.

6. H.Q. letter A 110/2 of 22 Sep 45, addressed to all H.Q.s has already drawn attention to this grave problem.

(sgd) GUIDO FALGOUT,
1st General Commandant.

Subject: Shortage of Specialist Personnel in Div W/S.

To: Land Force Sub Comd A.C. (LMA).

Copy to: H. Polgore Inf Div.
30 RMR.

53 B.L.U.
Ref: 217-14.
15 Nov 45.

A110/2

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1. Attached letter ref 2275/Int. dated 12 Nov 45 from Comd. Polgore Div. is forwarded.
2. I regard this matter, to which your letter of 11/11/45 dated 27 Sep 45 drew attention, as having reached a stage as critical as is represented in attached letter.
3. Throughout the period of the Division's existence a shortage of spare parts has been building up trouble in the following ways:-
 - (a) An ever increasing number of vehicles has been off the road.
 - (b) A correspondingly increasing strain has been placed on the ever diminishing number of runners.
4. To this can be added the large number of essential repairs to be expected when a new formation's vehicles have been run for twelve months without rest.
5. This work needs full establishment of mechanics and a high standard of workmanship. The lack of both at the moment calls for swift and drastic action on the part of the War Ministry, who should be asked to exert the strongest pressure.

G. H. Carter

Lt. Col.
C.B.

6-1 seen 22/11
A.M.C. 4/11

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U.S. AIR FORCE
Transportation Division

Re: CTS/Amk.

Reference P.M. 145 12 Nov 45.

Subject: Mechanism.

Re: 53 A. L. V.
For information: G.O. 1000 33 A. L. V.

1. Owing to the rate of present releases, the situation regarding specialist personnel in the Div Mechanical Workshops is becoming more critical every day.

2. At present, out of a total of 137 specialists, only 16 of the original specialists remain working in the workshops; and even these, belonging to the 1921 and younger classes, do not give satisfaction from the point of view of ability or responsibility in their work, owing to their young age. The reinforcements sent by the War Ministry are of limited ability and therefore of little efficiency.

3. In order to overcome the present crisis, which has been some time ago suggested the following arrangements to the Ministry of War:-

(a) To grant special treatment's pay to troops working in workshops, in order to encourage specialists with units to volunteers for work in the Div M/S. Soldiers, even if they have specialist qualifications, generally prefer living with a unit to the hardworking life of the M/S.

(b) Employment of civilian personnel - genuine specialists - so that it would be essential to give the same pay and treatment as to these specialists employed by civilian firms, otherwise it would be impossible to find really expert workmen, but only those who are inefficient, and cannot find work elsewhere, and who will accept work with the intention of adding to their pay by disbanding and deserting.

(c) The Div M/S are thus in a critical state owing to lack of specialists, while the number of breakdowns and accidents increases every day, especially because of the fact that the present release program is depriving units of their old, tried and tested drivers, and the reinforcements arriving from training centers are not to be desired. Added to this is the fact that, after a year of intensive work, all the vehicles require general overhaul and there is a marked scarcity of spare parts.

4. I request that your HQ would ask the Ministry to direct the other Divs and to examine this HQ's proposals regarding:

- (a) Provision of Abraham Lincoln's Pay to Military Specialists,
- (b) Employment of civilian personnel - genuine specialists - with pay equal to that given by civilian firms.

3. In order to overcome the present crisis, this H.Q. has some time ago suggested the following arrangements to the Ministry of War:-

(a) To grant specialist tradesmen's pay to workers working in workshops, in order to encourage specialists with units to volunteer for work in the Div & S. Soldiers, even if they have specialist qualifications, generally prefer living with a unit to the hardworking life of the & S.

(b) Employment of civilian personnel - civilian specialists - to whom it would be essential to give the same pay and treatment as to those specialists employed by civilian firms, otherwise it would be impossible to find really expert workmen, but only those who are inefficient, who cannot find work elsewhere, and who will accept work with the intention of saving up their pay by doing so and then.

The Div & S are thus in a critical state owing to lack of specialists, while the number of breakdowns and accidents increases every day, especially because of the fact that the present release programme is depriving units of their old, tried and trained drivers, and the reinforcements arriving from training centres are much to be desired. Added to this is the fact that, after a year of intensive work, all the vehicles require general overhaul and there is a marked scarcity of spare parts.

I request that your HQ would ask HMA to draw the attention of the War Ministry to the critical situation of specialist mechanical personnel in this Div and to examine this HQ's proposals regarding:

- (a) Provision of adequate tradesmen's pay to Military Specialists.
- (b) Employment of civilian personnel - civilian specialists - with pay equal to that given by civilian firms.

6. HMA letter A 110/2 of 17 Sep 45, addressed to all HUs has already drawn attention to this grave problem.

(103) CHIEF PLANTERS,
II General Directorate.

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SUBJECT : 85 Co-operators I & M Platoon - THREE GILL

LAND FORCE HQ CAN, A.C.
(R.E.L.A.) R O M E .
Tel: 489084 Date 933
A 110/2
14 Nov 45

TO : Ministry of War

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The posting of 25 other ranks (No-171) to 85 Co-operators I & M Platoon (vide Order of Battle 2/16 page 26) surplus to A.C. 10/1904/1 (59 all ranks) is authorized w.o.f. 16 Nov pending an amendment to this O.C. The total authorized strength will therefore be 52 all ranks.

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Major General
R.E.L.A.

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COPY TO : O.C. 85 Co-operators I & M Platoon (Please send letter to R.E.L.A., copy R.E.L.A., requesting increase in P.M. and giving reasons. Your M/9 of 11 Nov refers)

O.C. R.E.L.A.

INTERNAL : 6 (33) (2)
S & T (File 30/229).

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ref.

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

File A 110/2

9 November '45

SUBJECT : Deficiencies of Mechanical Specialists

TO : R R H E

1. Attached is a list of the latent deficiencies of mechanical specialists in CHINA, INDIA, POLOON and KANTON Divisions. Figures for WILLI have not yet been received.

2. These figures should be reduced by the postings which have taken place since from the disabled units shown below. All the personnel of these units was allotted to the Infantry Divisions, through the numbers actually received, owing to demobilization etc, will be considerably less.

UNIT	Offrs.	Q R's
1054 Tank Maintenance Co.	12	510
1742 Workshops Platoon	2	47 (to Polgore)
1735 "	2	41
1763 "	1	47
1765 "	-	472.99
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1. Attached is a list of the latest deficiencies of mechanical specialists in CHEROKEE, LEONARD, POLARIS and MANTONA Divisions. Figures for NIELI have not yet been received.

2. These figures should be reduced by the postings which have taken place since from the disbanded units shown below. All the personnel of these units was allotted to the Infantry Divisions, through the numbers actually received, owing to demobilization etc, will be considerably less.

UNIT	LATEST STRENGTH	
	Offrs.	O.R.'s
1051 Tank Maintenance Bn.	12	310
1742 Workshops Platoon	2	47 (to Folgore)
1733 " "	2	41
1763 " "	1	47
1765 " "	-	47299
		6346

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Drivers I.O. Automobileisti

Carrier Drivers/Automobilisti
conduttori di
veicoli cingolati

Driver mechanics/Automobilisti
meccanici

Coppersmiths Caldaiai

Armament
artificieri

Carpenters Carpenteri

Coach trimmers/Carronzieri

Electricians Elettricisti

Electricians
(automobile
electr.-auto)

Blacksmiths Fabbri

Joiners falegnami (da
banco)

Sheet metal
workers laminatori

Storemen
(store keepers) Magazzinieri

Mechanics Meccanici

Fitters montatori

Vehicle
mechanics Meccanici mot. per
autoveicoli

Engine fitters/mechanics motor.
(mach. equipment)/di laboratorio

Engine fitters/mechanics per
I.O. and pump motorcycle

Gun fitters Operai di artig.
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TRADE SPECIALIZATION	PHILLI	BRAND	LEONARD	POLYMER	MAINTENANCE	TOTAL
Welders (acetylene)	2	1	1	1	4	8
Welders electrical						
Welders electrical slotting						
Timemills straight						
Turners	5				3	8
Painters	1					1
Vulcanizers/Vulcanizators						
TOTAL	283	43	71	58		455

Above figures do not include personnel required to replace 1920 Glass, except for

CHUMONA and LEONARD Groups.

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TOTAL

Shows figures do not include personnel required to replace 1920 class, except for

CARBONA and LEMMAHO Groups.

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Subject: Reinforcements.

"P" BRITISH LIAISON & TRG UNIT,
R.T.C. I.C.P.

Ref: AQ/7/522.

30 Oct 45.

To: M.M.I.A.

Copy to: 52 B.L.U.

Ref your A/110/2 of 25 Oct 45.

The specialists referred to were posted on the 30 August and left
CESANO on the 14 September.

Their names were :-

Caporale	GRAMPOLI	Michele	-	Electrician
Autiere	RANFI	Mario	-	" "
" "	GIULIANI	Ugo	-	" "
Sergente	MARSELLINO	Giuseppe	-	Mechanic.
Cap.Magg	ZITO	Emilio	-	" "
Autiere	D'ACUNTO	Malteo	-	" "
" "	CIRCELLI	Mario	-	" "
" "	ARANCINO	Antonio	-	" "

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Major, Inniska.
DAA & GEL.

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SUBJECT: Reinforcements - Mechanical.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E
TEL: 499081 Ext. 535
A 110/2
25 Oct 48

TO : 'Z' SLU, INTD.

COPY TO: 52 SLU.

Reference A 110/2 of 3 September.

1. Staff Captain KRAM, 52 SLU states that no trace can be found in the LUKANO Division of the eleven specialists referred to in para 1.
2. You are requested to check with H.Q. INTD if in fact this draft was ever dispatched, and to forward name, if available, direct to 52 SLU. In this way 52 SLU will be able to check if the personnel concerned were sent on arrival to other than mechanical units.

Major General
M.M.I.A.

COPY TO: KRAM

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MHIA

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

INFO : DISTRICT FOR MHIA LG
CSO 3 DISTRICT

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN
31 1610 A

REF A 1361

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LIVE SECTIONS IN 3 DISTRICT REQUIRE 1 WORKSHOP OPER AND FIVE VEHICLE
MECHANICS (.) THESE WILL BE FOUND FROM 1735 CMA 1763 CMA 1764 AND
1765 WORKSHOP PLATOONS NOW BEING DISBANDED AND PLACED AT 227 DIV
DISBANDED FOR 173 SIGS COY BEFORE PERSONNEL ARE POSTED AWAY VIDE
SL/6/2 OF 31 OCT 45

PREVIOUS : IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED : *[Signature]*

FILE A 110/2 ✓

A 110/5

INTERNAL : C (SD) (2)

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Ref.

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DISPATCH FOR 173 SIGS COY BEWARE PERSONNEL ARE POSTED AWAY VILM

SL/6/2 OF 31 OCT 45

PRETENSE : IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED :

[Signature]

FILE A 110/2 ✓

A 110/3

INTERNAL : G (SD) (2)

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Trade	C L A S S									
	1917 (1)	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926
Telewriters	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Turners	-	2	1	-	6	3	4	2	1	1
Plumbers	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	3	-
Vulcanisers	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
M.T. Storemen (3)	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	4	1	3

NOTE: (1) Refers to personnel of the 1917 class and older, who are either regular soldiers or enlisted were specialists.
 (2) Refers to volunteers enlisted for one year.
 (3) Of the O.P., A.C.A.

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C L A S S										TOTAL
1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927 (2)	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	1	-	6	3	4	2	1	1	1	21
-	-	-	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	7
-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
-	-	-	-	1	7	4	1	3	-	15

17 class and older, who are either regular soldiers or enlisted as volunteers, because they
for one year.

NUMBER OF SPECIALIST PERSONNEL UP TO 30 SEP 45.

Trade	C L A S S										
	1917 (1)	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927 (2)
Fitters	1	1	2	4	-	6	7	4	7	6	-
Wireless Fitters	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	-	-	-	-
Armourer	3	1	1	3	-	3	8	2	2	7	-
Artificer	1	1	-	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Personnel	2	3	1	5	7	2	4	-	-	1	-
Drivers	20	61	91	133	228	303	183	89	41	25	-
Mech-Dvrs	4	4	5	18	12	20	11	12	2	5	-
Drivers I/C	-	2	2	8	4	7	6	3	-	2	-
Chief W/kaps	4	-	3	5	5	2	-	2	-	-	-
Chief Assemblers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chief Radio Assemblers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Joiners	-	-	2	3	1	1	7	1	1	-	2
Telephone Booth Operators	-	2	7	7	13	12	14	4	2	2	-
Boiler Operators	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Electrician Ops	-	-	1	7	4	3	6	4	3	-	4
Electrician Ops for Maint	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Accumulators	-	-	1	4	4	7	5	7	-	1	-
Blacksmith	1	2	5	8	7	10	12	7	5	3	4
Rurac	2	1	4	7	6	6	3	3	3	2	-
Parriers	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Wireless Ops	2	15	21	35	42	45	46	18	15	25	5
Mechanics	-	-	-	3	3	4	10	3	1	7	10
Mechanics Assemblers	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	2	-	-
Precision Mechanic	-	2	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Electrical Mechanics	-	2	-	3	2	1	1	-	2	3	-
Motor Operators	3	7	13	38	61	57	36	16	10	5	-
Artillery Fitters	3	1	1	1	1	2	1	-	-	-	-
Radio Assemblers	-	-	1	2	9	2	1	-	-	-	-
Oxy-acetylene Welders	-	1	-	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	-
Electrical Welders	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
Saddlers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Telephone Linemen	-	4	9	15	23	30	14	15	-	7	-
Telephone Operators	2	1	4	10	24	22	14	4	-	2	-

POWER OF SPECIALIST GENERAL UP TO 20 EMP AS.

C L A S S											Total 1917-27 7147	TOTAL	WE	Hy WE
1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927 (2)				
1	1	2	4	-	6	7	4	7	6	-	71	38	37	6
-	-	-	-	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	5	5	16	11
3	1	1	3	-	3	6	2	2	7	-	25	30	78	53
1	1	-	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	9	13	8
2	3	1	5	7	2	4	-	-	1	-	16	25	-	-
20	61	91	133	228	303	183	89	41	25	-	589	1224	1204	315
-	4	5	10	12	20	11	12	2	5	-	66	93	171	105
-	2	2	0	4	7	6	3	-	2	-	22	34	24	2
-	-	3	5	5	2	-	2	-	-	-	13	21	-	-
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-	2	5	8	7	10	12	8	8	3	-	38	50	123	-
-	2	4	7	8	6	5	1	-	2	-	1	2	-	-
-	-	-	1	-	-	-	18	16	25	5	148	270	367	168
-	15	21	35	42	43	46	3	1	7	10	39	43	-	-
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-	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	1	-	-	7	5	-	-
-	2	-	1	2	1	1	-	-	3	-	8	13	-	-
-	2	-	3	61	37	36	16	9	5	-	167	225	277	110
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-	4	9	15	23	30	14	15	9	7	-	68	83	-	-
2	1	4	10	24	22	14	4	-	2	-	-	-	-	-

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Subject: Mechanical Personnel.

51 British Liaison Unit.

A 4/8.

To: Land Forces Sub-Comm AG (M.M.I.A.),
ROME.

A-110/2

Ref your A 110/2 dated 22 Sep 45 and this HQ letter of even number dated 10 Oct 45.

1. Herewith return as required forwarded by CREMONA INF DIV showing deficiencies in Specialists which will occur when the 1919 and older classes are released.

2. In reply to para 3 of your a/q letter, CREMONA state that Mobile Wkps are testing volunteers for the purpose of either posting them to the Wkps itself, or to other divisional units according to their previous specialist trg.

Field.
19 Oct 45.
CGIB/RH.

C. G. Loring - Bell

Capt,
Staff Capt,
for Lt-Col.

4291

*See letter 1
9 Nov
[initials]*

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SUBJECT : Students for ROME Mechanical Specialist School.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E .
Tel: 489681 Ext: 535.
A 110/3
16 Oct. 45

TO : Ministry of War.

Reference MEIA SR/10/2 of 11 Oct.

1. 150 suitable students for the first course to be run at the above school will be selected from personnel at SOE Reorganisation Centre ORVINTO or from personnel already belonging to ITI-ITI Repairs units. All the men selected should be of 1923 or younger classes.
2. Arrangements are being made for a representative of the Directorate of Artillery and Motorisation to visit ORVINTO for this purpose.
3. As soon as possible after selection SR-ITI personnel concerned will be posted to ITI-ITI Repairs Units, Part XII(A) Sec 9 of the Order of Battle, on whose strength all students at this school will be held, and transferred to ROME.

J. Doble
for Major General
M.M.I.A.
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COPY TO: Sr Cadre SOE Reorganisation Centre, ORVINTO

INTERNAL G(SD)
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FILE-A

MANUAL LABORERS

TRADE	MANTOVA 56 BLN	OREGONIA 21 BLN	LEHMANO 52 BLN	POLOONA 53 BLN	PIYULI+ 50 BLN	TOTAL
Armourers	2	2		2		6
Veh Mechanics	4		6	6		16
Dvr Mech	29	11	7	24		71
Electricians	8	2		13		23
Fitters	5	12		12		29
Welders	4	2		1		7
HQ Mech	2	12	6	7		27
Sheet Metal Workers	1		2	1		4
Turners	3					3
Painters		1		1		2
Motorcyclists		7				7
Motor Mechanics			4	4		8
Instrument Mechanics				2		2
Cock Builders				2		2
Radio Mechanic				1		1
TOTAL	58	49	45	76		228

+ NO Return for PIYULI as of 21 Oct 45.

MECHANICAL DISTRICTS.

WILEY A 119/2 ✓

MANTOVA 56 RU	CREMONA 51 RU	LEGNANO 52 RU	FILCORE 53 RU	TRIULI 50 RU	TOTAL
2	2		2		6
4		6	6		16
29	11	7	24		71
8	2		13		23
5	12		12		29
4	2		1		7
2	12	6	7		27
1		2	1		4
3					3
	1		1		2
	7				7
		4	4		8
			2		2
			2		2
			1		1
58	49	25	76		208

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TRIULI as of 21 Oct 45.

SUBJECT :- Mechanical Personnel.

56 RLU
4 AG

11 Oct 45

Lead Forces Sd Comm A.C. (MILA)
RML

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Reference your letter A 110/2 dated 22 Sep 45.

1. Herewith statement showing the estimates total deficiencies by trades of mechanical personnel in Combat Group MARUYA as at 14 Oct 45, after the release of Classes 1915, 1917, 1918 and 1919.

Trade	LADs	M. E. Ptn	M. E. Wkps	Total
Armourers	2	-	-	2
Vehicle Mechanics	4	-	-	4
Driver Mechanics	9	1	19	29
Electricians	5	3	-	8
Fitters	5	-	-	5
Welders	4	-	-	4
MCO Mechanics	1	1	-	2
Sheet Metal Workers	-	1	-	1
Turners	-	1	2	3

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1, Herewith statement showing the estimate total deficiencies by trades of mechanical personnel in Combat Group KANTOVA as at 14 Oct 45, after the release of Classes 1916, 1917, 1918 and 1919.

Trade	IdDs	M.E. Flt	M.E. Wksp	Total
Armourers	2	-	-	2
Vehicle Mechanics	4	-	-	4
Driver Mechanics	9	1	19	29
Electricians	5	3	-	8
Fitters	5	-	-	5
Welders	4	-	-	4
MO Mechanics	1	1	-	2
Sheet Metal Workers	-	1	-	1
Turners	-	1	2	3

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In The Field
/ajw

See letter of 9 Nov

John A. Adams
Lt Col
for GS

Subject :- Mechanical Personnel

51 British Liaison Unit

A 4/8

To :- Land Forces Sub-Comm AC (LMIA)
Rome

Aug 72

1. Ref your letter A 110/2 dated 22 Sep and this Hq Signal A 610 dated 071110A.
2. Herewith return of deficiencies by trades in the units mentioned as and when 1919 class ~~has~~ been demobilized.
3. Owing to difficulties referred to in the a/m signal, CREMONA have not yet been able to allow for the transfer of specialists from inf, arty and other arms.
4. It is hoped to forward this return on 15 Oct.

Field
10 Oct 45
JLS/JB

M. Streetfield Capt
for Staff Captain.

In letter of 7 Nov

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NOTE (4) DO NOT APPROXIMATE.

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SPECIALISTS

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SUBJECT :- Mechanical Specialist Personnel

for 1945

SC REGS,
52 British Liaison Unit
Ref No:- BR/10/58

Date:- 9 Oct 45

DADE HQ Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MIA)
R O M E.

Ref the MIA letter A 140/2 dated 22 Sept 45.

1. The information given in HQ 52 BR letter ref A2/18/64 written in reply to the above letter is erroneous in that it does not take into account the considerable number of Civilian Tradesmen held in lieu of deficiencies of Military Tradesmen. Full and correct details of actual deficiencies by trades (up to 1916 class) and also a forecast of future deficiencies based on the release of personnel of Age Groups 1917 - 1920 are given in the attached table.

2. From this table you will see that at present there are :-

- (a) 97 Deficiencies of Military Tradesmen.
- (b) 54 Civilian Tradesmen are held in lieu.

(c) Allowing for (b) there are still 43 deficiencies, but as these are principally in the smaller units, i.e. LAs and ME Wap Platoon, replacement by highly paid civilian tradesmen is considered undesirable.

Note: Civilian tradesmen are drawn into the Army under an Italian War Office Order, but although subject to Military Rules etc., they are paid as "specialists" at an average salary of 200 lire per day.

(d) With the release of 1917 - 1919 Classes these deficiencies will be increased by 34 personnel.

3. Since February 1945 only three Military Tradesmen replacements have been received from CESAMO Reinforcement Centre and to date none of the eleven Military Specialists referred to in the MIA letter reference BR/1506 dated 4th Sept have reported.

4. With reference to para 3 of the MIA letter a complete check of Gruppo Regt personnel is already in hand and from returns received to date it would appear that all Regts hold considerable numbers of potential tradesmen of classes ranging from 1920 - 1927, which would indicate a lack of control of section of new recruits and a serious waste of technicians.

...all men that at present there are :

- From this table you will see that:
- (a) 27 Deficiencies of Military Tradesmen.
 - (b) 54 Civilian Tradesmen are held in lieu.
 - (c) Allowing for (b) there are still 43 deficiencies, but as these are principally in the smaller units, i.e. LADs and WS Platoon, replacement by highly paid civilian tradesmen is considered undesirable.

Note: Civilian tradesmen are drawn into the Army under an Italian War Office Order, but although subject to Military Rules etc., they are paid as "specialists" at an average salary of 200 lire per day.

- (d) With the release of 1917 - 1919 Classes these deficiencies will be per day.

Since February 1944, only three Military Tradesmen replacements have been received from CESAMO Reinforcement Centre and to date none of the eleven Military Specialists referred to in the WMA letter reference WAF/4606 dated 4th Sept have reported.

reported.

4. With reference to para 3 of the UNIA letter a complete check of Gruppo Regti personnel is already in hand and from returns received to date it would appear that all Regts hold considerable numbers of potential tradesmen of classes ranging from 1920 - 1927, which would indicate a lack of control of new recruits and a serious waste of technicians.

new recruits and a serious waste of resources.

5. Action is being taken to draw these personnel into Workshops for technical vetting and classification, and as soon as this has been completed, required personnel will be transferred to the ME Units; it is, however, impossible at this stage to make any allowances for replacements obtained from this source, but you will be fully advised when this data is complete.

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6. Another point of immediate interest is the extremely poor quality of technical officer replacements and as all the present Workshop Officers are now due for release unless an improvement can be obtained in the general standard of replacement personnel there will be an unavoidable decline in the efficiency of the Gruppo MI Workshops.

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7. The following Officer replacements have been posted to the LEMANO Gruppo and of these not one can be considered either technically or personally qualified, and compare most unfavourably with the original Workshop Officers. This would suggest that insufficient importance is attached to technical experience and qualification, and there is no selection.

(a) Officer personnel recently posted to the LEMANO Gruppo and found unsatisfactory :-

X Capt AMERU, CO WS Weps +++++

2nd Lt RUGGERO, WS Wep Officer

2nd Lt IULIETTI, WS Wep Officer

2nd Lt MONTANAROLO, WS Wep Officer

++++ Note: The WS Weps are still deficient of one WS Wep, and in spite of frequent applications HQ LEMANO have been unable to obtain a satisfactory Officer, for the post of CO WS Weps.

FIELD

Pvt. Nelson SC WETS

Copy to :- BUREAU 2 DISTRICT

ST HENRI: 50 HLM
51 HLM
53 HLM
56 HLM

PERSONNEL ME		UNITS		LEGN
Italian	British	Total WE ME Units (Note 1)	Present deficiencies Military Tradesmen (Class 1916)	Civilians held in lieu Actual Deficit (up to)
<u>Sottufficiali e Capitecnici</u>	<u>WOs and Sergeants</u>			
Scritturali	Clerks	2	-	-
Armaiooli	Armourers	1	-	-
Meccanici d'Art	Gun Fitters	2	-	-
Magazzinieri	Storemen	2	-	-
Autieri	Drivers	1	-	-
di Contabilita	Pay and Accounts	1	-	-
Addetto alla cucina	Cook	1	1	1
Motoristi	Motor mechs	19	1	1
Elettricisti	Electrician	1	1	-
Strumenti ottici e Radiomontatori	Instrument Mechs Telecom Mechs.	1 1	1 1	- -
	<u>Total</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u> <u>2</u>
<u>Truppe</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>			
Scritturali	Clerks	7	1	1
Autieri ed)	Days &)	26	-	-
Ausiliari attendenti)	Dvr Batmen	6	1	1
Motoriciclisti	Motor Cyclist	24	-	-
Servizi Generali	General Duties (including Cooks)			
<u>Specializzati</u>				
Meccanici d'Art	Gun Fitters	27	11	11
" Strumenti)	& Gun Fitters			3
" Ottici sec)	Instrument Mechanics	4	4	-
Armaiooli	Armourers	4	4	-
Radiomontatori	Telecom Mechs (RD)	3	3	-
Blacksmiths	Blacksmiths	2	2	1
				2

SOMMER ME UNITS LEGHANO GROUP

Present deficiencies Military Tradesmen (Class 1916)	Civilians held in lieu	Actual Deficiencies (up to 1916 AG)	Future deficiencies by Age Release Groups				Total Deficiencies 1917 - 1920
			1917	1918	1919	1920	

-	-	-					1		1
-	-	-							
-	-	-							
-	-	-							
-	-	-							
1	-	1						1	1
1	-	1							
1	-	1	2		4	1			7
1	1	-							
1	1	-							
5	3	2	2	1	4	2			9

1	-	1				1			1
-	-	-			3	2			5
1	-	1				1			1
-	-	-	2		2	1			5
11	1	11							
4	4	3							
4	3	1							
3	1	1							
2	-	2							
2	-	-							

Motoristi	Motor mechs	17	1	-
Elettricisti	Electrician	1	1	-
Strumenti ottici e	Instrument Mechs	1	1	-
Radionotatori	Telecom Mechs.	1	1	-
	<u>Total</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>

<u>Truppa</u>	<u>Other Ranks</u>			
Scritturali	Clerks	7	1	-
Autieri ed)	Dvr &)	26	-	-
Autisti attendenti)	Dvr Batmen			
Motociclisti	Motor Cyclist	6	1	-
Servizi Generali	General Duties	24	-	-
	(including Cooks)			

<u>Specializzati</u>				
Mechanici d'Art	Gun Fitters	27	11	-
" Strumenti)	& Gun Fitters			1
" Ottici ecc)	Instrument Mechanics	4	4	-
Armaiooli	Armourers	4	4	4
Radionotatori	Telecom Mechs (RD)	3	3	3
Fabbri	Blacksmiths	5	2	1
Falegnami	Carpenters	4	2	-
Carrozzeri	Coachtrimmers	3	2	2
Laminatori	Sheet Metal Workers	5	3	3
Saldatori	Welders	9	4	2
Verniciatori	Painters	2	-	-
Mechanici Eletr.	Electricians	19	11	6
Mechanici Auto.	Vehicle mechs.	29	15	10
Tornitori	Turners	3	-	-
Autieri Mecc.	Driver Mechs	35	4	-
Mechanici Motoristi	Motor Mechs	36	16	16
Mechanici	Storemen	23	5	-
Graduato di Contabilita	Pay Cpls	2	1	1
Assistenti Meccanici Fabbri	Assistant Hammermen	3	3	2
	<u>Total</u>	<u>311</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>54</u>

Note 1: WS Includes 6 LADs
 1 ME Platoon Wp
 1 ME Div Wp

1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1					
5	3	2	2	1	4	2	9
1 - 1 -	- - - -	1 - 1 -			3	1 2	1 5
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97	54	43	10	6	18	25	59

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A110/2

Subject : Mechanical Personnel.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CNP.

6 Oct 45.

AQ/18/64.

HQ
Land Forces Sub Comm.
AC (MMIA) ROME.

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Ref AQ/18/64 dated 6 Oct 45.

Three of the terms were wrongly translated.
Please amend the list to read as follows :-

ECOs

Clerks	1
Motor Mechanics	6

GRs

Drivers	3
Motor Mechanics	4
Driver Mechanics	7
Vehicle Mechanics	6
Asst. Hammermen	2

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See letter of 3 Nov.

[Signature]

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(H. FERRO) Major,
for Lieut-Col.
69.

HF/bj

Subject: Mechanical Personnel.

To :- Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA)

A 110/2
53 D.L.U.
Ref. A1-42
7 Oct 45

1. Ref your A 110/2 of 22 Sep 45.

2. Allowing for the demobilisation of 1919 and older classes and for the transfer of available specialist personnel from Inf and Arty into Mech Engrs W/S, the total deficiencies of specialist personnel in the Mech Engrs W/S, PIs and 6 LADs as at 6 Oct is as follows, in Combat Group POLKORE :-

Capi operai montatori ed armaioli (Sottuf)	Senior fitters & armourers (NCOs)	5
Serg. Meccanici motoristi	Motor Mechs (Sgts)	4
Sottufficiali artificieri	NCO Mechanics	2
Armaioli	Armourers	2
Capi operai montatori per mat. aut	Senior Vehicle fitters	6
Capi radicomontatori	Senior Radio Mechs	1
Carrozzeri	Coachbuilders	2
Automobilisti meccanici	Vehicle Mechs	5
Elettricisti	Electricians	13
Meccanici montatori	Fitter Mechs	6
" di precisione	Instrument Mechs	2
Verniciatori	Painters	1
Lanieristi	Sheet Metal Workers	1
Meccanici motoristi per autocarro	Driver Mechs	24
Saldatori	Welders	1

Del Lt Col J S New

Major
G.S.

Subject: Mechanical Personnel.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CMF.
5 Oct 45.

AQ/18/62

LAND FORCES SUP CORM AG,
(MCLA), CMF.

A110/2

Ref your A 110/2 dated 22 Sep 45.

The following are the figures of estimated deficiencies by trades in ME, when the 1919 and older classes have been demobilized. The transfer of specialists to mechanical units from other units has been taken into account.

HCOs.

Clerks	1
Fitters IC	6

ORs.

Drivers	3
Motor Mechs	4
Driver Mechs	7
Vehicle Fitters	6
Asst Fitters	2

[Signature]
(H. FERRO) Major,
For Lieut-Col.
GS.

Amended by
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TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War

TO: All addressees
M.M.I.A. for info.

REF: 23046/Mob.

DATE: 24.9.45

SUBJECT: Mechanics

1. The position in respect of tradesmen mechanics is definitely below the requirements of the Army and is aggravated by the fact that troops who possess such qualification may be concealing the fact and are merely classified as drivers. Moreover, H.Q.s concerned are not specifying the exact status of individuals as it is certainly preferable to employ driver-mechanics in the place of ordinary drivers.

We therefore stress the necessity of making more exhaustive enquiries into the actual availability of tradesmen mechanics and their employment in order to ensure their full and rational use of the small numbers that exist.

2. This task is entrusted to Military Territorial H.Q.s who are authorised to order the posting of military tradesmen mechanics (and also troops who were master mechanics in civilian life) from units in which they are not being employed as such, on w/e, to units which are short of such tradesmen.

This applies to all units in the territory of **4280** and also should the posting cause a change of category.

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This applies to all units in the territory of 4280
and also should the posting cause a change of category.

3. Any postings so ordered will be notified to the Directorate General concerned and this S.M.
4. M.M.I.A. are begged to kindly facilitate the task of the Military Territorial H.Q.s through their M.M.I.A. L.O.s.

C. Danin Cpl.

Sgd. LIUZZI

Gen.

SUBJECT: Mechanics.

A/110/2

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

Ref: AQ/7/289

27 Sept. 45.

To: 'P' B.L. & T.U.

To: H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (LMTA).

at this Centre from 1st Oct 45
If these 10 have been discharged
owing to their being in the older age groups and liable for discharge.

Reference a recent telephonic request by you for
information as to the number of Mechanics who have arrived at the
R.T.O., I.C.F. recently and how they have been disposed of,
herewith please find copy of a letter received from H.Q., RTO ICF.

Following orders received from H.M.S.G., the above mentioned
soldiers will be transferred to the No. 1 Unit Depot Company in June.

For soldiers absent for various reasons, the above will be the
substitution of other suitable soldiers.

Edw Bradley

Major Inniska.
D.A. & Q.M.

BWB/ah.

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SUBJECT: Mechanics.

**From: COMANDO DIVISIONE "PICENO"
C.A.C.F.I.C.**

02/1494/Ord.

25 Sept. 45.

To: 'F' B.L. & T.U.

1. The reinforcements which arrived at this Centre from the 637 Workshop Company were in total - 61. Of these 16 have been discharged owing to their being in the older Age Groups and liable for discharge.
2. The remaining 45 belong to the following trades:
 - 20 - Driver Mechs.
 - 13 - Mechanics.
 - 6 - Motor Cyclists, mechanics.
 - 4 - Motor Mechs.
 - 2 - Electricians.
3. Following orders received from S.M.R.E., the above mentioned soldiers will be transferred to the No.1 Unit Repair Company in Rome.
4. Any soldiers absent for various reasons will be made up by the substitution of other suitable soldiers.

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TRANSLATION

Date 16.11.79

Date 21.7.79

to/er

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA.
STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Ordinamento e Mobilitazione

n. 23046/Mob. di prot.

OGGETTO: meccanici.

P.M. 3800, 11 24 settembre 1945

AI COMANDI MILITARI TERRITORIALI
ALL'UFFICIO TERRITORIALE PER LA SARDEGNA

LORO SEDI
P.M. 75

e, per conoscenza,

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MILIA)
AL CABINETTO
ALL'UFFICIO COORDINAMENTO
ALL'ISPettorato DELL'ARMA DI ARTIGLIERIA
ALL'ISPettorato DELL'ARMA DEL GENIO
ALLA DIREZIONE GEN. LEVA SOTTUFFICIALI E TRUPPA
ALLA DIR. GEN. ARTIGL. E MOTORIZZAZIONE
ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO
AI COMANDI DI GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO
AL CECANDO DIVISIONE "PICENO" (CAFCIC)
AI COMANDI DI DIVISIONE AMMINISTRATIVA
AI COMANDI DI DIVISIONE SICUREZZA E TERRA
ALL'UFFICIO OPERAZIONI E AMMINISTRAZIONE

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1. - La situazione degli specialisti meccanici nel confronti delle necessità dell'Esercito è assolutamente deficiente anche perché i militari che tale specializzazione potrebbero avere celano tal volta la loro capacità e si qualificano automobilisti. Peraltro, i comandi interessati sono portati a non precisare la effettiva posizione dei singoli perché è conveniente

P.M. 3800, li 24 settembre 1945

n. 23046/Mob. di prot.

OGGETTO: Meccanici.-

AI COMANDI MILITARI TERRITORIALI
ALL'UFFICIO TERRITORIALE PER LA SARDEGNA

LORO SEDI
P.M. 75

e, per conoscenza,
ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (ALIA)

AL GABINETTO

ALL'UFFICIO COORDINAMENTO

ALL'ISPettorato DELL'ARMA DI ARTIGLIERIA

ALL'ISPettorato DELL'ARMA DEL GENIO

ALLA DIREZIONE 6^a LEVA SOTTUFFICIALI E TRUPPA

ALLA DIR. GEN. ARTIGL. E MOTORIZZAZIONE

ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO

AI COMANDI DI GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO

AL COMANDO DIVISIONE "PICENO" (CRATIC)

AI COMANDI DI DIVISIONE AMMINISTRATIVA

AI COMANDI DI DIVISIONE SICUREZZA INTERNA

ALL'UFFICIO OPERAZIONI E ADDESTRAMENTO

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1. - La situazione degli specializzati meccanici nei confronti delle necessità dell'Esercito è assolutamente deficiente anche perché i militari che tale specializzazione potrebbero avere, celano tal volta la loro capacità e si qualificano automobilisti. Peraltro, i comandi interessati sono portati a non precisare la effettiva posizione dei singoli perché è certamente preferibile impiegare automobilisti-meccanici al posto di semplici automobilisti.-

Si impone pertanto la necessità di approfondire l'indagine sulla effettiva esistenza di specializzati meccanici e sull'impiego di essi, nell'intento di ottenere la completa e razionale utilizzazione delle scarse disponibilità.-

2. - Si affida tale compito ai comandi militari territoriali, autorizzati a disporre senza altro trasferimenti di militari specializzati meccanici (ed anche di militari che da civili esercitano il mestiere di meccanico) dei reparti nei quali essi non vengono impiegati come richiesto dalle reali necessità organiche e reparti che ne difettano.-

Ciò per tutti i reparti dislocati nel territorio di giurisdizione, e anche se il trasferimento comporta passaggio di categoria.-

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3. - Segnalare alle direzioni generali interessate ed a questo S.M. i trasferimenti disposti.

4. - Si prege la MMIA di voler agevolare il compito dei comandi militari territoriali per mezzo dei suoi organi periferici.

P. IL GENERALE ADDDETTO a.p.s.

- Giorgio Liuzzi -

Col. Attilio Quercia



P.C.C.

IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO

- P. Piacentini -

Piacentini

LA 11012

	15 Sep	19 Aug	3 Aug	31 Aug	4 Aug
	PRINLI	ONIGAWA	LEONARD	POLARNE	MAKOTOYA
Grinders					14
Fitters	6	2	3		16
Carpenters		2	1		20
SWD Operators		5			1
Cyber Clerks		8			3
Sheet Metal Mks		1			
Plumbers		4			16
Elect Mechs		2	2		12
Masons		18			32
L/Op Sigs		3	6		
Fullerphone Ops.		7	5		6
Pipe fitters		4			
Cooks		2	4		10
Armourers			6		11
Drivers i/c			50		154
Driver Mechs		7	13		113
FOOTMARCH			4		3
			9		5
Draughtsmen					
Director Ops			12		
Wireless Ops			29		95
Instrument Mechs			6		7
Clerks			9		13
Tech Assistants (arty)			12		47
Blacksmiths					6
	6	56	175	25	425
					4276

Fullerphone Ops.	7	3	6
Pipe fitters	4		
Cooks	2	4	19
Armourers		6	
Drivers I/O		50	154
Driver Books	7	13	14
✓ W. H. H. C. H. S.		3	13
Footmen		4	5
Draughtsmen		9	
Director Ops	12		
Wireless Ops	29		95
Instrument Ops	6		7
Clarks	9		
Tech assistants (arty)	12		47
Blacksmiths			4276
	6	56	175
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Grand Total 807 730

Total
 807 730
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 14 14
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UNCLASSIFIED.

SUBJECT: Reinforcements - Mech.

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LAND FORCE HQ USA, A.C.
(H.Q.F.A.) 2000
Tel: 480081 Ext. 535
A 110/2
Sept 65.

TO : SEC HLG.

Reurmes your AG/17/82 dated 20 August 65.

1. It is agreed that the replacement of mech specialists is not at all easy since specialists belong to the older classes. The following personnel however have been allotted to LUNARO Groups from OREAN against the deficiency of HIL and B4 as shown in your AG/1 of 17 August 65:-

3. Electricians.
5. Mech.

2. This will leave a net deficiency of 18 OR's as at 16 Sept, 65, which will be met from the first available specialists after that date.

for
Major General,
H.Q.F.A.

COPY TO : 'F' FIELD, SEC, INF.

INTERNAL: RMSE.

/s/.

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UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT: Mechanical personnel.

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LAND FORCE HQ GCM, A.O.
(M.M.I.A.) R O H E.
Tel: 489081 Ext. 555.
A 110/2
28 Aug 65

TO: Ministry of War.

1. It is desired to ensure that available mechanical personnel are used to the best advantage.

2. Please prepare a statement as follows:

(a) Mechanical personnel available (including all mechanical specialists at GCM/M) and DAVINTC whether on permanent staff or not, and men available at 637 Workshop vide A 1200 of 21 Aug)

(b) Requirements of:

Combat Groups - each Combat Group separately.
155 Vehicle Repair Workshop, GCM/M.
III-III Workshops.

(c) Your division of (a) above between units under (b).

M. Adell. Lts
Major General
M.M.I.A.

COPY TO: 'P' BELU, INFO.

INTERNAL: Q 2
R E E E (2)

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DECLASSIFIED

SUBJECT : 105 Vehicle Repair Workshop, (M2400).

LAND FORCE HQ CAN, A-2.
 (M.M.I.A.) R O N B .
 Tel : 680001 Ext. 878.
 A 110/ 20
 20 AUG 68

TO : Ministry of War.

COPY : 170 BULN INFO. (8).

Reference: MTA A 1180 of 31 Aug and A 1250 of 33 Aug.

1. It is anticipated that approx 100 mechanical specialists on C37 Workshop now disbanded will be moved from BARI to JBRAND in the period 2-6 September.

2. Please ensure that in allotting this personnel the requirements of 105 Vehicle Repair Workshop (organised on M2 ON 681/1 as per M2/20/2 of 7 Aug) are completed before any specialists are assigned to the ITI-ITI category vide A 115 of 14 Aug.

[Signature]
 Major General,
 M.M.I.A.

INTERNAL : 0(60).

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M.M.I.A.

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : M.M.I.A.

DATE
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TIME OF ORIGIN
1600 B

TO : DISTREE

INFO : MINISTRY OF WAR
54 AREA FOR MMIA IO
DISTREE FOR MMIA IO

REF : A 1250 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) REFERENCE AFHQ G-1(BR)/1074/A-1
(SER 2951) OF 18 AUG ORDERING DEBANDMENT OF 749 AND 637 ITALIAN WORKSHOPS
(.) ONE (.) PERSONNEL OF 749 WORKSHOP WILL BE PLACED AT DISPOSAL OF TERRITORIAL
HQ BARI FOR EMPLOYMENT IN ITI-ITI REPAIRS UNITS (.) TWO (.) PERSONNEL
OF 637 ITALIAN WORKSHOP WILL BE MOVED TO IRTG CEBANO (.) MMIA IO
BARI WILL STATE STRENGTH TO MMIA WHO WILL BID FOR MOVEMENT IN PERIOD 3
- 9 SEPTEMBER (.) THREE (.) FOR MINISTRY OF WAR (.) ON ARRIVAL AT CEBANO
SELECTED PERSONNEL MAY BE POSTED TO FILL DEFICIENCIES IN ITI-ITI CATEGORY VIDE
MMIA A 115 OF 14 AUG

PRIORITY : IMPORTANT

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AUTHENTICATED :

[Signature]

INTERNAL :

G(SD) (2)

"Q"

R E M E

FILE : A 148

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A110/2

SUBJECT: 713 and 721 Italian Workshop Coys.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M
TEL: 488001 Ext 883
A 110/2
18 Aug. 45

TO : MMIA LO 1 District
MMIA LO 3 District

COPY TO: Ministry of War.

Ref MMIA SD/10/E of 15 Aug.

1. It is important to ensure that skilled mechanical personnel are posted to units when full use will be made of their specialist qualifications.
2. You are requested therefore to ensure with the Adm Divs concerned that on the disbandment of the above units personnel posted to suitable employment; if there is not a place for any man within the Adm Div that details are sent to MMIA. Arrangements will then be made for personnel concerned to be sent to LINC, CREANC.

713 *has any*

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[Signature]

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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INTERNAL: REM

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TELESCRITTO

Li 11/10/45 acc

AT COMANDO 227^a DIVISIONE

P.M. 3400

Stamaggiore Mobilitazione n.20940/Mob. (.) Risposta foglio 01/6417 /op. data 31 luglio u.s. (.) Causa assoluta indisponibilità persone le specializzato non est possibile soddisfare richiesta 250 element at 749^a compagnia ex-cooperatori officina (.) Est stata interessata MMIA che provvederà prossimamente con previsto scioglimento reparti (.) Stamaggiore Mobilitazione (.) 190007 (.)

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Ordinamento e Mobilitazione

N.21068/Mob.di prot.

P.M. 3800, 11/10 agosto

All.:1

AL COMANDO 227^a DIVISIONE

P.M. 3400

e, per conoscenza:



ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.(MMIA)

ROMA

A

..... a conferma del telexcritto sopraripertato.

Per MMIA a seguito intese telefoniche con magg. Dobba si allega copia del foglio 01/6417/op. in data 31/7/45 del Comando 227^a Divisione .-

d'ordine

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COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(P. Piacentini)

Piacentini

COPIA/to

COMANDO DELLA 227^a DIVISIONE
S.M. - Sezione Op. Ord.

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N/01/6417/op. di prot.
OGGETTO: reparti ex-cooperatori.-

P.M. 126,21 31/7/45

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
S.M.R.E.
Uff.Ord. e Mobilitazione

P.M. 1200

La 749^a op. ex-cooperatori officina, giunta recentemente a Molfetta proveniente da Roma su un organico di 4 ufficiali e 305 truppa, ha presenti tutti gli ufficiali, ma soltanto un centinaio di militari. La forza si è così ridotta in seguito alle assenze arbitrarie di 70 uomini avvenute durante il trasferimento suddetto.

Degli uomini, attualmente presenti al reparto, 40 hanno diritto al congedo.

Il Comando Allente collaterale ha fatto presente l'urgente necessità di assegnazione di complementi specializzati (autisti e meccanici) per colmare le deficienze e per sostituire gli assenti arbitrari o i congedandi - in complesso 250 uomini tutti specializzati per officine riparazioni automobilistiche.

Essendo questo Comando impossibilitato ad aderire per assoluta indisponibilità del personale richiesto, prego codesto S.M. di voler intervenire, assegnando almeno parte dei militari richiesti qualora ve ne siano disponibili presso il centro addestramento di Casano ed altrove.-

IL GENERALE COMANDANTE
P.to Silvio *625*



p.o.o.
COLONN. CAPO SEZIONE
(Dibitonto)

Dibitonto

MECHANICAL SPECIALIST DEFICIENCIES - ITI-171

LA 11012

ARMY

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TOTAL

DEFICIENCIES

EX-POST
UNIT OR
BY NAME

CONSTAT
BY NAME

ADVIS
DAYS

TRADE	EX-POST UNIT OR BY NAME	CONSTAT BY NAME	ADVIS DAYS	ITI-171 CATEGORY	TOTAL
DRAWING BOARD	-	4	1	-	-
MOTORCYCLIST	-	32	30	-	-
DRIVER MECH	11	45	13	58	-
DRIVER	8	26	235	-	-
MECHANICS	-	-	45	-	-
WATERCRAFT	-	3	16	-	-
BLACKSMITHS	5	8	71	6	-
FORGER	6	-	56	60	-
ENGINE FITTER	-	-	71	40	-
ENGINE-FITTERS	-	10	29	3	-
" " SR	-	-	11	-	-
SHEET METAL WORKERS	1	-	13	27	-
PLUMBERS	-	8	17	-	-
CYCLE-REPAIRS	-	-	10	-	-
TURNERS	3	-	2	14	-
ELECTRICIANS	3	7	44	37	-
JOINER + CARPENTER	3	13	247	13	-
PAINTERS & DECOR	2	3	67	13	-
MINESS	-	5	48	-	-
MASONRY	-	9	111	-	-
BRIDGING ENGRS	-	-	11	-	-
WELDERS (ASST)	4	-	7	7	-
TINSMITHS	-	-	78	-	-
FORGERS	-	-	6	-	-
CONCRETEWORKERS	-	-	60	-	-
PIPE-FITTERS	-	-	43	-	-

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FILTERS	4	8	11	6
ENGINE FITTERS	-	-	36	60
ENGINE FITTERS (C-1000)	-	-	11	40
ENGINE FITTERS	-	10	29	3
" SR	-	-	11	-
SHEET METAL WORKERS	1	-	12	27
PLUMBERS	-	8	17	-
CYCLE-REPAIRS	-	-	10	-
TURNERS	3	-	2	14
ELECTRICIANS	3	7	44	37
PAINTER & CARPENTER	3	12	247	13
PAINTERS & DECOR	2	2	69	13
MILLERS	-	5	48	-
HOSEWORK	-	9	111	-
BRIQUING ENGINE	-	-	11	-
WELTERS (ACE)	4	-	4	7
TUNSTERS	-	-	14	-
FABRICIERS	-	-	60	-
SCAFFOLDERS	-	-	43	-
PIPE-FITTERS	-	-	1	-
WELL BORERS	-	-	-	-
BRICKLAYERS	1	-	-	-
VEHICLE MECH	3	2	12	103
ARMOURERS	1	74	3	-
COACH TRAILERS	1	-	-	17
INSTRUMENT MECHS (C-1000)	-	18	3	-
COACH MECH/BOAT	-	-	30	-
PLATEWORKER	-	-	13	-
COOLERS (C-1000)	-	-	-	14
VULCANISER	-	-	-	8

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA E MOTORIZZAZIONE
Divisione : Corpo Automobilisti

SITUAZIONE PERSONALE SPECIALIZZATO EFFETTIVO AI REPARTI RI

	CAPI OFFICIA NA.	CAPI MECCA NICI.	MONTA TORI.	MOTORI STI.	AGGIU STATORI.	TORNI TORI.	ELETTRI CISTI - MAGNETI STI.	LAME RISTI.
	Senr W.O. i/c. Workshops.	Sgt. i/c. W. Shops.	Fitters MT & GENERAL Fitters.			Turners.	Electricians	Sheet Metal Workers
W.E. Strength	14	28	447	-	36	38	56	44
Effective Strength	4	40	136	58	31	24	19	17
Deficiency			258			14	37	27



MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
 GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA E MOTORIZZAZIONE
 Divisione : Corpo Automobilistico.

PIZZATO EFFETTIVO AI REPARTI RIPARAZIONI AUTOMOBILISTICI ALLA DATA 31/5/45.

OPERAI ED ALLIEVI OPERAI

AGGIU STATORI.	TORNI TORI.	ELETTRI CISTI - MAGNETI STI.	LAMIE RISTI.	TAPPEZ ZIERI.	PALE GNANT	VERNI .CIATORI.	VULCA NIZZA TORI.	ATTREZ ZISTI.	FAB BRI.	SAL DA- TORI.	RA DIA TO RI STI.	SPECIA LISTI POMPE INIE ZIONE.	TOTALE
TURNERS.	Turners.	Electricians	Sheet Metal Workers	Upolatory Workers TRIMMERS	CARPENTERS Joiners.	Painters.	Vulcanisers.	Toolmakers.	Blacksmiths.	Welders.	Radiators Mechanics.	Mechanical Injector Pumps.	Totals
36	38	56	44	34	52	28	18	22	42	12	12	10	1017
31	24	19	17	17	39	15	10	8	26	15	9	7	
14	14	37	27	17	13	13	8	14	13	3	3	3	420

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TRANSLATION

Lib A 110/2

From 3rd Repair Unit
To : M/A

Ref: 2128
Date: 18 /7/45

WA

Subject Specialists Forgers and apprentices

OR INFORMATION OF M.M.E.A.

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Ref letter: n. 08192/4078/2A dated 13/6/45

The military mentioned in letter 08192/4078/2A, have not been pointed out with letter 1595/UR, dated 6/6/45, because they should have been xx transferred to other units, further to the w/e reduction. Due to the fact that subsequently many men were released on ~~indefinite~~ leave, this H.Q. has been compelled to retain some, ~~with the purpose~~ to maintain the w/e as complete as possible, with the exception of a few of them, taken off strength for the reasons shown alongside their names:

indefinite

See letter

R.E. Cpl.

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Sgd: Lt Col Borna Roberto

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MINI 3° REPARTO RIPARAZIONI AUTOVISICOLI
COMANDO

Prot.n. 2121 - U.L.

Bari, 11 11 Luglio 1945

OGGETTO: Operai specializzati ed allievi operai.

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direz.Gen.Artigl. e Motorizzazione
Divisione Corpo Automobilistico

ROMA

E. PER CONOSCENZA:

ALLA L.F.C.C. A.C. (M.M.I.A.) - ROMA

ROMA

Riferimento foglio n. 08192/4078/2A del 13/6/1945.

I militari segnati sul foglio a riferimento, non sono stati esentati con la nota n. 1595/UZ del 6/6/1945, perchè dovevano essere trasferiti ad altri reparti, in seguito alla riduzione dell'organico.

Per il successivo verificarsi di numerosi invii in congedo e licenze illimitate, questo Comando ha dovuto trattenere gli stessi, al fine di mantenere completo il più possibile l'organico, ad eccezione di alcuni, perduti di forza per le ragioni a fianco di ognuno segnate:

- Serg. Maggiore D'Alessio	Giulio	Capo Meccanico	- Pres. ad altro Rep.
- " " Lionetti	Carmine	Montatore	Trasferito a altra unit.
- " " Campiella	Nicole	"	
- " " Gelani	Pietro	"	
- Autiere Bitetto	Gastano	"	
- " " Falco	Roberto	"	
- " " Falconieri	Francesco	"	
- Maresciallo Beno	Antonio	Capo Meccanico	
- Caporale Garella	Giustini	Montatore	
- Autiere Padolechia	Matteo	"	
- Autiere Buono	Nicola	"	
- " " Arzetta	Salvatore	"	
- " " De Febo	Costantino	"	
- " " Guerra	Matteo	"	
- " " Tomasello	Angelo	"	
- Serg. Maggiore Colista	Vito	Capo Meccanico	
- " " Menna	Onofrio	Assuntatore	
- " " Rocco	Vito	"	
- " " Delaurio	"	"	

- Inviato in Lic. Ill.
Sul m. indifferente

- Inviato in congedo

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- " " Lionetti	Carmine	Montatore	- Trasf. ad altro Rep.
- " " Campanella	Nicola	"	"
- " " Gelani	Pietro	"	"
- Antiere Bitetto	Gaetano	"	"
- " " Falco	Roberto	"	"
- " " Falconieri	Francesco	"	"
- Maresciallo Bono	Antonio	Capo Meccanico	"
- Caporale Carella	Giustini	Montatore	"
- Antiere Padellachia	Matteo	"	"
- Antiere Buono	Nicola	"	"
- " " Armetta	Salvatore	"	"
- " " De Febo	Costantino	"	"
- " " Guerra	Matteo	"	"
- " " Tomasiello	Angelo	"	"
- Serg. Maggiore. Celetta	Vito	Capo Meccanico	"
- " " Menna	Onofrio	Aggiustatore	"
- " " Reco	Vito	"	"
- Sergente Palagurio	Ugo	"	"
- Antiere Massaro	Remigio	Tornitore	"
- " " Calvelli	Raffaele	Lamierista	"
- Cap. Maggiore. Palmisano	Costantino	Tappenziera	"
- Serg. Maggiore. Pesce	Paolo	Falegname	"
- Antiere Murrone	Francesco	"	"
- Antiere Dellino	Andrea	"	"

- Inviato in Lic. ill.
- Inviato in congedo

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- Inviato in congedo.

IL COMANDANTE DEL REPARTO
(Ten. Col. Benati Roberto)



**WITHIN THE
NIGHTTIME**

23 MAY 1945

**of
—
with**

Preu : 50 ML LA CARDINIA EIGEND MANTEN POPALERT

9/15/73

REFERENCE YOUR MES/1507 DATED 22 MAY, PERSONNEL OF FIRST MOBILE PAIR
TO BE SHIPPED AS FOLLOWS: 150 INCLUDING CAPTAIN VAMENGO AND LIEUT IN
MONTA WILL DEPART OF CRUISER SARNALDI 24 MAY, SO ON U.S. CARLTON AS
ACCOUNT; REMINDER TO FOLLOW ON FIRST AVAILABLE VESSEL.

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REARRANGE YOUR ENVOY/1907 DATED 22 MAY, PERSONNEL OF FIRST MOBILE PAIR
TO BE SHIPPED AS FOLLOWS: 150 INCLUDING CAPTAIN VAMERGO AND LIGHT IN
FOVA WILL DEPART OF CRUIER GARIBOLDI 24 MAY, 50 ON S.S. CARLOW AS
SUSPECT; REMAINING TO FOLLOW ON FIRST AVAILABLE VESSEL.

Major	
Col. A.	
A. 1 st	
A. 2 ^d	
A. 3 ^d	
Med.	
Engineer	

Authenticated by S. D. NAEYEV
MAJON C.M.P.

Subject: - Italian LAD Personnel.

LAD/262/45.

TO M.M.I.A..ROME.

Copies to:- M.M.I.A., L.O., 54 Area.

A.C.Motor Transport Group, ROME.

H.Q., 54 Area.

Col. GARDINA, C.O., 804 I.E.R.D.

O.C. British Cadre, 223 Transport Coy. (not yet posted)

O.C. British Cadre, 224 Transport Coy. (not yet posted)

1. All available LAD personnel at this Depot were sent to ROME on 1st May for training in workshops under A.C. Transport Group, (Authority MNIA Signal A 1017).

2. LAD personnel now held in this Depot for formation of 463 and 464 detachments - NIL.

3. It is understood that personnel for 461 LAD have now been collected in ROME by 221 Transport Coy. (A.C.).

4. Personnel for 462 LAD are being collected on 17th May by an officer of 222 Transport Coy. (A.C.) and will return to TRAMI for attachment to this Coy..

5. Would you please arrange for LAD personnel as stated in para 2 to report to this Depot at the earliest.

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A.C. 1/2

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Field, C.M.F.

17/5/45.

Major, R.A.C.,

Commanding British Cadre,

804 Italian Base Reinforcement Depot,

TRAFI.

W. H. B. Baker
23/5. who with and
with the 1st

SUBJECT:- Reinforcements

'F' BLU IRTO

Copy:- INTA

A 110/2

56 RLB
AG 4

19 May 48.

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A number of tradesmen are due to be released under the scheme for the demobilisation of the 1915 class and others.

45 Specialists from the MS Wkaps are involved as detailed below, and replacements for these are required as early as possible.

Vehicle Mechanics	30
Electricians	4
Fitters	2
Carpenters	4
Gun Fitters	1
Saddle Maker	1
Clerk	1
Pay & Accounts	2

In The Field,
JRM/ajw

S. M. Morris Day
Lt Col,
MS.

Q 213

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AFHQ SERIAL NO.	WAR OFFICE MOD SERIAL	UNIT DESIGNATION	N.B.	OFFRS	GRS	VEHS	#CS	LOCATION FOR FORMATION	SUPERVISOR AUTHORITY
1473	95223	154 LAD att GARIBOLDI Italian Infantry Regt.	CM/520/1	-	12	3	2	VITERBO	HQ RMA

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Appendix "A" to MWIA letter
 55/10/2 dated 12 May 1945

N.E.	OFFRS	ORS	VERB	MOB	LOCATION FOR FORMATION	SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY	REFERENCE FORMATION ORDER	
LDI try	05/540/1	-	12	3	2	VITERO	HQ MAC	AFEC G-1(Br) 1116/A1 (Ser. 2179) of 6 May 45.

RESTRICTED.

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SUBJECT: LAD 's Attachments, Personnel.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O K E .
Tel: 489081 Ext. 888.
A 110/2
May 45.

TO : H.Q. MT GP A.C.

COPY TO: R.E.M.E.

Ref your AC/TB 102/1 of 5 May.

Please say how the 30 men required to complete the LAD's are divided by trades in order that further action may be taken to provide them.

for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

/s/.

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HEADQUARTERS
MOTOR TRANSPORT GROUP
ALLIED COMMISSION (I.A.P.)
APO 394

Tel. 866324
Ext. 8

JHB/eg.

Ref. AO/TB/102/1

5 May 1945

SUBJECT : Italian Personnel for L.A.De.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A.)

1. Reference the BR. Italian Personnel who are passing through the Motor Transport Group Mechanical Training School in Rome.
2. The L.A.D. consists of 17 personnel and as there are 6 L.A.De. to be formed, a total of 102 Br. Italians is required.
3. To date 72 Br. Italian have been received and are undergoing training. Of these 72, 17 have gone to the 461 L.A.D., which has gone forward with 221 Transport Coy A.C.
4. Reference the signal T/MOV/804/17 dated 30 April received from your S/Capt. "Q" (M), for your information only 22 Br. Italian arrived with the 221 Coy. Officer Commanding British Cadre of 221 Coy informed us that when the Coy left Trani there were 35 Italians for the School, but 3 disappeared en route.

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James J. Carnes
JAMES J. CARNES,
Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding,
MOTOR TRANSPORT GROUP.

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A 110/2

A (U2)
45 (34)SUBJECT:- Rife - Army Veh Disposal UnitHQ 228 Div.
-----Copy to: Land Forces Sub Comm. AO,
(M.M.I.A.), R O M E.
G(3D), Main Eighth Army.
Q, Rear Eighth Army.
-----Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm. AO,
(M.M.I.A.),
c/o Rear HQ, Eighth Army.MM/123
2 May 45

Ref your 1534/2/H/Ord dated 24 Apr.

1. Authority is given for the attachment from 806 Transit Comp of 76 ORs to 14 Compagnie recupero Autoveicoli.
2. The new War Establishment for this unit (OM/879/1) which allows a strength of 2 officers and 150 ORs has NOT yet been agreed by AFHQ but has been approved by HQ MMIA w.e.f. 26 Apr.
3. In view of the urgent need for the unit to be brought up to full recommended strength, provisional authority as in para.1 above is granted on the understanding that if AFHQ are not in final agreement, the personnel involved may have to be surrendered and absorbed into other units.

B. J. Lawrence

Major
MMIA IO, Rear Eighth Army 4258

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S I G N A L

FROM NMIA

07 1104 B

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TO NMIA LO REAR 8 ARMY

REF: A 1057

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(32)

REF YOUR 104/123 OF 2 MAY (.) FOLLOWING IS COPY OF OUR A 1042 OF 1
APRIL TO MINISTRY OF WAR AND BRITISH CADRE 802 B R D INFO NMIA LO
DISTORE (.) QUOTE AUTHORITY IS GIVEN FOR ARMY VEHICLE DISPOSAL UNIT
GMA NOW UNDER COMMAND OF 1 DISTRICT GMA HITHERTO OPERATING WITH THE
CLASS VI VEHICLE PARK O E S E N A GMA TO BE BROUGHT UP TO STRENGTH
OF 2 OFFICERS AND 150 OR'S IN ACCORDANCE WITH W E OM/873/1 (.)
NECESSARY REINFORCEMENTS UNDERSTOOD TO NUMBER 75 NON-SPECIALIST
PERSONNEL WILL BE DRAWN FROM 802 B R D (.) MOVEMENT WILL BE BY
ROAD UNDER ARRANGEMENTS NMIA LO ONE DISTRICT (.) OFFICIAL
FORMATION ORDER FOR THIS UNIT IS YET TO BE ISSUED UNQUOTE (.)
ENSURE VEHICLE DISPOSAL UNIT NOT SUPPLIED WITH DOUBLE REINFORCEMENTS

PRECEDENCE

ROUTINE
~~URGENT~~

AUTHENTICATED

[Signature] *[Signature]*

A 110/2 ✓

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FILE A110P

S I G N A L

FROM MMIA

01 1135 B

TO MINISTRY OF WAR
BRITISH CADRE 802 BRD

INFO DISTONE FOR MMIA LO

REF: A 1042

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

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NECESSARY REINFORCEMENTS UNDERSTOOD TO NUMBER 75 NON-SPECIALIST
PERSONNEL WILL BE DRAWN FROM 802 B R D (.) MOVEMENT WILL BE BY
ROAD UNDER ARRANGEMENTS M M I A L O ONE DISTRICT (.) OFFICIAL
FORMATION ORDER FOR THIS UNIT IS YET TO BE ISSUED

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

[Signature]

INTERNAL: Q2
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Subject: Italian Groups Training of Tradesmen

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. K. I. A.) R O H E
A110/2

30 April 45.

H.Q. 1 District

Ref your 1540/2/G(Dps) dated 21 Apr.

1. The state of affairs you mention is well known to MEIL. But:-

(a) I am afraid that these shortages of specialists have been common to all the Combat Groups and that in view of the circumstances and the limited time in which the Groups were formed, it has not been possible to fill up W.E. completely with the appropriate tradesmen.

(b) The Italian Army and call-ups have been combed for such personnel, but they just do not exist in the required numbers.

(c) I need hardly say that the main difficulty in training men in the trades mentioned is the time required for training, which in the case of the more technical trades may be anything up to 18 weeks. However, the effect of this is already beginning to be felt.

(d) With regard to sheet metal workers and welders, these trades would require long training and, since the Mechanics School is now fully engaged training vehicle mechanics, driver mechanics, gun fitters and armourers, they cannot at present extend their scope to include the other specialist MEIL trades.

(e) The actual situation in the trades you mention is as follows:-

Present/24

Arm Art Wireman	0/1
Electricians	9/19
Inst. Mech.	1/2
Sheet Metal Workers	4/4
Storeman	12/24
Telecom Menh.	0/3
Welders	7/9

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(a) It is evident that there are shortages of specialists have been common to all the Combat Groups and that in view of the circumstances and the limited time in which the Groups were formed, it has not been possible to fill up H.Q. completely with the appropriate tradesmen.

(b) The Italian Army and call-ups have been coded for such personnel, but they just do not exist in the required numbers.

(c) I need hardly say that the main difficulty in training men in the trades mentioned is the time required for training, which is the cause of the more technical trades may be anything up to 18 weeks. However, the effect of this is already beginning to be felt.

(d) With regard to sheet metal workers and welders, these trades would require long training and, since the Mechanics School is now fully engaged training vehicle mechanics, driver mechanics, gun fitters and armourers, they cannot at present extend their scope to include the other specialist AFM trades.

(e) The actual situation in the trades you mention is as follows:-

	<u>Present/MS</u>
Arm Art Wireless	0/1
Electricians	9/19
Inst. Mech.	1/2
Sheet Metal Workers	4/4
Stove-men	22/24
Telecom Mech.	0/3
Welders	7/8

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1. In fact, despite shortages the Groups, in their Italian way, have given a very good account of themselves and Allied formations have helped them out. I have no doubt that the same will occur in respect of MANICOVA.

3. I think we must adopt things as they are and that, though all is not perfect, MANICOVA will yield a very well worth while dividend, particularly taking into account the role it will be used for.

L. D. D. D.

Major General,
M. E. I. A.

LB/mt

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SIGNAL.

TO 1210 S

FROM : NMIA

TO : 804 BND TRAM

INFO : 84 AREA FOR NMIA LO
802 BND ORVIETO
MINISTRY OF WAR
ALCOM FOR IN SUB COMMAND. (MT GP)

(27)

CONFIDENTIAL.

REP : A1036

DISPATCH 100 DUES TO 802 BND ORVIETO 1 MAY WITH 231 COY
MOVING TO FLORENCE (..) THESE WILL BE HELD AT ORVIETO
AS RPTS FOR 1,000, 1022, 1004 GT COYS OR FOR OTHER URGENT NEEDS

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

INTERNAL : G(SB)
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AUTHENTICATED LVRM, H. alt.

DESPATCH 100 DUES TO 802 HND G R V I E T O 1 MAY WITH 221 COY
MOVING TO F L O R E N C E (.) THESE WILL BE HELD AT O R V I E T O
AS RPTS FOR 1,000, 1002, 1004 G T COYS OR FOR OTHER URGENT NEEDS

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATED

EWBMM *alt.*

INTERNAL : U(SD)

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(23)

OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : MMIA DATE TIME
TO : 803 BRD RAVISCANINA 23 1530 D
INFO : ALCOM FOR G1BR AND MT GP
MINISTRY OF WAR

REF : A1020

RESTRICTED

REF MMIA A1014 OF 16 (.) TWO TRUCKS WILL ARRIVE
NIGHT 24 APR TO COLLECT 34 LAD PERSONNEL FOR AC
ROME (.) ANDREWS - MAXWELL SPOKE

PRECEDENCEIMMEDIATE

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LRG V LRLC NR 56 IMPORTANT

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FROM BR CADRE 503 IT . B R D

191632

TO MMIA ROME

QOX BT

6/36/SN(.)REF YOUR A1514 DATED 16TH APR (.)

PERSONNEL AVAILABLE AA// ARE AS FOLLOWS (.)

MECHANIST SGT MAJORS 2 (.)

CLERKS TECH M T 2 (.)

DRIVERS A (.)

BLACKSMITHS NIL (.)

WELDERS NIL (.)

VULCANISERS NIL (.)

STOREMEN TECH 2 (.)

ELECTRICIANS NIL (.)

VEHICLE MECHS 1 SGT , 3 CPLS , 3 MEN (.)

BT THI 1600

SENT NR 56 2143 PM B1 K

BD NR 56

2143

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MOVEMENT ORDER
BY

MAJOR J.H. TUNGATE. D.O.M. R.A.C.

A H012

A (21)
23/4

TO :- Italian Adjut., 802 Italian Base Rft. Depot.

1. 15 Specialists of LAD Platoon will move by road at 09,00 hrs. on 24th April 45 from this Depot (ORVISTO) to ROME under the command of :-

1ST. LIEUT ONESTI CARLO

2. TIMINGS

Transport will be ready on the barrack square at 08,30 hrs.

3. ADMINISTRATION
KIT

All personnel will parade with full kit as issued, and will also be in possession of 2 blankets.

4. DOCUMENTS

All Rolls, Medical Certs., D1 Cards, and A.F. H1157 will be on the British Adjut. Desk by 08,30 hrs. on 24th April 45.

Officer in command of Draft will report to the British Adjut. at 08,30 hrs. on 24th April 45.

5. RATIONS

Unexpired portion of the days ration will be carried.

T. Lewis

Capt. and Adjut.,
British Cadre, 802 I.T.B.R.D.

802 Italian Base Rft. Depot.
22nd April 45.

Copy to :- HMIA
L.O., 71 Sub Area.
H.Q., No. 1 District.
File.

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~~FROM 004 ITAL 5 1 5 FRANK CONPT~~
~~DE 004 ITAL 5 1 5 FRANK CONPT~~
 SENT FB AN TKS
 RE NR 69 1650B KTH VA AR
 INITIALS HQ SA AREA CUA DE AND 153 OCT

L A D 's INSTEAD OF WORKSHOP PLATOONS (.) PERSONNEL REQUIRED FOR EACH
 L A D IS MECHANIST SERJEANT MAJOR 1 CLERK TECHNICAL M T 1 DRIVERS 2
 BLACKSMITH 1 WELDER 1 VULCANISER 1 STORMMAN TECHNICAL M T 1
 ELECTRICIANS 2 VEHICLE MECHANICS 7 INCL SMELTERS 1 CORPORALS 3 (.)
 EACH B R D IS REQUIRED IF POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE PERSONNEL FOR TWO
 L A D 'S (.) PLEASE SIGNAL PERSONNEL NOW AVAILABLE AGAINST ABOVE LIST (.)
 HOLD READY TO MOVE TO R O M E FOR FURTHER TRAINING AND FORMATION OF UNITS
 AS FOLLOWS COIN FROM 802 AND 803 B R D 'S BY ROAD ABOUT 20 APRIL UNDER
 ASSIGNMENTS M M I & CMA FROM 804 B R D BY RAIL PERIOD 30 APRIL TO 6

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802 Landa

Charles
 Dyer
 Hugh
 William
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PRECEDENCE REPORT

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INTERVAL:

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File: 10/10/2

Agreed with The Sub-Commission

These personnel for 802 - 803 B R D
 (by road) will be required about 20
 April and balance by rail as per report
 They should report to HQ by 11 PM (A)
 9 VANCE ANGELICO

True

Subject :- Reinforcements

From :- 802 Italian Base Rft. Depot,
ORVIETO.

Ref. BI/9/347

18th April 45.

To :- Land Forces Sub-Comm. A.C.
(WMIA)

Ref your signal A 1014 dated 16th April 45.

Herewith personnel available for L.A.D. platoon :-

Clerks (Ordinary)	2
Drivers	1
Blacksmiths	2
Storeman (Ordinary)	2
Electrician	2
Vehicle Mechanic (Soldiers)	6

W. Turgate

Major,
Comm. British Cadre,
802 Italian Base Rft. Depot.

TIC/MB.

Copy to :- Italian Personnel Officer, 802 I.B.R.D.

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ARMY FORM 21-15 (Rev. 4-55)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call

Ref. No.

Priority

Communication Instructions

A/H/2

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM
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Originator

Date - Time of Origin

Office Data Stamp

802 91st Air Bn Rpt Depot

130900

For Action

HQ AMIA

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TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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Originator's Note

12/22 Report C. Ref. 7th Signal A 1005 12000
 12 Apr 45. Personnel available for workshop. Location
 4th Signal Bn. 8 letters. 8 notes. 8 minutes.

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS (EXCEPT)

WIRELESS

IF LETTERS TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
BEA. DTD. ENEMY HANDS, THIS MSG.
SHOULD BE SENT IN CIPHERCLASSIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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FREEDOM 503

ME 1A/1937

29 MAR 45

SUBJECT: Formation of Italian Army EME Units

TO : G-3 Org (Foreign) through Q(AK)

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Reference your Coordinating Route Slip ASD/922.8(B) dated 22 Mar 45.

1. Our letter ME 1A/1960 dated 24 Nov 44 (copy to Q(AK)) indicated that 3rd line Wkaps for the Combat Groups were necessary. Two Wkap Coys were given up for reinforcements for Combat Group Wkaps and for the formation of 3rd line Wkaps.
2. It is appreciated that there are very few Italian Tradesmen available for the formation of 3rd line Wkaps, but they are urgently required, and attached at Appendix "A" is our bid for the necessary units.
3. Technical Training would be carried out at the Italian Reinforcement Training Centre at which there is already in existence a Mechanics School, Instructors and a British Technical Staff.

(Signed) J. GMR, Colonel,
DIME,
for Major General,
Director of Mechanical Engineering.

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Copy: Q(AK)
HQ Land Forces Sub Commission (AMIA)
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APPENDIX 'A' 31 MAR 1977

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Serial No.	Designation of Unit	Priority	SE	US Strength			Remarks
				Offrs	GRs	Vehs	
1	Inf Tps Wksp	B	CM/326/1	7	219	72	Requires
2	Inf Tps Wksp	C	"	7	219	72	Wksp 1 per
3	Inf Tps Wksp	D	"	7	219	72	

NOTE: Personnel figures include Ordnance Stores Section for each Wksp.

APPENDIX 'A' TO LR 1A/1937, dtd 29 Mar 45.

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Designation of Unit	Priority	ME	Strength			Remarks
			Offrs	ORs	Vehs	
Inf Tps Wksp	B	CA/326/1	7	219	72	Required as 3rd Line Wksp on the basis of 1 per 2 Combat Groups
Inf Tps Wksp	C	"	7	219	72	
Inf Tps Wksp	D	"	7	219	72	

NOTE: Personnel figures include Ordnance Stores Section for each Wksp.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ROME

FREEDOM 503

SUBJECT: Training Italian Army Personnel

ME/LA/1670/19

TO : DMT AFHQ

9 Apr 45

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1. It is considered that the Italian Combat Groups must have 3rd line Wksp backing to the extent of one 3rd line Wksp on War Establishment CM/326/1 to two Combat Groups.
2. A bid for the necessary personnel has been submitted to G-3 Org (a copy of our ME/LA/1937 dated 29 Mar 45 is attached).
3. Training of tradesmen must start as quickly as possible; it is recommended therefore that the Mechanics School of the Italian Reinforcements Training Centre be enlarged to cater for this urgent commitment.
4. A detail of the type and quantity of tradesmen required for three Inf Tps Wksps on CM/326/1 is given at Appendix "A". There are other trades involved, but the ones detailed are the key trades.
5. A further commitment is the provision of an LAD for each Italian Tpt Coy (Total 10) (G4(Ar) letter AFHQ/708/2/Q(Maint) dated 30 Mar 45 refers). The key trades required for ten of the a/n LADS are also shown at Appendix "A".
6. In view of the above additional urgent requirements it is requested that the authorized holding of Italian Army Rfts at CREANO be increased.

/s/ J. ORR, Colonel, DIME,
for Major General,
Director of Mechanical Engineering.

Copy to: HQ Land Forces Sub Commission MMIA (2 copies)
HLU for DIME
G-3 (Org Foreign)
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APPENDIX "A" TO ME/1A/1670/19
DATED 9 APRIL 1945

Inf Tps Wksp	X 3	LAD for Italian Tps Coy	X 10	TOTAL
Arm Art Inst Field	3			3
Arm Art Vehicle	24	20		44
Arm Art Field	6			6
Arm Art Wireless	3			3
Armourers	15			15
Driver Mechanic	36			36
Electricians	15	20		35
Fitters	18			18
Inst Mechs	15			15
Telecom Mechs	12			12
Veh Mechs	144	60		204
Welders	18	10		28
Storemen	21	10		31
Clerks	18	10		28
Drivers IC	90			90

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Subject :- Personnel.

A/110/2

A 1214

From :- 802 Italian Base Rft. Depot,
ORVIETO.

Ref. BI/9/308

11th April 45.

To :- Land Forces Sub-Comm. A.C.
(MMIA)

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Ref. your A 1001 dated 9th April 45.

No Staff Sgts. vehicle mechanics are held by me.

W. Turgali

Major,

Commd. British Cadre, 422
802 It. Base Rft. Depot.

TIG/hb.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : ENIA
TO : SO2 BRD OSVETO
SO4 BRD TRANT

DATE
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TIME
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REF : A YDOT

INSTRUCTIONS

WIDE STAFF SGT VEHICLE MECHANICS ARE REQUESTED FOR FORMATION
OF INSPECTING INCIDENT U B I (.) REPORT HOLDINGS OF SUITABLE
PERSONNEL

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FROM MEIA

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TO BRITISH CADRE 802 BRD
BRITISH CADRE 803 BRD
BRITISH CADRE 804 BRD

INFO ALLIED COMMISSION FOR MOTOR TRANSPORT GROUP
MEMIA LO 54 AREA

Ref: A 1005

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION RESTRICTED

REFERENCE OUR 8D/10/1 OF 3 APRIL PARA 3 (.) ONE (.)
PLEASE SIGNAL NUMBER OF PERSONNEL BY TRADES AVAILABLE FOR WORKSHOP
PLATOONS SERIALS 221 TO 226 PRIORITY LIST 8 (.) TWO (.)
CANCEL PARA 4 (.) OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR WORKS WILL BE MADE AS SOON
AS PERSONNEL ARE READY

PRIORITY IMPORTANT

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FROM : 603 ITALIK BASE HPT DEPT
TO : AMIA HQ
REF : 6/31/38

66 VFT

REFERENCE YOUR 3D/2564 (.)
ONLY 1 SERGEANT MAJOR BELL

BB DISTRIBUTION :

3D/16
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Specimens for 3 Infirmary back Workshop

26.5.10/11

Number required for each Workshop

Specimens

Armanent Antifur HA
 " " Gold
 " " Dark Gold
 " " White
 " " Brakes

Armonore
 Blacksmith
 Carpenter
 Lead Tinner
 Union Antennas
 Electricians
 Fitter
 Hammerman
 Instrument Makers
 Painters
 Sheet Metal Workers

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OK No. in each block
 of 120 specimens
 30 blocks in store
 like Tinner
 5 + 10 of
 Tinner below

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Armourers	5	15
Blacksmith	4	5
Carpenters	1	28
Cord Turner	1	
Driver Mechanic	12	40
Electricians	5	20
Fitter	6	5
Hammermen	2	
Instrument Makers	5	1
Painters	1	2
Shed MTD Workers	2	4238
Telecom Mechanic	3	6
Turners	5	-
Vehicle Makers	48	20
Welders	6	3
Chillers	6	-
Engine Operator	3	-
Stokers	7	-
Tramway / C	30	140
W.P. Men	22	-
Welding	1	-
	<u>18</u>	<u>35</u>

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE PHGCT
TO : EMIA
INFO : ALCOM, DISTHREE
REF : PX 51123

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Bo/RHC
Personnel
banded by
AFHQ (not yet)
graduates
have
not yet formed
completed

YOUR SD 2522 OF 25 (.) INTENDED THAT WESP PERSONNEL AFTER
TRAINING AT CLIVITAVECCHIA BY ALCOM WILL BE ATTACHED 221
TPT COY AC FOR DUTY UNTIL SUFFICIENT TRAINERS AVAILABLE
TO FORM UNIT (.) ALTHOUGH ALCOM HAVE NO ITALIAN ADM DIV
UNDER COMD, TPT COYS WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY FORMATION
IN WHOSE AREA THEY WILL OPERATE (.) BRIT CAIRE OF 221 TPT
COY WILL SUPERVISE ACTUAL FORMATION FOR ALCOM (.) NO
OBJECTION TO ASSEMBLY TRAINED PERSONNEL 804 BRD UNTIL
221 TPT COY MOVES TO UNDER COMD ALCOM WHO WILL THEN TAKE
OVER WESP PERSONNEL TO ASSIST MAINT OF VEHs

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
REMESD/10/1
FREEDOM 503Subject:- Reinforcements for Italian
Combat GroupsME/1A/1605/1To:- HQ Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA) ✓17 Mar 45

Reference conversation (INGLEDEN - BELLAMY) of 17 Mar 45.

1. It has been reported that the Mechanical Engineers Wsps of the Italian Combat Groups are each deficient of three Telecommunication Mechanics and one Arm Art Wireless.
2. It is most important that these Tradesmen be provided at the earliest possible moment in order that they may be available to carry out 2nd Echelon repairs to the Wireless equipment which has been issued to the Combat Groups.
3. It is appreciated that there is a shortage of trained tradesmen of this nature in the Italian Army, but it is suggested that some of the personnel earmarked for Signals Units are diverted to REME Units as soon as possible.
4. The training of these tradesmen as Telecom Mechs can be carried out in the Mechanical Engineers Wsps to which they are posted.

J. Orr
J. ORR, Colonel, DIME,
for Major-General,
Director of Mechanical Engineering.

Copy to:- DIME Eighth Army
CG 15 Army Group for REME
DIME Br Iner 5 US Army

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MMIA - 'G'
FILE: SD/10/1
DATE: 19/3.

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