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RTC ICF Training Progress Report No 3. SECRET

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'G' Trg Unit to Italian Army
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17 Mar 45.

1. Introductory Remarks.

During the last 3 weeks a very marked improvement has taken place in the Training. Previously, training had been hindered by shortages of clothing and equipment, accommodation and water. The solving of these problems has had a most noticeable effect on both the officers and the men. The officers are beginning to realise that CESANO could be an excellant Training Centre, and the attitude of the men towards their officers is improving.

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The above courses have run satisfactorily with the exception that DR training has been held up by shortage of motor cycles. 14 WT Trucks are also still to be received.

Two courses are being run at BRACCIANO.

(a) A four week conversion course for 83 wireless operators, previously trained in Italian Equipment.

(b) A preliminary training course for 15 officers and 124 other ranks. Syllabus includes : Electricity and Magnetism, Wireless Theory and Procedure and Map Reading.

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Infantry Signal Training other than courses at Signal School has not yet commenced. Signal Instructors are now in transit and it is hoped to start in about 1 week's time, on a small scale.

The Signal School expects to move to BRACCIANO on 30 March 45.

3. Engineer Training. (agreed)

(a) General. There is a complete lack of Italian Instructors and the training is being run almost entirely by the British. New officers (Italian) have been asked for and demands are being partially met.

The men under instruction are keen and learn quickly.

The equipment situation is generally satisfactory.

At present it has not been found possible to divide the Engineer Training into Engineer School and Engineer Reinforcements owing to shortage of instructors. (noted)

(b) Courses in progress. 5 parties of 55 men are under training. The course is divided into sections as under.

2 weeks Fieldworks (Including roads and Water Supply).

2 weeks Elementary Demolitions and Minewarfare.

2 Weeks Bridging.

1 weeks Weapon Training.

(c) Facilities. The Contractors have proved to be disappointingly slow in preparing the class rooms etc, but under strong pressure are beginning to show results. ✓

4. Mechanics School.

Instructors and Stores are now satisfactory. The state of the buildings is the main limiting factor.

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(b) A demonstration company has been formed and trained.

(c) Preparatory work of preparing excercises, constructing ranges, collection of stores and preparation of precis is now in progress.

(d) Instructional Staff is expected back on the 17th March. (from C.M.T.C)

(e) It is hoped to start the Junior Leaders Wing on the 2 April, the other courses on the 8th.

GSO II (Schools) considers that he will be able to make a first class School at MANZIANA.

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6. Driving and Maintenance School.

Owing to operational requirements No 2 GT Company, which was to have provided the permanent staff for the School is no longer available.

This has entailed the training of a fresh staff. Of 100 drivers required as instructors, 40 are now fully trained, but 60 still require further training.

Whilst if it would assist, a specialist course could be run to train 56 MLU, it would be a very improvised course.

Neither the staff or the accommodation is ready, but it is hoped to commence properly on 8 April 45. ✓

7. Infantry Training.

(a) The present state of training is as follows :-

370 have completed 5th week of training. (Ends 8 April)
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400 Artillery are being converted into Infantry and have started short conversion course.

(From 14 April we shall begin forming building units of 3 limited offs.)

The programme is being followed and all the basic periods of weapon training and fieldcraft are being taught fairly satisfactorily, with the exception of Minewarfare and 2in mortar. The first is due to lack of instructors, the second by shortage of equipment, though this is improving.

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(iii) 6 pdr course — 20 pupils. ✓

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✓ (iv) PIAT. The situation is satisfactory.

✓ (v) PT. Instructors courses have been run and all men do 40 minutes daily.

✓ (vi) Tactical and Fieldcraft Instruction. The standard of instruction is rather low. Senior Officers tend to cramp the style of the Junior Officers by over centralisation of training.

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8. Carabinieri School.

(a) The whole School site is ready, classrooms, manuals and training programmes prepared. The British Staff is here, accommodation is ready and the School is ready to function when the two following demands are met.

(i) Release of ADOS demanded training stores based on 1½ Sections Provost.

(ii) The posting in of Italian Instructors.

(b) Formations of Carabinieri Company.

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Royal Artillery Training Memorandum No.6.

The Courses arranged to train the Instructors who are to teach at the School and Depot at BRACCIANO have now finished. The duration of courses was as follows :-

COURSE.	DURATION.	DATES.
Anti Aircraft	3½ weeks	3rd Jan - 24 Feb.
Anti Tank	3½ Weeks	31 Jan - 24 Feb.
25 pr	5½ Weeks	31 Jan - 9 Mar.

Students attended as follows :-

	25 pr	40 mm.	17 pr.
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NCO's from ICFEED	33	21	25
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NCO's from MANTOVA Gruppo	-	-	6
NCO and O.R. from FOLGORE Gruppo	-	2	-

On termination of the Courses recommendations were made as to which officers and NCO's would, from the technical point of view be best suited for the posts of permanent instructors. The quality of the 40 mm and 17 pr Courses was high and the selection of suitable instructors easy. The standard of the 25 pr Course was disappointing. Only 1 Officer and 8 NCO's reaching the modest standard required by us to qualify them as instructors at Depot Artillery School. In order to deal with the trg problems it was recommended that a further 5 Officers from among the students be appointed as instructors in a temporary capacity. Seven other NCO's were considered to be capable of instructing in one or other branch of the art and their nomination as Instructors was recommended on the understanding that their instruction in the early stage be limited to those spheres in which they were considered proficient. In this manner all the Officer vacancies for Instructors can be filled and 15 out of the 24 vacancies for Sergeant Instructors. I am examining the Instructor situation and in view of the excess of gunner officers shall probably recommend that part of the W.E. of NCO's be filled by young officers. The instructional difficulties will be overcome in a short period and the standard of Instructors is being regarded as a stimulus to increased activity rather than as a cause for regret.

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20 March 1945.

REPORT ON THE DECISIONS MADE AT A CONFERENCE HELD AT M.M.I.A. ON MONDAY 19 MARCH 1945 AT 10.00 HOURS.

Present: Col. W. Ridsley, D.S.O., M.C. - M.M.I.A.
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A number of suggestions and proposals have been submitted to M.M.I.A. during the course of the last ten days and these were summarised in Appendix 'D' to G.1/1/39 of 17 March 45.

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Note 2. The principle of a separate and independent Specialist Bn. is NOT approved. It was decided that specialists should always form an integral part of the Regiment to which they belong, and will be administered in all respects by their own Regiment. They will, however, be concentrated in a Headquarters (or Specialist) Company, corresponding to the practice in the British Army and in accordance with the approved War Establishment of a forward Gruppo.

TRAINING will, however, be conducted at a Central School (The Specialist's School) which will be established within the CESANO area and in which Specialists from all six Battalions will be concentrated for daily training. The School will have no administrative function other than the care and maintenance of the specialist training equipment. The Specialist School staff will be found from the additional personnel asked for under the heading "Specialist Bn." in the above mentioned D.T.I. Memorandum BTI/B5/35. Authority for the required increase of establishment under this heading will be sought by M.M.I.A. and G.2 Infantry Training will submit his requirements for tentage and hutting through D.A.A. & Q.M.G., 'P' B.L.U.

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(g) The problem of the disposal of trained reinforcements prior to their absorption by forward Gruppi has been under consideration for a long time. It is agreed that when the line moves forward, it will probably be necessary to establish the equivalent of a C.R.U. in the forward zone. In the meantime, a Reinforcement Holding Regiment (with no number) will be established at AQUARELLA with a maximum holding capacity of - - - - - 2,500

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Its administrative staff and training equipment will be furnished by implementing the application contained in DTI/P5/35 in so far as it relates to the original First or 'Patrioti' Bn. Authority will be sought for this by M.M.I.A.

At a later date the whole Reinforcement Holding Regiment, complete with its staff and equipment, will be transferred to the forward zone as soon as circumstances warrant.

Major LEAHY will be responsible for providing supervision in the establishment of both the camps for the SERVIZIO Bn. and the Reinforcement Holding Regt.

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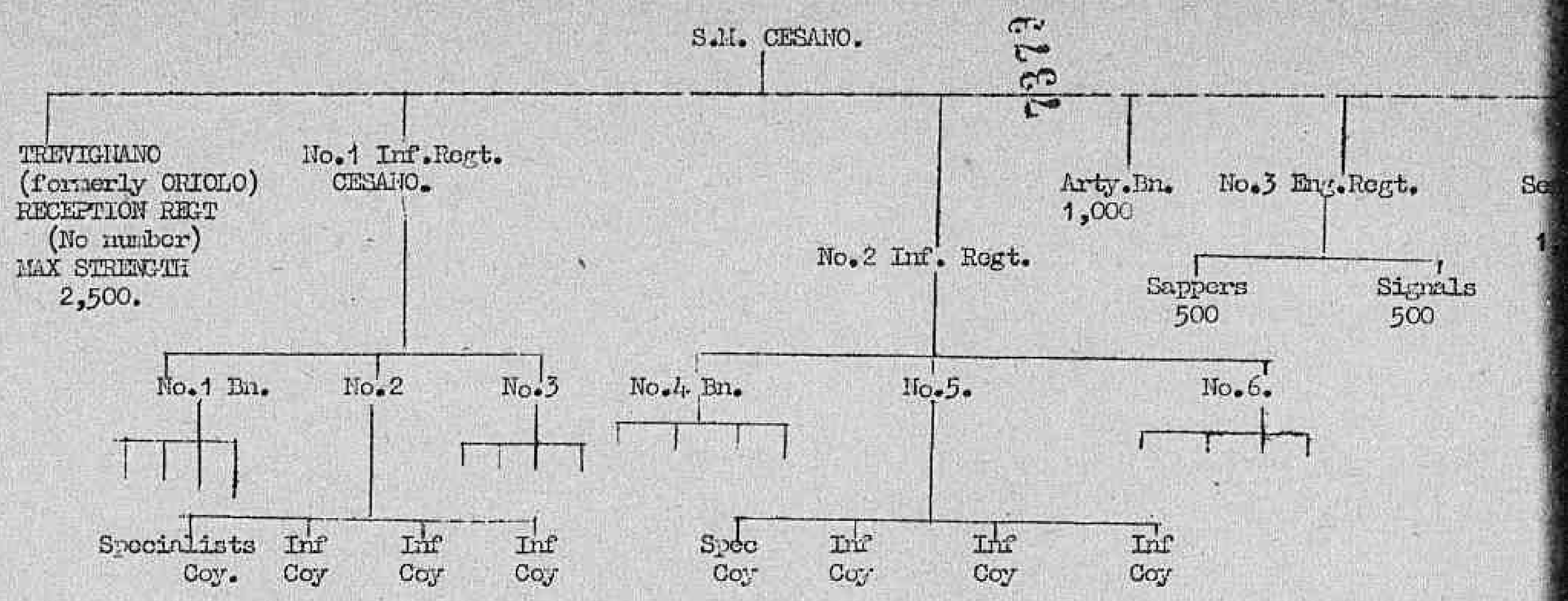
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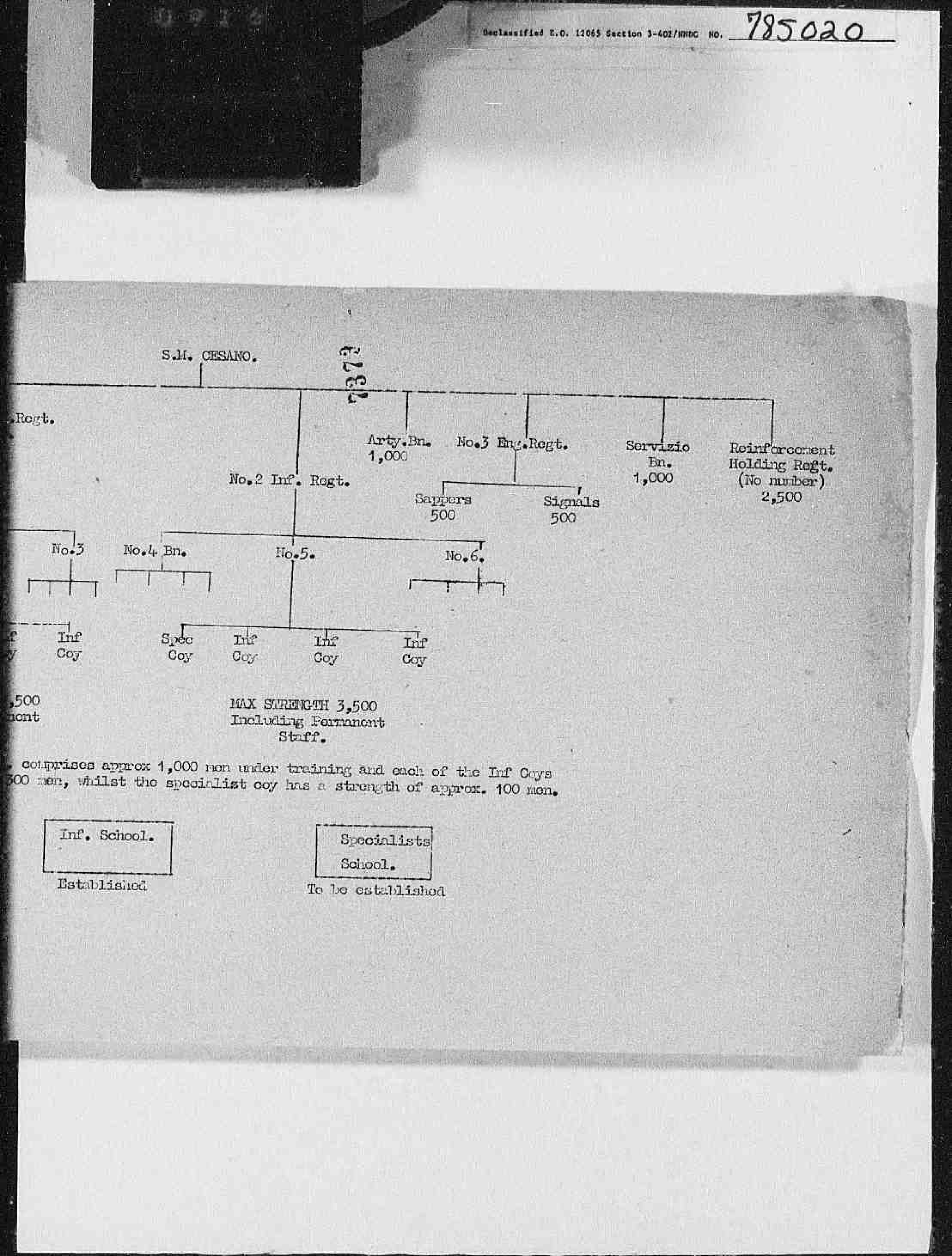
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Note: Each Bn. comprises approx 1,000 men under training and each of the Inf Coys approx 300 men, whilst the specialist coy has a strength of approx. 100 men.

Inf. School.	Specialists School.
Established	To be established

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SUBJECT :- Recce of Units in CESANO and ERACCIANO

'F' BLU ERTC ICF
Ref C/1/1/57

17 Mar 45

LAND FORCES SUB COMM AC (MMIA)

1. Herewith four copies of a Memorandum Organisation to which ref was made in phone conversation Col PIDSLEY - Maj CELARDI.

May these copies be distributed to Heads of Services concerned please.

2. The writer will be at Col PIDSLEY'S Office on Monday next at 1000 hrs as arranged.

L.H. Mackie

Lt-Col RA

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SECRET.

SUBJECT: Re-organisation of Units in CESANO and MACCIANO.

'F' T.L.U., R.T.C., I.C.F.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA) ROME.

Ref: G.1/1/39.

17 March 1945.

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In addition, there are the various schools (D. & M. School, E.& M. School, C.C.R.R.School, etc.) located at CESANO, which deal with Specialists. No serious problems other than those dealing with constructional delays in repair work are presented by any of these and this problem is being energetically handled.

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Is this approved? ✓

(b) That Col. PALMA, now commanding No.3 Regiment, should be given command of the Independent Artillery Bn., and that T/Col. SANTUCCI, at present commanding, be transferred to a forward Gruppo, where he is anxious to go and where it is understood a vacancy exists. ✓
May these transfers be approved and put into effect forthwith?

(c) That authority should be granted by M.M.I.A. to S.M.R.E. to post the necessary small additional staff to the independent Artillery Bn., to enable it to function efficiently as an independent unit. No not necessary
Can this be done?

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Is this approved?

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It is presumed that this principle meets with the approval of M.M.I.A.

(c) It is anticipated that within the next five to six weeks, from 800 to 1,500 soldiers ex the disbanded Garibaldi Division, will be arriving at CESANO. It is understood that it is the intention of M.M.I.A. that :-

(i) These men shall retain their individuality as members of the Garibaldi formation.

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(ii) That they will be trained as a unit, or, if the numbers exceed 800, as two units; each unit to be regarded as a Battalion.

(iii) That they will have their own officers.

(iv) That, after training and equipping, they will be posted to a forward Gruppo as complete additional Battalions.

(v) That a formation letter authorising the issue of the necessary stores and equipment will be issued in the near future.

(vi) That in the meantime these men will require clothing and training.

(d) It is therefore proposed :-

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Is this agreed?

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May authority for this be granted?

9. The new No.4 Regiment (i.e. Garibaldi Group and Specialist cum Misto Bn.) will be located in a tented or hutted camp in the area to the East of Lake Bracciano, in the vicinity of Lake Mantignano. A suitable site is now being reced. At Appendix 'A' hereto is given the total requirements of additional tentage and hutting required to implement this proposal. May authority be granted for the release of the additional tentage and hutting at the earliest possible moment?

10. In my "Recapitulation" of 13 March, paragraph 1, I asked for four Administrative officers for attachment, to supervise administrative training. Incidents are still occurring which render the presence of those officers most essential. Can permission be obtained for the attachment of these officers, and can they be sent here as soon as possible?

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11. There seems to be some doubt as to the holding capacity of the buildings at CESANO and BRACCIANO. I think it would be a great advantage if an expert in quartering could make a survey of the available accommodation and settle, once and for all, how many Italian soldiers can reasonably be accommodated in the space available.

Can such an expert be provided?

12. A summary of the requests made in this memorandum is attached at Appendix 'B' and it is hoped that the meeting asked for may be called at the earliest date, in order to provide an answer to these problems, many of which are very pressing.

13. Proposals for the new War Establishment for the B.L.U. at CESANO are contained in this office letter ref: A/6B/9 of 14 March. In view of the greatly increased responsibility of the B.L.U., which now handles training as well as administration, it is felt that the additional personnel and vehicles asked for will be very urgently required, and it is hoped that energetic steps may be taken to obtain authority for their provision.

Lieut-Col. R.A.

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APPENDIX 'A'.
To: G.1/1/39
dtd. 17 Mar. 45.

HUTS AND TENTAGE REQUIRED FOR TENTED RECEPTION CAMP AND FOR No.4 REGIMENT.

(1) Tented Reception Camp.

	Nissen Huts (a)	100-lb. Tents (b)
Strength - 2,500, all ranks.		
Camp H.Q. 3 Bns.	26	375
(2) No.4 Regiment.		
Strength - 2,500, all ranks.		
H.Q. No.4 Regiment. 3 Battalions.	26	375
TOTAL	52	750
Less 500 Tents in hand, of which 40 are permanently allotted.		460
TOTAL required.	52	290

Notes:

(a) Huts will be used for :- Messes.
Cookhouses,
Lecture Rooms.
Offices.

(b) Tents are calculated on :- 1 Tent per Lieut-Col. and above.
1 " " 2 Officers.
1 " " 4 Warrant Officers.
1 " " 6 Sergeants.
1 " " 8 Rank & File.

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APPENDIX 'B'
To: C.1/1/39
dtd. 17 Mar. 45.

S U M M A R Y.

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(d) May additional tentage and huts asked for in Appendix 'A' hereto, be authorised?
(e) May the four officers required for administrative training be attached immediately?
(f) Can the holding capacity of the Centre be assessed by an expert?

FINALLY:

May the new War Establishment for the B.L.U. at CESANO, contained in this office letter ref: A/SD/9 of 14 March be authorised and implemented at the earliest possible date?

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SUBJECT: Recapitulation.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/29/43
17. March 45

TO : C.O. "F" HLU, RIC ICF.

Reference your G/1/1/11 of 15 March.

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2. A signal has been prepared for AFHQ reference Italian Officers in POW sources. All we are waiting for now is the list from General RONCO.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No. 794 U.S. Army
Office of G-3 (British)

RAAC/125/03(Br) 12 March 1945

SUBJECT:- Anti-gas Clothing and Equipment.

TO :- "F" BLU, RTC ICF, c/o MMIA.

1. It has been decided to issue Personal and Anti-gas Equipment to Italian Troops in established units of the Italian Combat Force.

2. Authority for such issue is AFHQ letter ESD/521/2 dated 3 March 45.

3. Equipment will be issued on scales similar to those laid down for comparable British units, viz: Inf Trg Regt (Italian) scale to compare with Inf Trg Regt (British) IRTD., Lt Fd Ambulance (Italian) to compare with Lt Fd Amb (British), adjustment being made to allow for possible difference in strengths between British and Italian WEs.

4. The policy of issue will be based on:-

(a) Full Scale (G1098) for Static Units incl Medical Units.
(b) Light Scale for Mobile Units.
(c) All Units in field formations (less AA Bdes) will be equipped on the Light Scales.

5. Light Scale for Mobile Units and Units in field formations will hold items as enumerated below:-

(a)	Respirator, complete	1) To be carried by
	Ointment, 2-oz tin or pot	1) the man, or in the
	Eyeshields	6) vehicle in which
	Cape	1) he normally travels.
	Cotton Waste, ozs	1) To accompany if
	Detectors, Gas, Ground, pads 25	1) casualty.
	(Officers and NCOs only)	

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4. In addition, Mobile Units and Units in field formations will carry the following items; according to the number given in Unit G1098:-

(b) Personal Equipment, 1st line reserves - All;

(c) Unit Equipment.
(incl Unit Eqpt - Additional Items) Alarms, Local Bleaching Powder Equipment for Stretcher Bearers Capsules Lachrimatory.

(d) Vehicle Equipment. Detector Paint Trays for Detector Paint.

Equipment other than above will NOT be issued to Mobile Units.

5. BIU, RTC ICF, will submit demands for Italian Units as given in para 1, but will NOT arrange collection until advised by ADOS, Rome Area, that stores and equipment are ready for drawing.

R.H. CAMRASS,
Lt.Col.
DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF.

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HQ 2 District
G-4 (Br)
ADOS
File 131/G3(Br)

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SUBJECT: Internal Organisation of Units at CESANO, R.T.C.

'B' ELU REC ICF.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.
AC (MMIA). MCD.

Ref: G/64/30

6 March 1945.

H.Q.
R.T.C., I.C.F.

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Comm.
AC (MMIA).

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To enable this to be done, there have been certain changes of location of troops from one place to another, and these changes are still in progress with the object of ensuring that only soldiers of any particular arm are quartered in the buildings allocated to that Arm, and further that no training establishment has excess personnel over the number for which the training equipment was designed.

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(c)	Cesano No.1 Regt. (in Building)	Major Price. GSC II Inf. Training.	First 3 weeks of 8 weeks' Infantry Training Course.
(d)	Cesano No.2 Regt. (in Building)	Major Price.	Last five weeks of 8 weeks' Infantry Training Course.
(e)	Cesano Infantry School.	Major Price.	Training of Infantry Specialist Instructors.

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(f) No.4 Regiment. Major Price.

To be located in tents between Cesano and Bracciano.

No.1 Bn.	Two groups of approximately 500 each. Patriots to form the nucleus of a Recce Bn. which will, in due course, move as a unit to one of the forward Gruppi.
No.2 Bn.	Infantry Specialists Training, i.e. Mortars, Machine Guns, Carriers, etc.

Authority is being sought for the formation of this Regiment and the necessary additional Instructors and Equipment are being asked for.

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He will be responsible for the production of Training Reports and special Training returns called for by the D.M.T. or M.M.I.A.

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(c) Capt. Grasset, GSO III Training, will be responsible for all matters relating to special courses - - selection of candidates, allotment of vacancies, etc., whether such courses are at Benevento, Manziano or any other establishment. He will, in addition, be responsible for obtaining any special Training Equipment, such as films, etc., not included in the Special Equipment Lists, Translation and distribution of Training Manuals.

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(d) Lieut-Col. L.H. Mackay is responsible to M.I.T.A. for the conduct of the whole Training Area. He will make such decisions as lie within his authority and will act as Liaison Officer between the Commander R.T.C., I.C.F., and Head of the Special Section, M.I.T.A. All questions of policy, whether on the Administrative or Training side will be referred to him. Administrative problems will normally reach him through Major Calardi, D.A.A. & Q.M.G., and training problems through either Major Davidson or Major Price.

H Mackay

Lieut-Col. R.A.

LHM/ah.

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All Officers of B.L.U.
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SUBJECT: Bad Administration.

'F' B.L.U., R.T.C., I.C.F.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A) ROME.

Ref: A/15/37.

10 March 1945.

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

1. Attached report by S.O.R.E.; the conditions described are typical of those throughout the Centre, though No.3 Regiment, to which this report refers, is probably an outstanding example.

2. After a month's experience, I am satisfied that intensive training on A and Q matters is as essential as G Training, which is the prime responsibility of D.M.T.

3. I suggest that for a period of from two to three months each Regiment should have a British officer, preferably of Field rank, permanently attached to them to initiate and maintain a proper A & Q system based on British practice, throughout each Regimental organisation. Such a task would require constant and unremitting attention throughout each day, and cannot be accomplished by the present B.L.U. staff, who are physically incapable of being in sufficient places at the same time, to ensure their recommendations are carried out.

R. H. Mack

Lieut-Col. R.A.

HM/ah.

Internal.

D.A.D.O.S.
DAA & QMG.
Staff Capt.
File.
Float.

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This is being dealt with on a separate file

WD

Report on Administration in Genio Barracks, BRACCIANO.

1. ACCOMMODATION.

The barracks is overcrowded. Including the Engineer School, which is being used as a billet, there is only available accommodation for 1,200 (300 per block) without allowing any area for mess rooms, canteens or such like. There are over 1,500 men in the barracks.

The full strength on paper of the Engineers is 32 Officers and 958 O.Rs, which includes sick leave and absent, so that if they were all present they would require the whole barracks to themselves!!

Beds are wanted.

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Gas capes or ground sheets are wanted.

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5. WASHING FACILITIES.

Progress has been made Here and there is a small shower bath working. There are also two ablution benches in operation!! The water situation has improved with a stand pipe and the full supply is still promised for 15 Mar 45.

I have received reports during training about lack of soap which I have not yet investigated.

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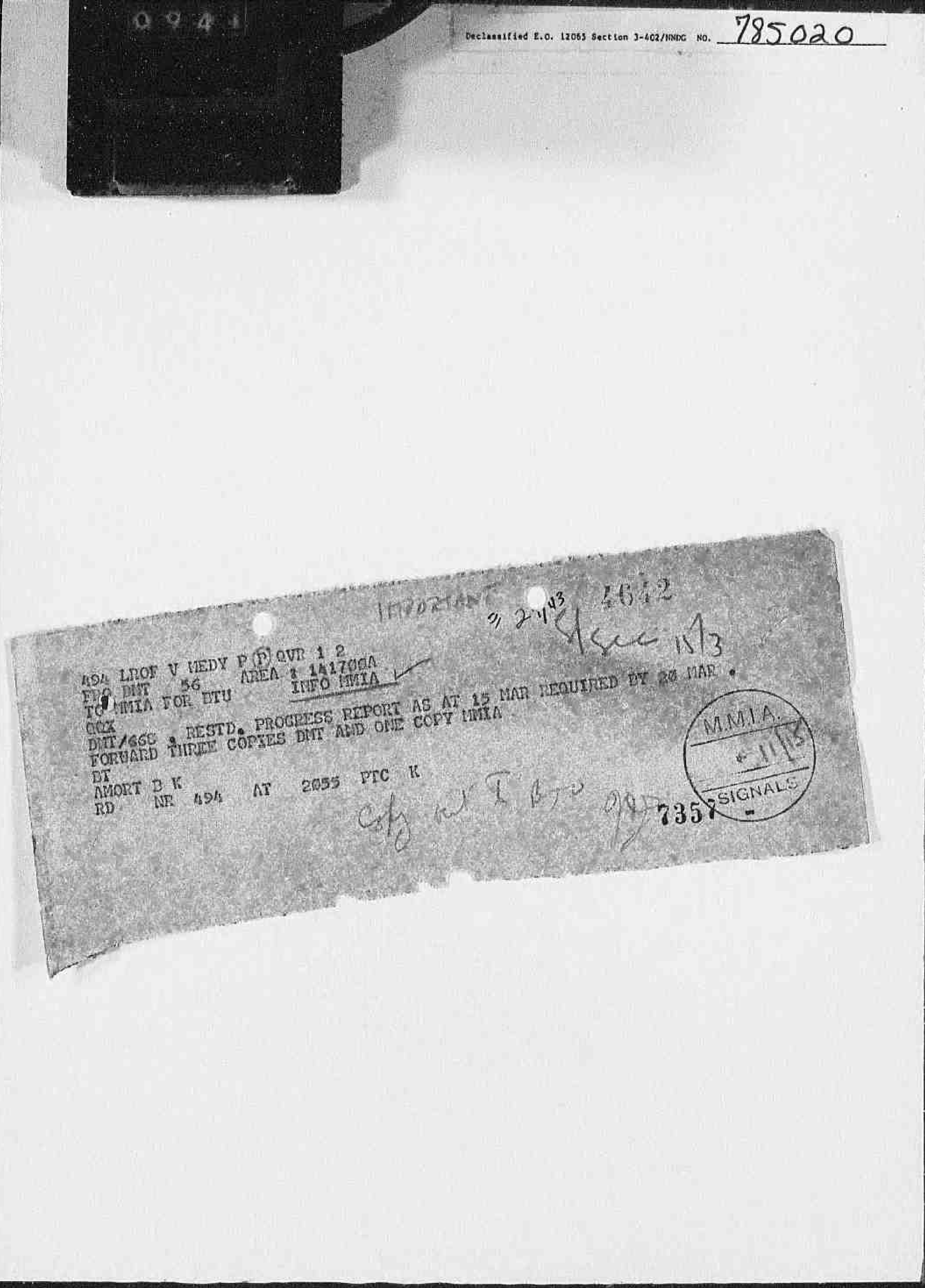
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Col FISICANO continually complains to me about lack of transport and I think he is justified. All I have managed to get for him is a 4 x 4 3-ton winch issued for Bridge training.

Major, R.E.,
S.C.R.E.

Field.
JCB/asj/.

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SUBJECT: Recapitulation.

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'F' B.L.U., R.T.C., I.C.F.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA) ROME.

Ref: G/1/1/11

13 March 1945.

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

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We discussed this - answer no. 4. BSM's have been sent instead.

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Major Dobbs - Reply as we discussed

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With regard to No.3 Regiment, it is suggested that this should now comprise 3 Battalions, made up as follows :-

1st Bn. A true Engineers Bn. under the command of Lt.Col. Fisicaro.

2nd Bn. Will be confined to Signals personnel only and although, in the Italian Army, these are regarded as part of the Engineers as a whole, it is felt that much greater efficiency will be achieved if they are treated as a separate entity. It is for this Bn. that the new Signals Lt-Col. is asked for.

Q Marini

X. 3rd Bn. Will comprise the "Misto".
This is at present commanded by Maggiore De Mari, but

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judging by the complete absence of results from the organisation which at present exists, his efforts are not very successful. It is therefore submitted that he might well be replaced.

However, the whole position of the "Misto" Battalion requires most careful overhaul and it is hoped, within the course of the next few days, to submit some suggestions as to how greater efficiency can be achieved. The whole problem is linked up closely with the provision of specialists and tradesmen, to which your S/G/29/38 of 7 March and of 10 March refer. These are being dealt with in a separate letter.

(4) Training Staff.

O.M.T. has promised to lend a G II on a fixed basis ie W.E. WP

It is understood, after consultation with Brigadier Shoesmith, D.M.T., that it is proposed to send to Cesano either a G.I. Training Organisation or a G.II of the same function. After the visit of the Field Marshal it will be obvious that the degree of organisation required to co-ordinate balanced training throughout the whole Centre is very grave and requires the full-time service of a highly competent Officer. It is very much hoped that representations will be made to enable such an officer to be posted here with as little delay as possible. At present, these duties are being shared by the writer and Major W.L. Price, whose proper function is G.II, Infantry Training, and it is maintained that such a compromise does not promote to highest efficiency.

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Ask Q latest & let me know WP

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LHM/ah.

Lieut-Col. R.A.

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P.S. At the "A" Conference held at Cesano.

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Lieut-Col. R.A.

LHM/ah.

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P.S. At the "A" Conference held at Cesano to-day it was decided to recommend that the "Misto" Bn be detached from No 3 Regt (which then becomes Engineer & Signals only) to be attached to No 4 Regiment for which purpose it already been taught. "Misto" training is better conducted at Cesano where facilities exist. At present the whole of No 4 Regt will have to be accommodated in tents.

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SUBJECT: Breakdown of Rfts at RTC ICF CESANO SECRET

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/45/1
9 March 45.

TO : Ministry of War.

FOR INFORMATION: DMT 56 AREA
ATHQ FOR G-3 (Org) & G-1 (Br)
"F" BLU RTC ICF

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SUBJECT: Military Band for CESANO.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/29/43
10 March 45

TO : Ministry of War.

Copy to: "F" BLU, RTC ICF.

Reference your letter 01722 of 5 March 1945.

1. The proposal contained in the above letter, of forming a band at CESANO, is agreed, with the following provisions:-

(a) that it consist of not over 20 men.

(b) that the Italian military personnel be obtained only from ~~the present~~ BRI-ITI personnel.

(c) that the ME/TO at CESANO not be altered.

(d) that the musical instruments be furnished from sources available to the Italian Army.

2. Please advise this Mission of the action taken. It is hoped that the proposed band will be organized and functioning in the very near future.

W. P. Dudley Lieut.
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

INTERNAL:
ADJ/G

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REINFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTRE.

ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

File 190/29/43

REPORT FROM COL. S.C.W.W. REA, SENIOR BRITISH OFFICER AT CESANO, MADE IN ABSENCE OF LT. COL. A.H. McKAY, C.C. BLU.

1. There are now at CESANO, as reinforcements for the Groups, approximately 2000 patriots. These have been sent down in Groups of 500 from the FLORENCE area. Another 500 are expected on 18 February, and 1000 in March.

2. These Patriots arrive as well organised groups, professing communism, with their own commissars. They have been seen to march from CESANO station to the camp in an orderly fashion under the red flag. They are men of good physique and very keen to fight. Many of them are armed (pistols, hand-grenades etc.)

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5. Expected movement of Patriots in and out of CESANO is as follows:-

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IN			OUT		
Present	17 Feb	2,000	To Groups	21 Feb	1,000
Due	18 "	500	To Groups	28 Feb	600
Due	4 Mar(approx)	500	To Groups.	7 March	600
Due	12 "(approx)	500			
TOTAL :		3,500			

17 Feb 45.

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SUBJECT :- Reception Camp

SECRET.

BLU RTC ICF.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm
AC (MMIA) ROME.
Ref 6/N 21

21 Feb 45.

RTC ICF.
Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA) (Please allot vehicles as arranged with Lieut-Col INGLEDEW in accordance with para 8A).

Copy to :- B.T.U.

Reference map Scale 1/50,000 Sheet 143.

1. In order to implement the decision of AFHQ that under no circumstances will the number of men under training in CESANO and BRACCIANO exceed the ceiling of 7,800, it is proposed to open a reception camp in the area between BRACCIANO and MANZIANA. The administrative HQ will be located at CASA DELLA GRAZIA MR 454921, and the camp will be erected in the immediate, vicinity.

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3. The camp will be organised on the lines of a normal Italian Regiment and for this purpose SHAEF are furnishing the following personnel :-

HQ Cadre		8	officers	35 OR's
No 1	Battalion	25	"	80 "
No 2	"	25	"	80 "
No 3	"	25	"	80 "
		83	"	275 "

These personnel will arrive by train on 23 February. Steps have been taken to divert this train to BRACCIANO Station.

4. Electric Light and Water are available on the site, but as a considerable amount of engineering work is required, GOC RTC ICF is requested to arrange for 1 Officer and 1 Section of Engineers to be placed at Major WARD'S disposal forthwith.

5. Accommodation Stores. It is understood that 48 Italian lorries are proceeding to NAPLES forthwith to collect tentage and stores. They are expected to reach BRACCIANO some time on 24 February. In the meantime, GOC RTC ICF is requested to arrange to furnish all available tentage (bivouacs) and accommodation stores to enable Major WARD to prepare accomodation for the camp staff who are due to arrive on 23 February.

6. Rations. Rations for 1800 will be required with effect from 23 February and this number is likely to be increased to 3000 within the next three days. A supply point should be established in the immediate vicinity of the camp.

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8. Transport. The shortage of transport is fully appreciated. However, the minimum requirements to enable the camp to operate are :-

20 x 3 ton lorries.
2 Water Trucks
1 Motor Cycle with rider

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Thase exc, being provided as follows :-

(a) By MMIA.
I 10 x 3 Ton lorries ex 1 GT Company.
II 2 Water Trucks ex ST MMIA ——— left

(b) by RTC ICF.
10 x 3 Ton lorries ex 2 GT Company.

(c) By HLU
1 Motor cycle.

Please arrange for the above vehicles to report to Major WARD on 22 February 45 at New Camp site.

In view of the vital urgency of ensuring that the camp is fit to accommodate the anticipated arrivals, the provision of this transport must have first pricrity.

9. Communications. Immediate steps should be taken to provide telephone communication with the Administration HQ at CASA DELLA CRAZIA.

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To this must be added the normal daily input from various sources which may average 50 per day. On the other hand, drafts from CESANO will reduce the holdings in No's 1 and 2 Regiments and at least 500 patriots and 500 recruits will be transferred to CESANO within the next ten days.

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12. Blankets. As the majority of the personnel in the Reception Camp will be under canvas, three blankets per man should be issued - in this case priority may be given to the Reception Camp.

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WE FOR A BRITISH TRAINING INCIDENT
TO
ITALIAN REINFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTRE

Offrs	7
ORs	4
Total	11
MCs	3
Vehs	2
Trailers	-

i. Personnel.

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SO RE (Maj)	1								1
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Total Offrs	7								7
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Cars 2 str 4 x 4 or 4 x 2	2
Motor Cycles	3

Note (a) one for Instructors School
one for Inf Trg Regt and Inf School

(b) [illegible].

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SECRET.

SUBJECT :- Position at Cesano R.T.C. on 27 Feb.45.

5/6/22/43

Reply as indicated WP

BLU RTC ICD
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm AC
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.

Ref: G/1/1/6

27 Feb.45.

Land Forces Sub Comm AC
(M.M.I.A)

1. As a result of recent conferences and discussions, the following facts emerge and certain decisions have been taken.

2. The present ceiling for the whole R.T.C. is based on 7,800. Accommodation, training equipment and instructors, though not yet up to authorised scale, is adequate for this number of men to be handled.

3. All input to the R.T.C. now is accommodated at the new Camp designated ORIOLO, near MANZIANA. They will be held in this camp, where they will undergo initial, elementary training under the supervision of Major Ward, Recce Corps, until they can be accommodated and trained at the Cesano Training centre.

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6. At present, accommodation exists for, and training facilities are adequate, to meet the following allocation of troops under training :-

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In No. 2.	(known as Inf. Training Regiment)	-	3,500
In No. 3.	(Composite Regiment)	-	2,300
			7,800

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All others held on strength above this figure will be accommodated at ORIOLO and will remain there until, in the normal course of drafting, vacancies exist in the two Cesano Regiments. This process will be continuous and automatic.

7. The plan for the future (i.e. to implement the increase of ceiling to 11,250) is as follows :-

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(Troops will spend three weeks in this Regiment, this period being part of the essential eight weeks course required).

No.2 Regiment (to be known as Advanced Training Regiment). - 3,500

No.4 Regiment (also an advanced Training Regiment). - 1,750
Authority is not granted for the formation of this Regiment, nor is it required until the essential equipment and instructers for training become available. (Accommodation will be in tents in the Cesano perimeter)

Troops will spend the balance of their eight weeks training period in these Regiments.

Ask for authority NOW to implement when required.

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	B/Fwd.	8,250.
No.3 Regiment (Composite). - - -		2,000
Schools. - - - - -		1,000
		11,250

As before, any surplus not absorbable in the foregoing will be held at ORIOLO until vacancies become available. As to whether ORIOLO can be abolished in the long run depends entirely on the flow of intake. As long as intake exceeds output, it will be required and will serve as a reservoir for the accommodation of recruits waiting to be trained.

It must be closed down by 1 June. We can adjust intake accordingly.

8. It is pointed out that a time will come when approximately 1,000 per week will become available with their full eight weeks' training. These cannot be held in Cesano as they will clog the flow of training; nor does it appear likely, with present casualties, that all can be absorbed in forward Gruppi. Higher Authority is asked to give their consideration to the problem of the disposal of these "trained" personnel. Either a C.R.U. (as has been suggested) in another place and the re-constitution of the Piceno Division as a separate entity would appear to provide the solution.

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G.S.O. II.	(Royal Artillery).	-	-----
G.S.O. II	(Training equipment & organisation)		Major Davidson.
S.O.R.E.	(Royal Engineers).	-	Major Blaxland.
G.S.O. II.	(Signals).	-	Capt. Thomas.
Provost.	(C.M.P).	-	Capt. Gordon.

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Of the above, G.S.O. II (R.A) has not arrived and is urgently required.

G.S.O. II (Training Equipment and organisation) is not included in the Establishment, but if G.S.O. III (Training Equipment) from the B.T.U. is taken away, his work must be carried out and it is perfectly clear that G.S.O. (Infantry) cannot possibly carry out these duties in addition to the supervision and organisation of Infantry Training of some 8,250 recruits.

In addition, while the ORIOLO Camp remains essential, Major Ward must remain to supervise it, as from experience it has been shown that the Italian personnel are not capable of handling a large number of untrained recruits without British supervision.

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A great deal of help is expected from Lieut-Col. Dane's R.A. Training Group, and it is hoped that some representative from this Group will, in due course, visit this centre to co-ordinate planning.

L.H.MACKAY.
Lieut-Col. R.A.

LHM/AH.

Internal.
B.T.U. (2) - Col. Rea.
Major Price.

DAA & QMG.
Float.
File.

It is envisaged that B.T.U. as part of A.F.H.Q. will have no direct responsibility for liaison at CESARO but will be in the same building as other Italian units dealing with MMIA in that area and other Branches of A.F.H.Q. do. The liaison staff at MMIA will handle liaison matters through O.C. BLU at RTC.

Letter sent also to the following:-

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B.T.U. (2) - Col. Rea.
Major Price.

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add. B.S.S. (SD) AFHQ is further requested also to furnish a post of 10,000 rifles 7345 -
(a) pending a post of 5 Sergt Majors for discipline and
b " " 5 " " "

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Position at CESANO RTC on 27 Feb 1945.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/29/43
6 March 45

TO : HLU, RTC ICF.

1. Below are comments on your G/1/1/6 of 27 February. Paragraphs not mentioned are agreed.

2. Paragraph 4. It is considered that if possible the increase in training equipment and instructors should be implemented before the end of April. Can the BTU press this with DMT?

3. Paragraph 5. In present circumstances 8 weeks is a maximum period for training rather than a minimum. Bright men may need less.

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The camp at Griolo must be closed down anyway by 1 June. MMIA can adjust intake accordingly.

5. Paragraph 8. One or both of the solution suggested will be arranged.

6. Paragraph 9. It is envisaged that DMT, as part of AFHQ, will have no direct responsibility for training at CESANO, but will deal with MMIA in the same way as other branches of AFHQ do. The training staff at MMIA will handle training matters through OC HLU at RTC.

7. The BGS (SD) AFHQ has promised to look into the following matters :-

(a) Retention of Camp Commandant on HLU. Meanwhile he may remain attached. 343

(b) Provision of apcol of 10,000 rifles.

(c) Provision of 5 Serjeant Majors for discipline and Orderliness of the Centre.

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for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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SEGRETO
URGENTE

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

N° 13721/Mob. di prot. P.M.3800, li 8 marzo 1945

OGGETTO : passaggio d'arma di complementi del Centro addestramento.

AL COMANDO DIVISIONE "PICENO" (C.A.C.F.I.C.) P.M. 92

e, per conoscenza:

ALLIA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. (M.M.I.A.) R O M A
(rif.foglio S/G/29/43 del 3/3/45)
AL MINISTERO GUERRA - Ufficio Coordinamento P.M.3800
AL MINISTERO GUERRA - Direz.Gen.Leva Sott.e Truppa P.M.3800

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1) - In relazione alle esigenze di carattere immediato che si possono verificare nel far fronte al ripianamento delle deficienze dei Gruppi di combattimento, autorizzo codesto Centro ad effettuare passaggi di graduati e truppa, particolarmente specializzati, tra le varie armi e corpi.
Detti passaggi d'arma devono essere limitati allo stretto indispensabile per fare fronte ad esigenze urgenti non altrimenti sod disfacibili.

2) - Di ogni passaggio d'arma o corpo effettuato dovrà essere data segnalazione :

a)- nominativa, con tutti i dati matricolari, alla direzione generale leva sottufficiali e truppa per la sanzione del provvedimento;

b)- numerica a questo S.M..-

IL CAPO DI S.M. DELL'ESERCITO
F.to Ronco

P. C. C.
IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(Guido Chiavarino)

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P. C. C.
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SECRET

SUBJECT: Reinforcements for Combat Groups.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/29/43
3 March 45

TO : Ministry of War.

Copy to: "F" BLU, RTC ICF

Reference our letter S/G/29/43 dated 26 Dec 44 and your 10940/Mob. dated 5 Jan 45.

1. During the next few weeks it will probably be necessary to transfer certain specialist personnel from one arm to another at the Reinforcement Training Centre, CREANO, in order to meet the demands for specialists from the Combat Groups.

2. It is essential that these transfers be effected promptly when the occasion arises.

3. Will you therefore give authority to the Commander of the Reinforcement Training Centre to act in accordance with the last sentence of paragraph 2 of your letter quoted above so that such transfers as may be necessary will be effected with no delay.

W. Pidding Colonel
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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copy of para 2 of above-quoted letter enclosed for F BLU.

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IDKB V LAEE NR 13
FROM 50 BLU 011400A
TO MMIA
QQX BT
A44. CONFIDENTIAL. REF YOUR S/G/29/43
OF 26 DEC. MY A 36 OF 24 RPTD. NO
FURTHER RFTS EXCEPT SPECIALISTS REQUIRED BY FRIUU
PENDING FURTHER NOTIFICATION
BT
SENT NR13 00//0105 A BH BBB
R-13---0105 J O E KK

2 of 2

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Passed by Telephone 2 Mar 1945 A.G.R.

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COPY

FROM : FREEDOM SIGNED SAC

261700

TO : MMIA

INFO : 8 ARMY: HQ 15 ARMY GROUP

FX 34032

SECRET

FURTHER TO MY FX 28980 OF 17 (*) 8 ARMY AGREE PROVIDED THAT PART TRAINED REINFORCEMENTS DO N O T REPEAT N O T EXCEED 200 PER COMBAT GROUP PER WEEK

Precedence ROUTINE

Gen'l. W.P.

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SD/45 Action copy
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COPY

29/43 · A&R File 01. 180

FROM : AFHQ

TO : MOVWIT : IMRS ROME

INFO : DISTHREE: MOV ROME : RAAC: 56 AMGA

FX 33539 CONFIDENTIAL.

400 BR-ITT ENGR RFTS WITH 40 TONS STORES WILL MOVE BY RAIL FROM BENEVENTO TO CESANO DI ROMA ON 27 FEB UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MOVWIT (*) CITE FHGDM SIGNED RACKED

Priority -

SD DIST:

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tvs.

Infm F. BLU. at once if not done. WP.

F BLU Informed by Signal Mov /R/362 dated 25 from Movwit also Mov MAMA Signal same date. A&R.

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29/43 = 10/21

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*LROF V MEDY NR466 QVR2
FROM:- DMT 56 AREA - 261200A
TO:- DISTWO
INFO:- MMIA FOR REA
BT
DMT/481 CONFIDENTIAL(.)
CANNOT SEND INSTRUCTOR FOR 503 GD BN AS PLANNED OWING TO
PRIORITY NEEDS ITALIAN RFT TRG CENTRE(.) WILL DESPATCH IN TEN DAYS
ITIME IF SITUATION PERMITS(.) CAN YOU ACCEPT DELAY (.)
BT
SENT NR466 G P B 1826 :: AR ::
RD 1826A FA B1

Message passed by Tel to Cesano 17/45 27th ASR

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File #1 = ASR 178

29/43

Subject: Move of Engr Rfts to Cesano. 851/41

26 Feb. 1945

The following details are passed to you for information:

FROM : MOVWIT 251400A

TO : 56 BLU BENEVENTO :: 94 SUB AREA :: 701 RY DG DIV

RTO BENEVENTO ::

INFO : DISTHREE :: DISTWO :: BLU RTC ICF ::

56 AREA :: PERSOUTH FOR MMIA LO :: MMIA ::

UFFICIO TRASPORTI SMRE ::

29/27/2

QQX BT

MOV/R/362

RESTRICTED. REF MMIA SD 2293 OF 16 FEB NOT TOx ALL.

152 AND 162 ITALIAN ARTIERI COYS EACH 200 PSNL 20 TONS STORES BY RAIL 27 FEB FROM BENEVENTO TO CESANO FOR ENGR RFTS 4 BOX CARS PLACED ON LOADING STORES 260800 16 BOX FOR PSNL 270800. ALL DEP 271200 ETA CASERTA 271500 ROME 280600 CESANO 281200. JOINING TRAIN AT CASERTA NUCLEUS HQ 2 ITAL GT COY 10 ALL RANKS. DISTHREE ST 637 OF 23 FEB NOT TO ALL REFERS. ALL ENTRAIN WITH 3 DAYS RATIONS.

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Copies to : G (2)
Spl. Sec.
SMRE
SORE
FLOAT
OC.BLU. RTC. ICF.
MMIA LO RTC. ICF.

Capt. RE.
S/Capt Q(M)
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer.

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A/Q (G)
G(SD)-) Major Stainton
RE
Spec Sec

QP

TRAINING CENTRES.

AFHQ have informed us by phone on 25 Feb (GRAHAM-HOLT speaking) that the following WEs have been passed :-

Serial	Designation of Unit Title	Location or Intended Location	WE No	WE Strength Offrs	ORs	Total	Remarks
1	Italian Increment to Pack Tpt Trg Centre	POSSOMBRONE	CM/697/1	9	50	59	
2	Base Rft Depot	ORVIETO, TRANI or ALTAGOLA	CM/730/1	95	514	609	
3	HLU	CESANO	CM/732/1	6	23	29	
4	Trg Increment	"	CM/732/1	7	11	18	
5	HQ RTC	"	CM/734/1	22	138	160	
6	Ration & POL Depot & Clothing Store	"	CM/735/1	4	51	55	
7	Hygiene Section	"	CM/736/1	1	27	28	
8	Carabinieri Coy	"	CM/737/1	2	20	22	
9	Reception Regt HQ	"	CM/738/1	14	109	123	
10	Bn HQ Reception Regt	"	CM/739/1	11	79	90	
11	HQ Inf Trg Regt	"	CM/740/1	12	85	97	
12	Bn HQ Inf Trg Regt	"	CM/741/1	18	129	147	
13	Comp Rft HQ	"	CM/742/1	8	41	49	
14	Arty Rcft Dep & School	"	CM/743/1	26	172	198	
15	HQ Mixed Rft Bn	"	CM/744/1	8	36	44	
16	HQ Engr Rft Bn	"	CM/745/1	5	27	32	
17	Fd Engr School	"	CM/746/1	10	94	104	
18	Sig Trg Centre	"	CM/747/1	32	145	177	
19	HQ M E Rft Coy	"	CM/748/1	3	20	23	
20	Trg School HQ	"	CM/749/1	22	52	74	
21	Inf School	"	CM/750/1	12	49	61	
22	Instructors School All Arms	"	CM/751/1	38	133	171	
23	Mechanics School	"	CM/752/1	7	92	99	
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Detailed copies are being printed and should arrive here shortly

Major
GSO II(SD)

27 Feb 45

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22 Feb

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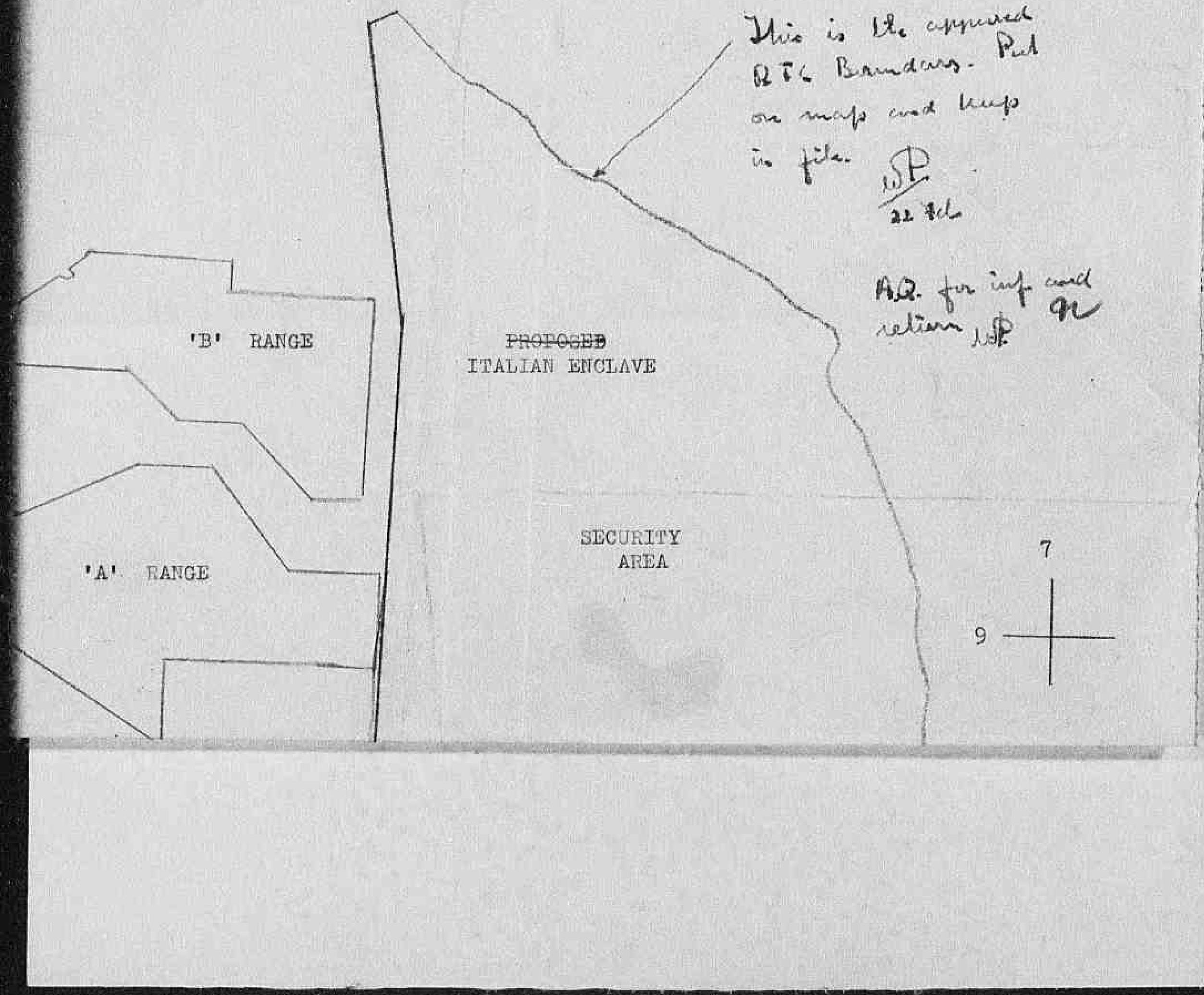
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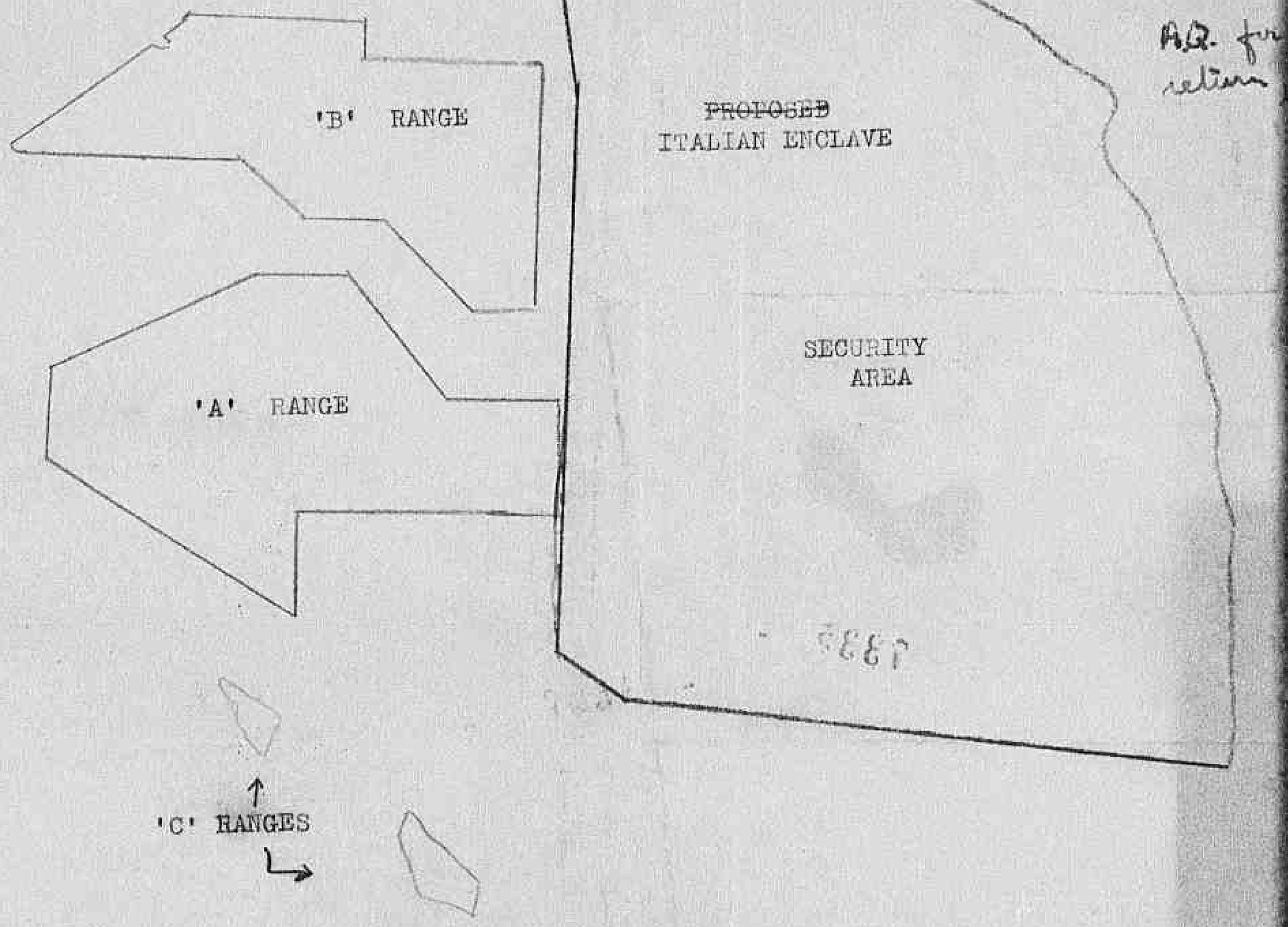
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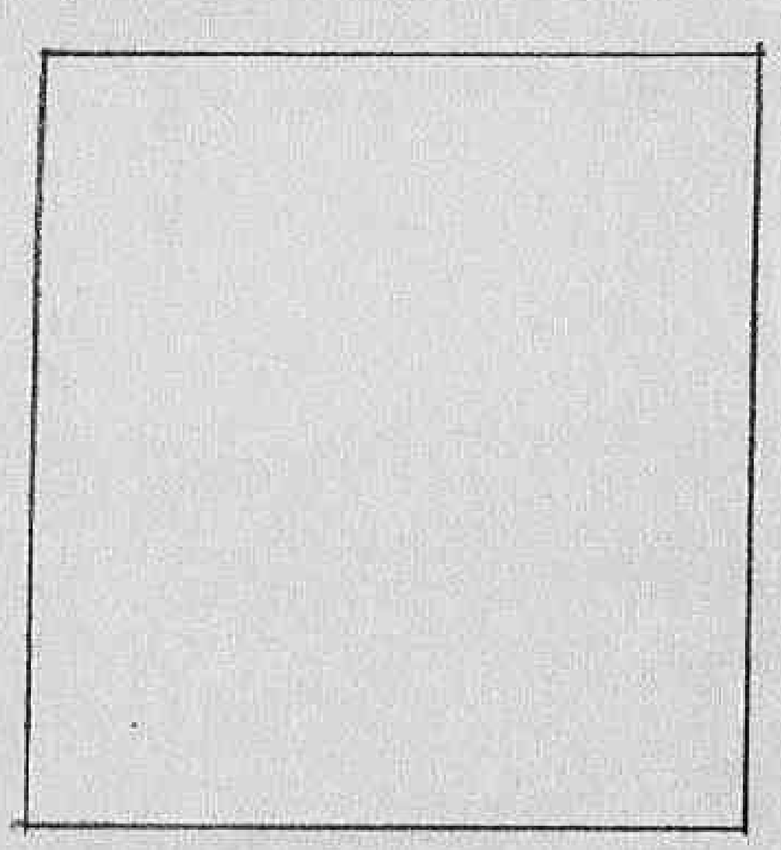
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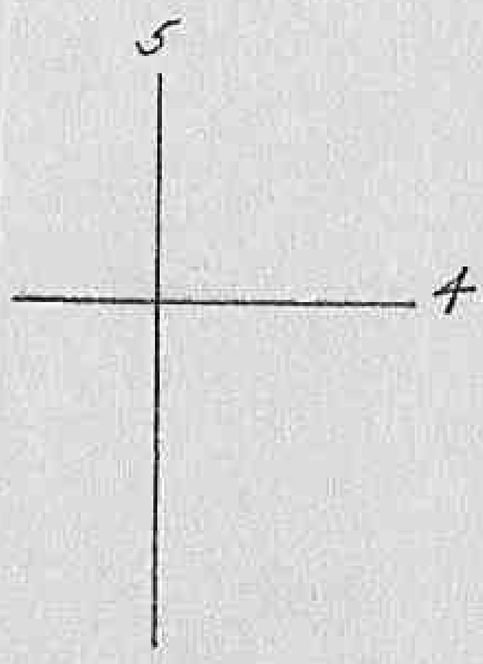
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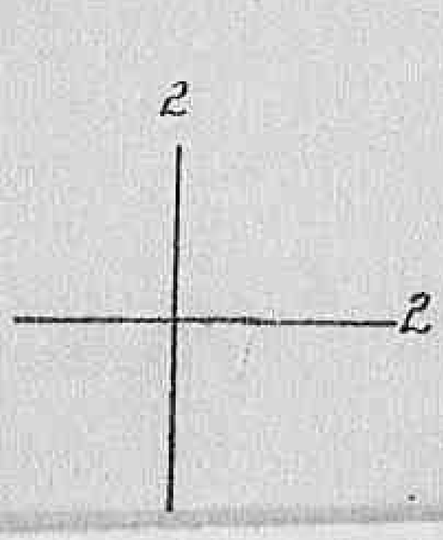
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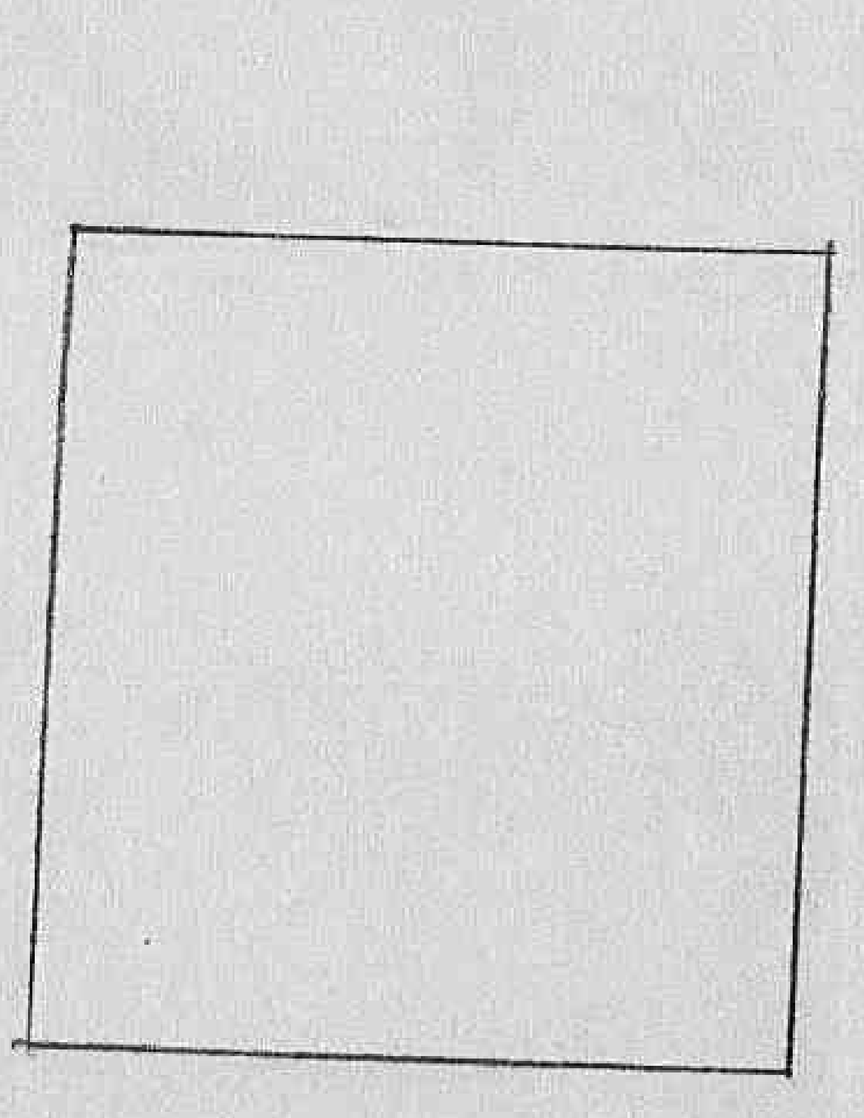


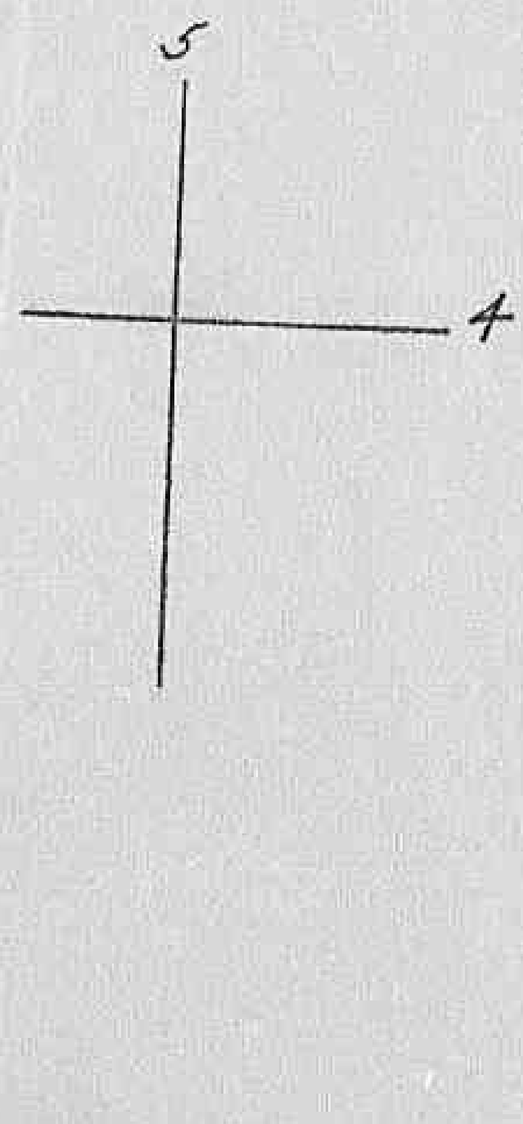




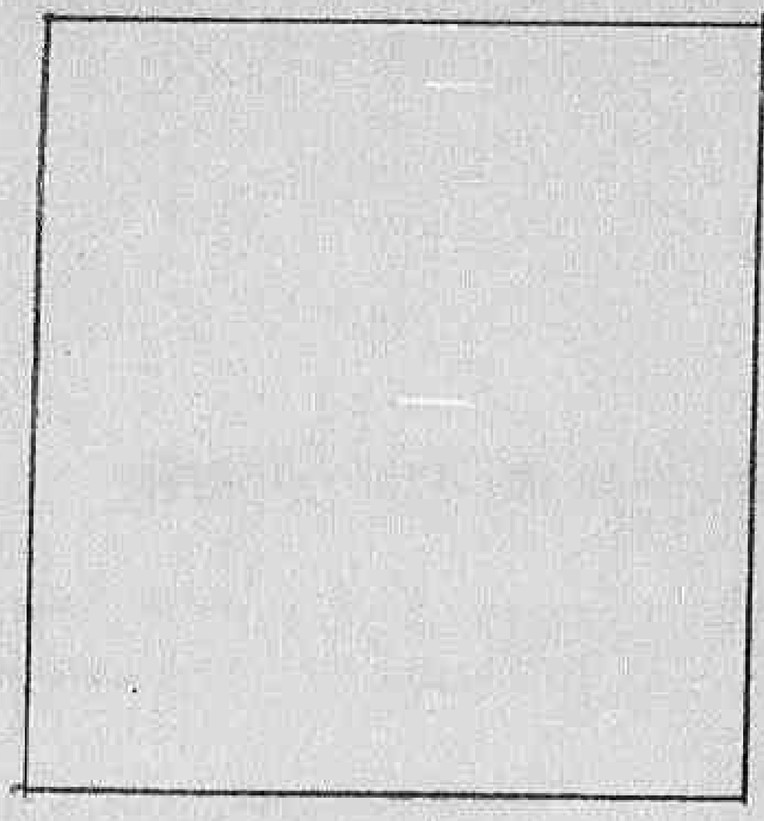
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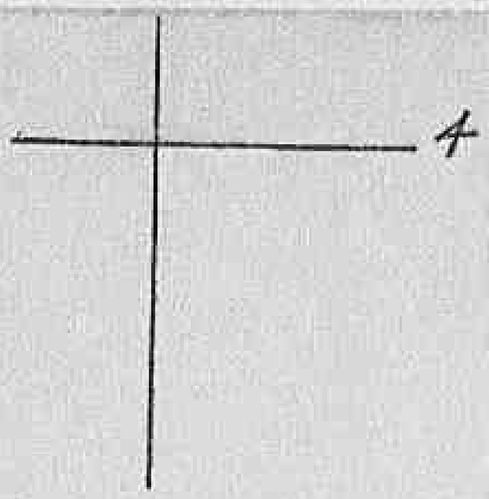
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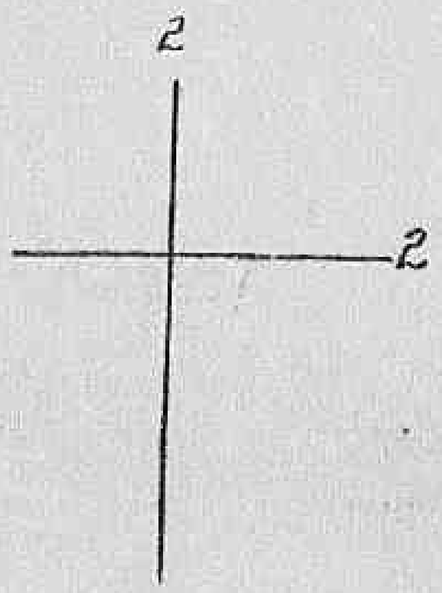




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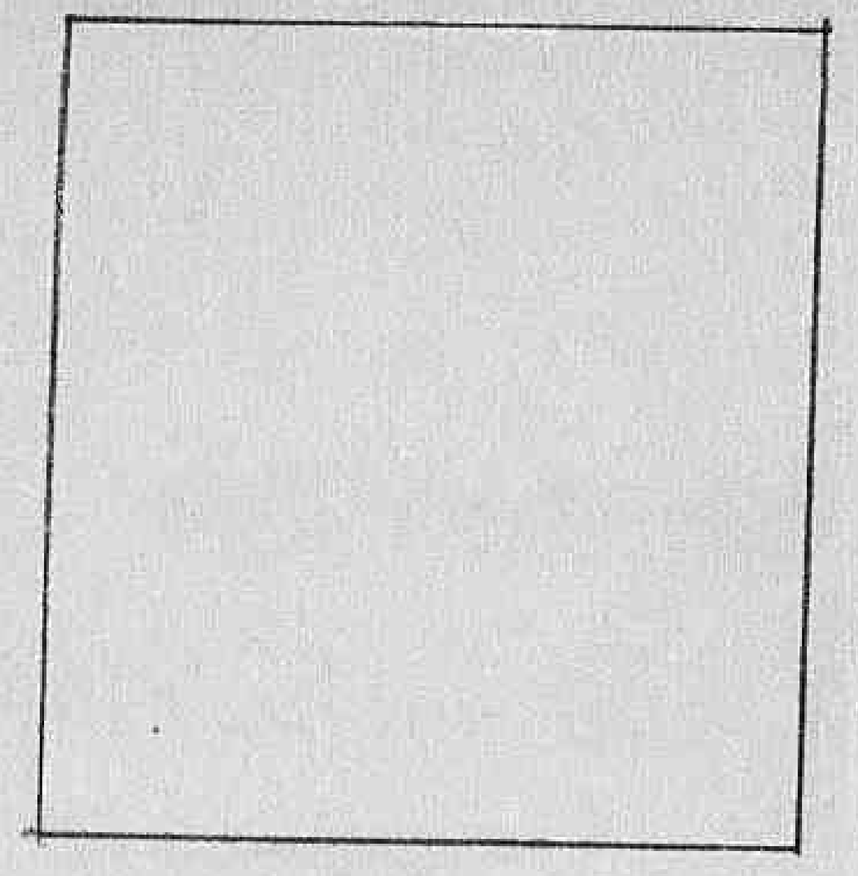


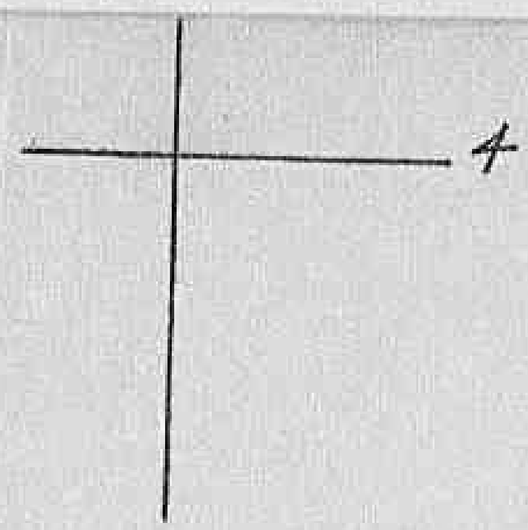


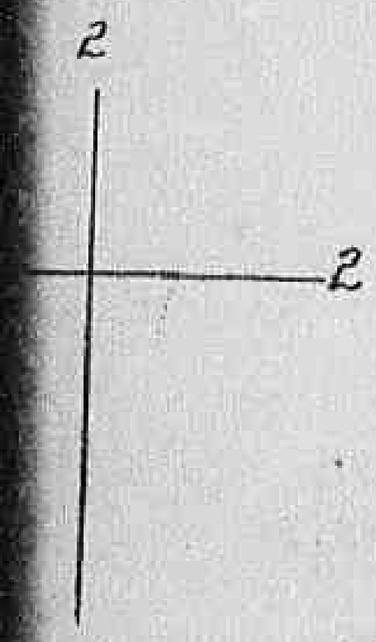
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Attached to HQ 201 Sub Area
letter G10 dated 25 Jan 45.

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SUBJECT: Moves ex Oc [illegible] 10.-

029/43

844/25 177

2 March 1945

The following details are passed to you for information:-

FROM : MOV ROME

TO : (1) CO BIA RTC ECP (2) DETRAMILES 610 (3) DETRAMILES 617

INFO : (4) FREEDOM CITE ROME (5) MOV EASTRAIL (6) MOV REAR 8 ARMY (7) MOVWIT

(8) MOV MEDIA (9) MOVCENT (10) MOV AREZZO (11) MOV FOLIGNO

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OPR. REF TO 3872 OF 27 FEB REPS MOV DEPART BRACCIANO AS FOLLOWS

TWO. FRIULI 56 ORVIETO 40 TO [redacted] PESARO (.) LIGHIANO 50 TO AREZZO (.) MANTOVA

100 TO MONTEPULCIANO (.)

THREE (.) OTHER DETAILS UNCHANGED (.) ALL ENDORSED (.)

Copies to : G (2)
Spl. Sec.
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WATAlvans
Capt. RA.
W.A.A. Evans.-
Movements Liaison Officer.-

7339

Subject: Reinforcements ex Cesano = 29/43 844/24 /76

28 Feb.45

The following details are passed to you for information:-

FROM MOV ROME 27 1710
TO (Action) (1) OC BLU RTC ICF (2) RTO ROME TERMINI (By hand)
(3) 774 RLY GD DIV (4) DETRAMILES 608 (By hand) (5) DETRAMILES 610
(6) DETRAMILES 617.
INFO (7) FREEDOM CITE FHGDM (8) MOV EASTRAIL (9) MOV REAR 8 ARMY
(10) MOVWIT (11) MOV MMIA (12) MOVCENT (13) MOV AREZZO
(14) MOV FOLIGNO (15) RTO TIBURTINA.

Ref: T.O.3872 SECRET

ONE (.) Italian Rfts total strength 500 will move by rail from CESANO DI ROMA on 2 Mar 45 to following destinations (.)
TWO (.) Friuli Rfts 100 Cremona Rfts str 100 to PESARO (.)
Legnano Rfts str 100 AREZZO (.) Mantova Rfts str 200 BENEVENTO (.)
THREE (.) 18 box cars placed 0800 hrs to entrain 0900 hrs (.)
Dep first available service (.) Train will be split at TIBURTINA stn (.) ETA destination PESARO pm 04 Mar AREZZO am 03 Mar BENEVENTO am 3 Mar (.)
FOUR (.) Three days rations for PESARO party and two days for remainder will be carried (.)
FIVE (.) Authy AFHQ POM 26 Feb - 04 Mar

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Statistics.
File 852
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W.F.A. Brand
Capt.R.A.
S/Capt.'Q'(M)
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer

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SECRET 175

SUBJECT: Future Planning at CESANO.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/C/29/45
26 February 45

TO : 50 SLU,
51 SLU,
52 SLU,
53 SLU,
54 SLU,
G/C SLU RIC ICF CASSANO.

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Ref SLU RIC ICF letter G/1/1/5 dated 24 Feb 45 not to all.

1. As Combat Groups are now up to strength, and in order to provide in future better trained reinforcements, movements of reinforcements to Groups will be as follows :-

GROUP	Period 25 Feb-4 Mar	Period 5 - 11 Mar	Period 12 - 16 Mar.
FRIULI	100	100	100
CREMONA	100	100	100
LEGNANO	100	100	100
FOLGORE	---	100	100
MANTOVA	200	100	100
TOTAL	500	500	500

The above figures are approximate and intended for planning purposes only; they will be changed if the situation warrants it.

W.P. Arden 7331 -
Major General
M.M.I.A.

INTERNAL: 23
Spec Sec

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SUBJECT :- Future planning at Cesano.

SECRET

BLU RTC ICF.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm
AC (MMIA) ROME.
Ref: G/1/1/5.

24 Feb. 45.

Land Forces Sub Comm
AC (MMIA) ROME.

In reply to your S/G/29/43 of 22 February 45.

1. It is noted that the proposals contained in my memorandum of 18 February are approved as a basis of policy.

2. Dealing initially with the question of phasing during the present stage when the ceiling remains at 7,800. The policy has been discussed with Col. Rea and it is agreed that phasing will be applied not only to newcomers but also in the selection of drafts for despatch to forward Gruppi. This is in fact being done with the object of ensuring during the transition stage (that is the next eight weeks) that those men with the highest standard of military knowledge will be the first to be drafted.

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ANTICIPATED POSITION AT CESANO AT THE END OF FEBRUARY.

Soldiers actually in the camp (including CESANO, BRACCIANO and ORIOLO) but exclusive of permanent staff.

In Nos. 1 & 2 Regts. (i.e. Reception and Training Regts.)	6,000
In No. 3 Regt. (Artillery etc.)	2,000
In ORIOLO Camp	2,000
	10,000

Dealing with Nos. 1 and 2 Regts. (Infantry only) the stage of training at the dates given should be related to the following table :

1st March	No.of men with 2 weeks training.	4000	
	1 " "	1000	
	None (just drafted from ORIOLO)	1000	6000
		3000	
8th March	3	1000	
	2	1000	
	1	1000	
	None	1000	6000
		2000	
15th March.	4	1000	
	3	1000	
	2	1000	
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	1		1000	
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22nd March	5		1000	
	4		1000	
	3		1000	
	2		1000	
	1		1000	
	None		1000	6000
29th March.	6		None	
	5		1000	
	4		1000	
	3		1000	
	2		1000	
	1		1000	
	None		1000	6000

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5th April. No.of men with	6 weeks training.	None	
	5	1000	
	4	1000	
	3	1000	
	2	1000	
	1	1000	
	None	1000	6000

(a) Hence it will be seen that with a balanced input and output of 1000 per week, it will not be possible to produce a draft with more than FIVE weeks training.

(b) The obvious course would appear to be to suspend all drafts for three weeks, which would raise the period of training for those required for drafts to the essential eight weeks. It is understood that the forward Gruppi are at present up to establishment in general duty soldiers (although deficient in specialists) and unless there are heavy casualties, it would appear possible that a three weeks cessation of drafts could be accepted. almost.

(c) It is pointed out however, that such a standstill order on drafts would increase the total holding in the Camp to 13,000, of which, with existing training facilities and staff, it would be necessary to keep 5,000 at ORIOLO. It is not anticipated that this would cause any serious problems, if some additional tentage can be made available. ✓

(d) As a compromise, drafts might be reduced to 500 per week for six weeks, which would achieve the same results in a longer period. Input would, of course, remain at 1,000 per week. It is understood that a solution on these lines would be acceptable to the training staff, subject to additional training equipment and staff arriving to meet the gradual increase in the number of men under training.

4. (a) The Training Staff are keenly alive to the necessity, pointed out in your para. 2, of increasing the ceiling of men under training to the final ceiling of 11,250. It is understood that strong representations are being made to the D.M.T. for the necessary additional training equipment and instructional staff. Subject to its arrival, a progressive increase in the numbers under training in Nos. 1 and 2 Regiments can commence at an early date.

(b) In order to reach the final figures visualised in Appendix 'A' to MMIA S/G/29 43 of 3 Jan. (revised 6 Feb.) it is suggested that as soon as equipment permits, the transfer from ORIOLO to Nos. 1 and 2 Regiments should be increased from 1000 per week to 1,150 per week, thus ensuring that at the expiration of a further eight weeks, the number under training at CESANO will have reached 11,200 and the number of men in ORIOLO Camp will be reduced 2000.

5. If the suggestions contained in paras. 3b and 4b were both put into effect, the final position would be as follows :-

No. of men with	8 weeks training.	1150	7329
	7	1150	
	6	1150	
	5	1150	

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	2	1150	
	1	1150	9200
	no training held at ORIOLO (surplus to establishment)		2000
	Under training in No.3 Regiment		2000
			13200

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Thereafter, if the demand for drafts does not reach the available supply of men with eight weeks training, D.M.T. will no doubt arrange to organise a more advanced course of instruction for all those who have completed the preliminary eight weeks course.

L.H.M.

Lt.Col. R.A.

LHM/ah.

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SECRET. 98R

Subject :- Moves ex CESANO week ending 3 March 45.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.,
(L.F.S.A.C.).
Tel :- ROME 478206.
Ref :- Mov.F/7.
25 Feb 45.

To :- G (Internal).
Spl Section.
Ufficio Trasporti (S.M.R.E.).
O.C. R.I.U. R.T.C. I.C.F.
L.M.I.A. Liaison Officer,
R.T.C. I.C.F.

H.Q. Movements, ROME will arrange the following moves ex CESANO on Thursday, 1 March 45; entrainment to be at 0900 hrs :-

200 Friuli Rfts	CESANO	-	PESARO.
200 Cremona Rfts	CESANO	-	PESARO.
200 Legnano Rfts	CESANO	-	AREZZO.
200 Folgore Rfts	CESANO	-	AREZZO.
200 Mantova Rfts	CESANO	-	BENEVENTO.

W A Thomas
Capt; R.A.
S/Capt. Q(M). 7327
(The Lord Westbury).
Movements Liaison Officer.

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File 836/31.
File 852/25.

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO SERVIZI

N. 6/1663 di prot. Serv. P. M. 3 00426 febbraio 1945

Risposta al foglio N. ..... del ..... Allegati .....

OGGETTO: Automezzi per campo addestramento attendato.-
Vehicles for Training Camp

Al COMANDO 1° REPARTO TRASPORTI PER GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO — ROMA

e, per conoscenza:

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

AL COMANDO DIVISIONE "Piceno" (CACFIC) — P.M. 92

Per disposizione della Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MMIA) -Magg. Dabbs- pregasi mettere n. 10 autocarri a disposizione del Comando "Piceno" (CACFIC) per il Campo addestramento attendato di Manziano.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
-Giorgio Liuzzi-

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Small) MESSAGE FORM 29/43 Register No. 42/25

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: 50 BLU

Date-Time of Origin. — Office Date Stamp —

For Action

To: MMIA RTC ICF (ROME)

(W) For Information (INFO)

—Message Instructions— | —GR—

Originator's No.

A36 (*) CONFIDENTIAL (*) NO FURTHER RFTS EXCEPT SPECIALISTS REQUIRED BY FRIULI PENDING FURTHER NOTIFICATION

This Message may be sent as written by any means {except} wireless	If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent in cipher	Originator's Instructions degree of priority	Time 7 3 25 Signature, Op.
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25 Feb. 1945

Subject: Road Convoy - CESANO - S. GIORGIO.

The following details are passed to you for information:-

FROM : MOV ROME

TO : (1) MOVWIT (2) MOV ANCONA ~~(3) [illegible]~~ INFO : (3) AFHQ CITTA FHQDM (4) MMIA

(5) G3 RAIO.

MOV 550. 22/2 CONFIDENTIAL.

CONVOY 02/RO/038 RTC ITALIAN COMBAT FORCES 35 VEHS DEP CESANO RI ROMA 250800 FOR SAN GIORGIO (.) HALT MELFA 1300 - 1400 STAGE NIGHT RD JUNC R6 AND R7 DEP 240800 ETA DOSTN 1100 (.) ROUTE B2 ROME R6 R7 (.) 15 MIH 20 VEH (.)

Copies to : G (2)
Spl. Sec ✓
SHAPE
FLOAT.

Yours.

Capt. RN.
S/Capt Q(M)
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer.-

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Substitute A.F.O. 2136

From HQ RAF IC

Date /1100 22/2/43 A

To (action) 53 HLU

(info) MEA PAAC

AC 104 (.) SECRET (.) FOLLOWING EFTS DESPATCHED 22 FEB (.) MEA ORTONA 23 FEB (.) 151 INF 25 ARTY 3 CARPENTERS 2 PAINTERS 3 BRICKLAYERS 3 BLACKSMITHS 2 MED ORDERLIES 2 DRAUGHTSMEN 1 ACTY SERG ALIST 1 LITHMAN 1 DR 1 ELECTRICIAN 1 ARTIFICER 4 DRS (.) OWING TO LATE ARRIVAL SOME ITEMS ISSUED IN BULK IN CASES TO CC DRAFT

If Unable to
Interception etc

Maj RA

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Substitute A.F.C. 2136

From HQ RFO ICF Date/TOO 22 12.45 A

To (action) 52 HQ

(info) MEA RAAC

[illegible] (AG 103 (.) SECRET (.) FOLLOWING SETS DESPATCHED 22 FEB (.)

FCA RADIA 23 FEB (.) 134 INF 60 GRIO 1 WT MSC 4 CAPTURED 1 DRAUGHTSMAN (.)

OWING TO LATE ARRIVAL SOME ITEMS ISSUED IN BULK IN CASES TO OC DRAFT

If liable to interception etc

Degree of Priority

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Substitute A.F.C. 2136

Date/TOO 22 / 2 / 5 A

From BLU ETC ICF

To (action) 51 BLU

(info) MMLA RAAC

AG 102 (.) SECRET (.) FOLLOWING NOS DESERTORED 22 FEB (.) ETA FEGARO 25 FEB (.) 388 INF 2 BLACKSMITHS 4 CARPENTERS 3 MED ORDERLIES 2 ARTIFICERS (.) OWING TO LATE ARRIVAL SOME RIFLES ISSUED IN MILK IN CASES TO OC DRAFT

If liable to interception etc

Degree of Priority

IMMEDIATE

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ASR QVR2 29/43 20/23

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MESSAGE FORM 4927

SUBSTITUTE AP C 2136

FROM BLU IEC ICP

Date/TOO 22 A

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TO (action) 50 BLU

(info) MILA RAAC

AG 101 (.) SECRET (.) FOLLOWING RPTS DESPATCHED 22 FEB (.)

MTA PESARO 23 FEB (.) 397 INF 2 ART SPECIALISTS 1 BLACKSMITH (.)

OWING TO LATE ARRIVAL SOME MESS KITS ISSUED IN BULK IN CASES TO

OC DRAFT

If liable to interception etc

Degree of Priority

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TELESCRITTO "PA"

GUERRA GABINETTO	P.M.3800 (a mano)
GUERRA LEVA	P.M.3800 (a mano)
COTER NAPOLI	P.M.3400 (tele)
COTER ROMA	P.M.3800 (fono)
COTER BARI	BARI (tele)
COTER PALERMO	P.M. 72 (tele)
COMILIT CALABRIA	CATANZARO (tele)
COMILIT SARDEGNA	P.M.75/A (tele)
DELEGAZIONE "T" S.M.R.E.	P.M. 179 (tramite MMIA)
CERSETI	P.M.3800 (fono)
CERSA	P.M. 185 (tramite MMIA)
STAMAGGIORE OPERAZIONI	SEDE (a mano)

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Stamaggiore Mobilitazione N° 12895/Mob. (.) Est diretto comandi territoriali et regione (.) delegazione "T" (,) CERSA et CERSETI (;) per conoscenza Guerra Gabinetto (,) Guerra Leva (,) Stamaggiore Operazioni (.)

At conferma et precisazione disposizioni telefoniche già impartite (.) Primo (.) Qualsiasi avviamento at reparti personale volontario sia immediatamente sospeso (.) Organi reclutamento et arruolamento continueranno arruolare volontari (:) ponendoli però immediatamente in licenza straordinaria senza assegni in attesa di impiego (.) Volontari dovranno assumere specifico impegno at prestare servizio in qualunque reparto (,) compresi quelli lavoratori (.) Anche volontari già arruolati et attesa avviamento saranno posti in licenza (.) Presenti disposizioni non riguardano seguenti blocchi patrioti cui arruolamento est già stato concesso (:) 500 al mese per italgruppi FRIULI et CREMONA et 3500 complessivi per centro addestramento in CESANO (.) Secondo (.) Est anche vietato avviamento at centro addestramento CESANO (,) aut italgruppi (,) militari già in servizio che siano volontari per reparti operanti (,) et in genere qualsiasi personale non specificatamente autorizzato (.) Terzo (.) Seguono disposizioni dettaglio (.) Quarto (.) Disporre urgente diramazione presenti disposizioni (.) Quinto (.) Assicurare (.) Stamaggiore Mobilitazione (.) 123019 (.)

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SUBJECT :- Reinforcements.

RLU RTC ICF.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm
AC (MAIA)RCAF
Ref A/2/12

21 Feb 45.

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RTC ICF.

Copy to :- Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MAIA) (Your S/G/29/43 of 19 Feb 45 refers)

1. Orders have been received for this HQ to signal the appropriate RLU each time a draft is dispatched, giving the following information :-

(a) Total No sent to Gruppo.
(b) Breakdown of Specialists.
(c) Destination.
(d) Estimated time of arrival.
(e) Any other relevant information.

2. Would you please therefore advise this HQ as above 24 hours before the draft is due to depart.

3. HQ MAIA are trying to obtain the above data for our information for all drafts arriving at the RTC ICF.

Lieut-Col.

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SUBJECT: Memorandum on the proposed future planning at CESANO.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/29/43
22 February 45

TO : OC ELU RTC, CESANO.

1. Your memorandum 1/1/2 dated 18 Feb is agreed and pending the issue of instructions to the Ministry of War, will be accepted as a working arrangement, para modifying MMA letter SD/45 of 15 Feb.

2. With regard to your para 4.E. will you please consider now the question of the progressive increase at CESANO from 7,800 to 11,250 and give a target date or dates for the increases, possibly by phases (of say five stages of 700 each).

3. In this connection you will realise the benefit of phasing out the trained men as well as phasing in the newcomers, rather than having the whole batch completely trained at the end of eight weeks. In other words, what is wanted is a steady flow of trained men, week by week (about 700 - 800 of them). Please give your proposals on this.

W. Pardy-Ealand
Major General
M.F.J.A.

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MANITOBA	ONTARIO	QUEBEC
16.11an CMTC All Arms Instructors School. Permanent Staff 46 Officers & Sgts. Trg Capacity 400 students. Maintenance Staff 200 all ranks. Target Date. 1 April.	No XII Regiment & CMTC 7 Bn duty 1300 (Now functioning) Cmnd. Major Officers. Arty School. (Included in above total) Cmdr Col San Toronto. 8 Bn Engineers. 255 (now functioning) Cmdr. Lt Col Milnors. Instructors 30 sigs. Sig School. 30 yet to arrive Target Date Mid Nov.	2 Bn Other Arms. 400 (There but not functioning) Cmdr. Major Bonnet Location: Area Reinforcements R.A.F.C. R.C.N.V.R. C.A.S.F. 2000 - 3000 Target date probably two months hence. Permanent Staff 3 Officers. 150 O.R's	1 Regt (Infantry) 1350 Cmdr. Col Lucas Rh 2 Regt (Tradition). 3600 Cmdr. Col Mathews Def School. Permanent Staff Cmdr. Col Irwin. 9 Officers. 30 O.R's Trg Capacity. 250 all ranks. Target date. 1 March

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Grand & Gulf

Hq 1st & 2 Regts. Inf Brigd. Next school to close 2 P.M 4 Sept.

2 Bn Shore Arty.
400
(More but not Quantitative)
Cmdr.
Major Imrie
Declined
Pro Reinforcements
R.A.M.C.
A.A.M.C.

C.M.P.

3000 - 3000
Target date probably
two months hence.
Permanent Staff
2 officers.
150 O.R's

Hq Brigd.

2 Regt (Regimental)
1350
Cmdr.
Col Bernaldo

2 Regt (Training).
3600
Cmdr.
Col Fanlaw

Inf School.

Permanent Staff
Instr. Col Bernd.
3 officers.
30 O.R's
Dry Capacity.
250 will reside.
Target date.
4 March

Hq Natal.
Hdq Commandant present
Use to action for trg.
Depot. Area 2 Bde.

2 Bn School.

Permanent Staff.
3 officers.
57 O.R's
Dry capacity
200
Target date
1 March.

Med School.

No details.
not before
1 April.

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Combat Force Est situation 15 Feb 45.

1. Working premises :-

Estimated needs per month	3,500
made up of recoveries	1,500
required intake	2,000
	14,500
Est ceiling	1,500
of which receiving unit is	
Therefore intake should	10,000
plan for ceiling of	8,500

2. Present Strength

	Feb	March
3. Coming. Patriots	1,000	1,000
Aquila	2,000	1,500
Garibaldi	..	3,000
	3,000	5,500

4. Required, to replace output 1,500 2,000
to complete 1,500 ..

3,000 2,000

5,500

5. Surplus

6. For Consideration.

Cancel Aquila Call-up or Garibaldi.

Open another depot.

Breakdown of 2000 per month:

Artillery	230
Infantry	1480
Field Engineers	100
Signals	60
Mechanical Engineers	30
Supply & Transport	40
Medical	30
Ordnance	10
Admin	20
	2000.

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CHSANO PLAN. ceiling 11000

IN					OUT		
SOURCE	FEB	MARCH	TOTAL	REMARKS	DATE (Week)	TOTAL	REMARKS
1. PATRIOTS ex FLORENCE) ex ARESSO)	2500	1000* ✓	3500	*More patriots available if space permits	29 Jan - 4 Feb	200	1600
					5 - 11	800	800
2. CALL UP APULIA	✓ 2000	1500	3500		12-18	800	573
					19-25	1200	127 plus
3. SARDINIA	500	3000	3500		26- 4 Mar	1600	200
						4600	
4. VITERBO	100	-	100				
5. Various sources at 50 per day	1500	1500	3000		MARCH		
					5 - 11		
6. ex PICENO					12 - 18		
ROME	750	-	750		19 - 25		
BARI	450	-	450				
ORTONA	450	-	450		26 - 1		
TOTALS:	8250	7000	152 50				

Present strength 7000

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	Sicily.	600.

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CESANO PLAN. ceiling 1/000

Speeches W.P. Cut G2

FEB	MARCH	TOTAL	REMARKS
2500	1000* ✓	3500	*Oro patriots available if space permits
2000	1500	3500	
500	3000	3500	
100	-	100	
1500	1500	3000	
70			
750	-	750	
450	-	450	
450	-	450	
250	7000	152 50	

OUT			
DATE (Week)	TOTAL		REMARKS
29 Jan - 4 Feb	200	200	1600 ~~1600~~ ~~900~~
5 - 11	300	200	~~700~~
12-18	800	800	~~513~~
19-25	1200	1200	~~127~~ plus ~~73~~ ~~205~~
26- 4 Mar	1600	800	
	4600	3,000	

MARCH

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To : WMIA

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Info : HQ 15 ARMY GROUP

Ref : FX 29651

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Your SD 425 of 10 Feb (.) Request you arrange immediate screening of all rfts at Rfts Trg Centre for suitable watermen in accordance with requirements of 15 Army Group letter 3071/34/A(O) of 12 Feb and report number available (.) These rfts will not be posted to Combat Groups in absence of further orders from this HQ

NA

SD Dist

Action copy to: SD/45/1

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2/43 Spare copy 159
for Col Pinney.

Subject: Base Rft Depot, TRANI.

MMIA LIAISON OFFICER
TRANI
18 Feb 45.

To: Hq. M.M.I.A.

A. LOCATION

(1) TRANI Depot is scattered over a number of buildings, as follows:-

(a) 9 Engr Depot Barracks. This building - built as a school but never used as such - houses the Hq and 1 & 2 Bns, each Bn having a present approx strength of 800 all ranks.

(b) Mulino Billet. This is a disused mill with a maximum capacity - consistent with hygiene, fire-precautions and control of troops - of 600, but it has held 1000 during the worse part of the winter. It is not a satisfactory billet.

(c) Camp site. This is 500 yards from the main barracks. It is not at the moment in use as a considerable amount of R.E. work is being done to make it a satisfactory permanent camp. Work in hand should be finished in 7 days.

(d) Seminary. A disused convent houses the personnel being trained as drivers in the D.M.T. Driving School, TRANI.

(2) The future set up, effective from the 1st of February or sooner, will be:-

(a) Engr Barracks will hold Depot Hq and 1 Bn less one or two Coys of driver trainees detached in the Seminary by the Driving-school.

(b) Camp site with 2 & 3 Bn areas functioning and 4 Bn area ready should the necessity for it's use arrise.

(c) The mill will cease to be used except in grave emergency.

B. MAN-POWER

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(1) Source

The nature of the majority of rfts in the depot at any given time depends on the general situation, e.g., at first they were surplus personnel from 47 Inf Regt Depot, recently they have been Balkan repatriates and in the future they may consist largely of call-ups. In addition to these, there is an average daily inflow of approx 80 from a variety of sources - "shandati", troops ex long

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leave forwarded on by Depots, Distretti and Presidi Militari, personnel ex hospitals, prisons etc.

(2) Breal down.

The great majority are non-specialist. About 8% are drivers; about 10% are suitable as engr rfts, though should the Depot consist in the future of Southern call-ups, this percentage will drop. The disposal of medically unfit personnel - approx 10% - presents a problem, as Pioneer units do NOT want them, and as a constant transfer between hospital and Depot and vice versa, throws a considerable amount of work on the administrative staff. Most of the remaining troops are suitable mainly as labour rfts, or if suited physically and by civilian background, as muleteers. It is pointed out that it has not been the practice to ask for volunteers for Pack Tpt Coys, as troops consider that for anyone who wants to go volunteering, the combat groups offer more safety and better conditions than Pack Tpt.

C. CLOTHING.

In view of the previous military history of rfts, as indicated in part (1) of the preceding paragraph, the clothing of rfts is far from satisfactory. Repatriates ex Balkans are generally clad in a weird variety of military uniforms and civilian rags, while call-ups and sbandati bring with them only the bare minimum necessary to get them from their homes to the Depot. In view of the scarcity and cost of boots on the civilian market, their footwear is in shocking condition. As for shirts, the majority have only one - and some not even that - with the result that a constant campaign has to be fought to keep them freem from lice - this despite the fact that there are hot showers available. Here, though, the complaint is that the soap ration is received once per month, so that a man may be upwards of 3 weeks without soap. Many, too, have no towels.

D. MORALE.

On the average, morale is not more than fair. Factors unfavourably affecting morale are lack of clothing, length of time spent in transit while awaiting movement, inactivity, bad weather, lack of interest in the war, and - in the case of Northerners - the usual preoccupation about the fate of their families in enemy occupied territory. Given at least a uniform and a pair of boots, troops could be given more routine work and made to take an interest in themselves, with the feeling that the authorities too were interested in them.

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Desertion and A.W.O.L. is confined almost entirely to Southerners and in particular to Apulians, who hate the idea of being stationed outside Apulia.

The recent free distribution of the first edition of the Army paper "Italia", was favourably commented on.

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A canteen and rest-room are being set up and stocks of the Italian dailies provided. It is hoped that a library can be organised if the necessary reading material can be made forthcoming.

11 Con. Depot ball team was unbeaten until it played a match with the Base Depot. Each company now has a team and 11 Con Depot has given the use of a football pitch during the mornings.

E. DISCIPLINE.

This is fair, considering that Italian troops have no respect for their N.C.O.'s and little for their officers, except in individual cases.

F. BRITISH CADRE.

The British Cadre - O.C., Maj. THORNHILL, R.A. - has one main difficulty, viz., they have no instructions as to their duties, and they are considered an "unborn" unit by 5th Area.

G. CONCLUSION.

It is considered that a Depot satisfactory from all points of view, can be effectively organised given the following conditions:-

(1) That a supply of minimum necessary clothing be maintained. (1000 sets of B.D., boots, and caps have been received already from MALTA LC BARI).

(2) That some form of welfare for the troops be organised.

(3) That the British Cadre be recognised as a unit with an authorised S.E. and C.1098, with authority to draw necessary stores.

E. O DONNELL
Capt.
Liaison Officer

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From :- Mov. L.O. (MMIA).

20 Feb 45.

Personnel of GRAND.

Following details are passed to you for information.

DATE 191800

FROM MOV ROME.

TO GC BLU RPC. RTO ROME TERMINI. 774 RGD. DETRAILER 606. DETRAILER 608.
(INFO) RTO TIBURTINA. MOV RAILTRAIL. MOVCIT. MOVEIT. MOVCENT. MOV MIA.
MOV REAR 8 ARMY. FREEDOM CITE MEDM. MOV AREZZO. MOV FOLIGNO.

TO 5644 (.) SECRET (.) ONE (.) Italian rfts total strength 1300 will move by rail 22 Feb from CESANO DI ROMA to following doctinations (.) TWO (.) FRIULI Rfts strength 400 CREMONA Rfts strength 400 to PESARO (.) LEGNANO Rfts strength 300 to AREZZO (.) FOLGORE Rfts 200 to ORTONA (.) THREE (.) 45 box cars placed 0800 hrs to entrain 0900 hrs (.) Dep as special train first available service (.) Train will be split at TIBURTINA Station (.) FOUR (.) Two days rations and full water bottles will be carried (.) ETA PESARO am 24 Feb AREZZO am 23 Feb ORTONA am 24 Feb (.) FIVE (.) Authy AMTE POM 19 - 25 Feb.

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Special Section. MEDLO RTC EDF.
Ufficio Trasporti. File 856/24.
File 852/22.

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W.A.Evans -
Capt RA
(W.A.A. Evans).
Mov. L.O.

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SIGS OFFICE BARLETTA FOR O'DONNELL

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IGF KFT TEI CHIEDE GESANO

AD 2513

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CAMP
NEW SATELLITE ~~CAMP~~ IS BEING FORMED NEAR C E S A N O TO
ACCOMMODATE 3000 (.) PLEASE SUPPLY FOLLOWING N C Os FOR
CAMP STAFF (.) 110 STAFF SGTS AND SGTS 118 CPLS AND L/CPLS (.)
SEND ON FIRST AVAILABLE A P U L I A CALL UP TRAIN TO
C E S A N O

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

Internal: Ministry of War
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Spec Sec
MOV (2)
File: SD/45/2

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SECRET

SUBJECT: Availability Return - RTC ICF.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/29/43
20 February 45

TO : 15 Army Group.

Ref your Signal A 198 of 31 Jan 45.

Herewith as requested, availability of reinforcements state of RTC ICF, CESANO, as at 2359 hrs 17 Feb 45.

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Draft of Reinforcements.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/0/29/43
19 February 45

TO : O.C. HLW, R.T.C. I.C.F.

1. When a draft of reinforcements is sent from RTC ICF to a Combat Group a signal should be sent by you direct to the receiving HLW giving numbers, breakdown of specialists, destination, ETA and any relevant information. A copy will be sent to MMIA.

2. MMIA will try to ensure that information about reinforcements coming into RTC ICF will be given to you in the same way.

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

17 1915 A

TO: AFHQ FOR G-3 Org

INFO: CMT
BLU. TCF. CESANO for MACKAY.

REF: SL 2308

CLASSIFICATION RESTRICTED

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HAVE STUDIED IMPLICATIONS OF YOUR FX 28432 OF 16 FEB AND HAVE TALKED WITH MACKAY (.) I AGREE THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST TRG FACILITIES FOR 7800 BE SHARED AMONG A GREATER NO OF PERSONNEL (.) WILL THEREFORE NEED ADDITIONAL ACCOMODATION FOR APPROX 3000 PERSONNEL AND WILL APPLY TO Q(AF) FOR TENTAGE (.) STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT A QUITE SEPARATE CAMP BE FORMED TEMP NORTH OF B R A C C I A N O AND TWENTY MILES AWAY FROM TRG CENTRE C E S A N O (.) MACKAY WILL SEE THAT TRG IS THEREBY N O T INTERFERED WITH (.) CO-ORD WITH CMT

PRECEDENCE _____

AUTHENTICATED GPWolk

INTERNAL: SPEC SEC
A/Q - MAJ GREGSON PLEASE SPEAK
Q(OS)

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Subject: Move of Rifle ex Cesano. C&R

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17 Feb. 1945

The following details are passed to you for information:

FROM : MOV ROME
TO : (1) DEPRAMILE 606 (BY HAND) MOV REAR 8 ARMY (3) DMRS
INFO : (4) MOV MAIA (5) MOV FOLIGNO (6) FREEDOM CITY FHGDM

TO 3555 - 16/2/45.

IT FRIULI GP RFTS 200 AND CREMONA GP RFTS 200 WILL MOVE BY RAIL CESANO DI ROMA TO PESARO ON 17 FEB (.) 15 BOX CARS PLACED 0900 HRS TO ENTRAIN 1000 HRS (.) DEPART FIRST AVAILABLE SERVICE (.) THREE DAYS RATIONS AND FULL WATER BOTTLES WILL BE CARRIED (.) ETA PESARO AM 19 FEB (.) AGREED AFHQ.

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SHAEF
FLOAT
FILE 852/19

W.A.A. Evans
Capt. RA.
(W.A.A. Evans)
Movements Liaison Officer.

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Subject: Move of O Patriots AREZZO to CESA AGR = 24/43 851/31 17/2/45 152

The following details are passed to you for information:

FROM MOVCENT
TO (Action) MOV AREZZO MOV FOLIGNO 5 ARMY BR INCR FOR MOV
MOV 15 ARMY GROUP 55 AREA MOV ROME MMIA ROME
MOV 415 CONFIDENTIAL
Ref our Mov 374 of 121818 (.) Move postponed until 20 Feb.(.)
Other details unchanged.

Copy to G (2)
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SMRE
FLOAT
OC BLU RTC. ICF.
MMIA L/O RTC. ICF.

W.A.A. Evans
Capt. RA.
W.A.A. EVANS
Movements Liaison Officer

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TRANSLATION

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Subject:- Inserting of Volunteers into Italian Combat Forces through the Reinforcement Training Centre.

From:- Ministry of War.

Ref: 203782/11
222.10.7

To:- M.M.I.A.

11 Feb 45.

1. Following verbal instructions issued on 9th inst. by MMIA to SMRE the sending to the CESANO Reinforcement Training Centre of all personnel from the following sources, who for the most part are volunteers for combat units, must be suspended.

(a) Volunteers for combat or patriot units who report a few at a time at the "CRRSA" and "CERMETI" detachments because they are subject to call-up (excluding the patriots recruited in groups from time to time on specific authorization).

(b) Volunteers for combat units recruited by the districts during the calling up operations.

(c) Volunteers for combat units and specialists recovered or made available in the various HQs and units.

This refers in general and as a guiding figure of about 100 men each day: equal to 3,000 reinforcements each month; during the month of February this number has increased considerably due to the fact that many of the call-ups, at the time of making their appearance, have requested, and are requesting to join combat units.

According to the agreements with MMIA, this personnel was sent immediately to the CESANO Training Centre.

2. It seems that this measure was caused by the actual excessive arrival of personnel at the CESANO Training Centre.

While I deem it necessary to recall to MMIA's attention what was proposed by SMRE with letter 12406/MOB dated 8th inst. in regard to the measures believed to be more suitable for reducing the CESANO Centre without causing limitations in the recruiting of volunteers, I believe it to be my duty to report the damaging repercussions which the solution mentioned above would undoubtedly have on the public opinion, which at the present moment is particularly delicate. 7302

In fact, said solution would prevent the acceptance of volunteers who report alone and who request to fight, or would cause resentment or unauthorised leave owing to the time between the sending of the requests by the authorities in the area to SMRE, the sending of requests for authorisation to MMIA, and the consequent decisions by MMIA, and the sending of these decisions to the authorities concerned.

While the governing authorities and parties continue to request a better comprehension by the citizen of his duties as a soldier by means of the press, radio, lectures, manifestos, and leaflets, obstacles and delays would once again hinder participation by the volunteers and the volunteers for the war of liberation.

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3. Bearing in mind the above, we beg MMIA to take this question into consideration in order to solve it, avoiding limitations to the arrival of volunteers.

I await your decisions in regard to this matter.

(Sgd) CASATI.

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PROPOSED WE FOR A
BRITISH TRAINING INCREMENT
TO
ITALIAN REINFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTRE

Appx A to
DUT/87/1/WT1
dated 27 Jan 45.

Offrs	6
ORs	8
Total	14
MCs	-
Vehs	1
Trailers	-

1. Personnel.

Detail	Offrs	WO Is	WO IIs	S Sjts	Sjts	Cpls	L/Cpls	Ptes	Total	
Offrs										
GSO II (a)	2								2	
GSC II RA	1								1	
SO RE (Maj)	1								1	
SO RCS (Maj)	1								1	
Provost (Capt)	- 1								1	
Total Offrs	6								6	
ORs										
G Clerk						1			1	
RA Clerk						1			1	
RC of S					1				1	
Provost						1			1	
Dvrs IC								1	1	(b)
Batmen								3	3	(b)
Total ORs	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	4	8	
Total	6	-	-	-	1	3	-	4	14	

ii. Tot

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Vehs 1
Trailers -

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ii. Tpt

Cars 2 str 4 x 4 or 4 x 2 - 1
Motor Cycles

Note (a) one for Instructors School
one for Inf Trg Regt and Inf School

(b) Italians.

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REINFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTRE.

ITALIAN COBAT ARMY.

REPORT FROM COL. S.C.A.E. MEA, SENIOR BRITISH OFFICER AT CESANO, MADE IN ABSENCE OF LT. COL. McKAY, C.O., RTC.

1. There are now at CESANO, as reinforcements for the Groups, approximately 2000 patriots. These have been sent down in Groups of 500 from the FLORENCE area. Another 500 are expected on 18 February, and 1000 in March.

2. These Patriots arrive as well organised groups, producing commanders with their own commissars. They have been seen to march from CESANO station to the camp in an orderly fashion under the red flag. They are men of good physique and very keen to fight. Many of them are armed (pistols, hand-grenades etc.)

3. The following incidents have been brought to Col. MEA's notice:

(a) A number of "commissars" approached O.C. No. 1 Regt and demanded that the Italian flag with the cross of SAVOY should be taken down.

(b) It is believed by the patriots that clothing is provided by the British but the Italian permanent staff prevent it reaching the re-inforcements. (The truth is that there is not at present enough clothing and equipment to go round - since 1 Jan 20,000 sets have been indented for but only approx 9,000 have arrived. These are now exhausted. It is expected that 5,000 sets will arrive on 10 Feb.)

(c) It is reported that 2 working parties of patriots at first refused to carry on with fatigues, stating that they had joined up to go and fight.

(d) A meeting of commissars is reported to have been held at which it was decided that in future patriots would salute neither Italian nor British officers.

(e) Patriots have shown the greatest unwillingness to give up their arms, and the officers of the Centre have not yet enforced this, for fear of provoking trouble.

4. General MICCARDI has reported on the situation to S.A.C.M.E. He has suggested the measures to Col. MEA:

(a) That one or two companies of CHASSEURS should be moved from ROME, ostensibly as demonstration troops, in order to provide a solid reliable force.

(b) That large numbers of trained CC.NN should be posted to the Provost school, ostensibly as students, in order to assist with any disciplinary measures.

(c) That the Patriots be disarmed immediately.

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(b) That large numbers of trained C.C.RR should be posted to the Provost school, ostensibly as students, in order to assist with any disciplinary measures.

(c) That the Patriots be disarmed immediately.

(d) That a talk be given to all Patriots on what it means to be a soldier, with an explanation of the Military Code.

5. Expected movement of Patriots in and out of CISANO is as follows:

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IN			OUT		
Present	17 Feb	2,000	To Groups	21 Feb	1,000
Due	18 "	500	To Groups	28 Feb	600
Due	4 Mar(approx)	500	To Groups	7 March	600
Due	12 "(approx)	500			
TOTAL :		3,500			

17 Feb 45.

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Memorandum on the proposed future planning at CESANO

BLU RTC ICF
Ref 1/1/2

(1) On 13th Feb. anumber of officers from A.F.H.Q. visited CESANO with the object of ascertaining the true position and of preparing a report on conditions for Higher Authority.

(2) On 14th Feb. the D.M.T. Brigadier Kenchington visited CESANO and discussed Training problems with Col Rea. As a result of this meeting Brig. Kenchington sent a personal telgram to Brigadier Anderson at A.F.H.Q. requesting that orders should be given at a very high level to reduce the input into CESANO and thereby give the Training staff a chance of carrying out the duties which had been assigned to them.

(3)On 15th Feb. Lt-Col. Mackay had occasion to visit Afragola in connection with the winding up of his own Regiment.

(4) On 16th Feb. Lt-Col. Mackay visited G3 Org at A.F.H.Q. with a viewto obtaining a copy of the approved War Establishment to enable him to approach Reinforcements O2E on the subject of posting certain personnel of his Regiment to the CESANO centre within the approved War Establishment.
It so happened that at the moment of his arrival,the report referred to in Para 1. was under consideration and the telegram from Brig. Kenchington was under consideration by Brig. Anderson. As Lt-Col Mackay happened to be in the building he was instructed to attend Brig. Anderson's conference to discuss these matters. It was clearly understood that Lt-Col Mackay had no official status and his presence was purely fortuitous.
At the conference the following decisions were made:-
(A) That CESANO was origiginally designed for a ceiling of 7800 and that training personnel and equipment sufficient for this number had been supplied. Training would inevitably suffer if these facilities were utilised for a greater number of men and this would not occur.
(B) That authority had been granted for the ceiling to be raised to 11,250 but this ceiling would in no circumstances be implemented until training facilities and personnel were made available.
(C) That immediate steps would be taken to stop the flooding of CESANO with Patrioti and untrained recruits who could not be trained and therefore impeded the progress of training. Owing to the relatively long time required to stop the flow of intake,it was inevitable that a considerable number in excess of 7800 would arrive at CESANO. Orders were issued that these excess personnel would not be taken into CESANO but that a camp would be established at some considerable distance from Cesano to accomodate these excess personnel. Under no circumstances would this camp be located in the proximity of CESANO thus avoiding the possibility of recruits (without equipment) mingling with trainees at CESANO. The present excess over 7800 (approx 1500) would be dissipated by normal posting in accordance with the schedules already agreed.
(D) Eigth Army were informed that the standard of training of drafts from CESANO would progressively improve but that in the initial stages they must be content with drafts of virtually untrained recruits,but that at the end of eight weeks it was hoped that all drafts would have at least this period of British training. They have accepted this ruling. Steps were taken to ensure the provision

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(E) In order to implement the intention to increase the ceiling to 11,250, at the conclusion of eight weeks or at such time as the Training Commander considers that equipment and personnel are adequate, the numbers under training at CESANO will be progressively increased from 7800 to 11,250. In the meantime input into CESANO ex ORIOLO (the proposed location of the reception camp for recruits) will NEVER exceed output. That is if 800 men are posted forward on draft, 800 recruits will be transferred from ORIOLO to CESANO. Later when training facilities permit, the input will exceed output by such a number as can readily be handled by the training staff and this process will continue until the ceiling of 11,250 is reacned, when input and output will again be made to balance.

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The gist of these decisions was embodied in a telegram which was despatched to M.M.I.A. Rome.

(5) On 17th Feb Lt-Col Mackay visited M.M.I.A. and discussed the import of these decisions with Lt-Col Ingledew. The decisions were accepted as finding a most satisfactory solution to the problem and permission was requested to establish the camp at ORIOLO, which is some twenty miles away from CESANO. Col Ingledew offered to make additional transport available for the transfer of personnel from CESANO railhead to ORIOLO and directed that the A & Q staff should do all that was possible to establish the camp with as little delay as possible.

(6) On 18th Feb these decisions were communicated to Col Rea, who offered to place the services of Major Ward of his staff at the disposal of Lt-Col Mackay to assist in the organisation of the camp and to supervise elementary training of the recruits in it. Pending formal approval of the location by A.F.H.Q. all preliminary steps are being taken to prepare all that is necessary. It is understood from Col Ingledew that he will arrange with the War Ministry for the provision of all the essential Italian personnel. required to administer the Camp/

18 Feb 45

Lt-Col R.A.

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(2) If so I propose a further out in call ups to prevent trouble at ORIOLO.

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Any remarks?

W.P. Lt. 20 Feb

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W.P.
Lt.
20 Feb

Col P.

1.(a) I reckon Mackay's report is good and presents a true picture. Note his para 2.(b) Maj Ward should NOT really be sent as he forms part of the tg facilities for the 7800.

2. Movement has been set up for call-up as Appdix as under

1000 E.T.A. 22 Feb.
1000 " 28 Feb.
1000 " mid Mar.

These figures were considerably pruned and have been previously agreed and I hope you can still accept.

21 Feb.

3. Your para 3 agreed.

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From : AFHQ signed SAC cite FHQOT 17 1930 A

To : 8 ARMY

Info : 15 ARMY GROUP. 5 ARMYX FOR BR INCR. MMIA

Ref : FX 28980

SECRET

Reinforcements Italian Combat Groups is subject (*) CNF (*) Italian combat reinforcement training depot at CESANO is now starting to train reinforcements (*) Estimate however that approx 8 weeks reinforcements will elapse before properly trained reinforcements will be available from depot (*)

TWO (*) During interim period 8 weeks reinforcements will be sent forward to GRUPPI after careful screening by training staff (*) Propose send those with previous military trainigng first without further training in depot (*) Hereafter standared of training should improve progressively each week (*)

THREE (*) Understand that above arrangements are acceptable to you (*)

PLease confirm

PRIORITY

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Info 471 S/G/29/43

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FROM : AFH, SIGNED SACMED CITE FEGCT

TO : MMIA 162100A

INFO: 15 ARMY GROUP
EIGHT ARMY

FX 28432 SECRET

COMBAT REINFORCEMENT DEPOT CESANO IS SUBJECT (.) PARA 1 (.) UNTIL TRAINING AND ACCOMODATION FACILITIES AT CESANO IMPROVE AND TO ENABLE TRAINING OF EXISTING REINFORCEMENTS TO CONTINUE UNHINDERED REINFORCEMENT HOLDING AT DEPOT WILL NOT EXCEED FIGURE OF 7800 FOR WHICH EXISTING ESTABLISHMENT AND ARRANGEMENTS WERE DESIGNED (.) PARA 2 (.) WEEKLY MOVEMENT OUT OF DEPOT WILL BE MEANS BY WHICH PRESENT NUMBERS WILL BE REDUCED TO FIGURE OF 7800 (.) THEREAFTER INTAKE OF REINFORCEMENT PERSONNEL WILL NOT EXCEED OUTPUT (.) PARA 3 (.) PERSONNEL ALREADY ARRANGED TO MOVE TO CESANO IN FUTURE WILL BE DIVERTED TO OTHER DEPOTS EXCEPT THOSE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN CEILING AT 7800 (.) LEVEL (.) PARA 4 (.) AS ACCOMODATIONS AND TRAINING FACILITIES INCREASE THE CEILING FIGURE OF THE DEPOT WILL BE PROGRESSIVELY RAISED UNTIL FINAL AUTHORISED CEILING OF 11250 REPRESENTING A 25 PER CENT REINFORCEMENT HOLDING IS REACHED (.) PARA 5 (.) THE NUMBER 4 HOLDING REGT WHICH YOU REQUESTED AUTHORITY TO FORM IN YOUR S3627 OF 14 FEB WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED UNTIL CESANO DEPOT HAS TRAINED SUFFICIENT PERSONNEL TO WARRANT ITS FORMATION AS A HOLDING UNIT

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

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SUBJECT: Strength and Availability Returns.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/C/29/43
16 February 45

TO : Ministry of War.

Copy to: C.C. MLU, RTC, ICF, CESANO.

Reference our S/C/29/33 dated 29 Jan 45 not to all.

1. In making out strength and availability returns for the RTC ICF CESANO personnel attached to other schools or elsewhere and remaining on the strength of the RTC CESANO must be included.

For example signals personnel attached to the Signals School MOGERA and Engineer Personnel attached to the Gruppo MANTOVA for training must still be shown on the strength and availability returns for the RTC CESANO.

2. In fact, all Combat Group reinforcement personnel wherever they may be must still be shown on the strength of the RTC ICF CESANO until such a time as they are posted to Combat Groups as reinforcements.

R.E.A. Stone-Rawlins
Major General
M.M.I.A.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: MMIA

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN

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TO FOR ACTION: AFH

RESTRICTED

REF NO: SS 633

AGREE YOUR F28350 CITE FRUCT OF 13 FEB

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

INTERNAL DIST:

S/G/29/43
SD/43/1

SECRET

29/43

SUBJECT: Provision of Reinforcements to RTC ICF CESANO.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/45
15. Feb 45

TO : Ministry of War.

Copy to: CO HLU, RTC ICF.

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Reference your 12430/Mob of 8 February 1945. (para 1 by para)

1. It is intended that the number of reinforcements in the RTC at CESANO - BRACIANO shall not, at any time exceed 11,500. The intake of Call-ups and Patriots is planned on this figure after allowing for output, wastage, and recoveries. To keep within this maximum figure you, on your part, are to ensure that only the following types of personnel are sent to the R.T.C.

(a) Call ups of the categories and numbers authorised by MMIA.
(b) Patriot volunteers after proper selection as authorised by MMIA.
(c) Former members of Combat Groups returned from hospital or other absence (if fit).
(d) Specialists from other sources specifically ordered by MMIA.

2. All Italian Headquarters and Camps and Depots should be informed of this so as to prevent personnel being wrongly sent there.

3. It is proposed to handle the present temporary excess of untrained personnel by using No 2 as well as No 1 Regiments as allocation and basic training regiments and forming temporarily a No 4 Regiment at BRACIANO composed of reinforcements who are sufficiently trained to join combat groups almost at once. This proposal has been discussed at CESANO between Lt. Col. MACKAY and Brig. Gen. RICCARDI and has my approval, as a temporary measure. It should be implemented forthwith.

4. (a) It is agreed that the 2nd, 3rd Bns of the 336 Inf Regt (PICENO) now in ROMA, and the Artillery Group ex 80 AA Regruppamento in CAPUA shall not be sent to CESANO (except those volunteers for combat). Instruction for their disposal will be sent you separately.

(b) The formation of a regiment of recruits is not approved as the formation of No 4 regiment will make this unnecessary. 7292

(c) Personnel now at R.T.C. who have been found unsuitable for combat service should not have been sent there. To ease this situation it is agreed that certain personnel now at CESANO (not exceeding 400) who it is considered will never be fit for combat may be selected now for posting elsewhere. The numbers of these by types showing the source from which

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4. (a) It is agreed that the 2nd, 3rd Bns of the 336 Inf Regt (RICMO) now in ROME, and the Artillery Group ex 20 AA Raggruppamento in CATANIA shall not be sent to CERVINO (except those volunteers for combat). Instruction for their disposal will be sent you seperately.

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(d) Your proposal to post reinforcements to Groups in excess of war establishment cannot be approved. In no case will groups in action exceed their authorised strength. When the line moves forward an advanced Reinforcement Holding Centre will be established, details of which will be discussed shortly.

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4. (Cont'd)

(e) Of course all available suitable reinforcements are to be sent to the Groups so far as their weekly strength return require. The limiting factor at the moment is training.

5. . The answers are contained in the above letter.

W P Darley Colonel.
Major General
A.M.I.A.

Copy: Spec Dec

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SIGNAL

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FROM MMTA

TO AMIO

INFO DMT
BLU WTC WDC

SS: 627

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

REFERENCE VISIT MAJOR BARNES G3 GRC AND OFFICERS TO OMSANO

1S NOW (.) IN ORDER TO CATER FOR GREATER NUMBER OF ENTERTAINMENTS

WISH THERE BE MADE A TOTAL OF TWO L-5 B WHO SHOULD BE

QUESTIONS THAT ARRANGED OF ONE ADDITIONAL CREW OF T E NOT EXCEEDING

REQUIRE IN SHOOTING AND BECOMING IT BE ALLOWED (.) THIS LEAVE

WOULD NOTE ALL RECONNAISSANCE REQUIRED FOR SHOOTING FORWARD OF MAJOR

VISION AND COULD LATER BE SENT FORWARD WITH NECESSARY AS SUCCESS

C X U (.) DESIGNATION NUMBERED AS TWO A TOTALING INTERESTS

PROCESSING: Intelligent.

AUTHENTICATED: W Parker.

Colonel

11/9/23/43

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RESTRICTED

SUBJECT: War Establishments -
Liaison Units R.T.C. I.C.F.
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LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(N.E.I.A.)
S/C/29/43
12 February 45

TO : C.C. BLU R.T.C. I.C.F.
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Copy to: CG R.A.A.C.

Attached for information are unofficial copies of the W.E's of the BLU and British Training Increment at R.T.C. I.C.F., CERAMO as approved by the War Establishments Committee, AFHQ on 9 February, together with a copy of W.E. of the Italian Increment to a BLU, BA/509/1.

Major General
N.E.I.A.

G(Sr)

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RESTRICTED

SUBJECT: Formation of Units R.T.C. I.C.F.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/29/43
12 February 45

TO : C.C. HLU
R.T.C. I.C.F.

Copy to: R.A.A.C.

1. Attached, as requested by MMIA LC, are copies of the following W.E's :-

A Transport Platoon	MA/533/1
A Light Aid Detachment	MA/540/1
A Provost Section	MA/521/1

together with copy of AFHQ Signal F 23166 of 8 February.

2. The possibility of forming a Workshop Platoon, instead of or in addition to the LAD's, is under consideration by AFHQ.

for Major General.
M.M.I.A. 128

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TRANSLATION

(139)

Subject:- Inserting of Volunteers into Italian Combat Forces through the Reinforcement Training Centre.

From:- Ministry of War.

Ref: 203782/11
222.10.7

To:- M.M.I.A.

11 Feb 45.

1. Following verbal instructions issued on 9th inst. by MMIA to SMRE the sending to the CESANO Reinforcement Training Centre of all personnel from the following sources, who for the most part are volunteers for combat units, must be suspended.

(a) Volunteers for combat or patriot units who report a few at a time at the "CERSA" and "CERSETI" detachments because they are subject to call-up (excluding the patriots recruited in groups from time to time on specific authorization).

(b) Volunteers for combat units recruited by the districts during the calling up operations.

(c) Volunteers for combat units and specialists recovered or made available in the various HQs and units.

This refers in general and as a guiding figure of about 100 men each day: equal to 3,000 reinforcements each month; during the month of February this number has increased considerably due to the fact that many of the call-ups, at the time of making their appearance, have requested, and are requesting to join combat units.

According to the agreemants with MMIA, this personnel was sent immediately to the CESANO Training Centre.

2. It seems that this measure was caused by the actual excessive arrival of personnel at the CESANO Training Centre.

(132)

While I deem it necessary to recall to MMIA's attention what was proposed by SMRE with letter 12406/MOB dated 8th inst. in regard to the measures believed to be more suitable for reducing the CESANO Centre without causing limitations in the recruiting of volunteers, I believe it to be my duty to report the damaging repercussions which the solution mentioned above would undoubtedly have on the public opinion, which at the present moment is particularly delicate.

In fact, said solution would prevent the acceptance of volunteers who report alone and who request to fight, or would cause resentment or unauthorized leave owing to the time between the sending of the requests by the authorities in the area to SMRE, the sending of requests for authorization to MMIA, and the consequent decisions by MMIA, and the sending of these decisions to the authorities concerned.

While the governing authorities and parties continue to request a better comprehension by the citizen of his duties as a soldier by means of the press, radio, lectures, manifestos, and leaflets, obstacles and delays would once again hinder participation by the volunteers and the volunteers for the war of liberation

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3. Bearing in mind the above, we beg MMIA to take this question into consideration in order to solve it, avoiding limitations to the arrival of volunteers.

I await your decisions in regard to this matter.

Our reply on (143) in 3/c/29/43

(Sgd) CASATI.

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Inviata, prima, 1250/2 URGENTE

MIL/mm

MINISTERO DELLA GVERRA IN

Gabinetto.

Prot. N° 203782/11 *Allegati*
852-10.V

Risposta al f. del

Roma, 3800, *11* febbraio 1945

Div. *Sez.* 7

OGGETTO: Immissione di volontari nelle forze italiane di combattimento tramite centro addestramento complementi.-

Al LA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. - (M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

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1)- In seguito ad istruzioni verbali impartite in data 9 corrente da codesta M.M.I.A. allo Stato Maggiore R.Esercito, covreb be essere sospeso l'avviamento al centro addestramento comple menti di Cesano di tutto il personale, in massima parte volontario per reparti operanti, proveniente dalle seguenti fonti:

a)- i volontari per reparti operanti o patrioti che si presentavano alla spicciolata ai distaccamenti del "CERSA" e "CERSETI" perchè soggetti ad obblighi di leva (esclusi i patrioti reclutati volta per volta a blocchi su specifica autorizzazione);

b)- i volontari per reparti operanti reclutati dai distretti durante le operazioni di richiamo;

c)- i volontari per reparti operanti e gli specializzati recuperati o resisi disponibili nei varî comandi e reparti.-

Si tratta, in complesso e come cifra orientativa, di circa 100 uomini al giorno: pari a 3000 complementi al mese; tale cifra, durante il mese di febbraio, è stata in sensibile aumento, in relazione al fatto che molti richiamati, al momento della presentazione, hanno chiesto, e chiedono, di entrare a far parte di reparti combattenti.-
Secondo gli accordi in atto con codesta M.M.I.A., questo personale era senz'altro avviato al centro addestramento di Cesano.-

2)- Sembra che il provvedimento sia provocato dall'attuale eccessi-

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Risposta al f. del _____ Div. ____ Sez. ____ N. ____

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ROMA

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ISTITUTO POLIGRAFICO DELLO STATO

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Nel mentre ritengo opportuno richiamare l'attenzione di codesta M.M.I.A. su quanto proposto dallo Stato Maggiore R.Esercito col foglio n.12406/mob. in date 8 corrente in merito ai provvedimenti ritenuti più idonei allo scopo di alleggerire il centro di Cesano senza addivenire a limitazioni nel reclutamento dei volontari, sento il covere di prospettare le dannose ripercussioni che la soluzione di cui al numero precedente, avrebbe indubbiamente sull'opinione pubblica, in questo momento particolarmente delicato.-
Infatti la soluzione predetta, porterebbe, in pratica, a non accettare più i volontari che ora si presentano isoletamente chiedendo di andare a combattere, od a provocarne il risentimento o l'allontanamento arbitrario per il tempo che inevitabilmente viene frapposto fra la comunicazione delle domande da parte degli organi periferici allo Stato Maggiore, la richiesta di autorizzazione a codesta M.M.I.A. e conseguenti decisioni, la comunicazione delle decisioni agli organi interessati.-
Mentre gli organi governativi ed i partiti continuano sulla stampa, alla radio, con conferenze, con manifesti, con lancio di volantini a richiedere una maggiore comprensione del cittadino per i suoi doveri di soldato, un'altra volta verrebbero frapposti ostacoli ed indugi alla partecipazione dei volontari e dei volenterosi alla guerra di liberazione.-

3)- Tenuto conto di quento sopra, prego vivamente codesta M.M.I.A., di voler prendere la questione in benevola considerazione al fine di risolverla evitando limitazioni al flusso dei volontari.-

Rimango in attesa di decisioni al riguardo.-

IL MINISTRO

Casati

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RAAC MESSAGE FORM

CALL	CIRCUIT No.	PRIORITY	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS
	NR		QVR1/2

SPACES WITHIN RED LINES FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

2943

DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN 12 1215

FROM (A) ORD (Br) ROME AREA

TO (FOR ACTION) DADOS MMIA

Q | 05 | 24

MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS | GR

FADOS RTC ICF

TO (FOR INFORMATION) CO 2 SUB DEPOT 557 EOD

(REF. No.) OS/791/1000/954/1 (SECURITY CLASSIFICATION) CLEAR

BLANKETS QTY 14750 AWAITING COLLECTION AT 2 SUB DEPOT 557 EOD PD

IV 477367 REFERS PD ARRANGE EARLY COLLECTION

DADOS

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(1100 hrs)

Message sent 15 Feb. 15 hours will collect these blankets 0800 hrs 18 Feb. 7285 -

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	ORIGINATOR'S AUTHENTICATION:		

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Subject: Personnel of REILLY & Ifts for 8 Med. Coy. 29/43 769/84

11 Feb. 1945

The following details are passed to you for information:-

FROM : DEL 615 101830A
TO : MMIA :: MOVWIT RAIL :: AC TN REGGIO :: MOV ROME

305 RESTRICTED. REF MOVWIT SIGNAL MOV/CTI/J6
OF 05 FEB NOT TO ALL AND PHONE CONVERSATION MOVWIT DEL 615
OF TODAY. OUR SIGNAL 277 OF 03 FEB IS CANCELLED 960 ITALIAN
MILITARY PERSONNEL WILL MOVE FROM CALABRIA NORTH BOUND AS FOLLOWS.
ONE. 400 VOLUNTEERS EX SICILY WILL DEPART REGGIO FOR CESANO 13
FEB 1320 HRS BY TRAIN PATH 1938 WEST COAST ROUTE.
STOCK 11 COVANS R PASSENGER TRAIN ROLLING STOCK. ARRIVE PETRACE
1530 HRS RE-ENTRAINMENT GIOIA TAURO AND FORWARD FROM THERE
1750 HRS BY RAIN PATH 8832. STOCK 11 COVANS. TWO. 400 ITALIAN
MILITARY PERSONNEL WILL DEPART VIBO 13 FEB 1940 HRS ON 11 COVANS
FOR ASTRONI BY TRAIN PATH 8832 EX GIOIA TAURO. THREE. 10 OFFICERS
20. NCOS 130 ORS FOR 8 MED COY WILL DEPART CATANZARO SALA FOR
ROME 13 FEB 1645 HRS ON 5 COVANS BY TRAIN PATH 8530 ARRIVING
S EUFEMIA. 4. AT S EUFEMIA THESE 5 COVANS WILL JOIN TRAIN
PATH 8832 EX GIOXIA TAURO VIBO AND FORWARD FROM THERE 1945
HRS. RFA BATTIPAGLIA 14 0830 HRS. TOTAL STOCK 27 COVANS.

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Spl. Sec. (1)
Major Pinkley (1)
Med. (1)
SHAEF (1)
Float (1)
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FILE 851/23
FILE 866/5

Capt. R.A.
S/Capt Q(M)
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer.-

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ROME AREA

FREEDOM (G4 BRIT)

FREEDOM (G5 GNG) MAIA DESTWO

CG FBS DMT, AFHQ.

SD 759

SECRET

(225/3/Q(Maint))

YOUR SIX TWO TWO EIGHT SLANT THREE SLANT Q(MAINT) OF SEVEN FEBRS (.)
PARA TWO (A) IS SUBJECT (.) AIRWAY BASE REFERRED TO WITHIN SECURITY TNG AREA
HELD BY RAC (.) CONSIDER HIGH DEGREE SECURITY VITALLY NECESSARY MAY BE
JEOPARDISED IF ITALIAN PERSONNEL PERMITTED ENTRANCE (.) WOULD ASK WHETHER
THIS POINT COULD BE CLARIFIED AND ADVICE OF APPROVAL IF GIVEN NOTIFIED (.)
UNDERSTAND TNG TEMPORARILY DISCONTINUED BUT TOYS STILL IN AREA AND INCREASE IN
NUMBERS EXPECTED (.) REQUEST EARLY NOTIFICATION OF POLICY

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S/Sec 12/2

SUBJECT : Trg Eqpt - Rft Trg Centre - Italian Combat Force.

D.M.T. A.F.H.Q. C.M.F.

Tel : 11656

DMT/88/4/MT.1

10 Feb '45.

Q(AE) AFHQ.

Copy to :- G-3 Org (F) AFHQ.
Engrs Sec AFHQ.
Fd Arty Sec AFHQ.
HQ Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA)
Rft Trg Centre - Italian Combat Force.

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Truck 15 cwt Air Compressor	1
Lorry 3 ton Winch	1

B. ARTILLERY SCHOOL - RTC ICF.

Tractors LAA (For Towing 25 prs, 17 prs & 40mm's)	10
Trucks 15 cwt W/T	6
Motor Cycles Solo	5

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10 Feb '45.

Q(AE) AFHQ.

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Brig.,
D.M.T.

RY/rm

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

SEGRETO

N° 12406 /Mob. di prot. P.M.3800,li 8 febbraio 1945

OGGETTO : centro addestramento complementi forze italiane di combattimento.

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. (M.M.I.A.) R O M A

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO GUERRA - Gabinetto - Ufficio C.A. P.M.3800
AL COMANDO TERRITORIALE DI R O M A
(rif.f.13151/O.A.O.M. del 5/1/45)
AL COMANDO DIVISIONE "PICENO"
(Centro Addestramento Complementi Forze Ital.Combatt.) P.M. 92
(rif.f.05/179/S/S.M. del 4/1/45)
ALLO S.M.R.E. - Ufficio Addestramento S E D E

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1) - Il centro addestramento complementi verrà ad avere in forza entro la fine del corrente mese circa 15.000 uomini (7500 presenti + 8250 di prevista affluenza). Altri 7000 richiamati e reclute affluiranno in marzo.
La cifra di 15000 u. rappresenta la capienza massima degli alloggiamenti nella zona di CESANO-BRACCIANO-MANZIANA, raggiunta sfruttando tutte le disponibilità di locali nei vari centri abitati della zona, sparsi su di una vasta area a distanze notevoli tra loro. Ed é già inferiore all'affluenza prevista. Ciò porta notevoli inconvenienti per quanto concerne l'azione di comando, il controllo disciplinare ed addestrativo del personale, il funzionamento dei servizi in relazione ai mezzi disponibili ed all'eccessivo peso dei reparti. Inoltre la occupazione di tutti i locali sfruttabili crea altre difficoltà nello svolgimento dell'attività addestrativa, in quanto alcuni locali che sarebbe opportuno destinare alla parte addestrativa devono invece essere impiegati per alloggiarvi il personale.

2) - Con l'affluenza delle 6000 reclute delle classi 1924 e '25, provenienti dalla chiamata in Puglia e Lucania, e di cui 2000 sono previste in arrivo al centro entro il corrente mese, il 1° reggimento raccolta e smistamento si dovrebbe, in conseguenza della forte massa di personale da incorporare, necessariamente scindere in varie località : aggravando così le già sue difficili condizioni di funzionamento.

3) - Le difficoltà e gli inconvenienti sopra esposti si riflettono in definitiva sopratutto sull'attività essenziale del centro, che é quella addestrativa.

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I gruppi ora in linea e quelli di prossimo impiego richiedono insistentemente personale addestrato alle armi inglesi e specializzati: mentre il centro é in grado, per ora, di soddisfare queste richieste pressanti solo in minima parte.
Nel momento attuale, pertanto, é di capitale importanza il problema delle qualità dei complementi, mentre non desta preoccupazioni il problema della quantità dei complementi stessi. Anche il gruppo "MANTOVA", che nel periodo 15 gennaio - 31 gennaio ha ricevuto oltre 1700 uomini già destinati al centro addestramento, é ormai largamente completato come personale generico.
L'efficace funzionamento del centro addestramento nei suoi vari organi addestrativi é quindi, come del resto é ben noto a codesta M.M.I.A. che tanto si é interessata della questione, di importanza essenziale. Per realizzare questo scopo é opportuno che il centro addestramento non sia oberato da una massa di personale in continuo aumento e molto superiore alla forza prevista dagli organici concordati. Altrimenti il centro deve impegnare tutta la propria attività in quello che é il funzionamento di una grande tappa.

4) - Pertanto questo S.M. riterrebbe opportuno adottare i seguenti provvedimenti :

a)- destinare ad altro impiego, i battaglioni bis del "PICENO" già in servizio di ordine pubblico a ROMA (II e III battaglione bis 336° fanteria): tanto più che si tratta di personale che, per i suoi precedenti, é meno idoneo ad essere impiegato in reparti combattenti;

b)- costituire, come da accordi con il magg. BAUMANN di codesta M.M.I.A., in località da stabilirsi (zona VITERBO-FARA SABINA) un reggimento reclute sempre alle dipendenze del centro, con lo specifico incarico di accogliere , inquadrare e dare il primo addestramento formale alle reclute;

c)- autorizzare la cessione da parte del centro addestramento alle unità ausiliarie BR-ITI US-ITI ed ai reparti ITI-ITI, del personale comunque risultante meno idoneo all'impiego nei reparti combattenti dopo un primo periodo passato nel 1° reggimento raccolta e smistamento, od a seguito di scarso rendimento dimostrato nel successivo addestramento presso le varie scuole. Tale ultimo provvedimento sarebbe molto opportuno, in quanto consentirebbe un'ulteriore selezione del personale nell'ambito del centro a tutto vantaggio dei reparti combattenti;

d)- aumentare al 10% il personale assegnato in soprannumero ai gruppi, se del caso costituendo presso gli stessi un battaglione complementi: da cui si rifornirebbero direttamente i reparti del gruppo e che sarebbe a sua volta rifornito dal centro a più lunghi intervalli. Si realizzerebbe in tal modo anche una maggiore tempestività nella assegnazione dei complementi ai reparti, rendendola indipendente entro larghi limiti dai trasporti ferroviari, sempre piuttosto dilazionati rispetto alle richieste;

e)- avviare subito ai gruppi tutti i complementi disponibili.

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5) - Poiché alcuni dei provvedimenti proposti richiedono un minimo di tempo per l'attuazione, mentre sono imminenti i movimenti di personale a cui si riferiscono, si prega codesta M.M.I.A. di voler comunicare con cortese sollecitudine le proprie decisioni per quanto concerne il precedente capo 4) comma a), c), d), e); e di confermare quanto già in corso di attuazione circa il comma b).-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

P. C. C.
IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(Guido Chiavarino)

S. M. R. E. UFF. ORD. MOB.

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Subject:- Artillery Ranges - CIVITAVECCHIA

ROME 791844 Ext 1
791873 Ext 1

G10/3

8 Feb 45

S/Sec

HQ Peninsular Base Section
Land Forces Sub Commission MMIA
Provincial Commissioner AC ROME
Provincial Commissioner AC VITERBO
Real Estate Sec RAAC

1. It is hereby notified that 7 AGRA will use Range Area 'C' for the period 13 Feb 45 to 16 Feb 45 (inclusive).

2. Sindacos and Carabinieri of all affected Communes are being so warned by HQ 7 AGRA.

Colonel
Commander
201 Sub Area

In the field
GDH/lds

Copies to: G-3 (Br) RAAC
HQ 7 AGRA
238 Town Major

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COPY. 29/43?

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FROM : AFHQ

TO : MMTA

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F 26230

RESTRICTED.

PROPOSALS FOR FORMATION AUXILIARY UNITS FOR CESARC AGREED EXCEPT RECOMMEND SUBSTITUTION OF MECH ENGRS PL FOR ONE OF THE TWO LADS (*) WILL AUTHORISE FORMATION ACCORDINGLY UNLESS YOU HAVE OBJECTION

Precedence - IMPORTANT

SD DIST:

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Spec Sec.

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= 029/45B 2/4/43 7.9/90 130

From :- Mov. L.O. (MMIA).

15 Feb 45.

SICILY Call-up.

Following is forwarded for your information.

FROM DEL 615. 14

TO MMIA. MOVWIT. MOV ROME. MOV LO 204 SUB AREA. AC TN REGIO.

314 (.) RESTRICTED (.) Further our signal 313 of 13 Feb (.) 6 covans ex CATANZARO SALA arrived S EUFEMIA am 13 Feb 1908 hrsby train 8530 (.) 11 covans ex GIOIA TAURA 10 covans ex VIBO arrived S EUFEMIA even date 1940 hrs by train 8832 (.) Total stock 27 covans dep S EUFEMIA Northbound 1945 hrs on train path 8832 (.) For strength and destinations personnel ex GIOIA TAURA and CATANZARO SALA vide our signal 313 (.)

Strength ex VIBO 4 Offrs 266 ORs for ASTRONI.

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Copy to :- G(Internal).
Special Section.
Major Pinkley.
Medical.
Ufficio Trasporti.
Float File.
File 871.
File 851/28.
File 866.

Capt RA.
(W. A. A. Evans).
Mov. L.O.

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14 Feb. 1945

Subject: SICILY ( )11 UP.

The following details are passed to you for information:

FROM : DEL 615
TO : MOVWIT (RL) :: MOV ROME :: MOV LO 204 :: SUB AREA :: AC TN REGGIO MMIA ::
QQX GR115 BT
313 RESTRICTED. REF OUR SIGNAL 305 OF 10 FEB. ONE.
387 VOLUNTEERS EX SICILY WITH ESCORT 5 OFFRS 4 ORS 2 CCRR DEPARTED REGGIO TODAY 1320 HRS BY TRAIN PATH 1938 FOR PETRACE. STOCK 3 COACHES 6 COVANS. OC TRAIN CAPITANO SASIO. SAME PERSONNEL DEPARTED GIOIA TAURO NORTHBOUND 1655 HRS BY TRAIN PATH 8832. STOCK 11 COVANS. DESTINATION THESE 400 IS NOW ASTRONI AND NOT (R) NOT CESANO ACCORDING TO MMIA SIGNAL SD2276 OF 11 FEB.
TWO. 10 OFFRS 20 NCOS 130 ORS FOR 8 MED COY DEPARTED CATANZARO SALA FOR ROME TODAY 1651 HRS BY TRAIN PATH 8530 ON 6 COVANS ROUTE S. EUFEMIA.

Copies to : G (2)
Spl. Sec. (1)
Major Pinkley (1)
Med. (1)
SHAEF (1)
FLOAT (1)

Copies to : FILE 871
FILE 851/28
FILE 866

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Capt; RA.
WAA; Evans
Movements Liaison Officer.

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SIGNAL

FROM: MMIA

TO : AFHQ FOR G-1 (ER) and MOV

Date 11 Time 1730 A

INFO: PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO
RTC ICF FOR MMIA LO
ALCOM SICILY FOR MMIA LO
MOVWIT
DELEGAZIONE TRASPORTI 615 REGGIO
MINISTRY OF WAR

SD 2276

SECRET

PARA 22 OF SD 2260 OF 8 FEB NOT TO ALL IS CONFIRMED (.)

NO PERSONNEL FROM CURRENT S I C I L Y RECALL ROUNDUP

WILL BE ALLOTTED TO COMBAT (.) ALL PERSONNEL WILL BE

ALLOTTED TO SERVICE UNITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRIORITIES

PUBLISHED IN MMIA SIGNAL SD 2217 OF 31 JAN PARA 5 OF

WHICH IS CANCELLED

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATED [signature]

Internal: S/Sec
AQ
Mov (2)
File: SD/49

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150930 A

MMIA

BLU RTC ICF

AQ2733

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WAR MINISTRY WILL BE COLLECTING APPROX 60 MEN ON 18 FEBRUARY TO ATTEND PATRIOT DAY PARADE IN ROME (.) GEN BROWNING HAS AUTHORIZED DAY OFF (.) MEN WILL DEPART WITH NO REPEAT NO ARMS

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SPEC SEC MMIA

G MMIA

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Subject :- Personnel Moves ex CESANO.

Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.).
Tel :- ROME 478206.
Ref :- Mov/P/4.
15 Feb 45.

To :- Special Section.
G Internal.
Ufficio Trasporti.
C.C. B.L.U. R.T.C. I.C.F.
MMIA LO, c/o R.T.C. I.C.F.

200 Italian FRIULI Gp Rfts - CESANO to PESARO.
200 Italian CREMONA Gp Rfts - CESANO to PESARO.

The above will entrain in 15 box wagons at CESANO Station on 17 Feb 45 for onward routing to PESARO.

Ufficio Trasporti will communicate these details to Italian Movement Control at CESANO.

W A Evans
Capt. RA.
(W.A.A. Evans) 5227
Movements Liaison Officer.

Copy to :- File 814/17.
852/17.

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SUBJECT: Reinforcement Training

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ, CMF

Tel: 11667

DMT/55/MT1

13 Feb 45.

Is this correct
WSP
I see no correction.

100

HQ M.M.I.A.

Reference your S/G/29/43 dated February 45.

The view of this Directorate has always been that eight weeks was insufficient to train a reinforcement to a standard where he is fit to take his place in a unit. In the case of personnel who have had no previous service (vide Apulia call up) this period should be at least three months.

This Directorate therefore recommends that this period of training be lengthened in view of the increase recently authorised in reinforcement holdings.

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N.Z.D. wants 8 wks

HMF/he

J Brig.,
D.M.T.

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MESSAGE FORM.

FROM : MMIA

TO : AFHQ FOR GI(BR) AND MOV

REF NO SD 2287

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN.

14 1430 A

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Security Classification CONFIDENTIAL.

MOVCENT SIGNAL MOV 374 OF 12 ORDERS MOVE 500 PATRIOTS AREZZO TO CESANO DI ROMA 18 FEB (*) OUR BIDS ARE FOR 16 FEB AND 20 FEB (*) PLEASE CANCEL MOV 18 FEB

Precedence IMMEDIATE.

Authenticated Wtd/Lt Col

Internal:

AQ.
MOV (2)
SPEC SEC.

to.

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Subject: Move of Patriots to Cesano. 10/43

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851/24

13 Feb. 45

The following details are passed to you for informations

FROM : MOV CENT 12188A
TO : MOV AREZZO :: MOV FOLIGNO ::
MOV 5 ARMY :: FOR BR INCR :: MOV 15 ARMY GP ::
55 AREA :: MOV ROME :: MMIA ROME

MOV 374

CONFIDENTIAL (.) ITALIAN PATRIOTS 500 PERSONNEL MOVE BY RAIL AREZZO TO CESANA DI ROMA 18 FEB IN 18 BOXES (.)

AREZZO DEP 182000 CESANA DI ROMA ARR 191200

Copies to : G (2)
Spl. Sec.
SMRE
FLOAT
CC. BLU. RTC. ICF.
LO. BLU. RTC. ICF.

for W A Brand
Capt. RE;
S/Capt QM(M)
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liason Officer.-

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Subject: Move of Patr s Arezzo to Cesano. 2943 851/25

13 Feb. 1945

The following details are passed to you for information :-

Date of Departure.	From	To	Number	Date of arrival.
16/2	AREZZO	CESANO	500	17/2
18/2	AREZZO	CESANO	500	19/2

Copies to : G (2)
Spl. Sec.
SHAEF
FLOAT
CC. BLU. RTC. ICF.
LO. BLU. RTC. ICF.

W A Evans
Capt. RA.
S/Capt Q(M)
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer.-

D. 7262

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SUBJECT: W.E's.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/C/29/43
11 February 45

TO : M.M.I.A. LO
R.T.C. I.C.P.

1. Attached, as requested, is a copy of the instructions for submitting new W.E's or amendments to existing W.E's.

for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Artillery Ranges - CIVITAVECCHIA

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
8/G/29/43
1\ February 45

TO : 201 Sub Area.

Copy to: BLU, RTC TCF CESANO.

1. Reference your G10/3 of 8 February 1945 notifying H.Q.'s concerned that 7 ACRA will use Range Area 'C' for the period 13 Feb 45 to 16 Feb 45.

2. It would be appreciated if you would send future notification of this kind to C.C. BLU (British Liaison Unit) RTC TCF CESANO, which is now established, and not to MMIA, as any necessary action would be with the BLU.

Major General
M.M.I.A.

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SIGNAL 2943

FROM M M I A

TO A F H Q

INFO MINISTRY OF WAR
HQ A C FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (SUB COMMISSION
CG HLU RTG ICF CESANO

SD 2271 SECURITY CLASSIFICATION RESTRICTED

REF YOUR F 23165 DATED 8 FEB CITE F H G C T (.) DESIGNATIONS REQUESTED FOR TPT PLATOON AND CARABINIERI SEC FOR R T C I C F CESANO ARR AS FOLLOWS (.) 1506 (INDEPENDENT) TRANSPORT PLATOON R T C I C F (.) 156 SECTION C C R R R T C I C F

PRECEDENCE

AUTHENTICATED

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INTERNAL:
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Spec Sec

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SECRET

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FROM MENTA

TO 50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU
53 BLU
56 BLU
OC BLU ETC ICF CESANO

INFO MINISTRY OF WAR

SS 617 SECURITY CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL

ONCE IN THE LINE COMBAT GROUPS ARE N O T ENTITLED TO HOLD THE
5% OF REINFORCEMENTS ALLOWED THEM DURING TRAINING

PRECEDENCE Important

AUTHENTICATED [illegible] Colonel

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S/G/29/43

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SECRET 117

SUBJECT: Strength - R.T.C., I.C.F.

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/C/29/43
8 Feb 45.

To: 15 Army Group.

Ref your signal A 198 of 31 Jan 45.

Herewith, as requested, availability of reinforcements state of R.T.C, I.C.F. as at 2359 hrs 5 Feb 45.

We regret that these returns are late owing to the fact that it is the first time that they have been made out. We hope, but do not guarantee, in future to be able to render them in time to be of use to you.

K. S. A. Stone-Lewis Capt
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.

ts.

S/gm

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI

N. 955 prot. P.M. 3800 li 30 gennaio 1945

Allegati

Risposta al foglio N. del

OGGETTO: Reclutamento volontari a Firenze.-

AL COMANDO DELLA DELEGAZIONE "T" P.M. 179
AL COMANDO DELLA 231ª DIVISIONE P.M. 167
AL CENTRO ADDESTRAMENTO di CESANO
e, per conoscenza:
AL MINISTERO della GUERRA - GABINETTO P.M.3800
ALLA A.C. - SUB COMMISSION LAND FORCE R O M A
(M.M.I.A.) per il Magg. Baumann

Pregasi portare la seguente rettifica al foglio 881/Op. del 27 c.m. :

Paragrafo 6 lettere b) e c) = La coperta che verrà distribuita a Firenze resterà in permanente consegna al volontario e sarà una delle due che esso dovrà avere in dotazione.

Il Centro Addestramento di Cesano è pertanto pregato voler avviare in tempo utile al Comando Delegazione "T" le coperte da distribuire ai volontari i quali - come è noto - partono da Firenze a blocchi di 500 u. ogni quattro giorni.

Per il trasporto suddetto il Comando del Centro di Cesano si varrà degli automezzi che servono per trasportare a Firenze il personale d'inquadramento dei singoli scaglioni.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
- Alessandro Panti -

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N. 955 prot. P.M. 3600 li 30 gennaio 1945

Allegati

Risposta al foglio N.

del

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AL COMANDO DELLA DELEGAZIONE "T" P.M. 179
AL COMANDO DELLA 231ª DIVISIONE P.M. 167
AL CENTRO ADDESTRAMENTO di CESANO

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO della GUERRA - GABINETTO P.M.3600
ROMA
ALLA A.C. - SUB COMMISSION LAND FORCE
(M.M.I.A.) per il Magg. Baumann

Pregasi portare la seguente rettifica al foglio 88I/Op. del 27 c.m. :

Paragrafo 6 lettere b) e c) = La coperta che verrà distribuita a Firenze resterà in permanente consegna al volontario e sarà una delle due che esso dovrà avere in dotazione.

Il Centro Addestramento di Cesano è pertanto pregato voler avviare in tempo utile al Comando Delegazione "T" le coperte da distribuire ai volontari i quali - come è noto - partono da Firenze a blocchi di 500 u. ogni quattro giorni.

Per il trasporto suddetto il Comando del Centro di Cesano si varrà degli automezzi che servono per trasportare a Firenze il personale d'inquadramento dei singoli scaglioni.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
- Alessandro Panti -

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CESARO

N. 115
22/2/43

Ministero della Guerra

GABINETTO

P.M. 3800, 28 gennaio 1945

PRO MEMORIA PER IL SIGNOR MAGGIORE BAUMAN

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Lt Col OLIVER visited ANAGNI & reported HOT suitable for refugees on 2/3 Feb. & will definitely.

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TRANSLATION.

From: Ministry of War.

To : High Commissary for War Refugees.

Ref: 200972/11

Date: Jan 17, 1945.

SUBJECT: Billeting of Mil. Chemical City at CESANO.

M.M.I.A. (see enclosed letter) insists that the CESANO Camp (ROME) be immediately evacuated in order to billet there the Reinforcement Training Centre of the Combat Groups.

In regard to the above, please order the immediate evacuation of said camp, transferring elsewhere the refugees located there, and please confirm the complete availability of the SABAUDA Barracks.

IL MINISTRO

s/d F/to ALESSANDRO CASATI.

tvs. COPY AQ - 28 Jan

Do Mr. Bannerman's Action taken or not-

B/F : Mr Bannerman 29/1 (59)

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COPY

Mem. Date 7/3

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - CABINETTO -

PROT. N. 200972/II - ALL. I

P.M. 3800 - 17.I.1945.

OGETTO: Accantonementi Città Chimica Militare di Cesano.

Military Chemical Lab at Cesano

A SUA ECC.ZA L'ALTO COMMISSARIO PER I PROFUHI DI GUERRA - ROMA -

(Rif. lettere N. 207616 del 30.12.1944 e N. 200438 del 9.1.1945
220-21-3 220-21-I

e per conoscenze:

ALLA PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI * ROMA *

La Sottocommissione Alleata per l'Escercito, con la lettere che unisco in copia, insiste per la pronte evacuazione del campo di Cesano di Roma allo scopo di alloggiarvi il Centro Addestramento Complementi dei Gruppi di Combattimento.

In relazione a quanto sopra prego V.E. voler disporre per il sollecito sgombero del Campo transferando altrove i profughi ivi sistemati confermando la completa disponibilita, come gia indicato, delle Caserme funzionale di Sabaudia.

IL M I N I S T R O

F/to Alessandro Casati

7259

Roma, 26 gennaio 1945

APPUNTO PER IL MAGG. BAUMAN

Circa il tempo occorrente per provvedere di luce ed acqua la caserma funzionale di Sabaudia, la Direzione Generale del Genio ha fornito i seguenti appunti:

a) - Luce - Circa l'impianto di luce nella Casermafunzionale si fa noto:
- esiste in prossimità una linea ad alta tensione (5.000 V.) ed esisteva un trasformatorino palo, ritirato, durante l'occupazione nazista, dalla Società Laziale di Elettricità.
L'impianto interno nelle casermette era stato iniziato soltanto nel fabbricato n° 4.
Per l'impianto provvisorio in tutte le casermette, si prevedono circa 35 giorni - tranne le difficoltà nelle provviste dei materiali.

b) - Acqua - Esiste un pozzo trivellato di 67 mt. di profondità dal quale era previsto di portare l'acqua in un serbatoio che però non è stato costruito.
Manca la pompa iniettore.
Solo nel fabbricato n° 4 era stato eseguito l'impianto, ma ora è molto danneggiato.
Volendo provvedere al rifornimento con carattere provvisorio e cioè con impianto esterno ai fabbricati, (cosa possibile perchè la fognatura è già completata) si prevede una durata di circa 1 mese e 1/2 tranne difficoltà nelle provviste dei materiali.

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Bonfiglio Pandi ANAGNI

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q(Maint) Section

6228/3/Q(Maint)

Tel: FREEDOM 290

7 Feb 45

SUBJECT:- Italian Army Enclave - BRACCIANO

TO :- Land Forces Sub-Commission ACC. (30)

S/Sec 107

Ref your letter S/C/29/43 dated 6 Jan 45.

1. The Italian Army Enclave defined in your letter is approved, having been concurred in by:-

(a) CC PBS - ref AC 635 dated 27 Jan 45.

(b) RAAC - ref SD 307 dated 17 Jan 45.

2. Please note :-

(a) that MAAF has requested from Air Forces Sub-Commission AC the use of the Imperial Airway Base at BRACCIANO, 2½ miles from VIGNA DI VALLE and TREVIGANO.

(b) The Italian Artillery ranges extend into the Enclave. The prime responsibility for safety precautions, notification of boundaries and warnings, will be that of the Italian Army authorities in conjunction with 201 Sub-Area.

J.A.J. FIELD, Lt. Col.,
for Major General,
G-4 (B).

FTC/HSR

Copy to: HQ, No 5 District,
HQ, RAAC,
CG, PBS,
DMT,
G-3,
G-4(A),
G-4(B).

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HQ, No 3 District,
HQ, RAAC,
CG, PBS,
DMT,
G-3,
G-4(A),
G-4(B).

(1) Copy to OC. BLO. (Headquarters) RTC

together with a copy of ff (30) for info

Sent Sat 13

(2) Circulate in M.M.I.A.

WP
10 Feb

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGCT 29/43

TO : MAIA

F 23166

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RESTRICTED

YOUR SD/57 OF 13 JANUARY (.) FORMATION OF TPT PLATOON AND CARABINIERI SEC FOR CESANO NOW AGREED (.) FORWARD DESIRED DESIGNATIONS SOONEST FOR PUBLICATION OF FORMATION ORDERS

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

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SD DIST.: SD/45/1
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155 Section (C.C.R.)
1500 (Independent) Transport Platoon, R.T.C., I.C.F.

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SIGS OFFICE BARLETTA FOR O'DONNELL

54 AREA FOR MMIA LO

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REPORT URGENTLY NUMBER OF SGTS CPLS AND L/CPLS IN RFT CAMPS AVAILABLE FOR POSTING (.) SECOND (.) REQUIRE 60 FORESTRY PERSONNEL (.) REPORT AVAILABILITY

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

Internal: Min of War
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Subject: MOVES OF ORMO

2743. AFR 844/15 Enclpl 9/2/45 07

The following details are passed to you for information:

FROM MOV ROME
TO (1) RTO ROME TERMINI (2) 774 HLY GD DIV (3) MOV LO MILIA
(4) DELEGAZIONE TRASPORTI (5) 2 ROC (6) MOVCENT (7) MOV FOLIGNO
(8) MOV ANCONA (9) MOV ESQUILL (10) MOVWIT (11) MOVEIT
(12) MOV ORTONA

TO 3344 SECRET

British Italian reinforcements will depart CESANO DI ROMA in 20 box 03 Feb. Strengths: To PESARO(.) ORTONA GP 200- FRIULI GP 200 (.) To ORTONA (.) FOLGORE GP 200 (.) Stock to be placed 0900 hrs(.) Troops entrain 1000 hrs depart earliest (.) ORTONA party to be detached ROMA TUSCOLANA (.) Personnel entrain with 3 days rations for PESARO 4 days rations for ORTONA (.) ETA PESARO am 11 Feb. ORTONA am 12 Feb.

Copies to G (2)
Spl.Sec.
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W A Evans
Capt RA.
for C/Capt. Q(M)
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer

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29/43 AGR 106

SECRET

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No: SD/41
Feb 45

TO : K.E. Count CASATI
MINISTER FOR WAR

1. This is to draw your attention to the fact that personnel enlisting into the Italian Army do so on the same terms as enlistment into any other army, that is to say, personnel are liable to be sent to any type of formation and be used according to the exigencies of the service.

2. I bring the point up at this stage because there is a growing popularity for joining the Combat Gps. As your Excellency well knows, the ceiling for the Combat Gps is approximately one fifth of the ceiling for the whole Army and can NOT be increased. While in no way failing to appreciate the excellent spirit which animates the desire for combat, I feel the time will soon come when volunteer recalls or call-ups for combat may have to be diverted to other units. The employment of these other units, although not as spectacular as the combat gps, is just as important in the Allied war effort.

3. Priority for incorporation into the Gruppi is at present the patriot volunteer together with a small proportion of 1924/25 class call-up.

4. I shall be pleased if your Excellency will bring the above to the notice of Territorial HQ's and Districts as well as the appropriate branches of the War Ministry.

Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Internal: A/Q
Spec Sec

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AUTHORITY FOR ATTACHMENT.

Date 5 Feb 45.
From:— G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon, C.M.F.
To:— Reallocation Centre (421 Area)

SHEET No:
Ref. No: 02E/MP/ATT/ 4207

PART I. AUTHORITY IS GRANTED, subject to the under mentioned conditions, for the attachment of personnel shown in Part IV. to:—

Fifth Try Centre - Italian Combat Forces, C/S 680.

PART II. MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL.

(a) Movement will be arranged by this H.Q.

(b) (i) Holding unit will despatch personnel shown in Part IV to ~~non Echelon transport, to await unit collection.~~

(ii) Receiving unit will collect personnel, from ~~4 days after receipt of this Advice.~~

(Delete (a) or (b), whichever is not applicable).

PART. III. CONDITIONS OF ATTACHMENT.

This AUTHORITY will be subject to:—

(a) Termination at 24 hrs notice by this H.Q. at any time.
(b) Return of personnel under unit arrangements.
(c) Monthly review.
(d) Date of Review 10 March 45.
(e) Under no circumstances will the u/m personnel be absorbed into W.E. without prior authority from this Headquarters.
(f) All Casualties in respect of the u/m personnel will be published on appropriate A.F.W.3012. Throughout the period of attachment, personnel will be accounted for in Part 'B' of A.F.W.3009.
(g) On the termination of this Attachment, personnel will be returned to Reallocation Centre and this H.Q. informed.

PART IV.

No.	Rank.	Name.	Arm.	A. S. C. Recommendation	Med. Cat.	Age.	Date of Despatch.	Date of Arrival.
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
A 2974032	Sgt	GUAY, W.	A & SR	Office Head Cashier	A.1	38		

Note:— Column (h) will be completed by the Holding Unit.
Column (i) will be completed by the Receiving Unit.

Copy to:- Fifth Try Centre Italian Combat Forces, C/S 680.
S/Capt (02E Reallocation Centre
S/S (Inf)
C.M.F.— Land Forces Sub Commission AC [illegible] HQ G-1(B)/2180 - your G/1546/G1(Per) of 1 Feb

T.U. Rawdon
Brigadier,
D.A.G.,
G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon.

SP 7252 -

PART V. INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF FORM.

SHEET 1. Will be retained by the Holding Unit.
SHEET 2. Will be returned to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon (Manpower Section) showing the date on which personnel are despatched.
SHEET 3. Will be sent with Personnel to Unit to which attached, and returned to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon (Manpower Section) showing date on which personnel arrived.
SHEET 4. File. SHEET 5. S/Capt. (Mov) 02E.

All correspondence relating to this attachment will quote: 02E/MP/ATT/

P.S.S./B/D117/50M/10-44

29/43 DPR 104

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION.

DPR/25/G-II (IT) Tel: 489081 Ext: 594. 8th February 1945.

SUBJECT : Cesano Camp.

TO : High Commissioner for War Refugees.

Confirming telephone conversation (Cneto - Oliver) - Subject move of refugees from CESANO to SABAUDIA.

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2. We understand that Capt. LAUZI will be in charge of all arrangements for departure at CESANO. We presume that you have arranged for the reception of the refugees at SABAUDIA.

3. Should Capt. LAUZI need help he can contact Major GELARDI (B) at the Commando Inglese CESANO, Tel: 080. Then ask for "CESANO Militare".

For the Director:

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C.A. OLIVER,
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G-I Italian.

Copy to: Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. (M.M.I.A.) - Attn. COL. PIPSLEY.

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Subject: Move of ex [illegible] Pts. - Bari to Canino.-

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8 Feb. 1945

The following details are passed to you for information :-

FROM : TO FORTA 071200

TO : (1) MOVEST (2) NEW YORK (3) MEDIA ROME

INFO : (4) ROO BARI

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Spl. Sec. (1)
C.C. MII. RTC.EF.
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FLOAT.

Capt. RE.
S/Capt Q(M)
(The Lord Westbury) 6250
Movements Liaison Officer.-

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FROM NWIA

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION SECRET

ALERTED REINFORCEMENTS REPLACEMENT SUBJECT TO REQUIREMENTS BY COMBAT GROUPS (.) MOVEMENT REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING (.)

ONE (.) WEEK BEGINNIN 12 FEB F R I U L I 200 CREMONA 200 (.)

TWO (.) WEEK BEGINNING 19 FEB F R I U L I 400 C R E M O N A 400

F O L G O R E 200 L E G N A N O 200

PRECEDENCE Important

AUTHENTICATED K. E. A. Gaines-Reeves
Capt

S/0/29/43

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SECRET 101

SUBJECT: Italian Combat Group Reinforcements.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/29/43
7 February 45

TO : A.F.H.Q. for G-3 Org.

Reference your AC 370.092/001 GCT-O of 30 Jan.

1. In view of the increase of the Reinforcement Ceiling for the Gruppi to 11,250, herewith two copies of complete breakdown by arms, as an amendment to Appendix 'A' to DET/87/MTI dated 9 Jan 45.

K.G.A. Irons-Lawrie Capt
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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A. File 100

SECRET

SUBJECT: Italian Combat Group Rfts.

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/29/43
6 February 45

TO : DMT, AFHQ

Reference your letter DMT/55/MTI of 2 Feb. 47 of 29/2?/1

1. Herewith amendment to our S/G/29/43 of 3 January Appendix "A".

R.G.A. Graves-Raines
for Major General Capt
M.M.I.A.

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(3 copies)

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SECRET

APPENDIX 'A' to MMIA
S/G/29/43 of 3 Jan 45
Revised 6 Feb

REINFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTRE

ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

Breakdown of Reinforcements

Arm	Total Hold	Reception Rgt	Trg Rgt	Schools
Infantry	8,350	1,500	6,000	850
Artillery	1,300	170	800	330
Field Engineers	580	100	400	80
Signals	340	50	200	90
Mech Engineers	160	30	100	30
Supply & Tpt	250	40	150	60
Medical	160	25	60	75
Ordnance	50	25	50	35
Adm	60			
TOTAL	11,250	1,940	7,760	1,550
CC.RR.	100			

The above figures are issued as a guide only to the probable numbers which may be held at any one time in the different units of the R.T.C. I.C.F.

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Italian Combat Force Rft Trg Centre CESANO.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/29/43
4 February 45

TO : MEDIA LO R.T.C. I.C.F.

Attached for your information copy of AFHQ letter ref CR/1546/G1(BR) dated 1 Feb 45.

R.G.A. Lovi-Lewis Capt 7244
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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ROF V LAEE NR77

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FROM MMIA LO 52 AREA 021111A

TO MMIA

INFO AFHQ FOR G5 - MMIA LO 54 AREA

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AC91 CONFIDENTIAL. FIGURES ST ANDREWS B COMPOUND FOR 1 FEB.
FIRST AND SECOND COLUMNS EX HOSPS FOUR FIFTH COLN ONE-SEVENTH
COLN ONE EIGHTH COLN TWO TOOK BLANKETS NINTH COLN [redacted]
SEVEN ELEVENTH COLON NINE TOOK BLANKETS SIXTEENTH COLN ONE ONE
EIGHT. MMIA WARN CESANO LO 54 AREA WARN TRANI
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DELETE WORD SEVENTH AT END OF 3RD LINE PLS

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TO MMIA

INFO AFHQ FOR G5 - MMIA LO 54 AREA

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BLANKETS FIFTEENTH COLN ONE ~~THREE HUNDRED~~ ITALIAN

AIR FORCE TO TARANTO SIXTEENTH COLN ONE THREE ZERO.

MMIA WARN CESANO LO 54 AREA WARN TRANI

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FROM MMIA LO 52 AREA 301027A

TO MMIA

INFO AFHQ FOR G5

MMIA LO 54 AREA

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TO MMIA
AFHQ FOR G5- MMIA LO 54 AREA
QQY GR 76 BT

AC84 CONFIDENTIAL. FIGURES ST ANDREWS B COMPOUND FOR 28 JAN. FIRST AND SECOND COLUMNS. EX SHIP ONE FOUR EX HOSPS SIX E A W O L ONE TOTAL TWO ONE. THIRD COLN TWO FIFTH COLN THREE SEVENTH COLN (ONE/EIGHT) COLN FOUR TOOK BLANKETS NINTH COLN SEVEN TENTH COLN THREE ELEVENTH COLN EIGHTH TOOK BLANKETS TWELVETH COLN THREE TOOK BLANKETS FIFTEENTH COLN ONE CIVILIAN TO TARANTO SIXTEENTH COLN ONE FOUR TWO. MMIA WARN CESANO LO 54 AREA WARN TRANI
BT 291515A

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM MTA

TO AFHQ FOR CI BR G3 (CMO) MTO

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ICF RFT TTO CENTRE CESANO
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MINISTRY OF WAR
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SECRET

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL

REF MTA SD 2217 OF 31 JAN (.) SUBJECT MOVE OF SICILY CALLUP PERSONNEL (.)

ONE (.) UNDERSTAND FOLLOWING PERSONNEL NOT ASSEMBLED REGGIO CAMP (.)

TWO (.) CALL UP 1600 (.)

A (.) 300 MOVE TO BARI FOR ITI - ITI PRIORITY SIX UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MOV REGGIO (.)

B (.) 900 MOVE TO ORVIETO 2 FEB FOR BR - ITI PART PRIORITY EIGHT (.)

C (.) 300 MOVE TO TRANI FOR BR - ITI PART PRIORITY EIGHT "A" UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MOV REGGIO (.)

D (.) 900 REMAIN (.) AFHQ PLEASE MOVE TO ORVIETO FOR BR - ITI TO COMPLETE PRIORITY EIGHT (.)

E (.) 1600 IS TOTAL (.)

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THREE (.) 600 (.) VOLUNTEERS FOR COMBAT (.)

A (.) 450 OF THESE MOVE TO CESANO PROBABLY 2 FEB (.) THIS MOVE IS IN RAIL SPACE LEFT VACANT BY DEFICIENCY EX SALERNO CALLUP NOW PERIOD 29 JAN - 4 FEB (.)

B (.) 150 REMAIN (.) AFHQ PLEASE MOVE (.)

C (.) SEE PARA FIVE MTA SD 2217 OF 31 JAN (.)

IN TERMS PRECEDENCE RELEASE

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SD [illegible] SECURITY CLASSIFICATION CONFIDENTIAL

REF MYIA SD 2217 OF 31 JAN (.) SUBJECT MOVE OF SICILY CALLUP PERSONNEL (.)

ONE (.) UNDERSTAND ALLOTTING PERSONNEL NOT ASSEMBLED REGGIO CAMP (.)

TWO (.) CALL UP 1600 (.)

A (.) 900 MOVE TO BARI FOR ITT - ITT PRIORITY SIX UNDER ARRANGEMENTS NOW REGGIO (.)

B (.) 500 MOVE TO ORVIETO 2 FEB FOR BR - ITT PART PRIORITY EIGHT (.)

C (.) 200 MOVE TO TRANI FOR BR - ITT PART PRIORITY EIGHT "A" UNDER ARRANGEMENTS NOW REGGIO (.)

D (.) 500 REMAIN (.) AFHQ PLEASE MOVE TO ORVIETO FOR BR - ITT TO COMPLETE PRIORITY EIGHT (.)

E (.) 1600 IS TOTAL (.)

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THREE (.) 800 (.) VOLUNTEERS FOR COMBAT (.)

A (.) 650 OF THESE MOVE TO CESANO PROBABLY 2 FEB (.) THIS MOVE IS IN RAIL SPACE LEFT VACANT BY DEFICIENCY EX SALERNO CALLUP NOW PERIOD 29 JAN - 4 FEB (.)

B (.) 150 REMAIN (.) AFHQ PLEASE MOVE (.)

C (.) SEE PARA FIVE MYIA SD 2217 OF 31 JAN (.)

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SD/50 (2)

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATED [signature]

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SIGNAL 29/W 0 WAR ccc

FROM M M I A 04/1700 A 93

TO RSO ICF

SD 2244 SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL

REF M M I A SD 2218 OF 31 JAN PARA 3 900 VOLUNTEERS

ARRIVING C B S A N O 5 FEB

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATED

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Circ
R/D (2)

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Subject: Movement of G.O.C. B.A.O.R. to ORIANO. 891/15

29/43 4 Feb. 1945 92

The following details are passed to you for information :-

FROM : APEX GIFT FIREM 032257A

TO : (1) MOVEST (2) 701 RAILWAY GRAND DIV.

(3) MMIA (4.) MOVEST (5) MOV ROME (6) DMS ROME (7) ROD BARI

(8) RAAC (9) MOV FOGGIA (10) MOV BARI .

EX 20537

CONFIDENTIAL (.) RX CANADIRT REPS WILL MOVE BY RAIL FROM

BARI AND ORIANA 6 PAX PER ORIANO AS FOLLOWS PD

A20 ALL RANKS 24 TONS STORES IN 16 BOX CARS DEPART BARI

061530 TO ORIVARO AND JOIN UP WITH A57 ALL RANKS 24 TONS

STORES IN 18 BOX CARS DEPARTING ORIANA 061319 PD

ORIVARO DEPART 071//070150

CARRERA ARRIVE 070845

DEPART 070945

ROMA ARRIVE 072145

DEPART 072245

ORIANO ARRIVE 072359

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Capt. RE.
S/Capt. (O)
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer.

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Subject: Moves to [illegible]

851/16

1 Feb. 1945

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The following details are passed to you for information :-

FROM : ARMY CITY FORUM 032243A

TO : MOVCIT :: 701 RAILWAY GRAND DIV.

INFO : MEDLA :: MOVCIT :: MOV ROME :: DEPOT ROME :: 200 BARI :: RAOC :: HQ TARANTO

FX 20555 - 3/2/45

CONFIDENTIAL. THE FOLLOWING ITALIAN ARMY PERSONNEL WILL MOVE BY RAIL FROM MARTINA FRANCA TO CESANO 6 PSB, DET 255 RAOF 500 ALL RANKS, 2 POW STORES ITALIAN RATS 250, MARTINA FRANCA DEPART 080900.

BARI	ARRIVE	081300
	DEPART	081530
BIVIO CERVARO	ARRIVE	082200
	DEPART	082300
CASERTA	ARRIVE	090645
	DEPART	090745
ROME	ARRIVE	091945
	DEPART	092045
CESANO	ARRIVE	092245

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Spl. Sec. (1)
SHAEF (1)
FLOAT (1)

Capt. RE.
A/Capt C(E)
(The Lord Rentaway)
Movements Liaison Officer.

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STATO MAGGIORE R.ESERCITO
Ufficio Addestramento

P.M.3800, li 25 gennaio 1945

T E L E S C R I T T O

AT COMANDO TERRITORIALE BARI
AT COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "FIGENO" P.M.92

STAMAGGIORE ADDESTRAMENTO N°229 G/4 ALT PRESENTE EST DIRETTO AT COMANDO TERRITORIALE BARI ET GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO FIGENO ALT PREGASI DI PORRE CHE UFFICIALI ARTIGLIERIA GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO FIGENO CHE COMUNQUE FREQUENTARONO CORSI ISTRUZIONE PRESSO SCUOLE COLLETTERRO ET CERRETO SANNITA SIANO AVVIATI CESANO DI ROMA PRESSO CENTRO ADDESTRAMENTO COMPLEMENTI ALT SEGNALARE ESTESO MEZZO LORO NUMERO SUDDIVISO PER GRADI ALT

STAMAGGIORE ADDESTRAMENTO 1100 25

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n°230/G/4/ADD P.M.3800, lì 25 gennaio 1945

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION -A.C.-
(M.M.I.A.) ROMA
ALLO S.M.R.E. -Uff.Ord.e Mob.- SEDE
AL CDO.CENTRO ADDESTRAMENTO COMPLEMENTI P.M.3800
ALLO S.M.R.E. -Uff.Segr.ePers.- SEDE

Per conoscenza.

d'ordine:
IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO ADDESTRAMENTO
- G. Ferrari -

STATO MAGGIORE R.E. Uff. Addestramento

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FROM 56 BLU
TO MMIA
311815A
QQX GR 15 BT
GO 17(.) RESTRICTED (.) REFERENCE WLP/2/28
FROM COL R E A DATED 29(.) INSTRUCTORS
LEFT TODAY
BT 311815A
SENT NR 11 0048A EFM B
RD 0048 CACCC KK

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SUBJECT: War Establishments.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM A.C.
(MMIA)
S/G/29/43
2 FEBRUARY 45

TO : MMIA LO RTC IOF.

Herewith, as requested, the proposals for W.E's of the BLU RTC IOF and of the Training Increment.

These proposals are to be considered by the War Establishments Committee AFHQ on Monday, 5 Feb.

Major General
M M I A

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2 Feb. 1945

Subject: Convoy ex. C[illegible] MO.

The following details are passed to you for information :-

FROM : MOV ROME

TO : (1) MOVETT (2) MOV FOLIGNO

INFO : (3) MMIA (4) G3 RAAC (5) AFHQ CITY FIELD

CONFIDENTIAL

MOV 535

CONVOY o2/RO/007 1 GT COY (ITALIAN) 45 VEHS DEPART CESANO 020700 HALT

30 MINS MMIA NEA NAPLES 1830 (.) ROUTE RG (.) 15 MPH 30 VEH (.)

REPORTING TO MMIA TO NAPLES(.)

Copies to : G (2)
Spl. Sec.
SHAEF
FLOAT

Capt. RN.
S/Capt Q(M)
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer.

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Landforces. 9287

SUBJECT:- Italian Combat Force Rft Trg Centre CESANO. 20/43

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CR/1546/G1(BR)
1 Feb 45

GHQ 2nd Echelon.

1. You are requested to attach the other rank personnel shown below to the Rft Trg Centre, Italian Combat Forces at CESANO, as soon as possible:-

Any Arm	
COMS	1
Clerks	Sjt 1, Cpl 1, Ptes 3.
Tpt & G.D. NCO.	Sjt 1
Officers' Mess Caterer	Sjt 1
Storeman	Pte 1
General Duties	Ptes 4
Ord	
BOMO	1
Storemen	Cpl 1, Pte 1.

2. These personnel will form the other rank portion of the British Liaison Unit for the above Centre, the establishment for which is being put before the next W.E. Committee meeting.

3. The storeman (any arm) and one of the 4 G.D. men should be fit for promotion to L/Cpl, since the proposed W.E. shows them as holding that appointment.

4. It is understood that the provision of REME personnel for the Centre has been the subject of a separate request from the DME at this HQ.

HEADQUARTERS
2 FEB 1945
G.

A.

A.H. Wardle, Lt-Col 7231
for Major-General, DAG.
G.1(BR).

Copy to:- Land Forces Sub Commission AC.
G-3 (Org.)
DMT.
Ord (Br) (reference conversation WILLIAMS - DAWTRY)
REME (reference conversation BELLAMY - DAWTRY)

Subject: Formation of New Units - Italian Army

Land Forces Sub Comd.
A.G. (MMIA)
RCAF
A/7
2. Feb 45

Commanding General,
Rome Area Allied Command (2 copies)

Reference your AB A 66 of 28 Jan 45 to Medical Section, MMIA.

1. 83 Italian Field Hospital is located at Cesano, the Reinforcement and Training Centre, Italian Combat Force. (R.T.C., I.C.F.)
A British Liaison Unit (B.L.U.) is attached.

2. Supervision, equipping and submission of progress reports are a matter of local administration between MMIA and RCAF, MMS, ICF.

3. For information, the unit is already in existence, present strength being 5 officers, 60 other ranks. Present capacity 50 beds. Proposed expansion up to 200 beds. Present site is too small and another site will be available on or about 9th Feb. 45.

4. Medical Supplies
Both expendible and non-expendible medical supplies are from Italian resources at the Medical Depot, Rome.

5. G. 1098 Equipment from British sources is authorised in Special Equipment List No. 186. It is nevertheless intended that as much as possible of this type of equipment (e.g. beds, blankets, sheets, mattresses) will be from existing Italian resources and the Italian Ministry of War has been instructed accordingly. DAMOR, RCAF, RCN, ICF will indent for any equipment which is not available from Italian resources.

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6. Transport will be required from British sources.

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F. J. [redacted], Col.
DA & QMG for Major General,
MMIA.

FJH/KSH

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A British Liaison Unit (B.L.U.) is attached.

2. Supervision, equipping and submission of progress reports are a matter of local administration between BASC and MAB, MEO, IOE.

3. For information, the unit is already in existence, present strength being 5 officers, 80 other ranks. Present capacity 70 beds. Proposed expansion up to 200 beds. Present site is too small and another site will be available on or about 9th Feb. 45.

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DA & QMG for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Q(AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

Ref: VR/ 1184

Date: 31 Jan 44.

To: D.M.T. A.F.H.Q. for I.T.C. Reinforcement Training Centre (Caserta)

W.P.

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorised.

Serial	Quantity	Description of Vehicles	
6010/10	6	Cars w Str 4x2 Lt Utility Class 5	15 R.V.P. Naples
6003	5	M/Cycles Solo Class 5	" " "

Remarks:

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RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS:

1. On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from Ord (Br).

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2. AFHQ Q(AE) release and Ord (Br) release will both be handed to the Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.

Brigadier,
Q(AE).

DISTRIBUTION:

Ord (Br)
File
M.M.I.A.

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FROM: 2 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD 300900

TO: ORD (BR) ROME AREA

INFO: DADOS MMIA
DOS AFHQ

YOUR OS/522/1000/954/1 OF 28/1 (.)

42 LORRIES HAVE ARRIVED TO PICK UP CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT FOR RTC ICF (.) WILL ISSUE ALL AVAILABLE FROM INDENTS COVERING 11000 SETS (.) WILL NOTIFY IF FURTHER TRANSPORT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE LIFT (.) REGARDING DEMANDS COVERING ADDITIONAL 4000 SETS SUGGEST YOU ARRANGE COLLECTION IN ABOUT 6 DAYS (.) CONFIRM

IMMEDIATE

Action: Q(OS)
Info Spec Sec
G(SD)
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LRKB V LAEE NR51

FROM EAEE 012009A

TO MMIA

GR-60-ET

S/Sec

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S/G 12/29/43 15 Jan

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YOUR SUGAR SLANT GEORGE SLANT TWO NINE SLANT FOUR THREE OF ONE FIVE JANUARY X SIGNED SAC CITE FHGCT X PROPOSALS ABLE CMA BAKER CMA AND CHARLIE SUBMITTED FOR WEC MEETING ON MONDAY ZERO FIVE X REQUEST YOUR ~~REPRW//~~ REPRESENTATIVE REACHES THIS HQ ON SUNDAY ZERO FOUR WITH ONE ZERO COPIESX OF REVISED PROPOSALS FOR DOMESTIC TRANSPORT POOL FOR CESANO

ET-012009A

SENT NR51 01/2133A VG B B

RECD NR 51 01/2133 A AAA AR K

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FROM : MMIA 291200A

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Info : PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO
56 BLU
MMIA LO RTC ICF

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SD 2201

HAVE ARRANGED WITH MMIA LO AFRAGOLA THAT 8 VEHICLES OF 1 GT COY REPORT HQ MANTOVA EVENING 30 JAN TO DEPART MORNING 1 31 JAN FOR CESANO WITH 95 OFFICERS AND MEN INSTRUCTORS EX PICENO (*) PLEASE WARN ABOVE PERSONNEL ACCORDINGLY (*) VEHICLES WILL TAKE TO MANTOVA 70 COMBAT VOLUNTEERS FROM AFRAGOLA

IMPORTANT TO ALL
SD Dist Internal:

File SD/12
→ Spec Sec
SD/45/1
SD/42/5
Float (2)
TDNO 724 -

FROM SMRE

28/1/45

SMRE P/37
Reg 28/1

PLEASE AUTHORISE TRANSPORT OF PERSONNEL INSTRUCTORS OF THE PICENO GROUP AT PRESENT WITH THE MANTOVA GROUP 95 MEN FROM BENEVENTO TO CESANO FOR REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE (.) PERSONNEL ARE READY TO MOVE (.) TRANSPORT IS REQUESTED BY MANTOVA GROUP WITH TELEGRAM 01/637 OF 25/1

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DISTR:
SD/45/1
S/Sec
Float

VEHICLES WILL STAGE AT AFRAGOLA CAMP (.) TWO (.) CONVOY COMMANDER WILL REPORT TO MOV ROME 28 JAN TO ARRANGE TIMING OF CONVOY (.) THREE (.) MMIA LO PENSOUTH WILL ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS TO CONVOY COMMANDER REFERENCE PICKING UP OF STORES AND WILL MAKE ARRANGMENTS FOR RETURN JOURNEY TO CESANO WITH MOVWIT (.) FOUR (.) ESSENTIAL STORES LOADED AND CONVOY RETURNS SOONEST AS SENDING FORWARD OF REINFORCEMENTS DEPENDS ON THEIR ARRIVAL (.) FIVE (.) MMIA LO PENSOUTH WILL REPORT WEIGHT OF ANY OUTSTANDING STORES ON COMPLETION ABOVE MOVE AND CONTACT DMT TO ARRANGE LIFT IN TRAINING VEHICLES IF POSSIBLE

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATED [signature] Major 7224 -

INTERNAL
SPEC SEC. ST. A/G. Q/MG. MOV (2). FLOAT (2)

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REPORT TO MOV ROME 28 JAN TO ARRAN 31 FILING OF CONVOY (.) THREE (.)
MMLA LO PENSOUTH WILL ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS TO CONVOY COMMANDER REFERENCE
PICKING UP OF STORES AND WILL MAKE ARRANGMENTS FOR RETURN JOURNEY TO
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AUTHENTICATED Major 7224 -

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TRANSLATION

20/4/44 (78)

STAMAGGIORE TRASPORTI No 853-F:079-44

Please give authy urgent transport of Wireless Telegraphy section of PICENO Gp.

Strength: 12 offrs, 250 ORs & 60 tons of stores from MARTINA FRANCA to CESANO.

STAMAGGIORE TRASPORTI 104526

EK SD DISTR: Action Copy: SD/57
S/Sec
SD/50
Fleet

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SAC CITE FHGCT FHGDQ 262144A

TO : 15 ARMY GROUP

INFO: MMIA
8 ARMY

CONFIDENTIAL

FX 15784

YOUR SD 1183 OF 23 JANUARY (.) ONE (.) 1 IT GEN TPT COY WILL BE FULLY OCCUPIED CESANO TRAINING GRUPPI DRIVERS AND ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING DEPOT (.) WILL RELIEVE WITH 2 IT GEN TPT COY IN NEAR FUTURE WHEN LATTER HAS BEEN EQUIPPED VEHICLES AND WILL THEN MAKE 1 IT COY AVAILABLE EIGHTH ARMY (.) DATE OF AVAILABILITY 1 IT COY WILL BE NOTIFIED SOONEST (.) TWO (.) ESTIMATE EIGHTH ARMY ALREADY HAVE SUFFICIENT TRANSPORT MAINTAIN THEIR TWO COMBAT GROUPS DURING PRESENT STATIC CONDITIONS AND IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF 1 IT COY TO DETRIMENT OF TRAINING IS NOT THEREFORE ESSENTIAL (.) THREE (.) CONFIRM SATISFACTORY (.) MMIA SS 594 OF 22 JANUARY REFERS ALSO

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

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SD/50
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MESSAGE FORM

Date Time of Origin. 27 1740 A

From : MMIA

To(Action) : RAAC

To(Info) : 201 Sub Area 7 AGRA : RTC ICF for Maj GILARDI

Ref No : Sg 605

Security Classification RESTRICTED

REF RAAC/13/35/G3(Br) of 23 JAN (*) PARA 2 (*) ACCEPTANCE CONFIRMED (*) PARA 3 (*) ACTION WITH PBS TAKEN THROUGH AFHQ

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MESSAGE FORM.

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN.

27 1741 A

From: MILA

To(Action) AFHQ

To(Info) RAAC

Ref No SS. 604

Security Classification

YOUR ZX 89514 (*) HAS FENDASE AGREED BOUNDARIES ITALIAN ENCLAVE GEMANO AS FAR AS THEY ARE CONCERNED QUERY

Precedence IMMEDIATE

Authenticated

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MESSAGE FORM.

Date Time of Origin.

27 17A S

From: MMIA

To(Action) 3 District: 3 District for MMIA LO

To(Info) AFHQ for G 3 Org: 56 Area for DMT: PENSOUTH for MMIA LO: MMIA LO RTC ICF

Ref No: SS 602

RESTRICTED

DMT HAS ARRANGED FOR RELEASE OF 75 LOW CLASS VEHICLES FOR DRIVER TRAINING AT RTC ICF (*) PERSONNEL AS SUPERVISING STAFF AND DRIVER I NSTRUCTORS ARE REQUIRED FROM NO 2 GT COMPANY (*) CAPT SMITHURST OF DM IS STAFF AT RTC ICF IS REPORTING NAPLES 27 JAN TO ARRANGE DETAILS (*) REQUEST YOU RELEASE PERSONNEL CONCERNED BUT THAT FORMATION OF UNIT PROCEEDS AT AJTACOLA (*) RECOMMEND THAT 75 VEHICLES LESS THAN WE OF UNIT BE DRAWN UNTIL NO 2 GT COY LEAVES ITS ROLE AS DRIVERS SCHOOL

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DAT HAS ARRANGED FOR RELEASE OF 75 LOW CLASS VEHICLES FOR DRIVER TRAINING AT RTC IOF (*) PERSONNEL AS SUPERVISING STAFF AND DRIVER INSTRUCTORS ARE REQUIRED FROM NO 2 GT COMPANY (*) CAPT SMETHURST OF DI'S STAFF AT RTC IOF IS REPORTING MAPLES 27 JAN TO ARRANGE DETAILS (*) REQUEST YOU RELEASE PERSONNEL CONCERNED BUT THAT FORMATION OF UNIT PROCEEDS AT AFRAGOLA (*) RECOMMEND THAT 75 VEHICLES LESS THAN WE OF UNIT BE DRAWN UNTIL NO 2 GT COY LEAVES ITS ROLE AS DRIVERS SCHOOL

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MESSAGE FORM.

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Date Time of Origin.

26 1755 A

From: MMIA

To(Action) MINISTRY OF WAR.

To(Info) No 1 DISTRICT rptd MMIA LO

MMIA LO RTC ICF.

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Ref No SG 600

Security Classification. RESTRICTED

INSTRUCT RTC ICF TO SEND 1000 BLANKETS FROM CESANO TO FLORENCE BY ROAD TO ARRIVE 231 DIV Hq NOT LATER THAN 28 JANUARY AND 1000 BLANKETS EVERY EIGHT DAYS SUBSEQUENTLY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE (*) THESE WILL BE ISSUED ON SCALE OF ONE PER MAN TO PATRIOTS WHO ARE BEING SENT BY TRAIN TO CESANO IN BATCHES OF 500 EVERY 4 DAYS FROM 30 JAN (*) EACH PATRIOT WILL RETAIN HIS BLANKET ON ARRIVAL RTC ICF

IMPORTANT.

Authenticated

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Classification. RESTRICTED

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IMPORTANT.

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FROM (A) Originator: RTC - ICF

Date - Time of Origin: 211500 A

OFFICE DATE STAMP: 29/43

For Action

TO DMT - 56 Recd

(W) For Information (INFO)

56 British Liaison Unit - MIMIA.

Message Instructions — GR —

3632/GHQP/44

Originator's No.

G1 SECRET ① Ref your DMT [illegible] 917 of 180 Recvd
Apt will NOT be available to collect Grams ①
Bailey Bridging could be collected by one 2 & T Coy
early February ① Rich

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SIGNED [signature] Capt

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY: IMPORTANT.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Field Artillery Section

320.339(Br)

WO 32/5427

SUBJECT: New Establishment : Italian Reinforcement Depot, CASERTA

To: DEST

19 Jan 45

Reference your memorandum DEP/87/2/MT1 dated 17 Jan 45.

1. A table showing the difference between the organisation proposed by this Section and that forwarded by you is attached at Appendix 'A'. It is to be noted that the Training Wing, the Transport, and the Training Equipment are identical in the two establishments.

2. This Section's detailed recommendations for amendments to your suggested establishment are shown in the last column of the table at Appendix 'A'. These amendments amount to a total increase of 11 other ranks (2 senior NCOs, 1 junior NCO, and 8 privates). It is recommended that the senior NCOs detailed in the establishment as NCOs Ic artillery equipment, clothing, rations, and MT should all be warrant officers.

3. A suggested scale of training stores for the Depot will be forwarded as soon as possible.

Above Amendments embodied

H.M. Smith
Lt Col

for Major General
Chief, Field Artillery Section

EJHB /rj

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Appendix "A"
letter 320.

ITALIAN ARTILLERY REINFORCEMENT DEPOT

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ESTABLISHMENT PROPOSED BY FIELD ARTILLERY SECTION AFHQ AND BY IRT AFHQ

SERIAL	DETAIL	Numbers proposed by Fld Arty Sec.	Numbers proposed by IRT	REMARKS
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
1.	OC Adm Wing	-	1	In Fld Arty Sec proposal the
2.	Subaltern officers	1	-	co-ordinates administration. is thought that IRT's propos better, especially as there net increase in number of o
3.	Clerks - Adm Wing	12	14	Fld Arty Sec proposal did no clerks for pay and OR duties Presumably IRT's proposals d
4.	Medical orderlies	3	2	
5.	Batmen	23	12	Fld Arty Sec proposal allowe on scale of one per officer. the officers of the Training been overlooked, it would ap IRT scale is one for the CO per 2 officers. Presumably regarded as sufficient.
6.	Cooks	20	16	
7.	Mess orderlies	7	6	
8.	Duty NCOs	5	2	The two mentioned in Col.(c) NCO i/c ORs' Mess and the the officers' Mess. It is st recommended that at least 3 are added, otherwise there i proper disciplinary staff.
9.	Barber	-	1	
10.	General duty men including sanitary orderlies.	14	6	This cut is considered too especially in view of the re 4 cooks and 1 mess orderly a serials 6 and 7. It is recom that at least 4 general duty added.

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Appendix 'A' to Field Artillery Section letter 320.330(RE) dated 19 Jan 45

ITALIAN ARTILLERY REINFORCEMENT DEPOT

ESTABLISHMENT PROPOSED BY FIELD ARTILLERY SECTION AFHQ AND BY DRT AFHQ

Numbers proposed by Fld Arty Sec. (b)	Numbers proposed by DRT (c)	REMARKS (d)	Recommendations for alteration to DRT establishment (e)
-	1	In Fld Arty Sec proposal the 2IC co-ordinates administration. It is thought that DRT's proposal is better, especially as there is no net increase in number of officers.	NIL
1	-		
12	14	Fld Arty Sec proposal did not allot clerks for pay and O2E duties. Presumably DRT's proposals do.	NIL
3	2		NIL
23	12	Fld Arty Sec proposal allowed batman on scale of one per officer. Unless the officers of the Training Wing have been overlooked, it would appear that DRT scale is one for the CO and one per 2 officers. Presumably this is regarded as sufficient.	NIL
20	16		NIL
7	6		NIL
5	2	The two mentioned in Col.(c) are the NCO i/c ORs' Mess and the Mess Sgt for the officers' Mess. It is strongly recommended that at least 3 duty NCOs are added, otherwise there is no proper disciplinary staff.	Add 2 senior NCOs and 1 junior NCO. ✓
1	-		NIL
14	6	This cut is considered too great, especially in view of the reduction of 4 cooks and 1 mess orderly shown in serials 6 and 7. It is recommended that at least 4 general duty men be added.	Add 4 privates ✓

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SERIAL	DETAIL	Numbers proposed by Fld Arty Sec	Numbers proposed by DAT	REMARKS
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
11.	Chaplain's orderly	1	-	
12.	Drivers including vehicle and driver mechanics.	45	40	There are 36 vehicles on th establishment. 32 Drivers 6 Driver Mechanics are allo DAT's establishment. This only a very small percentag spare drivers to cater for other casualties; it is re that Drivers 10 should be 4 to 36.

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Appendix 'A' (contd)

Numbers proposed by Fld Arty Sec	Numbers proposed by DAT	REMARKS	Recommendations for alteration to DAT establishment
(b)	(c)	(a)	(e)
1	-		NIL
45	40	There are 36 vehicles on the establishment. 32 Drivers IC and 6 Driver Mechanics are allowed on DAT's establishment. This allows only a very small percentage of spare drivers to cater for sick and other casualties; it is recommended that Drivers IC should be increased to 36.	Add 4 privates (Drivers IC) ✓

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URGENTE 29/43.

MINISTERO DELLA GVERRA

Gabinetto Spec 40.

Prot. N° 201951- / II *Allegati* 1 *Roma,* CO -25 genn. 1943
220-21-1
Risposta al dispaccio *Div.* *Sez.* *N°*

OGGETTO: Accantonamento citt. civili abitanti di Cesena.-

Al LA ZONE FORCES SUB COMMISSIONE A.C. (A.M.I.A.)
= R O M A =

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Riferimento lettera S/G/29/43 del 15 gennaio c.a..-

Si trasmette, per le decisioni, l'unita copia di lettera di S.E. l'Alto Commissario per i profughi di guerra.-

Giacchè sopra emerge in relazione alle disposizioni date da codesta Missione con la lettera SD/44 del 19 gennaio c.a. in merito all'afluenza al Campo di Cesano di 6000 reclute destinate quali complementi ai gruppi di combattimento.-

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d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

COPIA

L'ALTO COMMISSARIO PER L'ASSISTENZA DEI PROFUGHI DI GUERRA

Roma, 18 gennaio 1944

A S.E. CONTE ALESSANDRO CASATI
Ministro della Guerra

Mio egregio Amico, faccio seguito alle comunicazioni da parte del tuo Dicastero, accompagnate una, pressapoco, ingiunzione da parte del Comando Alleato per lo sgombero "immediato" del Campo di Ceseno.-

Ho portato quella lettera al Col. Findley delle Reg. French dell'A.C.; che conosce le nostre lunghe e infruttuose ricerche d'un altro campo, che ha visto che le caserme di Sabaudia hanno bisogno di mesi di lavoro di rifacimento e che mancano di acqua, che conosce la nostra buona volontà e l'enorme imbarazzo nostro; ed egli ha scritto agli uffici competenti dell'A.C. quello che può, malgrado me stesso ti ripeto: senza un altro campo in cui noi possiamo trasferire i poveretti di Ceseno, non possiamo fare proprio nulla. L'ingiunzione di quel campo io rispetto da' tuoi uffici o meglio dal Comando Alleato.-

Dolentissimo di doverti dare preoccupazione, gradisci le mie deferenti cordialità.-

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F/to Tito Zaniboni

T. O. O.
IL CAPO GABINETTO

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Mio egregio Amico, facio seguito alla comunicazione da parte del tuo Dicastero, successivamente una, pressappoco, ingiunzione da parte del Comando Alleato per lo sgombero "immediato" del Campo di Cesano.-

Ho portato quelle lettere al Col. Findley della Sez. Franch dell'A.C.; che conosce le nostre lunghe e infruttuose ricerche d'un altro campo, che ha visto che le caserme di Sobborgo hanno bisogno di assai lavoro di riattamento e che mancano di acqua, che conosce la nostra buona volontà e l'enorme insuperabile imbarazzo nostro; ed egli ha scritto agli uffici competenti dell'A.C. quello che qui, malgrado me stesso ti ripeto: senza un altro campo in cui noi possiamo trasferire i poveretti di Cesano, non possiamo davvero proprio nulla. D'indicazione di quel campo lo aspetto da' tuoi uffici o meglio dal Comando Alleato.-

Dolentissimo di doverti dare preoccupazioni, ma vedi le mie deferenti cordialità.=

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F/to Tito Zaniboni

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
GABINETTO

P. O. C.
IL CAPO UFFICIO II
(Comm. Guido de Ponco)

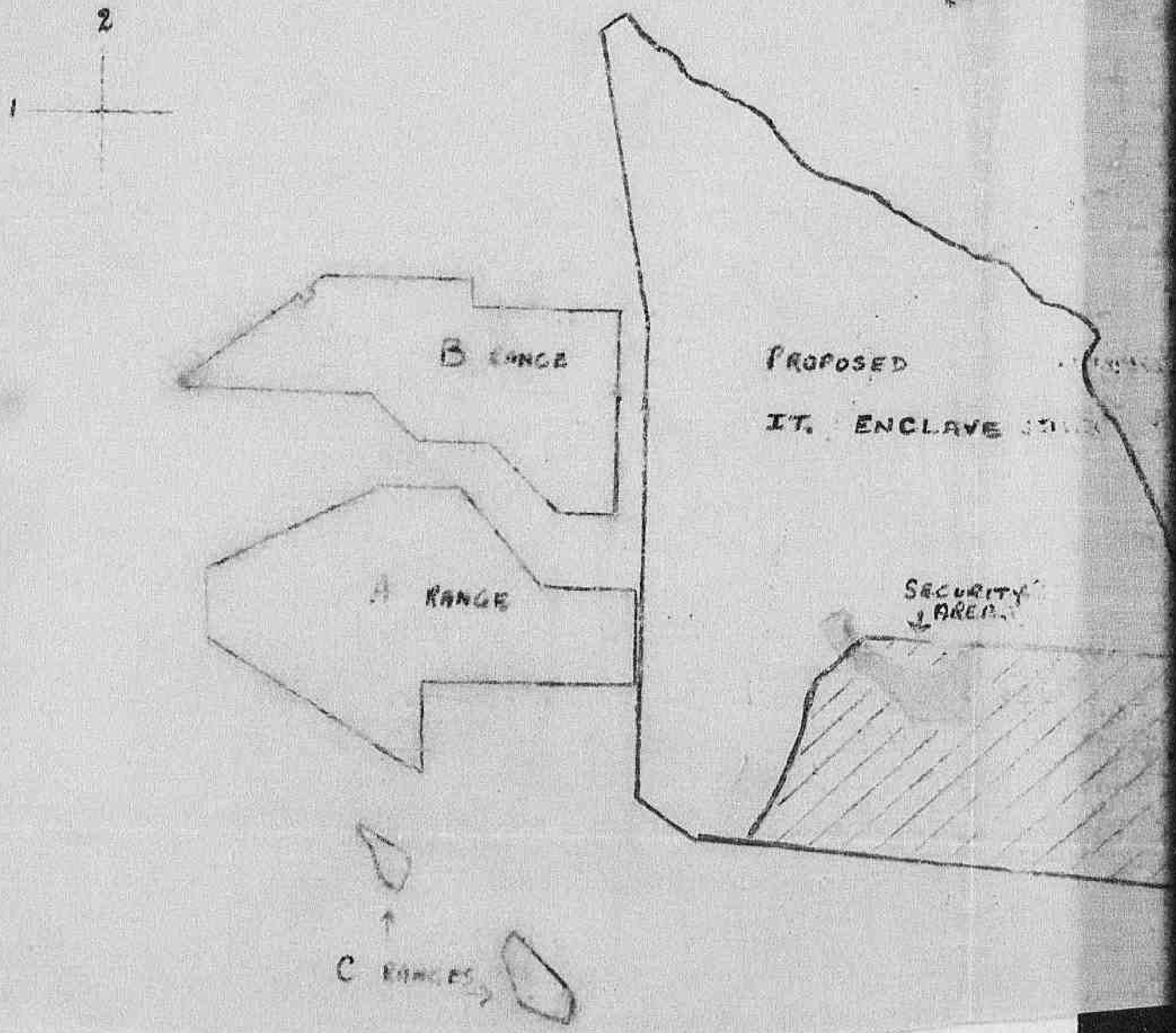
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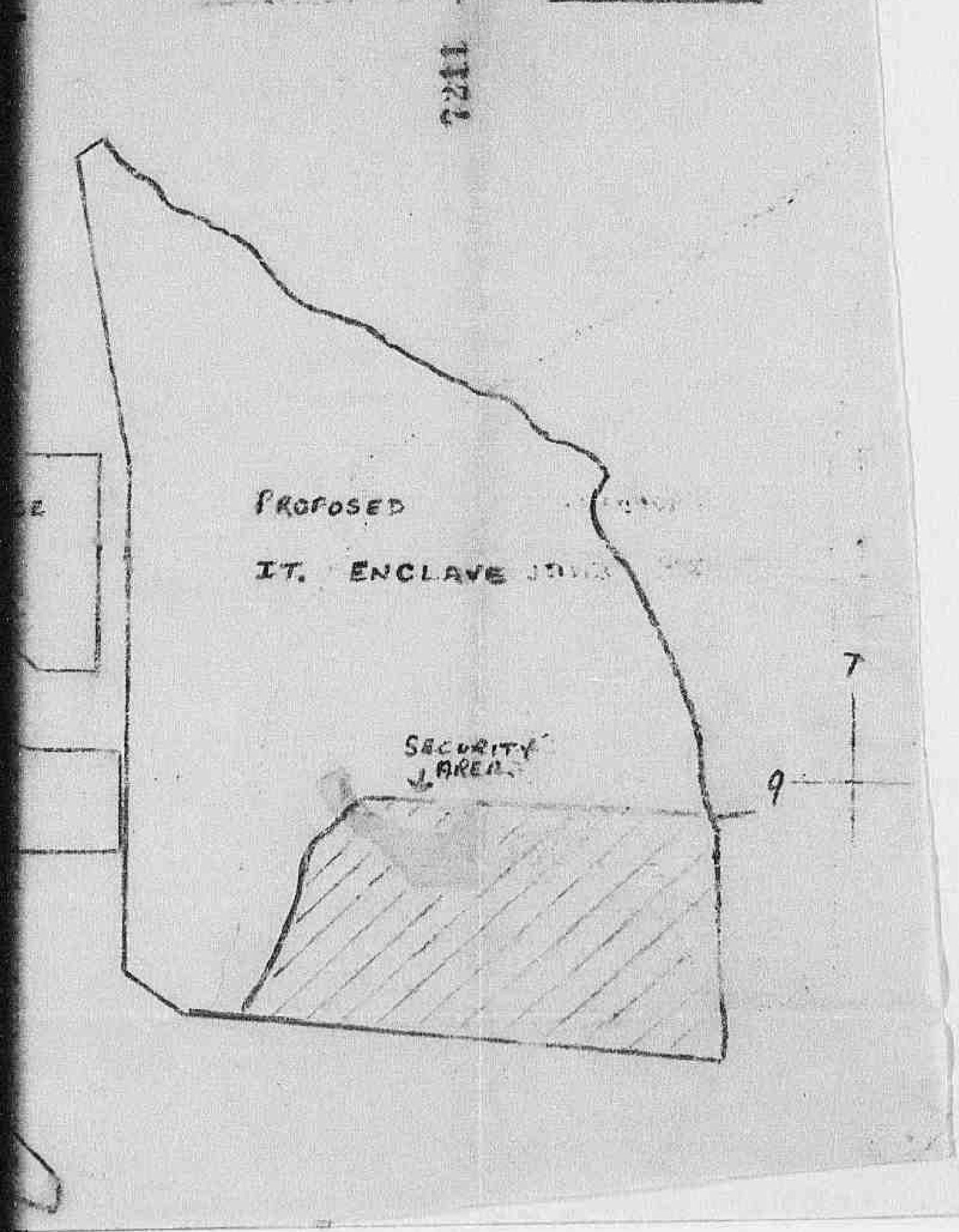
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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No. 794 U. S. Army
Office of G-3 (British)

241,

RAAC/18/85/G3(Br) 23 January 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Army Enclave: BRACCIANO

TO: Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA)

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1. Further to this Headquarters RAAC/18/19/G3(Br) of 9 Jan, not to all, and recent visit by G-3 (Br) and conversation GSO.II - G-3 (Br) of 22 Jan, subject as above.

2. Attached trace showing proposed ~~Amended~~ boundaries of the Italian Army Enclave is passed for information, and confirmation of acceptance.

3. It is notified that paras 5, 6, and 7 of the above-quoted letter are not altered or amended by reason of this change in boundaries, and that PBS remains the authority for permission to use the balance of the area which is not shaded in green.

Alban

ALBAN LOW,
Brigadier,
Deputy Commander,
Rome Area Allied Command.

Copy: 201 Sub Area
Br Trg Unit (RTC ICF) c/o MMIA
7 AGRA

Encl

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See also Hqs (41) (43) (50) (67)

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Subject:- ARTILLERY RANGES - CIVITAVECCHIA

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ROME 72184 Ext 4
72073 Ext 4

G 10/3

21 Jan 45

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HQ Peninsular Base Section
Land Forces Sub Commission MAIA
Provincial Commissioner AC ROME
Provincial Commissioner AC VITERBO
Real Estate Sec RAAC

G
22 Jan
Q.M.

1. It is hereby notified that 7 AGRA will use 'B' and 'C' ranges (maps of the ranges were forwarded to all addressees with this Headquarters letter G 10/3 dated 18 Jan 45) for the 7 days commencing 29 Jan 45.

2. Clearance of all affected Communes have been obtained by 10 7 AGRA.

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Anthony Buett Major
for Colonel,
Commander,
201 Sub Area.

In the field
AGRA/awa

Copy to:- HQ 7 AGRA
238 Town Major.
G-5(B) RAAC

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S. G. 15.

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ROME 791844 Ext 1
791873 Ext 1

S/G/15.

G 10/4

20 Jan 45

Subject:- 7 AGRA Range Areas and Italian Army Enclave (BRACCIANO)

Land Forces Sub Committee MMIA

1. With reference to the above quoted subjects, your attention is drawn to the trace attached to this HQ letter G10/3 dated 18 Jan 45, when it will be noted that the Italian Army Enclave still overlaps 7 AGRA range areas 'A' and 'B'.

2. Will you please confirm that action as outlined in para 3 of RAAC signal SD 307 dated 17 Jan 45 is being taken by you.

In the field
GDH/lds

P. Tobin
Colonel
Commander
201 Sub Area

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LRKD V LAEE NR24

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FROM LAEE 221936A

TO MNIA

INFO RAAC DISTHREE

GR 23 ET

RESTRICTED . FX89514

REF MNIA SS 520 OF 21 JAN. SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGDQ.

ACTION ALREADY TAKEN BY H//THIS HQ WITH PENBASE

ET

S NR24 2202A RW D 4 K

RECD NR 24 22/2202 A AAA AR K

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826/4
24/1/45

Subject:- Move of No 1 GT Coy

The following details are passed to you for action:- (65)

FROM PENSOUTH MMIA LO
TO MMIA
INFO AFHQ MINISTRY OF WAR 56 AREA 3 DISTRICT 56 BLU
MOVWIT MMIA LO RTC ICF
REF 603.

SECRET. REF YOUR S3572 OF 18 . NO 1 GT COY MOVES FROM AFRAGOLA TO CESANO 22 JAN IN 2 CONVOYS. FIRST. MAIN PARTY LIFTING 33 MEDICAL SECTION STRENGTH 4 OFFS 33 ORS. SUPPY COY PERSONNEL STRENGTH 67 ORS. WORKSHOP SPECIALISTS STRENGTH 51 ORS AND DRIVERS STRENGTH 100 ORS. ALL ABOVE TO CESANO. ALSO 84 N.C.OS 12 MEN TO ORVIETO FOR RFT DEPOT. YOUR SD2117 OF 19 REFERS. ALSO APPROX. 600 MISCELLANEOUS MILITARY PERSONNEL TO ROME. ETA CESANO 1845 HOURS 22 JAN. SECOND ONE PLATOON UNDERTAKING TASKS DETAILED IN PARAS 3 AND 4 OF YOUR S3572 ETA CESANO 1615 HRS 23 JAN THIRD. TASKS DETAILED IN PARA 2 OF ABOVE MENTIONED SIGNAL ALREADY COMPLETED.

Copy to Fleet
" G (2)
" SMRS
" ~~War Ministry~~
Original & Copy to Spl. Sec.

Capt. RE;
D/Capt. G(M)
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer

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LRIT V LAEE NR 17 . (P)

OVR -1-7-

FROM ~~LAEE~~ 211942A

TO MMIA

INFO PENSOUTH, 36 AREA, 3 DISTRICT, 56 BLU, MOVWIT,

MMIA LO RTC ICF.

GR 37 BT

CONFIDENTIAL

ALL ARRANGEMENTS REQUESTED YOUR SUGAR SUGAR FIVE SEVEN FX 89045

TWO OF ONE EIGHT JANUARY IN CONNECTION MOVE ~~[illegible]~~

~~TO PENSOUTH FOR MMIA~~ LO SIGNED SAC CITE FHGCT ~~[illegible]~~ OF NUMBER

ONE GT COMPANY AFRAGOLA TO CESANO CONFIRMED

BT 211942A

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SENT NR 17 21/2153A MG

RCD NR17 21/2153A HRA

CONFIDENTIAL

) Training Team R.A.
(for Italian Forces)
C.M.F.

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20 Jan 45. 1/800.

DMT A.F.H.Q.
MMIA.

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29/03.
S/Sec
22 Jan 45

Ref S/G/29/43 para 4 dated 13 Jan 45.

I think that we shall have to add a section as follows to the Depot

DISCIPLINE SECTION

Warrant Officer	1
Duty Sergeants	3

This will, I feel, be the minimum necessary for organising parades, fatigues etc. They will be assisted of course by the sergeants etc in transit. Without them there will be no-one to execute the Officers orders for parades etc. I should like to have put in an equivalent reduction, but do not feel it is practical.

If the Artillery School is separated from the Depot the Lt Col Comd the 25 pr Section will Command the School. The W.O. i.c. Artillery Equipment and Officer i.c. Artillery Equipment with the staff would constitute the 'Q' side and have to be lent by the Depot. There is no Artillery Equipment apart from the School's so it would impose no difficulty on the Depot. Certain other redistribution of personnel would be necessary.

The training equipment is not, of course, exhaustive it only lists the important Controlled items. The G 1098 would have to include numerous Artillery Stores such as tapes measuring, beacons banderols, slide rules etc.

R.A.Dehn

Lt Col, G.S.
Commanding 10 Trg Team R.A.(for Italian Forces)

Field.

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Subject:- Move ( ) No 1 GT Coy (Ital) 10/23 826/3 21/1/45 (61)

The following details are passed to you for information:-

From MOVWIT 211820A
TO MOV ROME MOV VAIRANO
INFO DISTHREE 56 AREA 94 SUB AREA MMIA MMIA LO ROME RAAC
56 BLU AFHQ CITE FGDMT

MOV/H/743 CONFIDENTIAL. 1 GT COY (ITAL) MOVES AFRAGOLA TO CESANO 22 JAN. ONE 123 VEHS CONVOY 01/NA/23 DEP 0900 HRS VIA ROUTE 6 HALT MELFA 1300-1400 ETA ROME 1745 DESTN 1945. 15 MIH. LIFTG 800 ITALIAN PERSONNEL TO ROME.
TWO. 30 VEHS CONVOY 01/NA/24 DEP 0900 HRS VIA MAPLED BYE PASS AVELLINO ETA SAN GUIRGIO 1200 HRS DETUS 626 PERSONNEL AFRAGOLA. LOAD 10 OFFRS 400 ORS 336RGT. THENCE VIA BENEVENTO CASERTA TRIFI.1500 DRAGONI TO PIEDIMONTE. LIFT 15 OFFRS 300 ORS 152 ARTY REPT PROCEEDS VIA PIETRAMELARA LS PEZZA TO SPARANISE. REFUEL. THENCE VAIRANO STAGE NIGHT. DEP 230700 VIA RTE 6 HALT ANAGNI 1200-1300 35 ROAD 1445 DESTN 1615. BOTH LIFTS DESTN CESANO.
THREE. REPORTING REQ IOF MMIA 33572 OF 16 NOT TO ALL NAFERS.
AUTHY AFHQ VERBAL

Copy to G (2)
" Spl.Sec.
" ZERR
" FILE 327B/S
" " 851/G

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Capt. RA.
S/Capt A(M)
(The Lord Westbury
Movements Liaison Officer

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MMIA 21 1743 A

MINISTRY OF WAR :

MMIA LO ETC TOF 56 LU MOSKVA

SS 562

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REFERENCE SS 572 OF 18 JAN (*) ARRANGEMENTS CONFIRMED (*) MOVE BEGINS 22 JAN (*) AFHQ FX 83137 CITE FHQOT OF 20 JAN REPEATS

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MMIA

21 1710 A

AFHQ

RAAC. DISTHREE. 201 SUB AREA.

SS 580

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REFERENCE RAAC SD 307 OF 17 JAN PARA 3 (.) WOULD PREFER YOU APPROACH

HENBASE

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Dodds major

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SUBJECT: Combat Group Reinforcements. SECRET

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(L.F.S.A.)
S/G/29/43
21 Jan 43.

To: G(SD): AG: ST: Q(OS): ETA TO RTC, TCF.

1. Attached is a Summary showing:

A. Strength and Sufficiencies of Combat Group.

B. Plans for Supply of Reinforcements.

C. Availability of reinforcements and expectations of arrivals at R.T.C, T.C.F.

2. If the programme shown is maintained the strength of R.T.C, T.C.F. in mid-FEBRUARY will be about 9,500 plus 2,000 permanent staff and attachments. This figure is likely to rise to at least 10,5000 if the APRTA call-up takes place in FEBRUARY.

3. The clothing and equipment programme up to 10 Feb should cover -

A. a 5,000 already in camp (provided new)

B. b 4,800 passing through camp up to 10 Feb (7,000 reinfts posted less those going direct to Groups)

C. c 6,500 in camp on 10 Feb (i.e. 9,500 reinfts plus 2,000 permanent staff less 5,000 under A.

16,300 up to 10 Feb.

For requirements up to 4 March this figure should be increased by 4,000 to cover APRTA call-up. Up to 3 March, therefore, clothing and equipment is required for 16,500 men, apart from stocks already delivered and distributed at CREDAN.

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/ two. JAD.

J.B. Dobbs Maj
for Colonel.
L.F.S.A.

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STRENGTH AND DEFICIENCIES OF COMBAT GROUPS.

W.E. of Groups 9000

Group	Rested Strength	Fighting Strength	Deficiency Min	Deficiency Max
FRIULI	8455	7996	545	1454
CREMONA	8130	7200	870	1800
LEGNANO	9027	9275	-	-
FOLGORE	9195	8690	-	310
MANTOVA	7800	5700	1200	3300
Auxiliary Units NE, equals 3000	2400		600	
N.T.C. Permanent Staff N.E. equals 2000	500	500	1500	

B.

PLANS FOR SUPPLY OF REINFORCEMENTS.

FRIULI

21 Jan - Patriots ex FLORENCE - 500
Week Ending:
21 Jan ex CESANO 200
27 Jan ex CESANO 200
3 Feb ex CESANO 600
10 Feb " " 200

TOTAL 1900

CREMONA

20 Jan - Patriots ex SPOLETO etc 470
Week Ending
21 Jan ex CESANO 400
27 Jan ex CESANO 200
3 Feb ex CESANO 800
10 Feb ex CESANO 200
** 3 Feb ex [illegible]/46 Coy 130

TOTAL 2200

Figures for 10 Feb could be exceeded if demands warrant it.

LEGNANO) Drafts week ending 10 Feb - 400
FOLGORE)

MANTOVA

23 Jan Volunteers ex APUAGNA 600
28 Jan " " " 500
23 - 30 Jan " " CERRETI 400
1 Feb (approx) Personnel ex PISTOIA (Carabinieri Gp) 500

TOTAL 2000

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Auxiliary Units NE, equals 3000	2400		600
R.T.C. Permanent Staff / W.E. equals 2000	500	500	1500

B. PLANS FOR SUPPLY OF REINFORCEMENTS.

FRIULI

21 Jan - Patriots ex FLORENCE - 500
Week Ending:

21 Jan	ex CESANO	200
27 Jan	ex CESANO	200
3 Feb	ex CESANO	800
10 Feb	" "	200
TOTAL		1900

LIGURIA

20 Jan - Patriots ex SPALETTI etc 470
Week Ending

21 Jan	ex CESANO	400
27 Jan **	ex CESANO	200
3 Feb	ex CESANO	800
10 Feb	ex CESANO	200
** 3 Feb	ex [illegible]NG Coy	130
	152	
TOTAL		2200

Figures for 10 Feb could be exceeded if Serands warrant it.

LIGURIA) Drafts week ending 10 Feb - 400
POLOGNE)

LAZIO

23 Jan	Volunteers ex ANAGNI	600
28 Jan	" " "	500
23 - 30 Jan	" " CERRETO	400
1 Feb (approx)	Personnel ex PISANO (Carabinieri Gp)	500
	TOTAL	2000

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AUXILIARY UNITS

Deficiencies of 600 are nearly all drivers required for 3 C.T. Company and B.C. and D Sections of M.A.C. These will probably not be available from R.T.C., I.C.P. until end of MARCH.

R.T.C., I.C.P. PERMANENT STAFF.

Cadres from PISANO	1900
TOTAL REINFORCEMENTS COMMITMENT (up to 10 Feb 1945)	6500
Draft for UNITED (for volunteers)	500
	7000

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

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MSG Center No : N 139/20
Classification : SECRET
Precedence : PRIORITY
From : AFHQ
To : MMIA INFO DIS THREE PENSOUTH
FOR MMIA

Date | Time Rec'd :
Date | Time Sent : 201200
Reference NR : FK 88137
Cite : FHGHT

Shaw 211

SECRET ⊙ SIGNED SUPREME COMMANDER ⊙ YOUR

SS 672 DATED 18 JAN REFERS ⊙ ARRANGEMENTS

FOR MOVE CONFIRMED

JWT
LT FORCES

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SUBJECT: E.T.C. I.C.F. - Special Infantry Reinforcements. RESTRICTED.

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To: Ministry of War.

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
9/G/29/43
19 Jan 65.

1. It is recommended that in selecting the permanent staff of the Infantry Regiments at R.T.C., I.C.F. , one officer, not below the rank of Major, should be included from each of the Special Infantry Units, GRANATIERI, ALPINI etc. Apart from his task on the F.E. it would be his duty to act as the representative of his Regiment (GRANATIERI, ALPINI etc) and see that suitable men were allotted as reinforcements for those units.

2. Please inform M.M.I.A. in due course what action is taken in accordance with the above.

tws.JAD
4.c.

W. Pidsley.
Colonel
Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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Subject: Reinforcement Training Centre - Italian Combat Force.

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Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
B/C/29/43
15 Jan 43.

To: A.F.H.Q. (for G 3 (Org))

copy: D.M.T. Training Unit.
M.L.I.A. 10 R.T.C. I.C.F.

1. The organisation of R.T.C. I.C.F. will be as follows:

(a) Permanent staff of Depot and Schools (Italian)
(b) British Liaison Unit (proposal attached as Appx 'A', with 7 copies of M.E.)
(c) Training Increment (proposal being put up by D.M.T.)
(d) Italian Increment to M.I.E. - MA/908/1 of 25 Aug 1944 is proposed, to be implemented only as far as required.

2. As the personnel of these establishments will have to work together and the duties are very much interlocked, it is considered advisable to consider the establishments together.

3. May we have your decision on whether these will now be put to the War Establishment Committee in the form recommended or whether they should be framed on different lines.

Major General.
M.M.I.A.

Encs. JAD.
7.c.

Int copy: G (SD).

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Appendix "A" to WDIA
S/A/29/13 dated 15 Jan 45.

1. TW PROPOSAL.

A new war establishment for a British Liaison Unit to the Reinforcement Training Centre, Italian Combat Force.

2. THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL.

(a) Increases of:

Officers	6
O.Rs.	22
Cars 2 str 4 x 4 or 4 x 2	3
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 4 G.S.	2

(b) None.
(c) (i) No corresponding decreases in existing W.Es are proposed.
(ii) Personnel are to be British or Dominion troops.
(d) The proposal is for one B.L.U. only.
(e) A draft of the proposed W.E. is attached (7 copies)

3. REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL.

A Liaison Unit is necessary to assist with the equipping, movement, administration and maintenance of Italian reinforcements for Combat Groups. It might also be required to supervise the formation of further Auxiliary Units.

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BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
FOR THE
REINFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTRE
ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

War Establishment

Offrs	6
ORs.	22
TOTAL	28
MCs	-
Vehs	5
Trailers.	-

(i) Personnel.

Detail.	Offrs.	W.O.Is.	W.O. IIs.	S Sjts.	Sjts.	Cpls.	L Cpls.	Ptes.	TOTAL
Officers. true CSO I	1								1
Deputy assistant adjutant and quartermaster general S.C.	1								1
Deputy assistant director of supplies and transport	1								1
Deputy assistant director of ordnance services	1								1
Deputy assistant director of mechanical engineers	1								1
Camp Comdt (Lieut)	1								1
TOTAL - OFFICERS	6								6
O.Rs.									
CQMS				1					1
Clerks (a)					1	1		3	5
Tpt and GD NCO					1				1
Storeman							1		1
Officers Mess Caterer					1				1
General Duties							1	3	4
ORD.									
BOWO		1							1
Storemen						1		1	2
REME									
Armourer Art Veh		1							1
" " " Fd and AA			1						1
Fitters (Instructors)					3				3
Storeman					1				1
TOTAL - O.Rs.		2	1	1	7	2	2	7	22

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Detail.

	Offrs.	W.O.1s.	W.O. IIs.	S Sjts.	Sjts.	Cpls.	L.Cpls.	Ptes.	TOTAL
Officers. Now CSO I	1								1
Deputy assistant adjutant and quartermaster general S.C.	1								1
Deputy assistant director of supplies and transport	1								1
Deputy assistant director of ordnance services	1								1
Deputy assistant director of mechanical engineers	1								1
Carp Cordt (Lieut)	1								1
TOTAL - OFFICERS	6								6
C.Rs.					1				1
CQMS						1	1	3	5
Clerks (a)						1		1	2
Tpt and GD NCO						1			1
Storeman								1	1
Officers Mess Caterer							1	3	4
General Duties				1					1
ORD.							1	1	2
BOWO									
Storemen				1	1				1
REME									1
Armourer Art Veh						3			3
" " " Fd and AA						1			1
Fitters (Instructors)									
Storeman									
TOTAL - C.Rs.			2	2	7	2	2	7	22
TOTAL A BRITISH LIAISON UNIT R.T.C. I.C.F. (b)	6		2	2	7	2	2	7	28

(ii) Transport.

Cars 2 str 4 x 2	3
Trucks 15-cwt 4 x 2 GS	2

(a) incl one pay clerk.
(b) Drivers, batmen, cooks and orderlies are provided from the Italian Increment to the British Liaison Unit, W.E. NA/501/1

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PRECOUTH FOR MMIA LO
LOF RPT THE CENTRE MMIA LO

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SD R102 OF 26 (.) SUPPLY COY PERSONNEL 67 AND MAINT
SPECIALISTS 61 ARE BEING MOVED TO C E S A R O
22 J A N BY 1 GEN HT COY I C F AS ARRANGED BY
MMIA LO N A P L E S AND LOCAL MOV

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MANY MORE VOLUNTEERS FOR COMBAT ARE COMING FORWARD THAN CAN BE ACCEPTED AT RTC ICF (.) SIGNAL IMMEDIATELY AFTER CONSULTING GROUP COMMANDER MAXIMUM NUMBERS THAT CAN BE RECEIVED BY MANTOVA DURING NEXT FORTNIGHT APART FROM 626 DETAILED IN SS 572 OF 18 JAN

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EMERGENCY OBS

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53/2

Subject: ARTILLERY FIRING - CIVITAVECCHIA

2.10/3

12 Jan 45

To: 7 AMBA

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Reference RAAO letter RAAO/16/13/43(Br) dated 9 Jan 45 and further to this Headquarters letter Q 10/3 dated 9 Jan 45.

1. 7 AMBA, in addition to warning the Sindaco of the dates of firing in accordance with para 5 (a) and (d) of this Headquarters letter quoted above, will give the same warning to the Capitan and Tenente of the Carbinieri resident in CASTEL MADAMA and CIVITA-VECCHIA respectively.

2. Both the Capitan and Tenente of the Carbinieri already have in their possession maps of the range areas. The above mentioned warnings will be confirmed in writing and a receipt will be obtained from each Sindaco and from both officers of the Carbinieri. These written warnings will be distributed at least 7 days before firing is to commence. Specimen warning notices are attached.

Anthony Blunt

Major,
DAA & QMG,
201 Sub Area.

In the Field
AFPO/mms

RNI

Copy to:- HQ,
— Local Forces Sub Commission MCIA,
Provincial Commissioner AD ROME.
Provincial Commissioner AD VITERBO.
66 Clerks and Firings.
Real Estate Sec RAAO.

with map 1/50000, and trace to fit road map ITALY 1/200000, showing range areas in accordance with para 5 of RAAC letter, and copy of above mentioned specimen warning.

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Read 20 Jan REP

236 Town Major - with copy of specimen warning.

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[redacted] (INFORMAZIONE)

Al Signor_____

1. Col presente si informa che i tiri dell'Artiglieria seguiranno all Poligono .....e inizieranno al'ora.....del giorno.....1945. I tiri continueranno giornalmente fino al'ora .....del.....1945.

2. I Sindaci debbono ricordare che Loro sono respononsábili che:-

(a) Tutti gli abitanti del loro territorio dovranno sapere tramite pubblicazioni etc. la data dell' inizio dell'esercitazione.

(b) Per l'evacuazione tutte le persone e bestiami per tutte il territorio in questione.

3. E pregato di quittenzare la ricevuta di quest'informazione con uso del modulo sottontiaccato.

Data

Maggior Brig del
7 AGRA

MODULO DI RICEVUTA

Al Comando del 7 AGRA

Il sottofirmato ha preso conoscenxa del fatto che, al territorio.....del Poligono gli esercitazioni del tiro dell' Artiglieria inizieranno al..... fino al.....inclusive.

Data.....

Firma 7190

Trace To Fit 1:20000 Italy 50 Map

VITERBO

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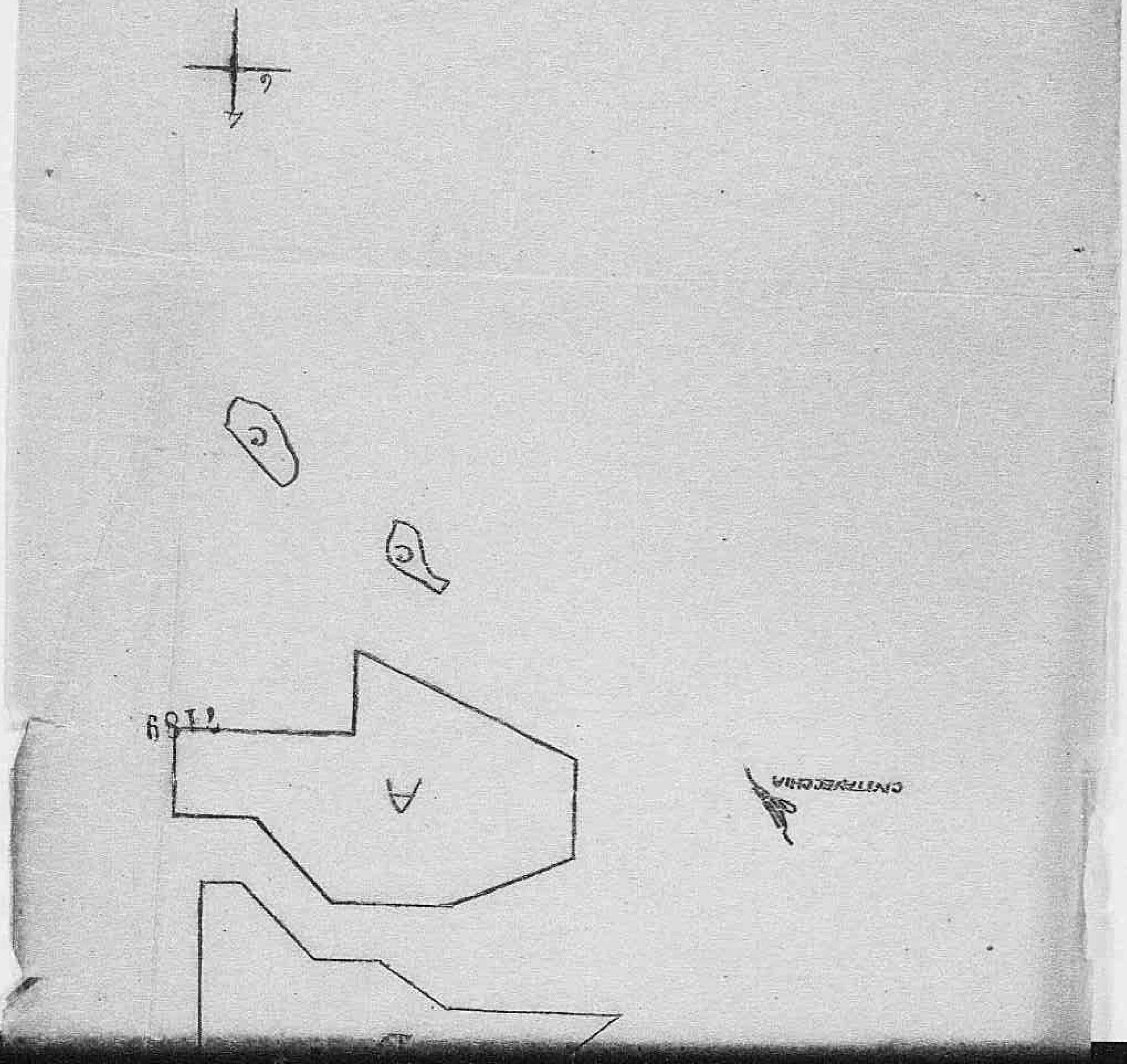
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SUBJECT :- Maps

SECRET

52 British Liaison Unit
CMF

17 Jan 45

G/2/66

HQ LEGNANO
Gruppo di Combattimento

1. Please arrange for all 1/200,000, 1/100,000, and 1/50,000 maps of the BRACCIANO/MANZIANA area, which were issued to you, to be collected in to Gruppo HQ on 23 Jan, in order that they may be handed over to RTD ICF CESANO.
Will RTD ICF please send a rep to collect these maps from HQ LEGNANO Gruppo on 24 Jan.

2. Arrangements are being made by this HQ for maps of the RADDA area to be taken over from FRIULI Gruppo.

3. Ref your 01/110 of 15 Jan 45.
It will not be possible to get all the maps which you have requested, but this HQ will endeavour to obtain some of them in the new area.

TPL/aa

Major
GSO II

Copy to :- RTD ICF
Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA)

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Subject: Hygiene - L.C.F.R.T.C.

29/1/43

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Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA)
ROME
16/3/187
16 Jan 43

Ministry of War,
Direzione Generale di Sanita Mil.

Please arrange to send a Mobile Bath Unit from Rome to be attached for permanent duty at Cesano Reinforcement and Training Centre.

A. C. Heggie
Major,
D.A.D.M.S.
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (MMIA)

/MMS.

Copy to: C.C., L.C.F.R.T.C.
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PUT YOUR FX EIGHT FOUR FIVE FIVE ONE OR ONE FOUR NOT TO ALL SUBJECT MEDIA LETTER SUGAR BLANK QUEQUE SLANT ENCIPHER SLANT FOUR THREE OF SIX (.) ONE (.) NOTE OF ENCLAVE PROPOSED IN ABOVE-QUOTED LETTER AGREED BY ROME AREA AND AGENCY MEDIA (.) THO (.) APPROVAL GIVEN THAT PART PRIVATE WITHIN ROME AREA SUBJECT SECURITY PROVISIO EXACTLY THE AREA (.) TERMS (.) SUBJECTED MEDIA APPROACH PERHAPS PERMISSION USE BALANCE ENCLAVE THAT FALLS WITHIN PERHAPS AREA CMA WITH COPY THIS ZERO ONE SUB AREA (.) FOUR (.) SHOULD RANGES WITHIN ENCLAVE BE CONSIDERED FULL RESPONSIBILITY SAFETY PRECAUTIONS CMA MOVE KEYS CMA NOTIFICATION AND WARNING ALL CONCERNED MEANS PRESUMABLY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES

(Passed)

Wie Inneren ist ebenso — kann ich
prüfen von offizieller Parteien

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Dem 21 Jn

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MESSAGE FORM.

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Date Time of Origin.

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From: MMLA

To(action) AFHQ for G 3 Org
Ministry of War
PENSOUTH FOR MMLA LO

To(Info) 56 SAREA FOR ADAMSON.
3 District.
56 ELU
MCVWIT
MMLA LO RTC ICF

SS 572

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IT IS REQUESTED THAT NO I GT COMPANY MOVE FROM AFRICOLA TO CESANO AS SOON AS COMPLETE CMS. EXPECTED DATE 20 JANUARY (*) RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING TASKS BE UNDERTAKEN EN ROUTE (*) FIRST (*) MOVE FOUR OFFICERS THIRTY SIX ORS 33 MED SEC AFRICOLA TO CESANO (*) SECOND (*) MOVE ALL STORES OUTSTANDING FOR RTC ICF AT 2 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD to CESANO (*) THIRD (*) MOVE FROM AFRICOLA TO SAN GIORGIO FOR MANTOVA 526 VOLUNTEERS FOR COMBAT EX SICILY AND 100 VOLUNTEERS EX SARDINIA (*) FOURTH (*) WITH SAME TRANSPORT AS FOR THIRD ABOVE MOVE FROM CASTELLO (SAN GIORGIO) 10 OFFICERS 40 ORs GT 1 BN 336 REGT FROM PIEDMONTE 15 OFFICERS 300 ORs FOURTH GROUP 152 ARTY REGT (*) ALL TO CESANO FOR RTC ICF (*) MMLA SD 2094 OF 14 JAN REFERS (*) NEW PARA (*) MMLA LO PBS OR REPRESENTATIVE OF GT COMPANY WILL REPORT MCVWIT EARLIEST TO COORDINATE TIME OF CONVOYS AND ARRANGE LOADS FOR ANY EMPTY TRUCKS (*) NUMBER OF TRUCKS REQUIRED FOR ABOVE TASK WILL BE COORDINATED BETWEEN MMLA LO PBS AND ITALIAN AUTHORITIES (*) FOR AFHQ (*) COL HARRIS PLEASE CONFIRM ABOVE ARRANGEMENTS TO ALL ADDRESSES (*) FOR MINISTRY OF WAR (*) PLEASE WARN MILITARY HQ CAMPANIA AND ABOVE ITALIAN UNITS

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IT IS REQUESTED THAT NO 1 GT COMPANY MOVE FROM AFRAGOLA TO CESANO AS SOON AS COMPLETE CMA EXPECTED DATE 20 JANUARY (*) RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING TASKS BE UNDERTAKEN EN ROUTE (*) FIRST (*) MOVE FOUR OFFICERS THIRTY SIX ORS 53 MED SEC AFRAGOLA TO CESANO (*) SECOND (*) MOVE ALL STORES OUTSTANDING FOR RTC ICF AT 2 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD to CESANO (*) THIRD (*) MOVE FROM AFRAGOLA TO SAN GIORGIO FOR MANTOVA 526 VOLUNTEERS FOR COMBAT EX SICILY AND 100 VOLUNTEERS EX SARDINIA (*) FOURTH (*) WITH SAME TRANSPORT AS FOR THIRD ABOVE MOVE FROM CASTELLO (SAN GIORGIO) 10 OFFICERS 40 ORs OF 1 BN 336 REGT FROM PIEDMONTE 15 OFFICERS 300 ORs FOURTH GROUP 152 ARTY REGT (*) ALL TO CESANO FOR RTC ICF (*) MMLA SD 2094 OF 14 JAN REFERS (*) NEW PARA (*) MMLA LO PBS OR REPRESENTATIVE OF GT COMPANY WILL REPORT MOVMT EARLIEST TO COORDINATE TIME OF CONVOYS AND ARRANGE LOADS FOR ANY EMPTY TRUCKS (*) NUMBER OF TRUCKS REQUIRED FOR ABOVE TASK WILL BE COORDINATED BETWEEN MMLA LO PBS AND ITALIAN AUTHORITIES (*) FOR AFHQ (*) COL HARRIS PLEASE CONFIRM ABOVE ARRANGEMENTS TO ALL ADDRESSES (*) FOR MINISTRY OF WAR (*) PLEASE WARN MILITARY HQ CAMPANIA AND ABOVE ITALIAN UNITS ACCORDINGLY

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IMMEDIATE to ACTION addresses.
IMPORTANT to others.

Signed

Int copies: C(SD) : MCV : AQ

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MMIA

MMIA LO DISTHREE

SS 561.

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REF YOUR EM 158 OF 14 (*) FIRST CONVOY LEFT OBSANO 13 JAN (*)
SECOND CONVOY LEAVES TODAY 16 JAN (*) ONE VEHICLE MISSING

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LROF V MEDY NR 1407/// 140276 IMMEDIATE

FROM MMIA LO DISTHREE 141200A

TO MMIA

QQY BT

EM158 (.) SECRET (.) FOR D O B B S (.) 24X3 TONNERS DEP NAPLES THIS PM WITH COMPLETE BAL STORES FOR C E S A N O UNDER COMD SGT C A VANNAGH VIA ROUTE 6 (.) ETA C E N T O C E L L E CHECK PT (MR8146) 1200 HRS 15 JAN WHERE REQUEST REP MEET TO TO GUIDE TO I C F R T C (.) ESSENTIAL VEHS AND PERS RETURN A F R A G O L A SOONEST (.) FIRST CONVOY NOT YET RETURNED (.) REQUEST E T A(.)

1 GT COY WILL BE READY FOR DISPOSAL S M R E 19 JAN AND FMN 2 GT COY COMMENCES SAME DATE

BT 1230

CCN - 2ND LINE BAL STORES IMI STORES

SENT 1300 GB B"

RECD 276 1300 REB AR K

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SUBJECT: Evacuation of Displaced Persons from Ministry of War Barracks, CESANO.

PERSONAL

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/G/29/43
15 Jan 45.

H.E. The Minister of War.

1. I must again draw your attention most strongly to the fact that displaced persons are still occupying the Ministry of War Barracks at CESANO

2. As you know, these barracks are required in toto forthwith for the establishment of the new "Combat Reinforcement Centre (PICENO)". You have placed a large contract so that the centre can be put forthwith into proper shape to receive reinforcements for training for the Combat Groups. Without proper training these reinforcements can be of no use in battle; without proper amenities, morale, particularly of recruits who have never served in the army, can not be high; without full control of CESANO barracks it is not possible to achieve either training or morale.

3. I must insist that the displaced persons be removed forthwith. I can have NO delay in this. ITALY is expecting much of her Combat Groups. You must give them the facilities to obtain the best possible reinforcements. Failure to do this is a definite hindrance to, even sabotage of the war effort. Therefore, the displaced persons must be removed at once.

4. I rely on you to see that this is done and will expect to hear from you very shortly that CESANO barracks are at the complete disposal of the Ministry of War. You can rely on my fullest support (and that of A.F.H.Q.) in overcoming every obstacle.

LB 7182

tvs.LB.
2.1.

Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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British Training Units Ministry of War

GS 558 RESTRICTED

MAJOR FERRARIS VITTORIO ITALIAN TRAINING OFFICER ATTACHED TO TRAINING TEAM FOR XXXX PRIVLI REQUIRED URGENTLY FOR UNITS AT RTC ICF (*) CAN YOU RELEASE QUERY (*) REPORT ALSO IF OTHER ITALIAN TRAINING OFFICERS ARE STILL REQUIRED

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Copy in files:-
S/G/29/13/2
S/G/29/10/A

IMPORTANT

Major

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Subject:- Communications.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
X500/6
15 Jan 45

Signal Officer, Rome Area Allied Command.
Ministry of War.
Signal Officer 50 BLU
" " 51 "
" " 52 "
" " 53 "
" " 56 "
S/SI. GELARM. REG. LEC.

1. Further to this HQ letter X500/6 of 22 Dec. In addition to packages between the Combat Groups and Reinforcement Training Centre, Italian Combat Force at CESANO (North of Rome). packages may be also sent over the British L of C between the Ministry of War and the Combat Groups.

Letters must be addressed:

"Italian Ministry of War"
via Rome Area Allied Command"

2. Ministry of War will please arrange immediately for a Despatch Rider to call twice daily at Rome Area Allied Command to collect and deliver packages. This Despatch Rider should also call at this HQ on each run.

3. Ministry of War will please also arrange for a twice daily service between their HQ and Combat Reinforcement Centre at CESANO. calling also at this HQ.

4. A timetable showing times of collection and delivery for each of these runs should be sent by Ministry of War to all concerned.

5. All Signal officers of L.of C. HQ's please arrange for all packages to be sent to Ministry of War and Combat Reinforcement Centre. Each of these HQs are requested to reply by the same means reporting time taken for the last package.

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

Copy to:- Lyce Lee

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43.

2g/43

Subject: 3 list enclosed for permanents in answer to 2g/43 of

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20. 20/15

* duplicates No. 41 is same.

LROF V LAEE NR 49
QVR 2 OFMG
FROM: LAEE 141117A
TO: DISTHREE , ROME AREA
INFO: MMIA
GR 21 BT

RESTRICTED (.) FX84591 SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGDQ (.)
HAVE YOU ANY COMMENTS ON PROPOSALS IN MMIA LETTER
S/G/29/43 OF 6 JAN 45
BT 141117A

SEN NR49 1525A GW B23//// 3
RCD 49 1525 REB K

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FROM DET 56 AREA

TO MTA INFO FIFTEEN

DET/649

FOR COL RCA (.) Ref your A100 dated 11 Jan ref British staff at rft try centre (ITALIANS) (.) DADOS being sent by crd (.) Camp comdt not immediately available but earmarked by G1 (3) (.) Mess Sjt not available at present (.) Only other personnel available at the moment are with COMD LEVIN

EK SD DTETR: SD/57, S/Sec, SD/50, AG, Flot

S8/50 29/43 42.

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Interpreter Br. personnel work ICF-Rft Centre.

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HEADQUARTERS
14 JAN 1945
C.

LRTD LAST AR 21
SNT AR 1411174
FROM
TO LIBYA:
FOR INFO
INFO MIDEA
AR 21
RESTRICTED
FIGURE GROUP CYPHER (.) FX84591
HAVE YOU ANY COMMENTS ON PROPOSALS IN MEDIA LETTER
S/S/29/43 OF G.A.// JAN 45
AR 1411174 141221-A NOF 1 (K)
SENT AR 21
INFO AR 22 14/1221A

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Transmission Instructions

Register No. 20

Std. No. | Priority

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

Date-Time of Origin

OFFICE DATE STAMP

S/Sec.

20/23

Originator

FROM (A) G2 52 BLU

For Action

COL PIDSLEY

(W) For information (INFO)

Message Instructions — CR —

TO

Originator's No.

We have arranged for 2 water trucks to report to RTD CESAKO tonight 0-Tday and required to return here tomorrow morning.

WP

P.S.S. / B / D 50 / 100 M x 100 / 9-45

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT WIRELESS

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY

Hand to Col Pidsley 12/1840 Hrs.

Time	System	Op.
ORIGINATOR		
12/1830D	Phone	
Time cleared		

SIGNED

SIGNED

29/43 39

SECRET

SUBJECT: Formation of Units for RTC ICF

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
13 SD/57
JAN 45

TO : AFHQ (3 copies)

Copy to: 2 District
RAAC
MMIA LO RTC ICF
British Training Unit

Reference our S/G/29/43 of 13 January.

1. It is important, while the W.E's are still under consideration, that the RTC ICF should have the necessary transport and maintenance units to enable it to function.

2. The proposed organisation includes the following units :-

Unit	Offrs	ORs	S.E.L.	War Establishment
A Transport Platoon	1	49		MA/533/1 -
2 LAD's (each)		12		MA/540/1 -
1 Section CC.RR.(for duty)	1	51		MA/524/1

3. It is requested that you issue formation orders for the above units. It is suggested that they be formed at CESANO under supervision of RAAC and the proposed ELU. Personnel would be provided at CESANO under arrangements to be made by MMIA.

4. In addition could approval be given to the release of 12 cars 4 str or 2 str, against the proposed establishments, to enable officers of the Centre to be mobile during the period of organisation.

5. It is requested that vehicles released for the Transport Platoon above should be in addition to any vehicles released hitherto.

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Copy to: 2 District
RAAC
MMIA LO RTC ICF
British Training Unit

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2 LAD's (each)		12		MA/540/1 -
1 Section CC.RR.(for duty)	1	51		MA/524/1

3. It is requested that you issue formation orders for the formation units. It is suggested that they be formed at CRSANC under supervision of RAAC and the proposed ELU. Personnel would be provided at CRSANC under arrangements to be made by MMIA.

4. In addition could approval be given to the release of 12 cars 4 str or 2 str, against the proposed establishments, to enable officers of the Centre to be mobile during the period of organisation.

5. It is requested that vehicles released for the Transport Platoon above should be in addition to any vehicles released hitherto.

W. Pridsley - Colonel
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Subject :- R.T.C. I.C.F. Establishments.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

S/G/29/43.
13 January. 45.

To :- Ministry of War.

1. Enclosed are the proposed War Establishments of the R.T.C. I.C.F. as forwarded for the agreement of the Director of Military Training. A summary is attached as Appendix 'A'.

2. Please inform M.M.I.A. if you find on close examination that there are any modifications you consider should be made.

3. The final establishments will then bepassed to A.F.H.Q. for approval.

W. Pidsley. Colonel
Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Reinforcements Training Centre - Italian Combat Force
War Establishments

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/29/43
13 Jan 45

TO : D.M.T. (3 copies)
RA TRAINING TEAM (ITALIAN FORCES)
(Summary and 3 copies Serial 13 only)

1. Enclosed are the proposed War Establishments of the Reinforcements Training Centre, Italian Combat Force, submitted for your agreement and return before the final copies are forwarded by us to AFHQ for the War Establishments Committee. A summary is attached as Appendix "A".

2. The following establishments are not included:-

A Signals Training Depot and School - This proposal is now in the hands of AFHQ

A Mechanics School - This WE is now being worked out with EME Branch AFHQ.

A Driving and Maintenance School - At first this function will be performed by No. 2 GT Coy with the addition from other units of the Centre of such additional admin personnel as are required.

A Headquarters Training School (incl Interpreter Section) - To follow.

3. It is not known if the WE should be the authority for the allocation of training equipment or if this is to be included on a separate equipment list. In either case will the DMT please take the necessary action.

4. O.C. R.A. Training Team is requested to check the WE for the Artillery Depot and School (Serial 13), and if there are any amendments he wishes to make, to forward amended copies to DMT and MMIA. It is pointed out that a small reduction has been made on the original proposal for the Training Staff in view of the fact that the authorised holding of Artillery Reinforcements is 800, of whom it is estimated that one fifth would normally be held in the Reception Regiment. A point at issue is that no officer is included in the WE to command the Artillery School as a whole, apart from the Depot Commander. This might raise difficulties if the School is located separately from the Depot.

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5. It will take some time to check, submit, approve and implement these WE's. Meanwhile the Centre has to function. A separate letter is therefore being addressed to AFHQ asking them to issue Formation Orders for the Transport Platoon and the 8 LAD's included in the HQ; also to approve the release of up to 12 cars, 2 str or 4 str, against the new establishments.

6. I am writing to AFHQ with a separate proposal for the SLU to be attached to the RTC, and understand that you are submitting the WE's for the Training Team and the British Training Unit.

W. Pudsey Colonel
Major General
M. M. I. A.

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O.C. British Training Unit,
Italian Army

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE

ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

SUMMARY OF WAR ESTABLISHMENTS

SERIAL	U N I T	WAR ESTABLISHMENT	TRAINING STAFF OFFRS	TRAINING STAFF ORS	TRAINEES OFFRS	TRAINEES ORS
	H.Q. Units					
1	H.Q. RR ICF	As proposed	-	-	22	138
2	Ration and POL Depot & Clothing Store	"	-	-	4	51
3	A Field Hygiene Section	"			1	27
4	A Transport Platoon	NA/533/1			1	49
5	2 LAD's	NA/540/1			-	24
6	HQ CC.RR. Coy	As proposed	1	6	2	21
7	3 Sections CC.RR.	NA/524/1			1	51
	T O T A L - H.Q. Units I C F		1	6	31	361
8	H.Q. Reception Regiment	As proposed	-	-	14	113
9	3 Reception Battalions	"	-	54	21	93
	T O T A L - Reception Regiment		-	54	35	206
10	H.Q. Infantry Regiment	As proposed	-	-	12	85
11	3 Infantry Battalions	"	15	132	54	351
	T O T A L - Infantry Rfts Regt		15	132	66	436
12	H.Q. Composite Regiment	As proposed	-	-	8	42
13	Artillery Depot and School	"	12	44	23	163
14	Mixed Reinforcements Battalion	"	1	8	10	39
15	H.Q. Engineer Battalion	"	-	-	5	28
16	Field Engineering School	"	7	41	10	94
17	Signals Dep & School(figures originally	"	22	38	28	132
18	Mech Engineers Trg Coy proposed)	"	-	-	3	21
	TOTAL - Composite Reinforcements Regt		42	131	87	519
19	HQ Schools(incl Interpreters Section)	To follow	3	-	21	57
20	Infantry School	"	8	26	9	48
21	Instructors School	"	32	33	35	119
22	Driving and Maintenance School	To be proposed	-	-	-	-
23	Mechanics School	"	-	-	-	-
	T O T A L - SCHOOLS		43	59	65	224
	GRAND TOTAL (Excl Ser 22 & 23)		101	382	284	1746
	ATTACHED					
	1 Field Hospital	NA/574/1			7	58
	1 Field Bakery	NA/597/1			1	31
	1 G T Coy (pending organisation of D & M School)	NA/531/1, NA/539/1 NA/532/1, NA/533/1			9	323

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ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE

SUMMARY OF WAR ESTABLISHMENTS

APPENDIX 'A' 5 to
MMIA S/C/29/43 of
13 January 1944

UNIT	WAR ESTABLISHMENT	TRAINING STAFF OFFRS	TRAINING STAFF ORS	TRAINING STAFF OFFRS	TRAINING STAFF ORS	TRAINING STAFF OFFRS	TRAINING STAFF ORS
ICF	As proposed	-	-	22	138	-	-
POL Depot & Clothing Store	"	-	-	4	51	-	-
giene Section	"			1	27		
t Platoon	NA/533/1			1	49		
	NA/540/1			-	24		
Cov	As proposed	1	6	2	21	-	-
CC.RR.	NA/524/1			1	51	2	102
H.Q. Units I C F		1	6	31	361	2	102
tion Regiment	As proposed	-	-	14	113	-	-
n Battalions	"	-	54	21	93	70	1290
Reception Regiment		-	54	35	206	70	1290
try Regiment	As proposed	-	-	12	85	-	-
Battalions	"	15	132	54	351	90	4110
Infantry Rfts Regt		15	132	66	436	90	4110
site Regiment	As proposed	-	-	8	42	-	-
Depot and School	"	12	44	23	163	15	625
Forcements Battalion	"	1	8	10	39	10	270
er Battalion	"	-	-	5	28	-	-
neering School	"	7	41	10	94	10	270
& School(figures originally proposed)	"	22	38	28	132	5	155
ers Trg Cov	"	-	-	3	21	5	75
posite Reinforcements Regt		42	131	87	519	45	1395
ncl Interpreters Section)	To follow	3	-	21	57	-	-
hool	"	8	26	9	48	-	-
School	"	32	33	35	119	-	-
Maintenance School	To be proposed	-	-	-	-	-	-
chool	"	-	-	-	-	-	-
SCHOOLS		43	59	65	224	-	-
(Excl Ser 22 & 23)		101	382	284	1746	207	6897
pital	NA/574/1			7	58		
ory	NA/597/1			1	31		
rending organisation	NA/531/1, NA/539/1			9	323		
of D & M School)	NA/532/1, NA/533/1						

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE.
AFRICAN CORPS FORCE.

A [illegible] REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE.

War Establishment.

Officers.	12.
O.Rs.	158
TOTAL	170
M.Cs.	8
Vehicles.	19
Trailers.	-

(i) Personnel.

Details.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
General Officer Commanding (Major General)	1				1
A.D.C. (Subaltern)	1				1
Lieut Colonel	1				1
Personnel Section.					
Lieut Colonel	1				1
Major	1				1
Secretarial Section					
Lieut Colonel	1				1
General Staff					
Major	2				2
Quartermaster Section					
Captain	1				1
Medical Section.					
Major	1				1
M.I. Section					
Captain	1				1
Welfare Section.					
Lieut Colonel or Major	1				1
Captain or Subaltern	1				1
HQ Commandant-Lieut Colonel	1				1
C.O. HQ Company	1				1
M.O. HQ Company	1				1
Orderly Officer HQ Company (Subaltern)	1				1
Interpreters " " (Subaltern)	2				2
Signals Officers (Subaltern)	1				1
Postal Officers (Subalterns)	2				2

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	Officers	Senior	Junior	Private	TOTAL
General Officer Commanding (Major General)	1				1
A.D.C. (Subaltern)	1				1
Lieut Colonel					1
Personnel Section.					
Lieut Colonel	1				1
Major	1				1
Duntion Section					
Lieut Colonel	2				2
General Staff					
Major	1				1
Quartermaster Section					
Captain	1				1
Medical Section.					
Major	1				1
M.T. Section					
Captain	1				1
Welfare Section.					
Lieut Colonel or Major	1				1
Captain or Subaltern	1				1
HQ Commandant-Lieut Colonel	1				1
O.C. HQ Company	1				1
I.O. HQ Company	1				1
Orderly Officer HQ Company (Subaltern)	1				1
Interpreters " " (Subaltern)	2				2
Signals Officers (Subaltern)	1				1
Pioneer Officers (Subalterns)	2				2
TOTAL - OFFICERS	22				22
U.S. CONTACT					
Office Section.					
Chief Clerk (W.O.)		1			1
Pioneer NCO		1			1
Dry Cleaning			1		2
HQ Cleaning	4	10	10		20
Orderlies				5	5

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Details.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
(i) Personnel (Contd)					
SERVICES SECTION.					
MCO i/c		1			1
Medical Orderlies (for HQ MI Room)			2	4	6
Officers Mess - Mess Sjt		1			1
Cooks			2	2	4
Orderlies				1½	1½
O.Rs. Messes - Cooks			1	2½	3½
Barber				1	1
Tailor				1	1
Shoemaker				1	1
Batmen				2	2
Storemen				4	4
3 Men				3	3
SIGNALS SECTION.					
Teleprinter operators		2	2	4	8
Switchboard operators		1		2	3
Interpreters		1			1
Signals clerks (for Message Centre)			1	2	3
Linesmen				2	2
Electricians				1	1
Driver mechanics				2	2
Motor cyclists				8	8
Post Office - Duty men		2	3	5	10
M.T. Section - MCO i/c		1			1
Driver mechanics				2	2
Drivers i/c				17	17
TOTAL - ORs.		24	25	89	138
TOTAL - HQ Reinforcements Training Centre	22	24	25	89	160

(ii) Transport.

(a) For Signals Section

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SERVICES SECTION.					
NCO i/c		1			1
Medical Orderlies (for HQ MI Room)			2	4	6
Officers Mess - Mess Sjt		1			1
Cooks			2	2	4
Orderlies				6	6
O.Rs. Messes - Cooks			1	6	8
Barber				1	1
Tailor				1	1
Shoemaker				1	1
Batman				14	14
Storeman				2	2
3) Men				4	4
SIGNALS SECTION.					
Teleprinter operators		2	2	4	8
Switchboard operators		1		2	3
Interpreters		1			1
Signals clerk (for Message Centre)		1	1	2	4
Linesmen				2	2
Electricians				1	1
Driver mechanics				2	2
Motor cyclists				8	8
Post Office - Duty men		2	3	5	10
M.T. Section.- NCO i/c		1			1
Driver mechanics			2		2
Drivers i/c				17	17
TOTAL - ORs.			24	25	89	138
TOTAL - HQ Reinforcements Training Centre		22	24	25	89	160

(ii) Transport.

(a) For Signals Section.

Motor cycles, Solo	8
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	1
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	1

(b) For HQ Section.

Cars 4 str [illegible] x 2	2
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	6
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	6
Lorries 3 tons 4 x 2 GS	3

NOTE: This HQ has also under command, on separate [illegible]:
Ration, POL and Clothing Depot
Hygiene Section
G.T. Platoon.
2 L.A.D.s.
Company Carabinieri Recd

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CONFIDENTIAL.

[illegible] TRAINING CENTRE.
MALAYAN COMBAT FORCE.

RATION AND POL DEPOT AND CLOTHING STORE.
(Under command HQ R.T.C.)

[illegible]	4
[illegible]	51
[illegible]	55
[illegible]	-
[illegible]	2
[illegible]	-

War Establishment.

(1) Personnel.

Detail.	Officers.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ration and POL Stores.					
Officer Commanding (Captain)	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
TOTAL - Officers	2				2
Administrative Staff		2	2	5	9
Issue Clerks		1	1	4	6
Storemen issuers		1	1	2	4
Batman				2	2
Orderlies				2	2
Butchers				1	1
[illegible]				1	1
Driver mechanic				1	1
Driver i/c				1	1
GD Men				8	8
TOTAL - O.Rs.		4	4	26	34
Clothing Store.					
Officer Commanding	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
TOTAL - Officers	2				2
Administrative Staff.		2	2	2	4
Storemen			2	2	4
Orderlies				[illegible]	2
Tailors				[illegible]	3
Shoemakers				[illegible]	3
TOTAL - O.Rs.		2	4	11	17
TOTAL - Ration and POL Depot and Clothing Store		[illegible]			

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Detail.

	Officers	Sgts	Cpls	L/Cpls	Pte
Ration and POL Stores.					
Officer Commanding (Captain)	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
TOTAL - Officers	2				2
Administrative Staff		2	2		4
Issue Clerks		1	1	5	7
Storemen issuers		1	1	4	6
Batmen				1	1
Orderlies				2	2
Butchers				2	2
Bakers				1	1
Driver mechanic				1	1
Driver i/c				1	1
GD Men				8	8
TOTAL - O.Rs.		4	4	26	34
Clothing Store.					
Officer Commanding	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
TOTAL - Officers	2				2
Administrative Staff.		2	2		4
Storeman			2	7	9
Orderlies				2	2
Tailors				3	3
Shoemakers				2	2
TOTAL - O.Rs.		2	4	11	17
TOTAL - Ration and POL Depot and Clothing Store.	4	6	8	37	55

(ii) Transport.

Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	1

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A FIELD HYGIENE SECTION (Italian)

War Establishment.

Officers.	1
O.R.s.	27
TOTAL	28
M.Cy.	6
Vehicles.	1
Trailers.	1

(i) Personnel.

Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Captain Or Lieut)	1				1
Sanitary Assistants		1			1
Clerk				1	1
Batman				1	1
Sanitary Inspectors			6		6
Sanitary Dutymen				5	5
Works Squad					
NCO i/c		1			1
Bricklayer				1	1
Carpenters				2	2
Painter decorators				1	1
Sheet metal workers				1	1
Drivers i/c			1		1
Cook				1	1
TOTAL A FIELD HYGIENE SECTION	1	1	7	13	28

(ii) Transport.

Bicycles	2
Motor cycles.	6
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	1

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Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Captain Or Lieut)	1				1
Sanitary Assistants		3			3
Clerk				1	1
Batman				1	1
Sanitary Inspectors			6		6
Sanitary Dutyman				5	5
Works Squad					
NCO i/c		1			1
Bricklayer				1	1
Carpenters				2	2
Painter decorators				1	1
Sheet metal workers				1	1
Drivers i/c			1		1
Cook				1	1
TOTAL A FIELD HYGIENE SECTION	1	4	7	12	24

(ii) Transport.

Bicycles	2
Motor cycles.	6
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 (special disinfestor)	1

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REMOUNTS TRAINING CENTRE.
ITALIAN SERVICE CORPS.

RETURNED.

A HEADQUARTERS, A COMPANY CARABINIERI MIXED (CC.RR)

War Establishment.

Officers.	2
O.R.s	21
TOTAL	23
M.Cs.	2
Vehicles	3
Trailers.	-

(i) Personnel.

Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Captain)	1				1
Instructors Section					
Subaltern	1				1
Warrant Officer		1			1
Sergeant Majors		2			2
Sjt		1			1
Cpls			2		2
HQ Section.					
Warrant Officers.		1			1
Quartermaster Sjt		1			1
Motor cyclists and orderlies				3	3
Cooks and GD men				7	7
Drivers i/c				3	3
TOTAL - A company HQ CC.RR	2	6	2	13	23

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(ii) Transport.

Motor cycles colo	2
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	1
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	1
Bicycles	2

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Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Captain)	1				1
Instructors Section					
Subaltern	1				1
Warrant Officer		1			1
Sergeant Majors		2			2
Sjt		1			1
Cpls			2		2
HQ Section.					
Warrant Officers.		1			1
Quartermaster Sjt		1			1
Motor cyclists and orderlies				3	3
Cooks and GD men				7	7
Drivers i/c				3	3
TOTAL - A company HQ CC.RR	2	6	2	13	23

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(ii) Transport.

Motor cycles solo	2
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	1
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	1
Bicycles	2

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE.

ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

A Regimental Headquarters for a Reception Regiment.

War Establishment.

Officers	14
O.Rs.	113
TOTAL	127
M.Cs.	2
Vehicles.	11
Trailers.	-

(i) Personnel.

Detail.	Officers.	Senior N.C.Os.	Junior N.C.Os.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Colonel)	1				1
Second in Command (Lieutenant Colonel)	1				1
Adjutant (Major)	1				1
Documentation Officer (Major)	1				1
Quartermaster (Captain)	1				1
Messing Officer (Captain)	1				1
Administrative Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Medical Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Orderly Officer and Interpreter (Captain or Subaltern)	1				1
Welfare Officer	1				1
Chaplain	1				1
O.C. HQ Coy.	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
	14				14
Office Section.					
Chief Clerk W.O.		1			1
Post Clerk		1			1
Clerks		6	6	5	17
Orderlies.				4	4
Services Section.					
Quartermaster Sjt and Pay Clerks.		2	2		4
Storemen		2		5	7
Medical Orderlies.			1	2	3
Officers Mess Personnel.					

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Detail.

	Officer	Senior	Junior	Private	TOTAL
Officer Commanding (Colonel)	1				1
Second in Command (Lieutenant Colonel)	1				1
Adjutant (Major)	1				1
Documentation Officer (Major)	1				1
Quartermaster (Captain)	1				1
Messing Officer (Captain)	1				1
Administrative Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Medical Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Orderly Officer and Interpreter (Captain or Subaltern)	1				1
Welfare Officer	1				1
Chaplain	1				1
O.C. HQ Coy.	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
	14				14
Office Section.					
Chief Clerk W.O.		1			1
Post Clerk			1		1
Clerks			6	6	5 / 4 = 17
Orderlies.					
Services Section.					
Quartermaster Sjt and Pay Clerks.		2	2		4
Storemen		2		5	7
Medical Orderlies.			1	2	3
Officers Mess Personnel.					
Cooks			1	3	4
Mess Serjeant		1			1
Mess Corporal			1		1
Orderlies.				6	6
NCOs and ORs Mess Personnel.					
Barbers		1	4	24	29
Tailors				4	4
Shoemakers				3	3
Batmen				2	2
				8	3

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	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
contd. Mess Personnel.					
G.D. Men				4	4
M.T. Section.					
NCO i/c (W.O.)		1			1
Drivers i/c				10	10
Motor cyclists				2	2
Driver Mechanic			1		1
TOTAL - OTHER RANKS.		15	16	82	113

(ii) Transport.

Cars 8 cwt 4 x 2	2
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	3
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	5
Trucks 15 cwt water	1
Motor Cycles solo	2

(iii) Arms.

Personal Arms Only.

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE
ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

A Battalion Headquarters (Infantry and Composite) for a Reception Regt.

War Establishment

Officers.	7
O.Rs.	31
TOTAL	38
M.Cs.	-
Vehicles.	2
Trailers.	-

(1) Permanent Staff for Battalion H.Q. and three companies (200 reinforcements each).

Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Lieutenant Colonel or Major)	1				1
Adjutant (Captain or Lieutenant)	1				1
Orderly (administrative) officer (Captain or Subaltern)	1				1
Officers Commanding Companies (Captains)	3				3
Subaltern commanding H.Q. platoon	1				1
TOTAL OFFICERS	7				7
Office Section.					
Warrant Officer Clerk		1			1
Corporal Clerk			1		1
Typist				1	1
Orderlies				2	2
Services Section.					
Quartermaster sergeant		1			1
Medical NCO			1		1
Batmen				4	4
Drivers i/c				2	2
Company Drill NCOs		6	12	166	18
TOTAL OTHER RANKS		8	14	9	31

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Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Lieutenant Colonel or Major)	1				1
Adjutant (Captain or Lieutenant)	1				1
Orderly (administrative) officer (Captain or Subaltern)	1				1
Officers Commanding Companies (Captains)	3				3
Subaltern commanding H.Q. platoon	1				1
TOTAL OFFICERS	7				7
Office Section.					
Warrant Officer Clerk		1			1
Corporal Clerk			1		1
Typist				1	1
Orderlies				2	2
Services Section.					
Quartermaster sergeant		1			1
Medical NCO			1		1
Batmen				4	4
Drivers i/c				2	2
Company Drill NCOs		6	12	66	18
TOTAL OTHER RANKS		8	14	9	31

(ii) Transport.

Cars 8 cwt 4 x 2	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2	1
Bicycles	2

(iii) Arms.

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE,
ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

A HEADQUARTERS FOR AN INFANTRY REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING REGIMENT.

Officers	12
O.Rs.	85
TOTAL	97
M.Cs.	2
Vehicles	10
Trailers.	-

War Establishment

(i) Personnel.

Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Colonel)	1				1
Second in command (responsible for training) Colonel	1				1
Adjutant (Major or Captain)	1				1
Staff Officer "A" (Major)	1				1
Captain quartermaster	1				1
Messing Officer	1				1
Orderly officer Interpreter	1				1
Welfare Officer	1				1
Medical Officer (Captain)	1				1
Administrative Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Chaplain	1				1
Officer Commanding HQ Coy (Captain)	1				1
TOTAL OFFICERS	12				12
Office Section.					
Chief Clerk (W.O.)		1			1
Postal NCO		1			1
Clerks		4	4	6	14
Telephonists & Orderlies				4	4
Services Section.					
Quartermaster serjeant and Staff		2	2		4
Medical Orderly			1		1
Officers Mess Personnel (a)					
Mess Serjeant		1			1
Corporal cooks			2		2
Cooks				4	4
Orderlies				15	15
Batmen				7	7
Storemen		1	1	3	5
Cooks for ORs Mess			1	2	3
Barbers				2	2
Tailor				1	1
Shoemaker				1	1

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Detail.	Officers	Senior NCOs	Junior NCOs	Privates	TOTAL
Officer Commanding (Colonel)	1				1
Second in command (responsible for training) Colonel	1				1
Adjutant (Major or Captain)	1				1
Staff Officer "A" (Major)	1				1
Captain quartermaster	1				1
Messing Officer	1				1
Orderly officer Interpreter	1				1
Welfare Officer	1				1
Medical Officer (Captain)	1				1
Administrative Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Chaplain	1				1
Officer Commanding HQ Coy (Captain)	1				1
TOTAL OFFICERS	12				12
Office Section.					
Chief Clerk (W.O.)		1			1
Postal NCO		1			1
Clerks		4	4	6	14
Telephonists & Orderlies				4	4
Services Section.					
Quartermaster serjeant and Staff		2	2		4
Medical Orderly			1		1
Officers Mess Personnel (a)					
Mess Serjeant		1			1
Corporal cooks			2		2
Cooks				4	4
Orderlies				15	15
Batmen				7	7
Storemen		1	1	3	5
Cooks for ORs Mess			1	2	3
Barbers				2	2
Tailor				1	1
Shoemaker				1	1
GD Men				6	6
M.T. Section.					
NCO i/c		1			1
NCO driver mechanics			1		1
Drivers				9	9
Motor cyclists				2	2
TOTAL OTHER RANKS		11	12	62	85
TOTAL - HQ INFANTRY REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING REGIMENT	12	11	12	62	97

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(ii) Transport.

Cars 8 cwt 4 x 2	2
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	3
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	4
Trucks 15 cwt (water)	1
Motor cycles solo	2

(iii) Arms.

Personal arms only.

(a) This W.E. is intended to provide mess personnel for all officers of the Infantry Regiment, both permanent staff and reinforcements, and of the Infantry school.

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE.

ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

A BATTALION HEADQUARTERS FOR AN INFANTRY REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING REGIMENT.

Officers.	18
O.Rs.	117
TOTAL	135
M.Cs.	2
Vehicles.	12
Trailers.	-

War Establishment.

(1) Personnel.

Detail.	Officers.	Senior N.C.Os.	Junior N.C.Os.	Privates	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Lieutenant Colonelor Major)	1				1
Adjutant (Captain or Lieutenant)	1				1
Orderly Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Training Staff.					
(a) Battalion Instructors (Captains or Lieutenants)					
Carriers.	1				1
Mortars.	1				1
Signals	1				1
Anti-tank	1				1
Pioneers	1				1
(b) Company Training Officers (Lieutenants)	5				5
Officers Commanding Companies (Captains)	5				5
TOTAL OFFICERS	18				18
Office Section.					
Record Clerks		1	1		2
Clerk			1		1
Orderlies				2	2
Services Section.					
Quartermaster Sergeant.		1			1
Medical N.C.O.		1			1
M.T. N.C.O.		1			1
Driver mechanics			2		2
Drivers.				3	3

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Detail.

	Officers	Senior NCOs	Junior NCOs	Privates	TOTAL
Officer Commanding (Lieutenant Colonelor Major)	1				1
Adjutant (Captain or Lieutenant)	1				1
Orderly Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Training Staff.					
(a) Battalion Instructors (Captains or Lieutenants)					
Carriers.	1				1
Mortars.	1				1
Signals	1				1
Anti-tank	1				1
Pioneers	1				1
(b) Company Training Officers (Lieutenants)	5				5
Officers Commanding Companies (Captains)	5				5
TOTAL OFFICERS	18				18
Office Section.					
Record Clerks		1	1		2
Clerk				1	1
Orderlies				2	2
Services Section.					
Quartermaster Sergeant.		1			1
Medical N.C.O.		1			1
M.T. N.C.O.			1		1
Driver mechanics			2		2
Drivers.				10	10
Motor cyclists.				2	2
Batmen				8	8
Messing Staff - O.Rs. Mess		1	2	15	18
Battalion Instructors. (Sergeants)					
Carriers		1			1
Mortars		1			1
Anti-tank		1			1
Pioneers		1			1
Signals		2			2
Platoon weapons		2			2

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Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Company Training N.C.Os.					
Sergeants		12			12
Corporals			24		24
Fire Company Headquarters.					
Cooks					
Clerks.		5			5
Storeman			5	5	10
Orderlies				5	5
				5	5
TOTAL OTHER RANKS:		29	35	53	117

ii Transport.

Cars 5 cwt 4 x 2	.....	2
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 G.S.	.....	4
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 fitted for wireless .		2
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 G.S.	.....	4
Motor Cycles solo	.....	2
Bicycles	.....	10

iii Weapons (Instructional)

Rifles L.V.	.....	10
Tn.Cs.	.....	20
L.M.G Bren	.....	25
2 inch Mortars	.....	5
3 inch Mortars	.....	3
Cars 6 pdr anti tank	.....	2
PIAT	.....	5

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A HEADQUARTERS, A COMPOSITE REINFORCEMENTS REGIMENT.

Officers	8
O.Rs.	42
TOTAL	50
M.Cs.	1
Vehicles.	5
Trailers.	-

War Establishment.

(i) Personnel.

Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Colonel)	1				1
Adjutant (Major)	1				1
Major	1				1
Quartermaster (Captain)	1				1
Medical Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Administrative officer	1				1
Chaplain	1				1
O.C. Headquarters Company (Captain)	1				1
TOTAL - OFFICERS.	8				8
Office Section.					
Chief Clerk (W.O.)		1			1
Clerks		4	3	3	10
Orderlies				3	3
Services Section.					
Quartermaster Sergeant		1			1
Corporals			2		2
Medical Orderly			1		1
Officers Mess - Cook			1		1
Orderlies				2	2
ORs. Mess - Cooks			1	2	3
Storeman				2	2
Batmen				2	2
Barber				1	1
GD Men				3	3
M.T. NCO		1			1
Driver Mechanic			1		1
Drivers i/c				4	4
Motor cyclist				1	1
TOTAL ORs.		7	9	26	42

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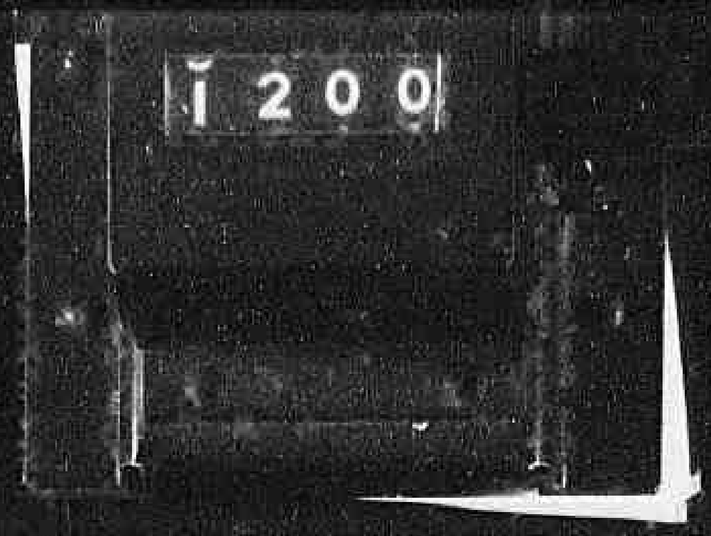
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Officer Commanding (Colonel)	1				1
Adjutant (Major)	1				1
Major	1				1
Quartermaster (Captain)	1				1
Medical Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Administrative officer	1				1
Chaplain	1				1
O.C. Headquarters Company (Captain)	1				1
TOTAL - OFFICERS.	8				8
Office Section.					
Chief Clerk (W.O.)		1			1
Clerks		4	3	3	10
Orderlies					3
Services Section.					
Quartermaster Serjeant		1			1
Corporals			2		2
Medical Orderly			1		1
Officers Mess - Cook				2	2
Orderlies			1		1
ORs. Mess - Cooks				2	2
Storemen					3
Batmen					2
Barber					1
GD Men		1			1
M.T. NCO			1		1
Driver Mechanic				4	4
Drivers i/c				1	1
Motor cyclist					1
TOTAL ORs.		7	9	26	42
TOTAL - HQ COMPOSUTE REINFORCEMENTS REGIMENT	8	7	9	26	50

(ii) Transport.

Motor cycles solo	1
Cars 4 str 4 x 2	1
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	1
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	2

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE.
ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

AN ARTILLERY REINFORCEMENT DEPOT AND SCHOOL.

War Establishment.

Officers	83
O.Rs.	183
TOTAL	186
M.Cs.	7
Vehicles.	37
Trailers.	-

(i) Personnel for Depot H.Q.

Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Colonel or Lieutenant Colonel)	1				1
Second in command (Lieutenant Colonel)	1				1
Adjutant (Captain)	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
Artillery equipment officer (Captain)	1				1
Clothing Officer (Captain)	1				1
Rations Officer.	1				1
Medical Officer	1				1
Chaplain	1				1
Officer Commanding administrative wing)	1				1
M.T. Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
TOTAL OFFICERS	11				11
OFFICE SECTION.					
Staff Clerk		1			1
Clerks		1	2	4	7
Postal Clerks			1	2	3
Telephonists			1	2	3
Pay Clerks			2		2
SERVICES SECTION.					
NCOs i/c artillery equipment			1		1
clothing			1		1
rations			1		1
Medical Orderlies				2	2
Gun fitters			1	3	4
Storemen			3	3	6
Clerks				2	2
Batmen				12	12

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Detail.

	Officers	Senior NCOs	Junior NCOs	Privates	TOTAL
Officer Commanding (Colonel or Lieutenant Colonel)	1				1
Second in command (Lieutenant Colonel)	1				1
Adjutant (Captain)	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
Artillery equipment officer (Captain)	1				1
Clothing Officer (Captain)	1				1
Rations Officer.	1				1
Medical Officer	1				1
Chaplain	1				1
Officer Commanding administrative wing)	1				1
M.T. Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
TOTAL OFFICERS	11				11
OFFICE SECTION.					
Chief Clerk		1			1
Clerks		1	2	4	6
Postal Clerks			1	2	3
Telephonists			1	2	3
Pay Clerks			2		2
SERVICES SECTION.					
NCOs i/c artillery equipment clothing rations		1	1		2
Medical Orderlies			1	3	4
Gun fitters			2	3	5
Storemen			2	10	12
Clerks				2	2
Batmen				12	12
O.Rs. Mess Personnel.					
NCO i/c		1			1
Corporal Cooks			2		2
Private Cooks				10	10
Officers Mess Personnel.					
Mess Sergeant		1			1
" Corporal (Cooks)			1		1
" Cooks				3	3
" Orderlies				6	6

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Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Services Section (Contd)					
Butcher				1	1
Shoemaker				1	1
Carpenters				2	2
Barber				1	1
C.D. Men (including Sanitary orderlies)				6	6
M.T. Section.					
M.T. NCO		1			1
Vehicle Mechanics		1	1	4	6
Driver mechanics			2	32	32
Drivers i/c				2	2
Motor Cyclists					
TOTAL - ALL RANKS	11	9	15	95	130

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AN ARTILLERY REINFORCEMENTS DEPOT AND SCHOOL.

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(ii) Personnel for Artillery School. (Training Wing.)

Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding 25-pdr Section. (Lieut Colonel or Major)	1				1
Instructors 25 pdr Captains.	2				2
Lieutenants	4				4
Officer Commanding 17-pdr Section (Captain)	1				1
Officer Instructor 17 pdr (Captain)	1				1
Officer Commanding 40 mm Section (Captain)	1				1
Officer Instructor 40 mm	2				2
	12				12
25 Pdr Section.					
W.O. & Sjt Instructors		24			24
Clerks		1	2		3
Limber Gunners.				4	4
17 Pdr Sections.					
W.O. & Sjt Instructors.		2			2
Clerk				1	1
Limber Gunners.				2	2
40 mm Section.					
W.O. & Sjt Instructors.		4			4
Clerk				1	1
Limber Gunners				3	3
TOTAL ALL RANKS	12	31	2	11	56
TOTAL - AN ARTILLERY REINFORCEMENTS DEPOT AND SCHOOL	23	40	17	106	186

(iii) Transport.

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Officer Commanding 25-pdr Section. (Lieut Colonel or Major)	1				1
Instructors 25 pdr Captains.	2				2
Lieutenants	4				4
Officer Commanding 17-pdr Section (Captain)	1				1
Officer Instructor 17 pdr (Captain)	1				1
Officer Commanding 40 mm Section (Captain)	1				1
Officer Instructor 40 mm	2				2
	12				12
25 Pdr Section.					
W.O. & Sjt Instructors		24			24
Clerks		1	2		3
Limber Gunners.				4	4
17 Pdr Sections.					
W.O. & Sjt Instructors.		2			2
Clerk				1	1
Limber Gunners.				2	2
40 mm Section.					
W.O. & Sjt Instructors.		4			4
Clerk				1	1
Limber Gunners				3	3
TOTAL ALL RANKS	12	31	2	11	56
TOTAL - AN ARTILLERY REINFORCEMENTS DEPOT AND SCHOOL	23	40	17	106	186

(iii) Transport.

(a) For Administrative Wing: -

Cars 4 str 4 x 4	1
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	3
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2	4
Trucks 15 cwt water	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 4 GS	10
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 4 Breakdown	1
Motor Cycles.	2

(b) For Training. Bofors gun towers 10
6 for 25 pdr
2 for 17 pdr A. Tk.
2 for 40 mm AA

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(iii) Transport (Contd)

(b) For +Training (Contd)

Trucks 15 -cwt fitted for wireless	6
Motor Cycles	5

(iv) Training Equipment.

25 pdr guns with associated stores	10
17 pdr guns with associated stores	4
40 mm guns with associated stores and sights correctional Mk V	6
Artillery Boards	6
Directors	6
Range Finders	4

(v) Notes.

1. The training wing is designed for gunner and specialist training only. Signal, basic and MT training to be undertaken elsewhere.

2. GENERAL ASSUMPTIONS: -

Out of every 100 Field.		Out of 1000 artillery reinforcements.
For training as Gun Nos.	36.3+	260 Gun Nos.
Dvr Ops 7.5) Signallers 9.0)	16.5	120 signallers.
Dvr Mechs 8.0) Dvrs 15.2) DRs 1.2)	24.4	175 Dvrs
Specialists etc.	4.2	
WOs, senior NCOs	1.1	
Fitters	1.	165
Clerks	2.3	
General Duties (inc cooking etc)	14.2	
	100.1	720

Out of every 100 A Tk.		Out of 1000 artillery reinforcements.
For training as Gun Nos	45+	54
Dvr Ops 5) Signallers 1)	6	7
Dvr Mechs		

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(v) Notes.

1. The training wing is designed for gunner and specialist training only. Signal, basic and MT training to be undertaken elsewhere.

2. GENERAL ASSUMPTIONS: -

Out of every 100 Field.			Out of 1000 artillery reinforcements.
For training as Gun Nos.		36.3+	260 Gun Nos.
	Dvr Ops 7.5	16.5	120 Signallers.
	Signallers 9.0		
	Dvr Mechs 8.0		
	Dvrs 15.2	24.4	175 Dvrs
	DRs 1.2		
	Specialists etc.	4.2	
	WOs, senior NCOs	1.1	
	Fitters	1.	165
	Clerks	2.3	
	General Duties (inc cooking etc)	14.2	
		100.1	720

Out of every 100 A Tk.			Out of 1000 artillery reinforcements.
For training as Gun Nos		45+	54
	Dvr Ops 5	6	7
	Signallers 1		
	Dvr Mechs 17		
	Dvrs 16	34	41
	DRs 1		
	Fitters	3	
	Clerks	2	18
	Senior NCOs	1.4	
	General Duties	8.6	
		100 .1	120

+ Gun Number figures include Nos 1

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	Out of every 100 AA		Out of 1000 Artillery Reinforcements.
For training as Gun Nos.		58.3	93
Dvrs Mechs	13		
Dvrs IC	14.6	26.6	42
DRs	2		
Signallers			
Dvrs Ops	.3	.3	1
Senior NCOs		1.	
Clerks		3.0	
Fitters		1.3	24
General Duties		9.5	
		100.0	160

Proportions in the Regiment per 1000

R.H.Q.	60)
FOUR 25 pdr batteries	660) 720
A Tk	120
AA	160
	1000

Proportions within arms based on authorised holdings of RA Training Deptt. Proportions between arms based on strengths of arms within the Regiment.

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE.

RESTRICTED.

ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

A HEADQUARTERS MIXED REINFORCEMENTS BATTALION.

War Establishment.

(1) Personnel

Officers	10
O.Rs.	39
TOTAL	49
M.Cs.	2
Vehicles.	5
Trailers.	-

Detail	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Lt Col or Major)	1				1
Adjutant (Captain)	1				1
Quartermaster (Subaltern)	1				1
O.C. HQ Platoon	1				1
Company Commanders (Captain)	3				3
Instructors - officers (a)	3				3
TOTAL - OFFICERS	10				10
Instructors - N.C.Os. (a)		3	3		6
Office Section.					
Chief Clerk and Clerks		1	2	1	4
Services Section.					
Quartermaster Serjeant		1			1
Medical Orderly			1		1
Batmen				5	5
Driver Mechanic			1		1
Drivers				4	4
Motor cyclists				2	2
Officers Mess - Cooks			1	1	2
O.Rs. Mess - Cooks & Orderlies			1	3	4
Shoemaker				1	1
Storemen				2	2
GD Men				6	6
TOTAL O.Rs.		5	9	25	39
TOTAL - H.Q. Mixed Reinforcements Battalion	10	5	9	25	49

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Officer Commanding (Lt Col or Major)	1				1
Adjutant (Captain)	1				1
Quartermaster (Subaltern)	1				1
O.C. HQ Platoon	1				1
Company Commanders (Captain)	3				3
Instructors - officers (a)	3				3
TOTAL - OFFICERS	10				10
Instructors - N.C.Os. (a)		3	3		6
Office Section.					
Chief Clerk and Clerks		1	2	1	4
Services Section.					
Quartermaster Serjeant		1			1
Medical Orderly			1		1
Batmen				5	5
Driver Mechanic			1		1
Drivers				4	4
Motor cyclists				2	2
Officers Mess - Cooks			1	1	2
O.Rs. Mess - Cooks & Orderlies			1	3	4
Shoemaker				1	1
Storemen				2	2
GD Men				6	6
TOTAL O.Rs.		5	9	25	39
TOTAL - H.Q. Mixed Reinforcements Battalion	10	5	9	25	49

(a) Training Staff comprises:

1 Officer 1 Sjt 1 Corporal
for each of Medical, S.T.
Ord and Admin Coys.

(ii) Transport.

Motor cycles solo	2
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	2
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	2

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE,
ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

A HEADQUARTERS, ENGINEER REINFORCEMENTS BATTALION.

Officers	5
O.Rs.	~~27~~ 28
TOTAL	~~32~~ 33.
M.Cs.	1
Vehicles.	4
Trailers.	-

War Establishment.

(i) Personnel.

Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Lieut Col)	1				1
Adjutant (Captain)	1				1
Quartermaster (Subaltern)	1				1
Medical Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
H.Q. Platoon Commander (Subaltern)	1				1
TOTAL - OFFICERS.	5				5
Office Section.					
Chief Clerk (W.O.)		1			1
Clerks			1	1	2
Orderlies				2	2
Services Section.					
Quartermaster Sergeant		1			1
Quartermaster Corporal			1		1
Medical Orderly			1		1
Batmen				3	3
Cooks			1	2	3
Storemen				2	2
G.D. Men				6	6
M.T. NCO		1			1
Driver mechanic			1		1
Drivers.				3	3
Motor cyclist				1	1
TOTAL - OTHER RANKS		3	5	20	28
TOTAL - HQ ENGINEER REINFORCEMENTS BATTALION	5	3	5	20	33

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Detail.	Officers	Senior NCOs	Junior NCOs	Privates	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Lieut Col)	1				1
Adjutant (Captain)	1				1
Quartermaster (Subaltern)	1				1
Medical Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
H.Q. Platoon Commander (Subaltern)	1				1
TOTAL - OFFICERS.	5				5
Office Section.					
Chief Clerk (W.O.)		1			1
Clerks			1	1	2
Orderlies				2	2
Services Section.					
Quartermaster Sergeant		1			1
Quartermaster Corporal			1		1
Medical Orderly			1		1
Batman				3	3
Cooks			1	2	3
Storemen				2	2
G.D. Men				6	6
M.T. NCO		1			1
Driver mechanic			1		1
Drivers.				3	3
Motor cyclist				1	1
TOTAL - OTHER RANKS		3	5	20	28
TOTAL - HQ ENGINEER REINFORCEMENTS BATTALION	5	3	5	20	33

(ii) Transport.

Motor cycles solo	1
Cars 2-str 4 x 2	1
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	2

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE.
ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

A FIELD ENGINEERING SCHOOL
(designed to hold and train 350
Field Engineer Reinforcements)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

Officers	10
O.Rs.	94
TOTAL	104
M.Cs.	2
Vehicles	6
Trailers.	-

1. Personnel.

Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Major)	1	-	-	-	1
HQ Reinforcement Company.					
Captain	1	-	-	-	1
Subaltern	1	-	-	-	1
Training Staff (a)					
Captains or Subalterns	7	-	-	-	7
Total: Officers	10	-	-	-	10
C.Q.M.S.		1			
Instructors (QMSI's or Sjts)		7			
Sjts (b)		6			
Total: WOs and Sjts	-	14	-	-	14
Office Section.					
Draughtsmen	-	-	-	1	1
Clerks	-	-	1	2	3
Telephone Orderlies	-	-	-	2	2
Services Section.					
Medical Orderly	-	-	1	-	1
Cooks - officer's mess	-	-	1	2	3
men's mess					

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Detail.

	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Major)	1	-	-	-	1
HQ Reinforcement Company.					
Captain	1	-	-	-	1
Subaltern	1	-	-	-	1
Training Staff (a)					
Captains or Subalterns	7	-	-	-	7
Total: Officers	10	-	-	-	10
C.Q.M.S.		1			
Instructors (QMSI's or Sjts)		7			
Sjts (b)		6			
Total: WOs and Sjts	-	14	-	-	14
Office Section.					
Draughtsmen	-	-	1	2	3
Clerks	-	-	1	2	3
Telephone Orderlies	-	-	-	2	2
Services Section.					
Medical Orderly	-	-	1	-	1
Cooks - officer's mess	-	-	1	2	3
men's mess	-	-	2	6	8
Orderlies -officer's mess	-	-	-	3	3
General dutymen	-	-	-	7	7
Batmen	-	-	-	6	6
M.T. Section.					
Driver Mechanics	-	-	2	-	2
Drivers	-	-	-	5	5
Motor cyclists	-	-	-	2	2
Total carried forwd:	-	-	8	35	43

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Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates. Fr.Cdres.	Total.
Total brought forward	-	-	8	35	43
Training Section.					
Assistant Instructors.	-	-	28	-	28
Cks for maintenance of stores.	-	-	-	9	9
Total rank and file	-	-	36	44	80

a) Distribution by trades.

	Office Sec.	Services Sec	HQ Sec	Trg Sec.	
Clerks	3	-	-	1	4
Cooks	-	11	-	-	11
Draughtsman	1	-	-	-	1
Dvr Mechs	-	-	2	-	2
Drivers	-	-	2	-	2
Motorcyclists	-	-	1	-	1
Carpenter	-	-	-	1	1
Blacksmith	-	-	-	1	1
Engine fitter	-	-	-	1	1
Storeman	-	2	-	5	7
Shoemaker	-	1	-	-	1
Barber	-	1	-	-	1
Normal rates	2	13	-	-	15
	6	28	9	9	52
Instructors	-	-	-	28	28
					80

b) Transport.

Motor cycles	-	2	
Cars 2-str 4 x 2	-	1	
Truck 15-cwt 4 x 2 GS	-	2	
" " " " " "	air compressor		1++
Lorries 3-ton 4 x 2GS	-	1	
" " " " "	-	winch	1++

++ required for trg purposes.

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d Distribution by trades.

	Clerks Sqn Sec.	Serv Sec	MT Sec	Trg Sec.	
Clerks	3	-	-	1	4
Cooks	-	11	-	6	17
Draughtsman	1	-	-	-	1
Dvr Mechs	-	-	2	-	2
Drivers	-	-	5	-	5
Motorcyclists	-	-	2	-	2
Carpenter	-	-	-	1	1
Blacksmith	-	-	-	1	1
Engine fitter	-	-	-	1	1
Storeman	-	2	-	5	7
Shoemaker	-	1	-	-	1
Barber	-	1	-	-	1
Normal rates	2	13	-	-	15
	6	28	9	9	52
Instructors	-	-	-	28	28
					80

(2) (xii) Transport.

Motor cycles	-	2	
Car, 2-str 4 x 2	-	1	
Truck 15-cwt 4 x 2 GS	-	2	
" " " " "	"	air compressor	1++
Jeeps 3-ton 4 x 2WD	-	1	
" " " " "	-	winch	1++

++ required for trg purposes.

iv Weapons - Personal weapons only.

Notes. (a) Trg staff is organised to deal with seven parties under trg at one time on the following programme:

Field Engineering	2 weeks	2 parties at a time.	
Bridging	2 "	" " "	"
Mine Warfare	2 "	" " "	"
Water Supply	1 week	1 party "	"

(b) Includes two clerks (one for pay duties) one MT sgt.

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE.
ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

ESTABLISHED.

Officers.	3
O.R.s.	21
TOTAL	24
M.Cs.	1
Vehicles.	3
Trailers.	-

A [illegible], MECHANICAL ENGINEERS REINFORCEMENTS COMPANY

War Establishment.

(i) Personnel.

Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Captain)	1				1
Section Commanders (Subaltern)	2				2
TOTAL - OFFICERS	3				3
HQ Section.					
Sergeant Major		1			1
Quartermaster Sergeant		1			1
Clerks			1	1	2
Motor cyclist				1	1
Storeman			1		1
Cooks				2	2
Batmen				4	4
CD Men				2	2
Driver mechanic			1		1
Drivers				2	2
TOTAL - ORs.		2	4	15	21
TOTAL - HQ Mechanical Engineers Reinforcements Company	3	2	4	15	24

(ii) Transport.

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Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
Officer Commanding (Captain)	1				1
Section Commanders (Subaltern)	2				2
TOTAL - OFFICERS	3				3
HQ Section.					
Sergeant Major		1			1
Quartermaster Sergeant		1			1
Clerks			1	1	2
Motor cyclist			1		1
Storemen			1	3	4
Cooks			1	1	2
Batmen				4	4
CD Men			1		1
Driver mechanic				2	2
Drivers					
TOTAL - ORs.		2	4	15	21
TOTAL - HQ Mechanical Engineers Reinforcements Company	3	2	4	15	24

(ii) Transport.

Motor cycles	1
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	1
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	1
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	1

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REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE.

ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

AN INFANTRY SCHOOL.

War Establishment.

Officers	9.
O.Rs.	48
TOTAL	57
M.Cs.	-
Vehicles.	8
Trailers.	-

(i) Personnel.

Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	T.W.E.
Officer Commanding (Lieutenant Colonel)	1				1
Chief Instructor (Major)	1				1
Company Serjeant Major		1			1
Clerks		1	1	2	4
Orderly				1	1
Tactical Wing.					
Instructors Major or Captain)	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
Armoury Officers & Serjeants		2			2
Clerks			1	1	2
Storeman				1	1
Mines Wing.					
Instructors Captains	1				1
N.C.Os.		3	2	1	6
Clerks			1	1	2
Storeman				1	1
Anti Tank Wing.					
Instructors Captain	1				1
N.C.Os.		2			2
Clerk				1	1
Storeman				1	1
3" Mortar Wing.					
Instructors Captain	1				1
N.C.Os.		2			2
Snipers Wing					
Instructors Captain					

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	Officers	Senior N.C.Os.	Junior N.C.Os.	Privates	Total
Officer Commanding (Lieutenant Colonel)	1				1
Chief Instructor (Major)	1				1
Company Sergeant Major		1			1
Clerks		1	1	2	4
Orderly				1	1
Tactical Wing.					
Instructors Major or Captain)	1				1
Subaltern	1				1
Warrant Officers & Sergeants		8			8
Clerks			1	1	2
Storeman				1	1
Mines Wing.					
Instructors Captains	1				1
N.C.Os.		3	2		5
Clerks			1	1	2
Storeman				1	1
Anti Tank Wing.					
Instructors Captain	1				1
N.C.Os.		2			2
Clerk				1	1
Storeman				1	1
3" Mortar Wing.					
Instructors Captain	1				1
N.C.Os.		2			2
Snipers Wing					
Instructors Captain	1				1
N.C.Os.		4			4
Carrier Wing					
Instructors Lieutenant	1				1
N.C.Os.		5			5
Drivers.			1	7	8
TOTAL	9	26	6	15	56

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(ii) Transport.

Carriers Universal 8

(iii) Training Equipment and Arms.

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ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

Officers	35
O.Rs.	119
TOTAL	154
M.Cs.	5
Vehicles.	18
Trailers.	-

AN INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL
ALL ARMS.

War Establishment.

(i) Personnel.

Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
1. HQ.					
Officer Commanding (Brig, Gen or Colonel)	1				1
Training Officer (Major)	1				1
Training Officer (Captain)	1				1
R.S.M.		1			1
2. Administrative Wing.					
Officer Commanding (Captain)	1				1
Orderly Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Chief Clerk		1			1
Clerks				2	2
Quartermaster Serjeant		1			1
Quartermaster Clerks				2	2
Batmen and Orderlies				25	25
Officers Mess - Mess Sjt.		1			1
Cooks.			1	3	4
Orderlies.				10	10
NCOs and ORs Messes - NCO i/c		1			1
Cooks			2	8	10
MT NCO		1			1
Driver Mechanics			2		2
Drivers i/c				18	18
G.D. Men				6	6
3. Weapon Training School.					
Commandant (Lieut Col)	1				1
Chief Instructor (Major)	1				1
Instructors (Captains)	4				4
R.S.M.		1			1
Instructors		23			23
4. Tactical School.					
Commandant (Colonel)	1				1
Chief Instructor (Lieut Colonel)	1				1
Advisers - Signals Major	1				1
Field Enginner Major	1				1

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	O	S	T	R	TOTAL
1. HQ.					
Officer Commanding (Brig Gen or Colonel)	1				1
Training Officer (Major)	1				1
Training Officer (Captain)	1				1
R.S.M.		1			1
2. Administrative Wing.					
Officer Commanding (Captain)	1				1
Orderly Officer (Subaltern)	1				1
Chief Clerk		1			1
Clerks				2	2
Quartermaster Sergeant		1			1
Quartermaster Clerks				2	2
Batmen and Orderlies				25	25
Officers Mess - Mess Sjt.		1			1
Cooks.			1	3	4
Orderlies.				10	10
NCOs and ORs Messes - NCO i/c		1			1
Cooks			2	8	10
MT NCO		1			1
Driver Mechanics			2		2
Drivers i/c				18	18
G.D. Men				6	6
3. Weapon Training School.					
Commandant (Lieut Col)	1				1
Chief Instructor (Major)	1				1
Instructors (Captains)	4				4
R.S.M.		1			1
Instructors		23			23
4. Tactical School.					
Commandant (Colonel)	1				1
Chief Instructor (Lieut Colonel)	1				1
Advisers - Signals Major	1				1
Field Engineer Major	1				1
5. Senior Officers.					
Commandant (Lieut Colonel)	1				1
Instructors - Majors	3				3
Company Commanders.					
Commandant (Lieut Colonel)	1				1
Instructors (Majors)	3				3
Junior Leaders					
Commandant (Lieut Colonel)	1				1
Instructors - Major	2				2
Captains	3				3

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Detail.	Officers.	Senior NCOs.	Junior NCOs.	Privates.	TOTAL.
6. Administrative School.					
Commandant (Lieut Colonel)	1				1
Chief Instructor - Majors	2				2
Instructors - Captains	3				3
7. Training Staff.					
Storemen				4	4
Armourers		1	1	1	3
Pioneers				3	4
Personnel for Range Duties		1		10	11
TOTAL - AN INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL	35	32	7	92	166

(ii) Transport.

Motor cycles	5
Cars 4 str 4 x 4	1
Cars 2 str 4 x 2	7
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	6
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	4

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SECRET

Subject :- Italian Combat Reinforcement Centre, CREMONO.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).

S/G/29/44.
13. Jan. 45.

To :- A.F.H.Q.

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1. Now that the establishment of the Reinforcement Training Centre for Italian Combat Groups has been approved in principle and it's functions and scope have been examined, the following recommendations are made for the provision of British liaison personnel at CREMONO.

2. The administrative aspect of the problem is larger than was at first anticipated and involves

(a) the organisation of a depot for from 7,000 to 10,000 men.

(b) the equipment and maintenance of the permanent staff of approximately 2,000 men and 400 vehicles.

(c) the clothing and equipment of an initial 3,000 men plus a monthly flow of about 2,000.

(d) the supply and maintenance of training equipment.

3. As all the equipment and supplies involved will be received direct from British sources it is considered that a small British liaison unit comparable to that provided for a Combat Group will be necessary.

4. The following seems reasonable :

1 Lt Col		1
1 Major		1 (Infra appt. from excess W.E)
1 Capt	(a)	1
1		1
1		1
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1. Now that the establishment of the Reinforcement Training Centre for Italian Combat Groups has been approved in principle and it's functions and steps have been examined, the following recommendations are made for the provision of British liaison personnel at CESANO.

2. The administrative aspect of the problem is larger than was at first anticipated and involves

(a) the organisation of a depot for from 7,000 to 10,000 men.

(b) the equipment and maintenance of the permanent staff of approximately 2,000 men and 400 vehicles.

(c) the clothing and equipment of an initial 3,000 men plus a monthly flow of about 2,000.

(d) the supply and maintenance of training equipment.

3. As all the equipment and supplies involved will be received direct from British sources it is considered that a small British liaison unit comparable to that provided for a Combat Group will be necessary.

4. The following seems reasonable :

AA & QMG	Lt Col	1
DAA & QMG	(Major)	1 (minimum apptt. from existing W.E)
Staff Capt	(G)	1
DADOS		1)
DADST		1) to assist as
DADRE		1) well in trg.
Camp Cmdt		1

a few British other ranks such as

BQMS		3
S/Sgt.	S & I	2
S/Sgt	MTO	2
Clerks		6
General duties		6

would also be needed - the remainder of the admin personnel being Italian.

5. This would be in addition to the existing establishment suggested by D.M.T. in his DMT/37/1/Gen of 9 Jan. from which the DAA & QMG, DADOS, DADST and DADRE should be deducted.

6. If you approve this idea in principle, detailed T.E. will be prepared.

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for

Major General.
M.M.T.

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REFERENCE OUR MT/554, DATED 11 JANUARY 80 DO CADRE (.) TEN RAIL PACK OF 31 TONS
PER DAY WILL CONTINUE TO BE DISPATCHED TO POLEDORO DD AND WILL IN FUTURE
MAINTAIN THE REINFORCEMENT TRAINING GROUPS ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE GROUND

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Lt.Col.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No. 794 U. S. Army
Office of G-3 (British)

RAAC/18/19/G3(Br) 9 January 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Army Enclave - BRACCIANO.

TO: Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA).

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1. Reference your S/G/29/43 dated 6 Jan 45 addressed AFHQ, copy to this Headquarters, and telephone conversation GSO.I MMIA - G3 (Br) Rome Area Allied Command, on the subject of Italian Army Training Area.

2. The area as given in the above-quoted letter (reproduced as 'C' area on attached trace for easy reference), infringes on territory allotted to 7 AGRA for Ranges, which has already been carefully selected after minor adjustments during the past four weeks.

3. It is, therefore, regretted that the enclave required for the Italian Army as presented cannot be agreed to and an alternative proposal for the Western boundary is made per the trace attached as shown by the dotted brown line.

4. This suggestion for the new Western boundary would then clear 7 AGRA ranges and would ensure the success of this project.

5. It is of the utmost importance that the Security of the RAC Training Area, Lake BRACCIANO, be preserved and all possible steps taken to ensure that no violation of existing orders by personnel, whether British or Italian, is permitted.

6. In the event of ranges being considered for use by the Italian Army in area 'C', it is pointed out that the full responsibility for safety precautions, rigid boundaries, notification and warning to all concerned, is primarily that of the Italian Authorities.

7. That part of the proposed Italian Army enclave shaded in green falls within the boundary of Rome Area Allied Command, for which permission and approval is given subject to Security restrictions per para 5. The balance of this area lies within the jurisdiction of CG PBS to whom application for approval should be made. 201 Sub Area is the Co-operating Allied Unit within PBS area, to whom copies of relevant correspondence should be sent.

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AIBAN LOW,
Brigadier,
Deputy Commander.

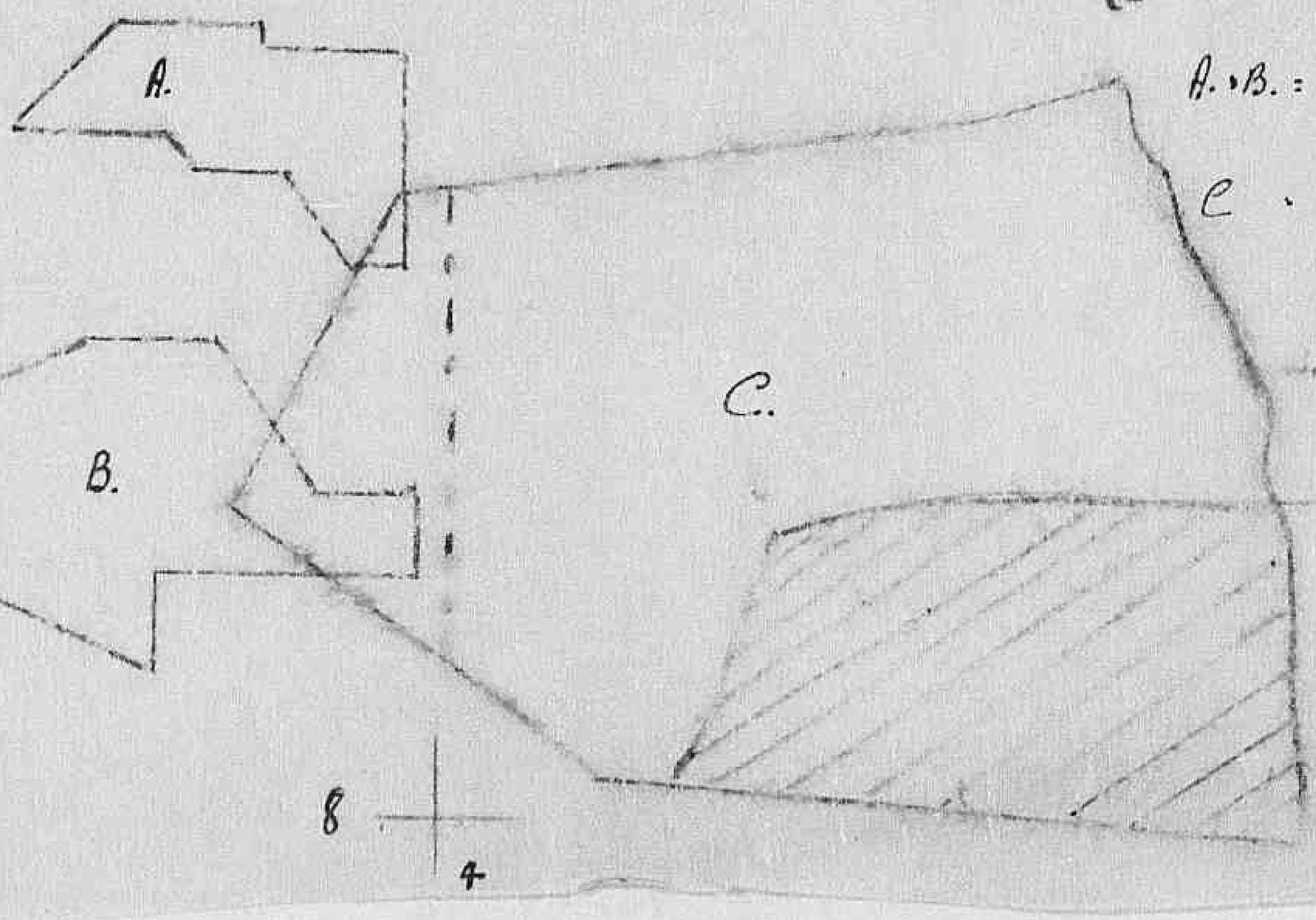
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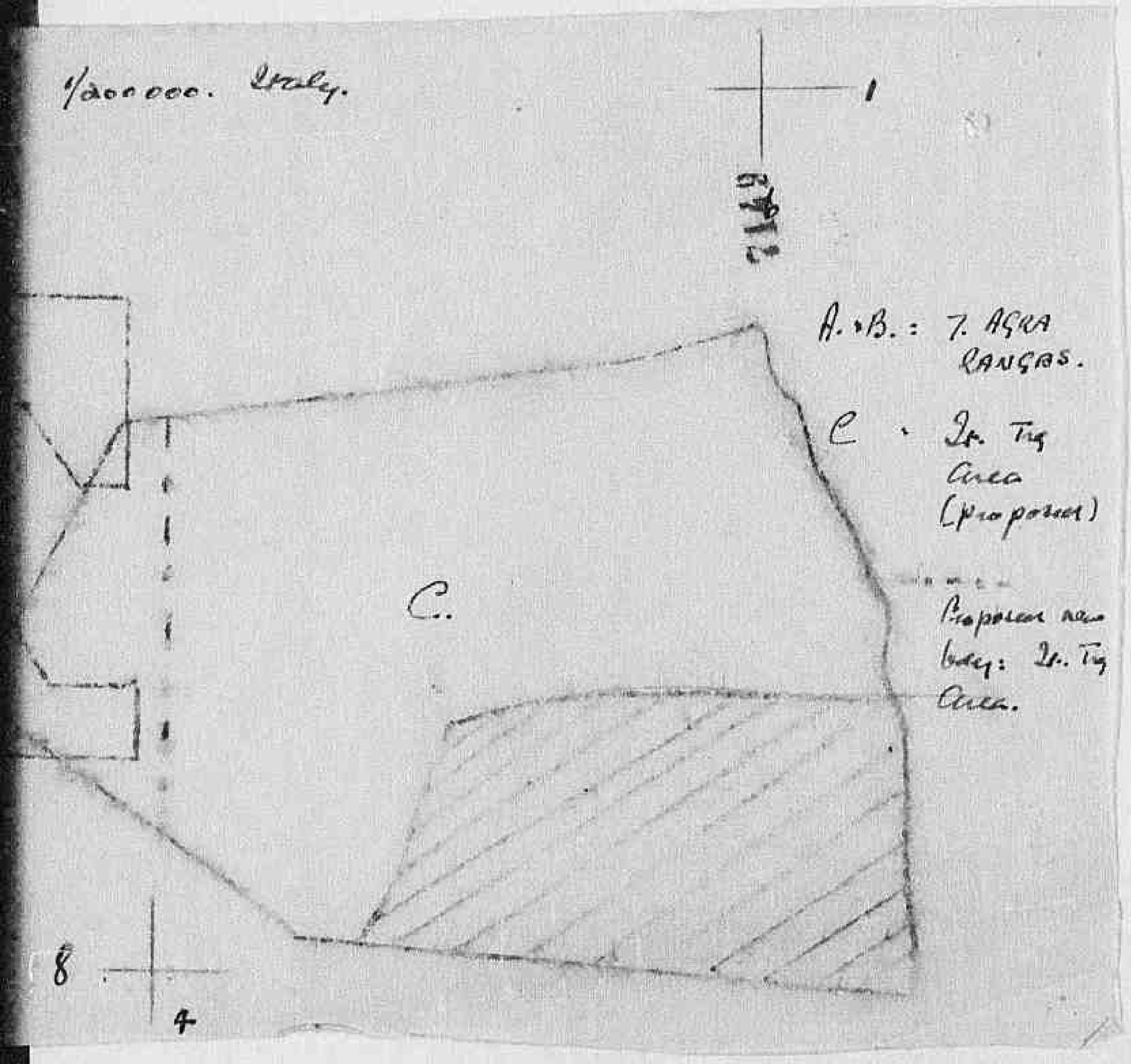
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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
AFO No. 794 U.S. Army
Office of G-3 (British)

RAAC/16/19/G3(Br) 9 January 1945

SUBJECT: Ranges - CIVITAVECCHIA

TO : 201 Sub Area
7 AGRA

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1. With ref to meeting held at office of G-3 (Br) on 5 Jan attended by DAA & QMG 201 Sub Area and representative of 7 AGRA, on the subject of 7 AGRA ranges at CIVITAVECCHIA.

2. The letter issued by 201 Sub Area under ref G 10/3 dated 1 Jan not to all is hereby cancelled, and the following factors to ensure rigid and safe precautions will be adopted and put into force prior to the commencement of firing.

3. 201 Sub Area

201 Sub Area will ensure that action is taken in conjunction with AMG Lazio-Umbria Region, 7 AGRA rep and respective Sindacos to clear range areas marked on existing maps as A, B and C, of civilians and all other persons therein. It is the responsibility of 201 Sub Area to ensure that before firing takes place on any day that range areas are in fact clear.

4. The total number of persons to be evacuated will be advised forthwith to this Headquarters.

5. "Safe" areas hitherto marked on earlier traces and maps will be deleted and each of A, B, and C areas will become military range areas with clearly defined boundaries.

6. 201 Sub Area will ensure that copies of these areas marked on appropriate maps are in possession of the local Italian authorities. Traces of the ranges and all future correspondence, including dates of firing, will be forwarded to:-

PBS
MMIA
AMG Provincial Commissioner, VITERBO
Claims & Hirings
Town Major (47 or 238)
Real Estate, Rome Area Allied Command
52 BLU.

7. 201 Sub Area in conjunction with AMG Lazio-Umbria Region will arrange with local Italian authorities for proclamations to be published in each village and areas concerned advising civilians of the restrictions within the range areas, warnings of the penalty for trespassing during training, and of the fact that firing will take place therein.

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8. 47 Town Major, on arrival, will take over all detail and material on this subject from 238 Town Major under arrangements of 201 Sub Area.

9. 7 AGRA

7 AGRA will be responsible for ensuring that boundaries of the ranges a re clearly laid down and that necessary sign boards are erected each to be worded in Italian and English.

10. Range Orders and all safety measures are the responsibility of 7 AGRA. A copy of these orders will be forwarded to G-3 (Br) prior to commencement of firing.

11. 7 AGRA will ensure that the longest possible notice of firing is given to 201 Sub Area who, in turn, will ensure that local authorities are clearly informed. Contents of para 3 are of the utmost importance.

12. 7 AGRA will be responsible that no round falls within 500 yards of roads and railway that bound the ranges.

13. GENERAL

It is of the utmost importance that the whole project of ranges will be conducted on the orders laid down for areas required to be used for firing. Under no circumstances will firing take place in areas not entirely free of persons, hence the necessity for the deletion of "Safe" areas within a range area, the control of which would present an almost insurmountable task.

R Cameron
Lt Col,
for Brigadier,
Deputy Commander.

Copy to:- Commanding General, PBS
Fd Arty Sec, AFHQ
MMIA
AMG Lazio-Umbria Region
AMG Provincial Commissioner, VITERBO
238 Town Major
47 Town Major
52 BLU
Real Estate, Rome Area
Dep Comdr.

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RESTRICTED

Subject:- ARTILLERY RANGES - 7 AGRA

ROME 791844 Ext 4
791873 Ext 4

G 10/3

8 Jan 45

Il Sindaco di CIVITAVECCHIA)
ALLUMIERE)
TOLFA) by hand
BIEDA)
CANALE)
MONTEROMANO)

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2. A detailed map of the range areas as they affect the Commune of CIVITAVECCHIA is attached as promised for the Sindaco of that Commune. The remaining Sindacos already have, or will have, the range areas marked on their own maps.

3. By 25 Jan 45 all inhabited houses and dwellings within the range areas will be empty. It has been agreed that alternative accommodation outside the range areas can be found by Sindacos and the clearing of the areas will commence forthwith, priority being given to the areas marked "B" and "D".

4. Sindacos will prepare the following lists, which will be handed to IO 7 AGRA (Capt RJ HURLEY) on his next visit to the Sindacos about 12 Jan 45.

(a) The name of each family who has had to be or will have to be cleared from their homes inside the range areas, giving:-

(i) the numbers of persons in each family.
(ii) the address (in Italian) of the home which they have had to leave.
(iii) the address of their new home.

NB If the address of the new home of any family has not been decided by 12 Jan 45 this will be left blank, to be filled in later when homes have been found.

(b) The names of every person who owns property (ie houses, barns etc) in the range areas.

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5. Sindacos are again informed:-

(a) that after 25 Jan 45 firing will take place every day for 7 days in every four weeks.

(b) that during the period of firing, firing will take place from 0900 - 1700 hrs daily.

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(c) that Sindacos will be notified by 7 AGRA at least 7 days in advance stating which period in the month firing will take place.

(d) an officer from 7 AGRA will visit each Sindaco the day before firing commences, to issue one more warning.

6. It is emphasised that it is the sole responsibility of Sindacos to ensure that every member of their Commune who is affected is made fully aware by public proclamation and word of mouth of the boundaries of the range area, that this area will, with effect from 25 Jan 45, be a military area and that the civilian population is notified of the dates when firing is to take place.

7. Sindacos are also responsible for ensuring that during the periods of firing all personnel and livestock are cleared from the particular range area in use. During the intervening periods when firing is NOT taking place, civilians and their livestock may enter the firing areas by day, but houses and homes will not be re-occupied.

8. Sindacos will keep a note of any damage to property or livestock reported to them by members of their Commune. Information to be kept will be as follows:-

(a) name of claimant.

(b) date on which damage is alleged to have occurred.

(c) short description of damage done.

(d) exact area.

This information will be handed to 7 AGRA representative when he visits Sindacos to warn them of each successive firing period.

Antony Brett Mayer

for Colonel,
Commander,
201 Sub Area.

In the field
ARDB/aws

Copy to:- HQ Peninsular Base Section.
Land Forces Sub Commission, MMIA,
HQ Allied Commission.
Provincial Commissioner ROME Province.
Provincial Commissioner VITERBO Province.
G-5 (Br) ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND.
7 AGRA - who will forward to this HQ information

} Range areas cover territory within following co-ordinates:-

Area "A":- F340830 -F250860-F250920- F340950-F360950-

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G-3 (Br) ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND.
7 AGRA - who will forward to this HQ information obtained at para 8.
52 BLU.
238 Town Major.
66 Claims & Hirings.

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Area "B":- F255985-A290040-A350040-A350050-A410050-F410940-F390940-F360970-F330970-F310985.

Area "C" (1) :- F311811-F313815-F333804-F333795-F329787. (2) :- F371764-F376774-F401749-F396736.

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TRANSLATION

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SUBJECT :- Reinforcements for Combat Groups

folio 14 5 Jan 45 (Abbiati 23rd).

Reference MMIA's 8/G/29/43 of 25 Dec 44.

1. The greatest attention will be paid to the necessity foreseen and already noted by this General Staff of retaining a fair proportion of reinforcements for the Combat Groups from the Reinforcements Training Centre.

The problem will be completely solved as soon as the Centre is formed and the establishments completed (now being examined by MMIA). Under the circumstances it is commonly agreed that the organisation of the Centre should be completed as soon as possible.

2. The transfer of Military Personnel from one Arm to another, to effect the proper proportion between the various Arms can be accomplished whenever necessary and with all possible haste by the department of the Ministry of War for drafting NCOs and privates, on the proposal of the Commander of the Centre and with the approval of this General Staff. In urgent cases this authority will be given to the Commander of the Centre, who will inform the above department and obtain permission from the General Staff.

3. The greater availability of Artillery personnel ~~exist~~ exists, as pointed out by MMIA. However in the opinion of this General Staff this phenomenon is only temporary and is due to the recent dis-solution of the antiaircraft units at Naples and Bari and to availability of the PICENO Regt and also of other units disbanded in SARDINIA. ~~But~~ However it is realised that in the future it will be difficult, to ~~dispose of~~ other artillery personnel, ~~when they are greatly reduced as may happened in other units.~~ in view of the big reductions already made in this arm, in order to make up the units in the Training Centre, reinforcements should run to about 1500 (900 in the Mixed Regt, 300 in the Reception and Classification Regt, 150 - 200 in the permanent staff). Thus a considerable portion of the personnel ~~to be disposed of~~ will be absorbed.

In consideration of these reasons, this General Staff is of the opinion that it would not be advisable to transfer Artillery personnel to other Arms. ~~But given the warning when necessary it can be done immediately.~~ If needing it could be done later.

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This is OK for the present.
B.F. 1 Feb. WP

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SEGRETO

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

N° 10840 /Mob. di prot. P.M.3800, lì 5 gennaio 1945

OGGETTO : Complementi per gruppi di combattimento.

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

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Riferimento al f° S/G/29/43 del 23/12/44 di codesta M.M.I.A.-

I) - Sarà tenuto nel massimo conto la prospettata necessità, già nota a questo S.M., di mantenere una giusta proporzione fra i complementi delle diverse armi presso il centro addestramento complementi per i gruppi di combattimento.
Il problema potrà essere integralmente risolto appena il centro stesso avrà assunto formazione e organici in corso di studio presso codesta M.M.I.A.- Coll'occasione si rappresenta ch'é desiderabile poter addivenire nel più breve tempo possibile alla completa organizzazione del centro secondo gli intendimenti comuni.

II) - Il passaggio di militari da un'arma all'altra, per attuare la giusta proporzione fra le varie armi, potrà essere effettuato ogni qualvolta ritenuto necessario e con tutta sollecitudine dalla direzione generale leva sottufficiali e truppa del Ministero Guerra, su proposta del comandante del centro e d'intesa con questo S.M.- In casi urgenti potrà essere devoluta tale facoltà al comandante del centro, che darà comunicazione dei provvedimenti attuati alla predetta direzione generale e a questo S.M. per la sanzione.

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In considerazione delle su esposte ragioni, questo S.M. é del parere che non convenga effettuare subito trasferimenti di artiglieri in altra arma. Detto provvedimento, qualora necessario, potrà essere attuato in un secondo tempo.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

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Appendix 'A' to MMIA
S/G/29/43 of 3 Jan.

REINFORCEMENTS TRAINING CENTRE

ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE.

Breakdown of Reinforcements.

Arm	No of rfts at 15% **	No of rfts at 10%	No of rfts proposed.	No to be held in Reception Bn	No to be held in Training Regts.
Artillery	1140	760	800	160	640
Infantry	4000	2700	5200	1000	4200
Field Engineers	340	230	350	70	280
Signals	250	170	200	40	160
Mechanical Engineers	225	150	100	20	80
Supply and Transport	225	150	150	30	120
Medical	250	170	100	20	80
Ordnance	50	35	30	} 20	} 80
Admin	110	75	70		
TOTAL			7000	1360	5640
C.C.R.R.	75	50	100 (2 Sections of C.C.R.R. Coy; one Section also to be used for duty)		

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Appendix "B" to ETA
S/O/29/43 of 3 Jan 44.

I.C.T.C. - N.T.C.

H. Q. N.T.C.

- Administration.
- Maintenance.
- Documentation.

D.D.S.T. H.Q.

'Duty Section.
'Training Section.
'Holding Section.

Provost School.

SCHOOLS WING.

'Vice Commandant.

'Supervision and 'Records of Schools 'and attachments.

No 1 RECEPTION BN ALL ARMS.

Receives Intakes
allots to Arms
Gives basic trg.

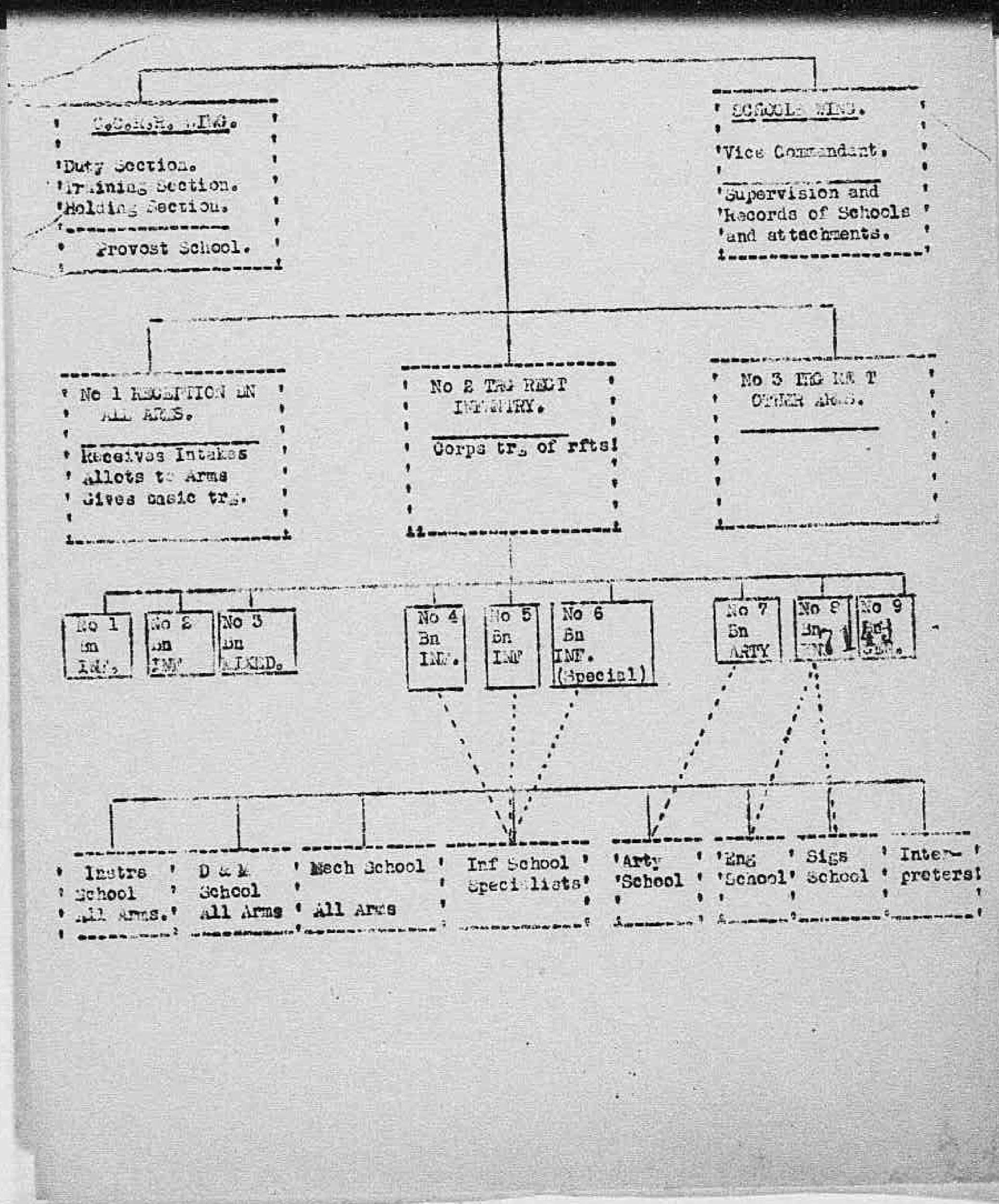
No 2 TRG REGT INFANTRY.

Corps trg of rfts.

No 3 TRG UNIT OTHER ARMS.

No 1 Bn INF.
No 2 Bn INF
No 3 Bn A.T.K.D.
No 4 Bn INF.
No 5 Bn INF
No 6 Bn INF. (Special)
No 7 Bn ARTY
No 8 Bn INF
No 9 Bn [illegible]

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SUBJECT: Italian Army Enclave - BENEVENTO. CONFIDENTIAL.
Reinforcement Training Centre and Schools.

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
S/C/29/43.
6 Jan 45.

To: A.F.H.Q. (for G Maint).

copy to: D.M.T.
5 District.
HOMA A.A. Comd.

1. As arranged at the Conference held by D.M.T. at A.F.H.Q. on 5 Jan concerning training facilities for the Italian Army, I submit the following recommendations for the boundaries of the proposed Italian Army Enclave.

2. Ref Map. ITALY 1/200.00.

Sheet 15. Road junc A 6008 (Lake MONTEMOSI) -
Route 2 (excl) to Sheet 17 Road junc F 6679 -
M. CUOCO F 4581 - M. MONNA TOSTA F 3488 -
M. CUOCO F 3997 - Sheet 18 M. CALVI A 5401 -
LAKE MONTEMOSI.

3. The small British Training Area at present being used on the South shore of Lake BRACCIANO to continue as long as required.

4. Your early approval and notification to all concerned is requested, so that training and administrative arrangements may not be delayed.

W. Pidsley. Colonel
Major General.
M.M.I.A.

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CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: 99 Telegrafisti Company.

LAND FORCES SUB - COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/34
6 Jan.44.

To : Ministry of War.

Info : MMIA LO RCT IGF

1. The above Company, which has now arrived at CESANO, will be disbanded.

2. Personnel are at the disposal of SMRE for making up deficiencies in Combat Groups units, or for holding as reinforcements in the Reinforcement Training Centre I.C.F.

3. Italian Signals Equipment now held by this unit will be returned to Italian Stores.

Major General
M.M.I.A.

Internal Distribution:
Spec Sec
Sigs
S/C/29/27
SD/57
SD/50

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SUBJECT :- 319 Field Bakery

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
(MMIA) AGAS
File No S/G/29/43/M

3 Jan 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

COPY : AFHQ (For G3 Org)
MMIA LO RMC ROF

1. The above Bakery, which has now arrived at ORIANO, will be used to bake bread for MMC ROF.

2. The Bakery is to be organised on WE MA/597/1, but as no British baking equipment is at present available, the six Italian Ovens now held will be used.

3. AFHQ will please inform MMIA of the numbers of extra personnel who are required above WE MA/597/1 in view of the Italian equipment being employed instead of British.

J.P. Burke Maj
for Maj-Gen
M.M.I.A.

Internal

G(AD)
AGAS

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Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

S/G/29/43.
4 Jan., 45.

Subject :- Patriots.

To :- M.M.I.A. L.O., R.T.C. I.C.F.

It is understood that patriots, now being recruited for the Italian Army, by CERSETI, may be expected to arrive in R.T.C. I.C.F. as follows :-

From	Date of arrival at CESANO	Numbers.
SIENA District	6 - 10 Jan	500
PERUGIA District	10 - 15 Jan	350

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

Intr G(SD)

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EMERGENCY OPS

SIGNAL

FROM: AFHQ CITE FHGCT SIGNED SAC

TO : DISTREE

INFO: MMIA

FX 79852

SECRET

URGENT (.) MMIA SD 2023 REFERS (.) ONE (.) CANNOT AGREE

NO 2 COMBAT GROUP GT COY BE FORMED UNDER SUPERVISION

BLU (.) TWO (.) DESIRE SAME PROCEDURE TAKEN TO FORM

NO 1 COMBAT GROUP GT COY

WS WE DIST: MOV (2)
Spec Sec
SD/3/1
SD/50 (2)
SD/6 - File

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COPY

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RCM [illegible] 04609 A

TO :- [illegible]

RESTRICTED (.) F76988 (.) YOUR SUGAR DOG ONE NINE SEVEN ONE OF TWO ZERO DECEMBER FOUR FOUR X SIGNED SAS CEE NEGT X PROVIDED ONE FIVE TWO AND ONE SIX TWO ED COYS DISRATTED AS ART RET HOLDING OF ICF RTC THEY MAY BE CLOTHED AND EQUIPPED

Your SD 1911 of 20 Dec re 4 Provided 152 and 162 Fd Coys disbanded as Art Ret holding of ICF RTC they may be clothed and equipped.

SD Distn

S/SD/30
S/Sec
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SD/50. Fleet.

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FROM MMIA

29/43

201000 A

TO AFHQ G3 Org rptd CE

INFO 15 ARMY GROUP
56 BLU
MMIA LO RTC ICF
3 DISTRICT

SD 1971

CONFIDENTIAL

152 and 162 Field Engineer Companies earmarked for PICENO are now training with MANTOVA (.) MMIA recommend that these units should be held against strength of RTC ICF and equipped accordingly with personal clothing and equipment (.) They should stay with MANTOVA until reorganisation of RTC ICF at CESANO is complete (.) They would provide reinforcements for Groups in line as required (.) If you agree please authorise issue of necessary personal equipment and clothing through 3 District and 56 BLU (.)

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED J.N.STAINTON, Major

INTERNAL
SORE
A/Q
SD/52 (2)

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RAAC MESSAGE FORM

CALL	CIRCUIT No.	PRIORITY	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS
C	NR 9766	ROUTINE	SVL 3

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DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN 291200A

FROM (A) ~~EXAMINER~~ DMT 56 AREA

TO (FOR ACTION) 15 ARMY GROUP

TO (FOR INFORMATION) FREEDOM MMIA

MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS	GR

(REF. No.) DMT/648

(SECURITY CLASSIFICATION) SECRET

Can you release all or part of British training increment ? FRIULI Division? Urgently required to help (establishment) of RFT Depot and Schools BRACCIANO

SECRET

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Deciphered 291750A-TSW

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c/3885 Land Forces
GR N46/22
GR N46/20

LONB V MEDY NR 300096 QVR 1
FROM DMT 56 AREA 291500A
TO MMIA
QQY GR --- BT
DMT/667 RESTRICTED (.) REF YOUR SS500 DATED 26 DEC AND THIS
DIRECTORATES DMT 599 DATED 24 DEC (.) ADD TO FIGURES SUBMITTED
IN OUR CABLE ~~QVR~~ ORD 1 OFFR AND 4 NCOS (.) S AND T PROVOST MEDICAL
AND VETS NIL/NIN EACH CASE (.) NO OFFR INCLUDED IN ADM SET UP
BUT ~~E~~// HOPE TO SEND CQMS TO MAJOR GELARDI ON 1 JAN 45 (.)
BALANCE OF ADM CONSISTS OF 1 STOREMAN3 GD MEN 2 DRIVERS 2 COOKS
1X15 CWT AND 1 3 TON AND WILIPO /// WILL BE FORWARDED
AS SOON AFTER 1 JAN AS POSSIBLE
BT
SENT NR 96 LOCKE 1009 AR
RECD NR 96 11// 1009 USA KKK

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DEC 1944
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MMIA

MINISTRY of WAR

ATHQ. 3 DISTRICT r'ptd MMIA LO.
MMIA LO NTC ICF. TAMWORTH for MMIA LO.

SD 2063

CONFIDENTIAL

Reference MMIA SD 2019 of 29 Dec (a) No 2 Combat Group GT Company forming at ARMIDALE is placed at disposal of [illegible] as soon as 3 District inform Military HQ CANBERRA that unit is equipped and complete (b) [illegible] will then move No 2 GT Company to CESSNOCK to form PRIVATE SCHOOL (c) Report what task you propose to give this company for journey

[illegible]

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ROUTINE

Exec Sec
Mov (2)
SD/3/1
SD/50 (2)
File SD/6

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S I G N A L

FROM MMIA

29 1730 A

TO MINISTRY OF WAR

INFO AFHQ
15 ARMY GROUP
3 DISTRICT RPTD MMIA LO
MMIA LO RTC ICF
MMIA LO 54 AREA
MMIA LO 52 AREA
PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO

29/43

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SD 2019

S E C R E T

FIRST (.) No 1 Combat Groups G T Company now forming S. AFRAGOLA is at your disposal as soon as 3 District report to Military HQ CAMPANIA that all equipment has been issued and formation is complete (.) SECOND (.) You will use this Company and issue all necessary orders to move remainder of reinforcement personnel and stores TEANO to CESANO and balance of PUGENO Group from PUGLIA to CESANO (.) THIRD (.) Muletoers from PUGENO will be moved by rail under separate arrangements (.) FOURTH (.) As soon as task detailed in second above is completed company will be concentrated CESANO in readiness to move when called forward by 15 Army Group (.) Advise MMIA probable date (.) FIFTH (.) For AFHQ (.) Your FX 74235 CITE FHGCT of 25 December refers (.) Separate message follows reference rail move of muletoers

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PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

AUTH DATED 26 Dec 43

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29/43 CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Volunteers - I.C.F.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. G/SD/80
29 Dec 44

TO : PBS

Copy to: BRIA LO NAPLES
MINISTRY OF WAR

1. It is understood that there are in 2nd Div 155 men who have volunteered for service with the Combat Groups (2nd Div letter G5/4369 of 15 Dec to SHAE refers)

Please say whether you are prepared to release these volunteers.

2. If the release is agreed the men should be sent to I.C.F. Rft Trg Centre CESANO, and replacements will be found from AVRAGOLA Camp.

[signature]
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

Internal: A/G
Spec Sec
SD/AB

Good available men.

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FROM AFHQ SIGNED SAC CITE FHSCT

TO MMIA

INFO DISTHREE DISTHREE EAST DISTONE
MMIA LO DISTHREE MMIA LO DISTONE

SECRET

FX 75139

Your ST 2001 dated 24 Dec (.) Units accepted and will be moved earliest opportunity

29/43

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DISTA:

SD/12
AG
G/Sec
Med
Mov (2)
SIG/SO
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NOT MM'A - 'G' 25/4g

FILE:

DATE: 26/4/45

SUBJECT : Cancellation - 'B' Vehicle Releases.

NOT G NOT A
NOT SET
NOT DOS
25/4

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ., CMF.

Tel : 11656.

DMT/55/14/MT.1.

24 April 45.

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

The following vehicle release has been cancelled owing to delay in collection :-

DMT/55/14/MT.1 dated 24 December, Release No DOS/757.

Motor Cycles Solo 350cc, Class V Qty 5
Trucks 15cwt 4 x 2 G.S. Class II Qty 2

In. Stillem Capt R.A.

Brig.,
D.M.T.

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29/43.

SUBJECT : Vehicle Releases.

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ CMF.

Tel. 11656.

DMT/55/14/MT.1

24 Dec 44

Land Forces Sub Commission AC (LMIA)

Copy to :- 11 RVP

Signed

1. The following vehicle (s) is (are) released to you under authority MEDIAOR AFHQ Release No.

DOS/757

dated 18 Dec 44

5 Motor Cycles Solo 350cc Class V
WD Nos 4701869
4852426
4555398
4165560
4343831

Serial No. 6003/00

2 Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS Class II WD Nos Z 5627794 Z 5625460
Serial No. 6050/00

2. Please collect immediately from 11 RVP RCME

3. These vehicles are for the Italian Combat Force Reinforcement and Trg Depot.

4. It is brought to your notice that Part X Orders will be published in accordance with GRO 465 of 44 and Monthly Census Returns submitted in accordance with GROs 474 of 43 and 192 of 44.

Capt 128 R.A
for Brig.,
D.M.T.

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

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T. Bolton
Capt 7128 RA
for Dir.,
D.M.T.

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FROM: MMIA LO 52 AREA 29/43

TO : MMLA 271745A

Q 119 CONFIDENTIAL

For BAUMANN (.) When is Muleteer Depot CESAND Query

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

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SD DIST.: SD/51/1
S/Sec
SD/50
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NMEA 26 A

56 Area for LMT

SS 500 RESTRICTED

Reference your LMT/599 of 24 December (.) Delighted (.) Suggest adm officer reports to Major GHIARDI CESANO 1st January to arrange for drawing of necessary accommodation stores as nothing there now except empty houses

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IMPORTANT

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SECRET 14

SUBJECT: Reinforcements for Combat Groups.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
16 Dec 44 3/8/29/43

MINISTRY OF WAR

Answered by Fax 32

1. Your attention is drawn to the necessity for keeping a correct balance between reinforcements of the various arms in the Combat Groups Reinforcement Training Centre, so that the numbers of reinforcements required by each arm may, as far as possible, always be available.

2. To achieve this it may at times be necessary to transfer men from one arm to another. This is so at the present time when there are few infantry and too many artillery and specialist arms personnel at the Centre.

3. I should be grateful for an assurance from you that adequate means exist for effecting these transfers promptly by the Commandant of the Centre and that the proper proportion of reinforcements for all arms will be maintained within the total strength of reinforcements authorised.

WP
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Major General
M.M.I.A.

INITIAL:
AG
SD
Maj GILLARDI

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MESSAGE FORM

24 1720

FROM MMIA

TO AFHQ for G3 Org

DISTHREE
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DISTONE for MMIA LO
SD 2001

CONFIDENTIAL

Request you move following units from CISTERNINO P8843 (.) FIRST (.) 81 Fd Hosp 7 offrs 58 ORs 10 tons stores to ORVIETO (.) SECOND (.) 83 Fd Hosp 7 offrs 58 ORs 10 tons stores to CESANO to relieve 576 Gen Hosp (.) Letter follows

PRIORITY

AUTHENTICATED W Bedell Smith

Internal Distribution
A/Q
Spec Soc
Mod
Mov (2)
SD/50 (2)
File SD/12

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VRT V MEDV AM 11 IMPORTANT

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FROM DMI SE AREA 2412094

TO IMIA

INFO FRENCH

CONFER ---- TT

DTG/1500 RESTRICTED (.) PET TOUR SS492 DATED 21 DEC (.) FOLLOWING BRITISH PERSONNEL WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CHEANO ON DATES SHOWN (.) RE SNO MAJOR DURSE ORS 7 JAN (.) SEGS 1 OFFS 4 SUTS 1 CLERK ~~---~~ 1 BATMAN DRIVER 7 JAN (.) REIN 2 OFFRS 20 ORS 15 JAN (.) FIGURES FOR PROVOST & AMB T ORS MEDICAL AND VETS FOLLOW (.) ESTIMATED ACCOMMODATION FOR ABOVE WILL BE FOR 9 OFFICERS AND 50 ORS (.) DNT WILL ARRANGE ADN STAFF WHICH WILL BE ADDITIONAL TO ABOVE FIGURES

THI 2412094

SENT UP 1Y WEK 1246 MKR

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LROF V LELC NRR 19 IMPORTANT GVR2

FROM HMIA LC RTC TCV 2312000A

TO ATHC

INFO HMIA ROME

QUX GR 35 BT

A023/1/8 (.) RESTRICTED (.) FOR G3 ORG OF (.) CONFIRMING CONVERSATION GRAHAM-GELARDI (.) ABLE TO USE EIGHT VEHS GOING FROM T E A H O TO BRACCIANO FOR MOVE OF R T C I C T (.) REQUEST TUFRATORY CANCELLATION OF TRAIN FOR 1000 MEN AND 100 TONS

BT 1200A

SENT HR 19 ED 24-0755 EC E

RD 0752AU FMA AG K O

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29/12.

Subject:- Movement of R.T.D., I.C.F., TEANO.

LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
NAPLES
STM/47
STM/33a
STM/43

23 December 1944.

Direzione Commissariato,
Comando Militare Campania.

Copy to:- Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C., (M.M.I.A.).
MMIA LO, 52 M.U.

1. Reinforcement Training Depot, Italian Combat Forces, now located at Teano will commence to move, at the rate of 300 men every three days, to Cesano.

2. Ration maintenance of the RTDICF will be accomplished in consolidation of the pack to Comando Gruppe di Comb/to " LEGNANO ".

a bit optimistic. W.P. 3. The present strength of " LEGNANO " is 11000 and that of the RTDICF is expected to be 9200 presently.

4. Therefore, please issue instructions, with copy to this office, to despatch daily by rail 20000 rations to LEGNANO at PALIDORO Station to commence on 22 December.

5. Please make arrangement for sufficient ration maintenance of the RTDICF for personnel who have not been moved forward by utilisation of ration stock at your Piedemonte D'Alife Depot, which will be closed as soon as possible.

6. The above is a confirmation of instructions given to Lt. Malato by Major Nelson, this date.

GEORGE D. SMITH JR. 7121
Major Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer.

GDS/bc

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SUBJECT:- Employment of 319 Field Bakery. 5/Sec 19/12

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.).
ST/20
12th Dec 44.

Direz. Gen. Serv. Commissariato Mil.
Ispettorato.
Italian War Ministry.

Copy to:- "G" Branch. HQ MMIA

Reference telephone conversation Capt. MOSCARIELLO - Lt. HORLICK of todays date.

Please give instructions that:

1) The six WEISS ovens now at AVERSA be moved to AFRAGOLA with full equipment, and be handed to 319 Field Bakery, for use by this unit.

2) 319 Field Bakery be warned to move with full equipment to PALIDORO on 27 Dec 44.

This unit will be employed as the Bakery for the CESANO Reinforcement Centre, and it is most important that it should take up it's duties as soon as possible, as the Centre is even now under formation.

Wr. for B.L.PERCEVAL.
Lt.Col. RASC.
ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.(MMIA).

JJH/nc

Copy to:- Direz. Gen. Serv. Commissariato Mil.
Divisione Sussistenza.

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FROM AFHQ SIGNED SAC CITE FHGCT 212351A 29/03

TO DISTFREE, CC ITALIAN COMBAT FORCE RTC

INFO MMIA, MOVWIT, MOV ROME

FX 72528

Italian Combat Force Rft trg centre (.) 1000 pers 100 tons stores will move on or after 25 Dec under orders DISTHREE from TEANO to CESANO near BRACCIANO by rail (.) Unit representative will report MOVWIT soonest.

IMPORTANT

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A/C S/Sec
SD/13/3
SD/50
Float

SMRF: Hd Qs ensure that above message reaches ATC HQF. 1000 hrs

Above cancelled (1200 hrs) as forwarded in 5 sections by road. AFHQ standing aground

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MMIA

56 AMA for DMT

AFHQ

SS 490

Confidential

Italian Reinforcement Trg Centre at CASANO should be ready for 15 British Training Teams Officers and ORs early in Jan (.) Confirm you are arranging for these and will include Ordnance S & T and REME to assist in maintenance as well as Trg

Important

Wilson Maj

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50, 51, 52, 53, 56 BLUs

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RTC IOF opens at CESANO near LAKE BRACCIANO

W.e.f. 22 December (.) All informed

ROUTINE

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Spec Sec 29/12 5.

SIGNAL

FROM: MMIA

Date 19/1630A Time

TO : AFHQ for G3 Org G1 Brit Mov

INFO: MAIN HQ 15 ARMY GP
C.G. FIFTH ARMY
EIGHTH ARMY
DISTONE
DISTHREE
PBS
FIFTH ARMY for MMIA LO
FIFTH ARMY Brit Incr for MMIA LO
REAR EIGHTH ARMY for MMIA LO
DISTONE for MMIA LO
DISTHREE for MMIA LO
PENSOUTH for MMIA LO
52 AREA for MMIA LO
54 AREA for MMIA LO
SIGS OFFICE BARLETTA for O'DONNELL
ICF TRG DEP TEANO

SD 1962

RESTRICTED

Italian Combat Force Rft Dep TEANO is being closed (.) All rfts for Combat Gps should be sent to Rft Trg Centre Italian Combat Force CESANO w.e.f. 22 Dec (.) All infmd ? ?

PRECEDENCE -

AUTHENTICATED [signature]

Internal Dist.: All Branches and Services
SD/50 (2)

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SD 1962 RESTRICTED

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PRECEDENCE —

AUTHENTICATED [illegible]

Internal Dist.: All Branches and Services
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SUBJECT: RTC - ICF

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LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File RTD ICF
S/C/29/43
18 December 44

TO : G(SD)

1. As from 22 December all Reinforcements for Combat Groups should be sent to the Reinforcement Training Centre, Italian Combat Force CESANO, unless otherwise indicated by this Section.

2. No more reinforcements should be sent to TRANO as from receipt of this note.

3. Orders for the SICILY call-up and for personnel ex BALKANS due to report to Combat Groups from leave should be amended accordingly.

W.P.

Colonel
Special Section

Copys A/Q

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SECRET

SUBJECT: Italian Combat Groups - Reinforcements

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. C/G/89/43
18 Dec 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Copy to: AMIR
MMIA LO (Maj ORLANDI)

1. I am instructed to inform you the proposals, recently under discussion, for forming a Reinforcement Training Centre (Centro Addestramento Complamenti) in the BRACCIANO area have been approved in principle.

2. The Centre will initially be accomodated in the Military barracks and buildings at CESANO: subsequent expansion will probably involve the inclusion of barracks in and near BRACCIANO when vacated by LEGNANO Group.

3. The movement of personnel and stores from TERNO is to begin immediately and be completed by 31 Dec. Advance parties will move by road under arrangements made by you with MMIA Liaison Officer at TERNO. The main body will move by rail on or after 26 Dec under arrangements being made by MMIA.

4. The organisation of the Centre and the number of personnel needed to staff it are now being discussed with MMIA in detail and will be generally on the lines of the attached diagram. Please let me have your views on this and your proposals for the War Establishment of the permanent staff by 25 Dec to enable me to seek the approval of AFHQ to the numbers involved, at their next meeting. Meanwhile a provisional organisation is to be set up using suitable personnel held on the strength of the PISERO Division as required.

W.P.
Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Diagram attached to
MMA letter S/G/29/45
of 18 Dec 44

REINFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTRE
HEADQUARTERS

Records
Administration
Maintenance

OC RR Coy
Duty Section
Training Section
Holding Section

Schools Wing

No. 1 Regiment — Reception Selection

No. 1 Bn. Inf.
No. 2 Bn. Inf.
No. 3 Bn. Gen.

(Max. rfts. 1500)

No. 2 Regiment — Training (Infantry)

No. 1 Bn. Inf (Normal)
No. 2 Bn. Inf (")
No. 3 Bn. Inf (Spec)

(Max rfts. 4,500)

No. 3 Regiment — Training (General)

No. 1 Bn Arty
No. 2 Bn Eng
No. 3 Bn Mixed

(Max rfts. 2,400)

Inf. Weapons School

Anti Tank
Mortars
Carriers
Snipers
Tactics
etc. etc.

Drivers and Maintenance School

(for all arms)

Administrative Specialists School

Medical
Supplies
Ordnance
Armourers
Interpreters
etc. etc.

NOTES:

1. Maximum numbers shown as in No's 2 and 3 Regiments are paper figures only. Many of these (particularly in No. 2 Regt) would be away on courses at schools.

2. Existing schools for Artillery, Engineers and Signals will probably be moved to suitable locations and come within the scope of this organisation.

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Duty Section
Training Section
Holding Section

Hdqs

No. 1 Regiment	No. 2 Regiment	No. 3 Regiment
Reception Selection	Training (Infantry)	Training (General)
No. 1 Bn. Inf.	No. 1 Bn. Inf (Normal)	No. 1 Bn Arty
No. 2 Bn. Inf.	No. 2 Bn. Inf (")	No. 2 Bn Eng
No. 3 Bn. Gen.	No. 3 Bn. Inf (Spec)	No. 3 Bn Mixed
(Max. rfts. 1500)	(Max rfts. 4,500)	(Max rfts. 2,400)

Inf. Weapons School	Drivers and Maintenance School	Administrative Specialists School
Anti Tank	(for all arms)	Medical
Mortars		Supplies
Carriers		Ordnance
Snipers		Armourers
Tactics		Interpreters
etc. etc.		etc. etc.

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MMIA LO RTC ICF

Ministry of War

SS 477

CONFIDENTIAL

RTC ICF is moving shortly to location where accommodation is largely covered (.) Reinforcements now coming to MANTOVA from various sources (.) Request you send representative to TEANO to contact Major GELARDI with a view to MANTOVA taking over surplus tentage from RTC ICF as required for MANTOVA to accommodate full WE and 5% and Auxiliary units (.) All reinforcements from TEANO to MANTOVA should move with own tentage.

IMPORTANT

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LRKB V LAEE NR23
QVR 2
131909A
TO HQ ROME AREA
DISTHREE
GR 17 BT
RESTRICTED. FX68179.
AGREE ALLOCATION ITALIAN BARRACKS CESANO FOR ITALIAN
COMBAT FORCE REINFORCEMENT CENTRE. SIGNED SACMED
CITE FHGDQ
BT
SENT NR232013A RW B1

RECD NR 232013 A AAA AR K

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SECRET

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-3 SECTION.

SECRET	
Auth : SAC.	
Initials:	
COPY NC :	

FILE NO : ASD/923

4 December 1944

SUBJECT : Accommodation, Reinforcement and arrangements for training Italian Combat Groups.

TO : All Concerned.

1. A Meeting will be held in B.G.S (SD) office (Room No.2021) at 14,30 hrs. WEDNESDAY 6th December 1944, when the above matters will be under discussion. All addressees are requested to be represented at the meeting.

2. ACCOMMODATION:

a. The present location of the LEGNANO Group at PIEDMONTE d'ALIFE is unsuitable for training drivers. A suitable area has been found at BRACCIANO, N.W. of ROME. Is the move of LEGNANO to BRACCIANO agreed.?

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