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MESSAGE FORM

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN.

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FROM : EMIA
TO : AFHQ FOR GS ORG
REF NO : SD 2391

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REF EMIA LETTER SD/6/1 OF 21 JAN 45 (*) REQUEST REPLY PLEASE

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SUBJECT:- Rft Italian Service Units (Br-ITI)

Main HQ Eighth Army, CMF

Tele Ext: 73

M 5681 A

28 Feb. 45

CG 15 Army Gp

Copy to:- MMIA, Rome

Reference your 3065/7/A(0) dated 8 Jan 45.

Forwarded herewith in duplicate is statement
in respect of 1001 Italian GI Coy.

EJD

Lt
Lieut General,
G.O.C. EIGHTH ARMY.

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FILE REF	50/6/1
Date Recd	31/3/45

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SUBJECT: 1st Italian Service Unit (BR) (I)

10/19/45

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1st Italian Army (I)

Statement showing position as at 1200 hrs 24 Feb 45, in respect of 1001 Italian Army (I) Coy is as follows:)

TRADE	COMBATANTS		REPAIRING		FACILITIES	
	Officers	NOGS	Officers	NOGS	Officers	NOGS
Arm of Service:-						
Corpo Automobilistico						
Officers	2	2				
Veh Leads						
Clarke TMT			2	5	2	5
Blacksmiths						
Carpenters				1		1
Coppersmiths				2		2
Electricians				1		1
Storeman TMT						
Turners						
Barbers				4		
Motor-cyclists		3				
Drivers						

* May be Marshal, 1st-Major or Sgt.

CMT
24 Feb 45

W. J. Jones
Major, RASC
Comdg British Centre RASC
1001 Italian Army (I) Coy.

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+ May be Marshal, Lt-Major or Sgt.

Major, RASC
County British Guards RASC
1001 Italian Army 22 Coy.

24 Feb 65

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FILE REF	52/6/1
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SUBJECT: Formation of Italian Tpt Coys, A.C.
(BR-ITT)

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
 (M.F.I.A.)

SD/6/1

2 Mar 45.

TO : Min of War.

copy to: MMIA LO 5/ Area.
MMIA LO 3 Dist.

1. Orders will shortly be issued for the formation under supervision of 3 District of 221 Italian Tpt Coy to serve A.C. The W.E. is now under consideration. Four more similar Coys will be formed subsequently.
2. Personnel are being provided as follows:
 - a) 507 and 509 Pnr Smoke Coys which are moving to 804 Italian Base Rfts Depot TRANI and which you will disband vide MMIA letter, SD/6/1 dated 2 Mar 45.
 - b) rfts in TRANI camp.
3. All personnel are being trained under arrangements 3 District and 230 Adm Div HQ. The first course is training 250 - 300 who will be ready by 6 Mar. 500 are required for the second course starting 12 Mar and will be found from TRANI Camp.

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Major General.
 M.F.I.A.

copies to: Tn Sub Com, A.C.

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See folio 12 - next packet

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SUBJECT: Disbandment Para Snake Coys
(BB-III)

Land Forces Sub Com, A.C.
 (M.V.I.A.)

SD/6/1

2 May 45

To: Min of War.

copy to: WIA 10 31 AM.

1. 507 and 509 Para Snake Coys (BB-III) are moving to 80A Italian Base Rft Depot TRANT under orders AFIS.
2. Please issue necessary orders disbanding these companies and effecting the transfer of their personnel to the new Tpt Coys which are being formed for A.C. vide WIA letter SD/6/1 of even date.

WV.

Major General.
 M.V.I.A.

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FROM : ROMA
 TO : ~~AFHQ FOR G-3 AND G-4~~
 3 DISTRICT.
 INFO : ROMA LO 54 AREA
 STGS BARLETTA FOR O'DONNELL
 AFHQ G-3 or G-4 NOV.
 REF NO : SD 2973

Security
 Classification Restricted

REF AFHQ LETTER AG 093.711/111 OCT-9 DATED 26 FEB RECEIVED TODAY (*)
 ONE (*) 500 PERSONNEL REFERRED TO IN PARA 2 ARE AVAILABLE NOW AT 804
 ITALIAN BASE IPT DEPOT TRANT (*)
 TWO (*) 804 DEPOT ACCOMMODATING 2 000 ADDITIONAL YOUNG SOLDIER CALL UP
 PERSONNEL SEE ROMA STORAGE SD 2970 of 1 MAR SERIAL 19 IS FULL (*)
 REQUEST TPT COYS FROM A.C. ARE NOT FURNISHED AT TRANT
 FOR

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AG 091.711/111 GCT-O

26 February 1945

SUBJECT: Formation of Italian Tpt Coys AG

TO: General Officer Commanding
 Number 3 District (East)

Dist

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1. Between 250 and 300 Italian Army personnel will have been trained as drivers at 804 Italian Base Rft Depot, TRANI, by 6 March 1945 and orders will be issued for the formation of 221 Italian Tpt Coy AG under your supervision as soon as WEs have been agreed.

2. The 507 and 509 Italian Pnr Smoke Coys have been ordered to move to TRANI for disbandment to provide approximately 300 personnel towards the 500 required for the second driving course commencing about 12 March 1945. You are directed to earmark the necessary additional trainees from men now in camp, excluding combat and muleteer rfts. Bids for additional rfts, if required, will be sent in by the Base Depot through normal channels.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

Albert W. Karr
 ALBERT W. KARR
 Captain, AGD
 Asst Adjutant General

DISTRIBUTION:

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S I G N A L

FROM: MILA

TO : AFHQ FOR G-1 BR C-3 ORG MOV

INFO: HQ 15 ARMY GROUP

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54 ARMA FOR MILA LO

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SIGNS OFFICE BIELLETTA FOR O'DONNELL

ITALIAN RPT DEF CAVIETO

ALCOM SICILY FOR MILA LO

SD 2331

S E C R E T

F I R S T (.) REQUEST YOU ARRANGE FOLLOWING MOVES IN WEEK 5 M A R TO 11

M A R (.) READ IN COLUMNS

A NUMBERS

D DESTINATION E RECEIVING FAN (.)

A	B	C	D	E
1 (.) 200	COMBAT RPTS	CESANO	TO PESARO	FOR TRIULI
2 (.) 200	COMBAT RPTS	CESANO	TO PESARO	FOR CREMONA
3 (.) 300	COMBAT RPTS	CESANO	TO AREZZO	FOR LEGNANO
4 (.) 200	COMBAT RPTS	CESANO	TO BENEVENTO	FOR MANTOVA
5 (.) 250	SICILY RECALL	REGGIO	TO TRANI	FOR BR-III
6 (.) 1000	LABOUR	CASORIA	TO AREZZO	FOR BR INCR 5 ARMY
7 (.) 500	SCREENERS	CASORIA	TO AREZZO	FOR BR INCR 5 ARMY

REQUEST SERIAL 6 MOVE EARLY IN WEEK AND SERIAL 7 LATE SO THAT A R E Z Z O

CAN ACCOMMODATE (.)

8 (.) 200 LABOUR

9 (.) 110 LABOUR

10 (.) 100 LABOUR

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CASORIA TO ROME

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8 (.)	200	LABOUR	CASORIA	TO ANCONA FOR 1 DIST
9 (.)	110	LABOUR	CASORIA	TO ROME FOR 503 SMOKE COY
10 (.)	100	LABOUR	CASORIA	TO GANDELLO FOR 506 SMOKE COY
11 (.)	50	LABOUR	CASORIA	TO SAN ANTONIO FOR 152 CCY 404 PNR REGT
12 (.)	70	LABOUR	CASORIA	TO LA PICCICLA FOR 2 BN 407 PNR REGT
13 (.)	20	LABOUR	CASORIA	TO LA PICCICLA FOR 144 CCY 404 PNR REGT
14 (.)	300	LABOUR	TRIANI	TO PESARO FOR 2 ARMY

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15 (.) 160	LABOUR	TRANI	TC	TARANTO	FOR	1 BN 406 PNR REGT
16 (.) 300	LABOUR	TRANI	TC	BARI	FOR	2 BN 406 PNR REGT
17 (.) 140	LABOUR	TRANI	TC	BARI	FOR	2 BN 403 PNR REGT
18 (.) 60	LABOUR	TRANI	TC	PORTOGNARONE	FOR	142 CCY 404 PNR REG
19 (.) 150	ELY ENGRS	TRANI	TC	ROME	FOR	6 RLY BN
20 (.) 150	ENGINEERS	TRANI	TC	ANCONA	FOR	1 DIST
21 (.) 100	ENGINEERS	TRANI	TC	AREZZO	FOR	1 DIST
22 (.) 50	LABOUR	TRANI	TC	ORFANA	FOR	141 CCY 404 PNR REGT

23 (.) 500	APULIAN YS	TRANI	TO	ORVIE TO	FOR	HR-ITI
24 (.) 200	APULIAN YS	CAMPOBASSO	TO	ASTRONI	FOR	US-ITI
25 (.) 300	APULIAN YS	POTENZA	TO	ASTRONI	FOR	US-ITI
26 (.) 300	APULIAN YS	JECCE	TO	ORVIE TO	FOR	HR-ITI
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28 (.) 300	APULIAN YS	BARI	TO	ASTRONI	FOR	US-ITI
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31 (.) 300	LABOUR	TRANI	TO	PESARO	FOR	8 ARMY
32 (.) 400	LABOUR	TRANI	TO	PESARO	FOR	8 ARMY
33 (.) 50	SCREENERS	TRANI	TO	PESARO	FOR	8 ARMY
34 (.) 107	ENGRS	TRANI	TO	PESARO	FOR	8 ARMY
35 (.) 100	ENGRS	TRANI	TO	ANCONA	FOR	1 DIST
36 (.) 500	CAMPANIAN	AFRAGOLA	TO	ANCONA	FOR	1 DIST
37 (.) 100	SCREENERS	AFRAGOLA	TO	PESARO	FOR	8 ARMY
38 (.) 100	LABOUR	AFRAGOLA	TO	ANCONA	FOR	1 DIST

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SUBJECT:- Rfts - Italian Service Units

Main Hq Eighth Army, GTF,

Tele Ext: 73,

M 5681 A,

20 Feb. 45.

CG 15 Army Gp

Copy to:- MMIA ROME

(NT)

Reference your 3065/7/A(0) dated 8 Jan 45.

Forwarded herewith in duplicate is statement
in respect of 1001 GT Coy (Italian)

CHW

K. Finck
Lieut General,
G.O.C., EIGHTH ARMY.

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Subject: Rft Italian Service Units (BR-ITT)

20/129/45

CRA30 Eighth A Tps

Statement showing position as at 1200 hrs 10 Feb 45, in respect of
1001 Italian Army C.T. Coy is as follows:-

TRADE	SURPLUSES		DEFICIENCIES		PRIORITIES	
	Offrs	NCOs	Offrs	NCOs	Offrs	NCOs
Army of Service:-						
Corpo Automobilistico	+			+		+
Officers	2					
Veh Mechs			1		1	
Clerks TMT			1		1	
Blacksmiths			1		1	
Carpenters			1		1	
Coppersmiths			3		3	
Electricians			1		1	
Storemen TMT			2		2	
Turners			3			
Barbers			0			
Motor cyclists			23			
Drivers						

+ May be Marshall, Sjt-Major or Sjt

(Sgt) H L JONES Major RASC
Comdg British Cadre, RASC
1001 Italian Army C.T. Coy.

CIT
10 Feb 45.

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Subject: REINFORCEMENTS.

LAND FORCES SUB - COM. A.O.

(M.M.I.A.)

File No. SD/12/1.

18 Feb. 45.

TO: M.M.I.A. LO REAR 8th ARMY.

291 and 292 Field Hospitals have been issued with transport and each unit requires 2 drivers.

Please request 228 Division to make available four drivers. Replacement will be made in the next draft of reinforcements sent to 8th Army.

Copies to.

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Backlund
to MAJOR GENERAL
M.M.I.A.

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FROM: MMIA LO 54 AREA

TO : MMIA

SD/81

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REQUEST YOU ARRANGE NEXT COURSE FOR POLIGNANO DRIVING SCHOOL AS
 NOT RPT NOT POSSIBLE ARRANGE LOCALLY (.) SUGGEST 80 STUDENTS FROM

INOPERATIVE

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ CONVERSANO ATTEND THIS COURSE (.) PLEASE ADVISE DATE OF

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 FROM MMIALG 54 AREA 171736A
 TO MMIA

QON BT
 SD/81 . RESTRICTED . REQUEST YOU ARRANGE NEXT COURSE FOR
 POLIGNANO DRIVING SCHOOL AS NOT RPT NOT POSSIBLE ARRANGE LOCALLY .
 SUGGEST EIGHTY STUDENTS FROM INOPERATIVE CONVERSANO ATTEND THIS COURSE .
 PLEASE ADVISE DATE OF START

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S I G N A L

FROM: MMIA

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Date Time
16 1050 AINFO: MOV ROME
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DISTONE FOR MMIA LO
19 PIONEER GROUP
MOV ANCONASD 2296CONFIDENTIAL

M M I A S D 2291 OF 15 (.) FOR 4 PNR GP READ

19 PNR GP THROUGHOUT

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TO : (FOR ACTION)

MMIA LO SARDINIA

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YOUR Y 96 (.) EXCHANGE OF MEN APPROVED BY HALL (.)

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C. P. KERR, Col.

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FROM: MMIA LO SARDINIA SGD SIMMONS

150915

TO : MMIA FOR KERR

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FIRST MOBILE PARK REQUEST PERMISSION SELECT 50 MT

SPECIALISTS FROM RECALLS IN EXCHANGE FOR EQUAL

NUMBER UNSATISFACTORY PERSONNEL ALREADY IN ORGANIZATION (.)

REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS AT EARLIEST (.) UNABLE CONTACT

CALL FOR ADVICE

PRECEDENCE IMPORTANT

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Transmission Instructions

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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.

FROM
(A)

MMIA LO S/A SJD SIMMONS

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

150915

Office Date Stamp

MMIA for KERR

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

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Originator's No.

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Message Instructions

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First mobile park request permission
 Select SO maintain specialists from recalls
 in exchange for squad number unsatisfactory
 personnel already in organization @ Request
 instructions at earliest @ Unclbl contact
 HALL for advice

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First mobile park request permission
 select 50 maintain specialists from recalls
 in exchange for equal number unsatisfactory
 personnel already in organization @ request
 instructions at earliest @ vehicle contact
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 HALL for advice

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This message may be sent
 AS WRITTEN by any means
 except

WIRELESS.

Signed

If liable to be intercepted or to fall into
 enemy hands this message must be sent IN
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Originator's Instructions,
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MESSAGE FORM

FROM MILA
TO MINISTRY OF WAR
INFO MOV ROME
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DISTONE FOR MILA LO
19 PIONEER GROUP
MOV ANCONA

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CONFIDENTIAL

ONE PLATOON OF NO 1 GT COMPANY 50 VEHICLES WILL LEAVE ROME 18 FEB FOR
CHIETI TO TRANSPORT APPROX 450 AM RINKS EX-CATAPINIERI EX 20 AM
RACGRUPPAMENTO TO ANCONA AS REFS FOR 19 PIONEER GROUP () CONVOY
WILL LEAVE CHIETI 19 FEB AND REPORT ON ARRIVAL ANCONA TO 4 PIONEER
GROUP () VEHICLES TO RETURN ROME EARLIEST () THINGS AND
REMAINING DETAILS OF CONVOYS WILL BE ARRANGED BY YOUR UFFICIO TRASPORTI
THROUGH MOVEMENTS CHANNELS

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

MBT/eh

Phone 489081

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13 February 1945

NOTES OF MEETING C.O.S. OFFICE 10 February 1945PRESENT:C.O.S.: Brig. Lush (chair)
Major TalbotEconomic Section: Colonel Densmore
Mr. Taylor
Colonel Thomas
Colonel Carnes
Colonel Evans
Major WoodEstablishment Section: Colonel Parkin
Lt. Col. Miller
Major Craig
Captain ParryM.M.I.A.: Major PinkleyIn attendance: Captain Shipton, AFHQ (Ord. A)Formation of HQ Truck Coys. Responsibility for Maintenance of Vehicles.
Indenting and Distribution of Spare Parts.

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1. A large number of vehicles for civil use are now being imported into Italy for the formation of Q and MT companies with Italian drivers under Allied control; they will be an addition to the Q and GT companies now operating with WD vehicles. Certain supervisory personnel have already been authorized. It was agreed that AMHQ authority should be sought for the formation of a Truck Brigade HQ and for certain other units to control and maintain these operating companies. Except for a few officers, no part of the brigade can be found from AC resources; it must therefore be an additional commitment not debatable to the existing AC establishment. Transportation Sub-Commission will initiate necessary action. Until such time as the nucleus of the new HQ is formed and the appointment of its commanding officer announced, Transportation Sub-Commission will be responsible for all work in connection with forming and training Q and MT companies.

2. The Truck Brigade Commander will be responsible to the Chief Commissioner for the operation and full maintenance of all vehicles in the brigade and for all personnel assigned to it.

3. The Truck Brigade will be treated as a field formation, and its commander as equivalent to a Regional Commissioner "without a region." The table below shows the way in which staff functions will be exercised by the various offices at AC HQ on behalf of the Chief Commissioner:

Transportation S/C - Loads to be carried, efficient operation and maintenance of vehicles. Civilian material and spares.

G.O. 2675 Regiment - Discipline and administration of U.S. Army personnel, who will be assigned to a new company of 2675 Regiment.

G-1, British - Discipline and administration of British Army personnel.

Lamé Forces S/C - Discipline and administration of Italian Army personnel. *not agreed. Mr. Taylor look on all reference to Italian Army personnel as his private letter.*

G-4, American - American supplies and WD material and spares. (Routine incidents will be made direct to American Ordnance and other services.)

G-4, British - British supplies and WD material and spares. (Routine incidents will be made direct to British Ordnance and other services.)

4. When units of the Truck Brigade operate in Army areas and Regions it will be necessary to work out the division of responsibility between Truck Brigade HQ and Army or Regional HQ for operations, discipline, accommodation and administration. Transportation Sub-Commission will draft instructions for approval by all concerned.

5. A number of WD vehicles are now operating in civilian truck pools. It was agreed that (a) the Armies must be requested to continue the higher echelon maintenance of such vehicles until such time as they are transferred to complete Italian control, and (b) that such vehicles should be so transferred to complete Italian control at the earliest possible date in order to comply with the directive as to withdrawal of AC officers from "King's Italy." Transportation Sub-Commission will initiate action on these two points.

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Land Forces S/O - Discipline and administration of Italian Army personnel, *not agreed. Mr. Taylor took on all reference to British and American supplies and WD material and spares. (Routine indents will be made direct to American Ordnance and other services.)*

G-4, British - British supplies and WD material and spares. (Routine indents will be made direct to British Ordnance and other services.)

4. When units of the Truck Brigade operate in Army areas and Regions it will be necessary to work out the division of responsibility between HQ and Army or Regional HQ for operations, discipline, accommodation and administration. Transportation Sub-Commission will draft instructions for approval by all concerned.

5. A number of WD vehicles are now operating in civilian truck pools. It was agreed that (a) the Armies must be requested to continue the higher echelon maintenance of such vehicles until such time as they are transferred to complete Italian control, and (b) that such vehicles should be so transferred to complete Italian control at the earliest possible date in order to comply with the directive to withdrawal of AC vehicles from "King's Italy." Transportation Sub-Commission will initiate action on these two points.

6. The responsibility for higher echelon maintenance of various vehicles operating in Italy will be as follows:

Type of Vehicle	Authority Responsible
WD Vehicles in Q and GT Coys	Truck Brigade Headquarters
Allied civilian or requisitioned vehicles in Q and LT Coys	" "

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<u>Type of Vehicle</u>	<u>Authority Responsible</u>
WD vehicles in civilian truck pools:	
(a) now	Army
(b) when transferred to Italian control	Italian Government or its agent.
Other WD vehicles	Army
Other requisitioned vehicles	Regional Commissioner or HQ Commandant
7. The arrangements for the supply and distribution of spare parts will be as follows:	
<u>Supply of Spare Parts</u>	
	<u>Indent</u> <u>Distribution</u>
WD vehicles in Q and GT Coys	Truck Brigade HQ to Army Ordnance to G-4 A or B. (Routine indents direct to Ori.) Truck Brigade.
Allied civilian or requisitioned vehicles in Q and MT Coys	Truck Brigade HQ to Commerce S/C to Transportation S/C Truck Brigade.
WD vehicles in civilian truck pools:	
(a) now	Regional Commissioner Army Ordnance to or Truck Pool officer Regional Commis- sioner or Truck Pool officer. indents direct to Crd.)
(b) when transferred to Italian control	Italian Government Army Ordnance or (ENAC) to Transporta- Commerce S/C to tion S/C Italian Government (ENAC)
Other WD vehicles	Regional Commissioner Army Ordnance to or HQ Commandant or HQ Commandant or C-4 A or B (Routine indents direct to Ori.) Regional Commissioner
Other Requisitioned vehicles	Regional Commissioner or HQ Commandant by purchase, requisition or other means.

The initial supply of 6 months spare parts for imported vehicles will go direct to

Supply of Spare Parts

	<u>Indent</u>	<u>Distribution</u>
WD vehicles in Q and GT Coys	Truck Brigade HQ to G-4 A or B. (Routine indents direct to Ord.)	Army Ordnance to Truck Brigade.
Allied civilian or requisitioned vehicles in Q and MT Coys	Truck Brigade HQ to Transportation S/C	Commerce S/C to Truck Brigade
WD vehicles in civilian truck pools:		
(a) now	Regional Commissioner or Truck Pool officer to G-4 A or B (Routine indents direct to Ord.)	Army Ordnance to Regional Commissioner or Truck Pool officer.
(b) when transferred to Italian control	Italian Government (ENAC) to Transportation S/C	Army Ordnance or Commerce S/C to Italian Government (ENAC)
Other WD vehicles	Regional Commissioner or HQ Commandant to G-4 A or B (Routine indents direct to Ord.)	Army Ordnance to HQ Commandant or Regional Commissioner
Other Requisitioned vehicles	Regional Commissioner or HQ Commandant by purchase, requisition or other means.	

The initial supply of 6 months spare parts for imported vehicles will go direct to the Truck Brigade.

M. B. Thomas
M. B. THOMAS, Colonel
Deputy Director
Transportation Sub-Commission

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G-4, (A)	1		
G-4, (B)	1	Spares and file	6
HQ Commandant	1		

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FROM: "A" BR INC 5 ARMY

TO : MMIA HQ

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64/5A (.) REFERENCE YOUR SD 2266 OF 9 (.) UNABLE COLLECT REINFORCEMENTS
FOR 1000 GT COMPANY FROM TRAMI (.) REQUEST YOU RAIL TO AREZZO SOONEST

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 FROM "A" BR INC 5 ARMY 111729A
 TO MMIA HQ
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SECRETALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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By Authority
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Initials

Date February 1945

AG 091.711/057 GCT-O

SUBJECT: Provision of Italian Drivers for Allied Commission in NW ITALY.

TO : President, Allied Commission.
FOR: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA).

1. Reference is made to the 2,500 Italian military personnel needed to organize 17 Quartermaster Trucking Companies to be made available to the Allied Commission for the haulage of civilian supplies in North West Italy.
2. The personnel will be drawn from the reinforcements allocated to Peninsular Base Section and charged against Peninsular Base Section ceiling. Personnel are to be provided in two units, first unit consisting of 1,500 and remaining unit of 1,000 personnel.
3. Relative to establishing priorities for total personnel, 16 Italian Officers and 386 Italian ORs will be provided from Peninsular Base Section trucking companies in 7 weekly increments and replaced by the Allied Commission on the highest priority of distribution of recruits available for the US - ITI category.
4. MMIA will arrange provision of personnel for the first unit of 1,500 and remaining unit of 1,000 after previously meeting the outstanding requirements for muleteer and combat reinforcements/replacements.

BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

MTO

HEADQUARTERS
9 FEB 1945
A. C.7551
JACK CARTER,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.**SECRET**

MESSAGE FORM

Date Time of Origin.

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FROM : MMIA

TO : 54 AREA FOR MMIA LO
FIFTH ARMY FOR BR INCR.
EIGHTH ARMY
DISTONE.INFO : FIFTH ARMY BR INCR FOR MMIA LO
REAR EIGHTH ARMY FOR MMIA LO
DISTONE FOR MMIA LO
SIGS OFFICE BARLETTA FOR O'DONNELL
1000 GEN TPT COY
1001 GEN TPT COY
1004 GEN TPT COY
1005 GEN TPT COY

REF NO : SD 2266

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Classification RESTRICTEDREF MMIA LO 54 AREA ST 59 OF 7 NOT TO ALL (*) FIRST (*) ^{NOTE 330}
100 TRAINED DVPS EX POLIGNANO TO TRANI AND DISPOSE AS FOLLOWS (*)

1000 GEN TPT COY	20 (*)
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FOR FIFTH ARMY EIGHTH ARMY DISTONE (*) REQUEST UNITS
BE INSTRUCTED TO COLLECT FROM TRANI CAMP (*) SECOND (*) COURSES
WILL CONTINUE (*) SUPPLY TRAINEES FROM TRANI

Precedence : IMPORTANT.

Authenticated : SRK

Internal: Ministry of War

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Tel. Ext. 412MEMORANDUM

REFERENCE : G-1B/602/I

8 February 1945

SUBJECT : Italian M.T. Personnel.

TO : H.Q., Comit.

Reference your H.Q./G dated 7 Feb 45.

Arrangements are being made by Land Forces Sub Commission (MIA) to have the 40 drivers and 4 mechanics transported by rail from the Driving School on the east coast during the week 19-25 Feb 45.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT, ESTABLISHMENTS SECTION.

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Copy to : Land Forces S/C (MIA). ✓

W. R. R. Capt.
for Sir J.E.T. RICHMOND St.
Lt. Colonel,
G-1 (B).

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FROM : MMIA LO 54 AREA.

TO : MMIA

REF NO ST/59

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POLIGNANO DRIVING SCHOOL COURSE ENDS 10 FEB (*) ONE HUNDRED TRAINED
DRIVERS FOR DISPOSAL (*) PLEASE GIVE DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS AND INFO
ON FUTURE COURSES

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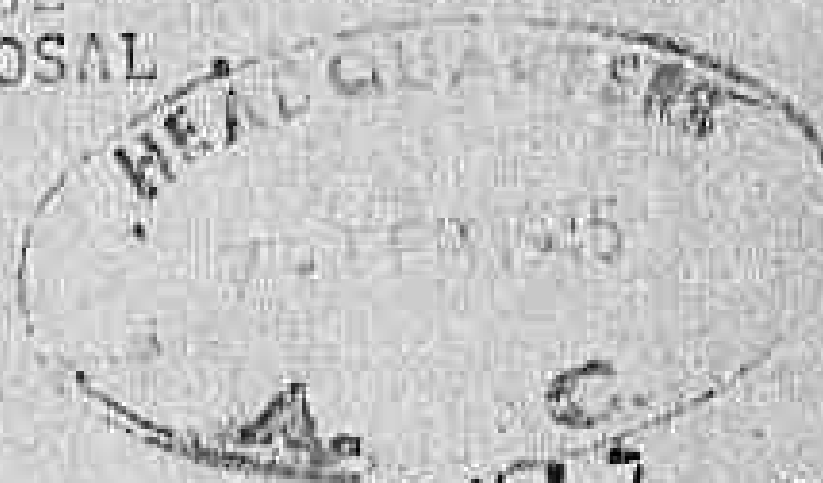
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FROM NMIA LO 54 AREA 071100A
TO NMIA
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ENDS 10 FEB . ONE HUNDRED TRAINED DRIVERS FOR DISPOSAL
PLEASE GIVE DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS AND INFO
ON FUTURE COURSES
SENT RR 1540 B
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FROM 15 ARMY GROUP
TO AFHQ
INFO 8 ARMY
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YOUR FX 15784 CITE FHGCT FHGDQ OF 26 JAN (*) 1 ITALIAN
GENERAL (?) TPT COY REQUIRED AS SOON AS YOU CAN RELEASE (*)
REQUEST DATE AVAILABLE

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FROM : MMIA LO TRANI

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TO: (1) 1004 GT COY

INFO (2) MMIA (3) MMIA LO HQ DISTONE (4) MMIA LO 54 AREA

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REF MMIA SIGNAL SD 2222 DATED 2FEB (.) NOT TO ALL (.) FIRST

(.) FOLLOWING ITALIAN PERSONNEL AVAILABLE FOR YOU TRANI

BARRACKS(.) 1 SERGEANT MAJOR CMA

1 CLERK CMA

2 TYPISTS CMA

1 COACH TRIMMER CMA

3 COOKS CMA

18 POTENTIAL DRIVERS CMA

12 MOTOR CYCLISTS CMA

2 ELECTRICIANS CMA

6 VEH MECHS CMA

4 BARBERS CMA

1 SHOEMAKER (.)

SECOND (.) NO COPPERSMITH AVAILABLE (.) THIRD (.) REQUEST

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FROM MMIA LO TRANI 051830A

TO (1) 1004 GT COY

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(4) MMIA LO 54 AREA

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TC/44 RESTRICTED (.) REF MMIA SIGNAL SD2222 DATED 2
 FEB. NOT TO ALL (.) FIRST (.) FOLLOWING ITALIAN PERSONNEL
 AVAILABLE FOR YOU TRANI BARRACKS (.) 1
 SERGEANT-MAJOR CMA 1 CLERK CMA 2 TYPISTS CMA 1
 COACH TRIMMER CMA 3 COOKS CMA 18 POTENTIAL DRIVERS
 CMA 12 MOTOR CYCLISTS CMA 2 ELECTRICIANS CMA 6 VEH MECHS
 CMA 4 BARBERS CMA 1 SHOEMAKER (.) SECOND (.) NO
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TO: SD

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 Capt Pacini - Report No. 26
 dated 29 January 1945

1. Report follows:

"Subject : 1008 Reparto Autieri per AA
 Location : Conversano
 Personnel : 9 Officers
 158 EM of which 80 are to learn to drive

This unit is organized for the purpose of teaching men how to drive, that are destined for Allied formations. They have been inactive now for some time due to the lack of cars and trucks on which to learn.

The unit is 4 officers overstrength.

Officers and men are anxious to be relieved of their inactivity forced upon them by the lack of vehicles.

Henry J. Pacini

2. Why not put these people on useful work? Have ^{we} any need for such a school?
3. Report action taken by 7 February 1945.

5 February 1945.

18/2. Spoke Graham. GLENE at 10/46
 is coming up before WEC is
 for deep, it will be decided whether
 Conversano is to be absorbed into
 Polignano. 280 School of training,
 waiting for vehicles. what is
 the position? 7543
 S.D. 15/2
 Comments
 R.H.

Action on Conversano
 passed completely to SD 15/2
 in written minute in January

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SD 2235

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YOUR SD/50 OF 02 (.) FOR C E S A R O READ P E S A R O
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MINISTRY OF WAR

SD 2117

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REQUEST THAT 541 INF REGT STRENGTH 30 OFFICERS 144 OTHER RANKS LOCATED C R T C N A
AND 2 COY INQUADRANTIC STRENGTH 4 OFFRS 36 OTHER RANKS LOCATED P A S T E N A BE
PREPARED TO SUPPLY CAMP ADM STAFF FOR BR-LITY DRIVING SCHOOL SHORTLY TO BE
ESTABLISHED (.) CAPACITY OF SCHOOL 2000

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Probly. 2000
 for 2000 animals for AC.
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 500 per Swedish
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Attainment Capt.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: FX20131
Date Time of Origin: FEB 031616A

Message Centre No: D/522
Date Time Rec'd: FEB 032005A
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SAC CITE FHGCT
TO: MMIA INFO ALCOM

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MMIA SD 2229 of 02. Training of Italian drivers for northwest ITALY already imposes utmost strain on British training facilities. Regret cannot entertain expansion of commitment until present programme completed.

ACTION

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ACTION: Land Forces S/C 2
INFO: A/President
Chief Commissioner
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Have confirm

HEADQUARTERS
1-FEB-1945
A. C.

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1st. Ext. 412

MEMORANDUM

1 February 1945.

REFERENCE : G-1B/602/I

SUBJECT : Italian M.T. Personnel

TO : Director, Land Forces S.C. (MMIA)

FROM : G-1 (B) H.Q., A.C.

Reference your SD/144 dated 28 January 1945.

It has been reported that

1. Of the 40 potential drivers and 4 mechanics notified as available for collection from Afragola Camp, 30 men arrived at this H.Q. on 30 January 1945, and in connection with these the following observations are made:-

- (a) Only 1 man can be classified as a potential driver.
- (b) The remaining 29 have had little or no driving experience, and would need a lengthy period of tuition, which this Formation has neither the time nor facilities to carry out, to make them proficient drivers.
- (c) They also are practically unclothed, and it is quite beyond the limited resources of this Formation to clothe and equip them.
- (d) In addition, they are stated to be of an undesirable type, and entirely unsuited to carry out the duties which would be required of them.

2. In view of the above, authority is requested, please, to return them to Afragola forthwith.

3. The need for qualified drivers has now become very urgent, particularly as civilian drivers, because of difficulties connected with the high cost of living, are refusing to undertake journeys which involve an overnight stay away from home.

4. It is therefore requested that 40 men who are in fact efficient drivers, or capable of reaching that standard with a short period of instruction, may be made available to this Formation at the earliest possible moment.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT, ESTABLISHMENTS SECTION

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As far as I know

Sir J.E.T. RITCHIE Bt.
Lt. Colonel,
G-1 (B)

/pc.

Copy to : H.Q. Commandant.

See last part of file

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM MMIA

TO

56 AREA FOR DMT
ATHQ FOR G3(ORG) AND G1(BR) AND G TRG

INFO

MMIA LO 54 AREA
SIGS OFFICE BARLETTA FOR O'DONNELL
AC FOR G1(BR) HQ COMDT COS.
SD 2229

02 1700 A

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HQ AC REQUEST 40 PERSONNEL OF 286/1 MT COY BR-THI BE TRAINED NOW
AS DRIVERS AT NEW TRANI DRIVING SCHOOL IN ADDITION TO PROGRAM
BEING ARRANGED FOR 2500 DRIVERS () FOR AC () PLEASE ARRANGE
MOVE TO TRANI DIRECT WITH ATHQ

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SIGS OFFICE BARLETTA FOR O'DONNELL

DISTONE FOR MMIA ID
54 AREA FOR MMIA LOSD 2328RESTRICTED

FOLLOWING PERSONNEL URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR 1004 GEN TPT COY (.)

- 1 MARSHALLLO
- 1 CLERK
- 2 TYPISTS
- 1 COACH TRIMMER
- 1 COPERSMITH
- 3 COOKS
- 18 POTENTIAL DVB
- 12 MOTOR CYCLISTS
- 2 ELECTRICIANS
- 6 VEH MECHS
- 4 BARBERS
- 1 SHOEMAKER

52 TOTAL (.) UNIT CAN TAKE C D MEN WHERE SPECIALISTS NOT AVAILABLE
AND CAN ALSO COLLECT IN OWN TPT (.) SIGNAL 1004 GEN TPT COY. THIS
HQ WHAT AVAILABLE AND WHEN READY FOR COLLECTION

Internal: Ministry of War
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AUTHENTICATED

W. K. Mallett

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FROM: FREEDOM SIGNED SIGNED CITE FHGCT

TO : MMIA

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SUBJECT IS YOUR SD 2208 DATED 30 JAN (.) FIRST PARTY
INSTRUCTORS VEHICLE ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL MOVE
FROM EBOLI TO TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION BARLETTA 1 FEB
(.) FIRST COURSE WILL BEGIN TRANI EARLIEST POSSIBLE
THEREAFTER

PRECEDENCE ROUTINE

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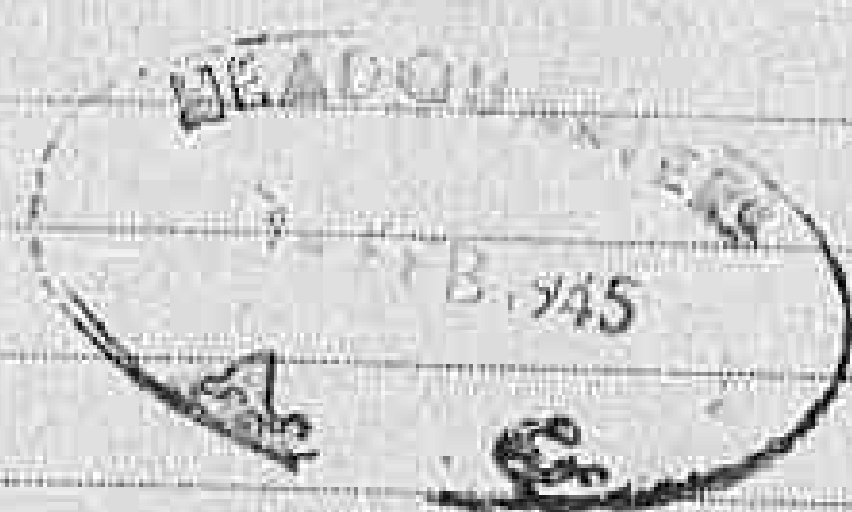
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE

MSG Center No : 11/101
 Classification : SECRET
 Precedence : ROUTINE
 From : BARLETA
 To : BARLETA

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 Date Time Rec'd : 31545
 Date Time Sent : 31545
 Reference NR : F 1256
 Cite : SECRET

Subject of your SD 2208 dated
 20 JAN is about party instruction which
 administrative procedure move from
 EISON to temporary command
 BARLETA 1 FEB 3 (first comm) will
 begin TRANI control from there



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Subject: - Course Reports.

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Copy to: - HQ MILA. ✓

RASD Trg Dep.
12/25/65.
30 Jan 45.

Herewith individual reports on students attending the Italian Army M.T. Instructors Course. This Course was highly satisfactory and it was clear from the ability of the students that they had been selected with care.

Rank.	Name.	Report.
S. TEN.	Bertoldo, G.	Has excellent instructional ability, coupled with good knowledge of the task system of maintenance.
SGT. MAGG.	Pegani, G.	Excellent instructional ability and a good knowledge of M.T.
SGT.	Amendola, P.	Good instructional ability. Will improve with experience.
SGT.	Bassano, G.	Very good knowledge of maintenance. Will make a good instructor.
SGT.	Bonanno, G.	Shows good knowledge of vehicle maintenance - keen, and a good instructor.
SGT.	Gatti, A.	Instructional ability quite good. Has a very sound knowledge of maintenance system.
SGT.	Ida, R.	Only fair ability. Requires further experience.
SGT.	Merandini, S.	Very good instructor, and has excellent knowledge of M.T.
SGT.	Orlando, C.	Mechanical knowledge sound. Has instructional ability.
SGT.	Seriani, C.	Will make a good instructor. Also a very sound knowledge of the task system.
SGT.	Tarrusio, I.	Very good type of instructor. Mechanical knowledge sound.
CEL. MAGG.	Bolognesi, H.	Very good instructional ability.
CAP. MAGG.	Bortello.	Fair idea of instruction.
CAP. MAGG.	Giordani, M.	Instructional ability fair.
CAP. MAGG.	Anto, A.	Instructional ability very good.

SGT.	Amendola, P.	Good instructional ability. Will improve with experience.
SGT.	Bassano, G.	Very good knowledge of maintenance. Will make a good instructor.
SGT.	Bonanno, G.	Shows good knowledge of vehicle maintenance - keen, and a good instructor.
SGT.	Gatti, A.	Instructional ability quite good. Has a very sound knowledge of maintenance system.
SGT.	Ida, R.	Only fair ability. Requires further experience.
SGT.	Morandini, S.	Very good instructor, and has excellent knowledge of M.T.
SGT.	Orlando, C.	Mechanical knowledge sound. Has instructional ability.
SGT.	Seriani, C.	Will make a good instructor. ³⁴ Has a very sound knowledge of the task system.
SGT.	Tarrusio, L.	Very good type of instructor. Mechanical knowledge sound.
CPL MAG.	Bolognesi, N.	Very good instructional ability.
CAP. MAG.	Portallo.	Fair ideas of instruction.
CAP. MAG.	Giordani, M.	Instructional ability fair.
CAP. MAG.	Muto, A.	Instructional ability very good.
CAP. MAG.	Citro, M.	Inclined to be rather nervous, but should improve with experience.
CAP.	Mazzal.	Is a good lecturer but grasp of the subject only fair.
CAP.	Refolli.	Very good instructional ability and will make a good instructor.
	Bortecchini, S.	Very keen type of man who should improve as an instructor after experience.

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Course Reports (Italian Instructors) cont:

Rank.Name.Report.

Lambertini.M.

Inclined to be a little nervous when lecturing, but has very good mechanical knowledge.

Germano.

Has definite instructional ability. Mechanical knowledge very sound.

Maggioni.C.

Will make a sound instructor.

Mason.L.

Will make a good type of instructor.

Mercolin.V.

Good instructional ability, coupled with good M.T. knowledge.

Meroni.M.

Instructional ability good. Will make a good instructor.

TMS/SCC.

J.F. Wain

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Lt Col.
Cond.

Subject:- POLIGNANO Driving School.

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SD/6/1
Liaison Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.).
C/o 54 Area. CMF.
LO/11/SD
29 Jan 45.

SD
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Headquarters, 230 Division.

1.. Please inform this office of the date when the present course at POLIGNANO Driving School finishes, and the number of students trained and suitable for disposal.

2. Disposal instructions will be forwarded through HQ MMIA.

JGB/jmr.

JGB
J.G. Bird Major.
Senior MMIA LO.
C/o HQ 54 Area.

Copy to:- HQ MMIA. ←

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S I G N A L

FROM: MMIA

TO : MAIN 8 ARMY
AFHQ for G1 (Br) and MOVDate Time
31 /632 AINFO: FEAR 8 ARMY for Q and MMIA LO
15 ARMY GROUP
1 CDN CORPS
5 CORPS
50 BLU
51 BLU
MMIA LO RTC ICFSD 2211S E C R E T

ONE (.) FOR 8 ARMY (.) REFERENCE A F H Q F X 17600 CITE F H G A B OF
30 JAN AND 50 B L U A G 723 OF 29 JAN NEITHER TO ALL (.) IN VIEW OF
REQUIREMENTS STATED IN 15 ARMY GROUP A177 OF 22 AND A F H Q F X 90726 OF 24
AND AGREEMENT WITH G1 BR REFERENCE LOCAL ENLISTMENT OF PATRIOTS THE DRAFT OF
REINFORCEMENTS DUE TO LEAVE C E S A N O 3 FEB WILL NUMBER 200 NOT 700 AND
INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING (.) FOR F R I U L I (.) DRIVERS (IN LIEU OF DRIVER
MECHANICS) 41 SWITCHBOARD OPERATORS 10 ELECTRICIANS SIGNALS 8 MOTOR CYCLISTS
1 BLACKSMITHS 2 MINERS 2 SAPPERS 27 TOTAL 91 (.) FOR C R E M O N A (.) DRIVERS
9 OPERATOR LINE 1 OPERATORS WIRELESS 3 INSTRUMENT MECHANICS SIGNALS 1 ELECTRICIANS
8 BLACKSMITHS 5 DRAUGHTSMEN 1 MEDICAL ORDERLIES 6 SAPPERS 2 TOTAL 36 (.) REMAINDER
WILL BE APPROX 35 NON SPECIALIST PERSONNEL PER GROUP (.) TWO (.) FOR G1 BR (.)
REQUEST MOVEMENT ARRANGEMENTS ALTERED ACCORDINGLY

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : MMIA

TO : MMIA LO 54 AREA

DATE - TIME
30 1830A

AQ 2705

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YOUR AQ/30 DATED 29 REFERS (.) DRIVERS FROM TRANI DRIVERS SCHOOL ARE BRITI
AND WILL BE MAINTAINED THROUGH 230 DIV

PRECEDENCE

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MEMO

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AFHQ CITE PROCT

ALCOM FOR TR SC

SD 2226

REF YOUR FX 90051 OF 23 (*) 300 TRAINERS FOR FIRST COURSE STANDING
 IN TRANT (*) WERE DEDD FIRST COURSE COMMERCE QUERT

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S. J. K. C. P.

SUBJECT:- Reinforcements - BR-ITI
Service Units.

HQ 15 ARMY GROUP,

Tel:- FOXHLOVE 226,

3065/7/A(O),

29 Jan 45.

AFHQ G-1(Br).
WMIA.

NT

50/6/1
31 Jan

Reference this HQ letter of even number dated 8 Jan 45 (copy to you).

in
file
50/3/1

1. Attached statements showing position of 1001 GT Coy and 3 Pack Tpt Coy as at 13 Jan 45 are forwarded for information.

2. Returns in respect of other service units under command NINTH Army will be forwarded when received.

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Commanding General.

Forwarded 7528

TRAN

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COPY

SUBJECT:-- RVE Italian Service Units (BR-III)

20/20/45

GRASC
15 Army Tpt Coia (3)

Reference your B/1/274 dated 16 Jan 45.

1. Statement showing position as at 1200 hrs 13 Jan 45, in respect of 1001 Italian Army Cpt Coy is as follows:--

TRADES	SURPLUS	DEFICIENCIES	PRIORITIES
Area of Service:--			
Corps Automobile latice	Officers N.C.O.s & O.R.s.	Officers N.O.O.s. O.R.s.	Officers N.C.O.s. O.R.s.
Officer +	1		
Veh Mechs		4	4
Clerks TMT			
Blacksmith			
Carpenter			
Coppersmith			
Electricians			
Storemen TMT			
Turners			
Barbers			
Motor-cyclists			
Drivers			

+ One Lt-Col held in lieu of Major or Capt

Ø May be Sjt, Sjt-Major or Marshal

2. Of the above deficiencies, the following 28 personnel have been SOS ("ceased to be effective") since 31 Dec 44:--

Admitted to Hospital 9
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Blacksmith			
Carpenter			
Coppersmith			
Electricians			
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Barbers			
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Admitted to Hospital	9
Absentees (not returned from leave, overdue for one month and SOS	4
Discharged from the Army	2
Transferred to 228 Div	5
Deserters	7
Killed in Traffic Accident	1

(Sgt) JONES, Major, RASC
Comdg British Cadre RASC
1001 Italian Army CT Coy

OLF
18 Jan 45

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SUBJECT: Italian MT PersonnelLAND FORCES SUB COR A.C.
(MIA)

SD/MA

28 Jan 45

HQ A.C. for CI (M)

Copy to: Transportation Sub Cor A.C.

Ref your CIB/602/1 of 20 Jan.

1. 40 potential drivers and 4 vehicles are available for collection in AFRAGLIA Camp.
2. Please co-ordinate collection with the TRANSPORTATION Sub Cor, who are arranging to collect 161 personnel for 1 Truck Co with tpt arriving at AFRAGLIA camp on 29 Jan and leaving on 30 Jan.

Major General

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Internal

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CIRCULATOR

Subject:- Rfts for 1004 G.T. Coy.

SD/6/1 52
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Liaison Officer,
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA)
c/o HQ., I District.
Ref LO/G22.

28 January 45.

To:- Land Forces Sub Comm A.C.
M. M. I. A. R O M E.

I. Will you please take necessary action.

JH Bourne
Capt.
MMIA LO., I District.

C. done

me 67

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Subject :- BKL-ITI Reinforcements

HQ 1 District CMP
Tel Auto : 6247

M.M.I.A. L.O.,
1 District,

ST/212
27 Jan 45

1. On 24 Dec 44 application was made for the following reinforcements for 1004 Coy (Italian Army Gen Tpt) to GHQ 2nd Echelon CMP (Italian 18th Section) :-

Trade	No. reqd.	Ranks				
		Marescialle	Cap	Wgts	Cap	Dvr
Artificer Supervisor	1	1				
Clerks	1					1
Typists	2		1			1
Coachtrimmers	1					1
Coppersmiths	1					1
Cooks	3				1	2
Dvrs	13		1			17
Motor Cyclists	12		2			10
Electricians	2				1	1
Veh Mechs	6				1	5
Barbers	4					4
Shoemakers	1					1
	52	1	4	3	27	17

2. This was understood to be the correct action to take for obtaining Italian reinforcements, but no personnel have yet been posted.

3. Replacements are now a matter of extreme urgency in order that the unit can efficiently carry out its duties and it is requested that immediate action may be taken by you to provide personnel for this unit.

4. This matter has already been taken up with Maj STANTON, HQ MIA, ROME.

Abstract UCL

In the Field.

Deputy Director of Supplies and Transport.

Colonel,

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MESSAGE FORM

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24 JAN A

FROM : MMIA

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

INFO : 56 HIU
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MMIA LO RIC ICF
ITALIAN REINFT DETCT ORVILETC

CONFIDENTIAL

REF NO: SD 2134

NO 1 G.T. COMPANY WILL BE USED 25 JAN AND FOLLOWING DAYS FOR MOVE OF PERSONNEL AS FOLLOWS (.) FIRST (.) 30 LORRIES TO S.G. GORGIC DEL SANNO 25 JAN LEAVING CESANO 0630 HOURS CONVOY NUMBER 01/1/028 (.) SECOND (.) 20 LORRIES TO S.G. GORGIC LEAVING CESANO 0640 HOURS CONVOY NUMBER 01/RG/029 (.) THIRD (.) BOTH CONVOYS UNDER FIRST AND SECOND MOVE WILL REPORT TO HQ MANTOVA GROUP AND LEAVE 26 JAN WITH 856 MULETEER REINFORCEMENTS FOR ORVILETC AS ARRANGED FROM 336 INF REGT 120 AUTON BN AND MANTOVA GROUP (.) DETAILS OF TIMES OF CONVOYS WILL BE COORDINATED FOR RETURN JOURNEY BY CONVOY COMMANDERS WITH MOVEMENTS WEST ITALY (.) FOURTH (.) 20 LORRIES (336) TO ORVILETC 25 JAN WITH 370 MULETEER REINFORCEMENTS (.) C.C. CONVOY WILL CALL AT VITERBO ON RETURN AND ARRANGE TRANSPORT TO CESANO OF ALL PERSONNEL ACCEPTED FROM CALL UP

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From : AFHQ signed SAC cite FHGCT
To : DISTHREE (EAST) MMIA
Info : DISTHREE. ALCOM MMIA LO (TRANI)
Ref : FX 90051

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My FX 89264 of 22 (*) FIRST (*) Course for instruction of Allied Commission drivers for North West Italy will commence at TRANI Italian Base Rfts Depot on or about 27 Jan under arrangements DMT (*) 500 trainees for first course will be found as follows (*) Suitable personnel from 510 Italian Smoke Coy - to be disbanded - and balance to total of 300 from reinforcements now in TRANI will be selected under supervision DISTHREE EAST by arrangement with MMIA LO TRANI (*) Combat or Muleteer Rfts will NOT be used (*) MMIA will ensure necessary personnel available at TRANI and that Adm staff are informed (*) Training staff and vehicles are being provided through DMT (*) SECOND (*) Further courses each for 500 trainees will be held at four week intervals after first course above (*) MMIA will ensure necessary flow of reinforcements excluding Combat and Muleteers available for selection anticipate 507 and 509 Smoke Coys will be disbanded for this purpose (*) Formation orders for General Transport Companies will follow

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(Action Cont to:) SD/6/1.

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Spoke Band 7522

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 FROM LAFB 231210A
 TO DISTHREE (EAST) MMIA
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 OR ABOUT TWO SEVEN JANUARY UNDER ARRANGEMENTS DMT X THREE ZERO ZERO
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CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT: POLIGNANO Driving School.LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)SD/6/1
21 JAN 45TO : AFHQ G-3 Org (9)
D M T (2)
D S TCopy to: 3 District
MIA LO 3 District
MIA LO 54 Area

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L. M. Jones
Major General
M.M.I.A.
for Lt-Col

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Spec Sec,
ST and T (2)
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L. M. Ignazio
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Appx "A" to MMIA letter
SD/6/1 of 21 Jan 1949

POLICIANO Driving and Maintenance School
for
Service Troops

Students 160 per course of 2 months,
War Establishment
1. Personnel (Italian)

DETAIL	Officers	Warrant Offrs Class 1	Warrant Offrs Class II	S/Sgts	Sgts	Cpls	L/Cpls	Ptes	TOTAL
COMD (Major or Captain)	1								1
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF									
Chief Driving Instr (Lieut)	1								1
Chief Technical Instr (Lieut)	1								1
Asst Instrs (of which 3 to be technical)					5				5
Asst Instrs (of which 2 to be technical)						5			5
Driving Instrs							5	45	50
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF									
Adm Officer (Lieut)	1		4						1
CSM									1
CQMS				1					1
Clerks						1		2	3
Regimental Police						1		2	3
Cooks								2	2
General duty men					2	1		17	20
TOTAL	4		1	1	7	8	5	68	94

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2. Transport.

Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 (Class 5)

Adm Instr 50

DETAIL

	Officers	Warrant Officers Class 1	Warrant Officers Class 11	S/Sets	Sets	Cpls	L/Cpls	Ptes	TOTAL
COMD (Major or Captain)	1								1
<u>INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF</u>									
Chief Driving Instr (Lieut)	1								1
Chief Technical Instr (Lieut)	1								1
Asst Instrs (of which 3 to be technical)				5					5
Asst Instrs (of which 2 to be technical)						5			5
Driving Instrs							5	45	50
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF</u>									
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2. Transport.

Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 (Class 5)		Inst	50
Car 2 str	1	Adm	
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2	1		
Motor Cycles			11
Total	2		61

Note: Of this total 50 lorries 3 ton and 10 Motor Cycles are already held.

Tel. Ext. 412

MEMORANDUM

REFERENCE : G-1B/602/I

20 January 1945

SUBJECT : Italian M.T. Personnel.

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

Further to this H.Q. letter numbered as above dated 28 Dec 44, may we please be informed whether the 40 Drivers and 4 mechanics applied for therein are yet available for posting to this HQ as they are now urgently required.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT, ESTABLISHMENTS SECTION.

/av.

Copy to : H.Q., Commandant.

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h. Pan Capt.
Sir J.E.P. RITCHIE Bt.
Lt. Colonel
G-1 (B)

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Supplied Jan 29

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Subject: Move of 70 Drivers - EBOLI - AREZZO.-

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20 Jan. 1945

The following details are passed to you for information :-

FROM : DISTONE 191310 A
 TO : 55 AREA MOV WESTRAIL
 INFO : AFHQ CITE FIGOT RATD DISTHREE MMIA MOVWIT MOVCENT MOV ROME 3 VEH GP
 7 AR VEH PK
 GR 55

SD 28 CONFIDENTIAL (.) ONE (.) 70 DVRS RA MOVING FORTHWITH IN 3

DISTRICT TPT FROM RATD EBOLI TO AREZZO (.) EIA WILL BE NOTIFIED SOONEST (.)

ON ARRIVAL WILL DRAW SIXTY 3 - TON LORRIES FROM 7 AR VEH PK RELEASED UNDER

WR/1013 DIT (.) TWO (.) 55 AREA WILL ORDER RETURN THIS PARTY UNDER ARRANGEMENTS

MOV WESTRAIL FROM AREZZO TO RATD (.)

Original & 2 Copies to : G

Copy to : Spl. Sec.

SECRET
 FLOAT

Capt. RE. 7517
 S/Capt Q(II)

(The Lord Westbury)

Movements Liaison Officer.-

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22/20

Subject - Move of 70 Drivers - EBOLI - AREZZO

~~LPOT V HDZX 19301 193 XX 19302 QVR 6/9~~

FROM DISTONE 191810 A

TO 55 AREA MOV WESTRAIL

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From : AFHQ signed SACMED 19 0945 A
 To : RATD 3 DISTRICT
 Info : 1 DISTRICT. MMIA. 3 VEHICLE GROUP. 38 VEH COY. MOVWIT.
 MOVCENT. MOV ROME.
 Ref : FX 87156

SECRET

Para ONE (*) 70 drivers RA former loaned by RATD to 50 BLU will move forthwith under arrangements 3 District to AREZZO (*) Party will move under the Command Officer RATD and 3 District will provide transport including fuel draw 60 3 ton lorries from 7 AR VEH PARK released under VR/1013 NDMT and will then return to RATD under arrangements 1 District (*) Para 3 (*) Future employment this party training Italians as drivers at TRANI for Allied Commission (*) Para 4 (*) Necessary administrative personnel will join party and administrative stores will be drawn at EBOLI prior Move TRANI (*) Para 5 (*) Accomodation required at TRANI for 2 Offrs and 120 ORs all British 25 Jan close to Italian Reinforcements Camp (*) Number 3 District will report this available (*) Para 6 (*) For RATD (*) ONE will conform

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RATD

SIGNED SACRED

3 DISTRICT

1 DISTRICT (MM1134) 3 VEHICLE GROUP

38 YEN. COY. MOVWIT. MOVCENT MOV ROME

Date Time Recd

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Date Time Sent

Reference NR

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SECRET C Para 1 C 70 Drivers RA former
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to 3 bus lorries from TAR VILL PARK released
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ALLIED COMMISSION C Para 4 necessary
administrative personnel will join party
and administrative stores will be drawn
at FRODO house above TRANI C
Para 5 accommodation required at TRANI
for 2 officers and 120 GIs all British
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number 3 DISTRICT will report this available C
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 FOLLOWING FOR INFORMATION IS MMIA SIGNAL A02603 DATED 10 ADDRESSED
 DMT 55 AREA (.) QUOTE (.) SUBJECT IS TRG OF 2500 DVRS (.) REFER
 DMT/909 OF 17 JAN NOT TO DISTHREE (.) REGRET QUITE IMPRACTICABLE TO
 USE TRANI RFT DEPOT FOR ACCOMMODATING 2500 DVRS WITH ADDITIONAL TRG
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 SUPPLEMENTED BY SHELTER TENTS (.) DEPOT IS ONLY JUST SUITABLE FOR
 PRESENT PURPOSE AND WILL NOT CARRY THIS ADDITIONAL COMMITMENT (.)
 DISTHREE HAVE CONSIDERABLE ACCOMMODATION PLANS BUT NECESSARILY KNOWN
 TO MMIA (.) STRONGLY SUGGEST DISTHREE SHOULD BE ASKED IF THEY CAN GIVE
 UP OTHER SUITABLE ITALIAN ARMY BUILDINGS OR OTHER ACCOMMODATION NOT
 REQUIRED BY CALL-UPS (.) UNQUOTE

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MESSAGE FORM

TO (FOR ACTION) DMT 56 AREA

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TO (FOR INFORMATION) FREEDOM FOR Q MAINT G-3 ORG
54 AREA FOR MHIA LO

REF NO: AQ2594

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H. H. G. -
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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACMED CITE FHECT

TO : RATD 3 DISTRICT

INFO: 1 DISTRICT
 MMIA
 3 VEHICLE GROUP
 38 VEH COY
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 MOV ROME

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181600

FX 87156

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PARA 1 (.) 70 DRIVERS RA FORMER LOANED BY RATD TO 50 HLU WILL MOVE FORTHWITH
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(Action copy)

G.I.
 Do you wish to take any action
 I will ask of to inform Bird.

D. 20/1.

DABMG.

Please state how the action is being taken.
 F. 40

up to date report given
 G.I. in writing 22/11

2511

cc Ref your
 21 Jan 51

FROM DMT 56 Area

171700

TO NMIA INFO FREEDOM

DMT/909

SECRET

Italian drivers for relief NW Italy is subject. Consider S GIORGIO most unsuitable for trg from accm and adm view point. Road circuits also bad. If task laid on us propose adhere decision TRANI. If you have objections request you forward them.

EK

IMPORTANT

SD DISTR: A/C SD/6/1, ST, AQ, SD/50, Float

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P, 19/11

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SECRETALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
G-3 Training Section

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SUBJECT: Provision of Italian Drivers for
Allied Commission in NW Italy.

MEMO TO: S & T

17 Jan 45

19 Jan

1. Reference telephone conversation of 17 Jan 45 (Barry-Nichols), and further reference DMT letter No. DMT/86/MT1 dated 16 Jan 45.
2. Will you please instruct the 2 officers and 20 ORs required for the "Driver Training Team (AD) - Italian Army" to report to RAID, EBOLI, forthwith. The complete team, instructional and administrative, of 2 officers and approx 120 ORs is collecting at that point before proceeding to TRANI, where the training will be carried out. Accommodation stores etc will be drawn at EBOLI.
3. Before reporting to RAID, EBOLI, one, or preferably both, of the officers detailed by you should report to the DMT NAFLER to receive instructions.
4. As stated, the 2 officers will be responsible for supervision of the training instruction, and the "set up" generally, and the 20 ORs will give instruction on "Maintenance".
5. It is anticipated that training will begin on or about 27 Jan 45.

Barry
Major

F.P. BARRY,
Major,
G-3 Training (AD)

Copy to: D.M.T.
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Ref yr FX 85449 dated 150

All (?) drivers R.A. (?) on loan less 14 returned to RATO
 29 Dec. on order (?) from 15 A Gp in their 3051/1(0) dated 26 Dec.
 based on your CR 2302/GI(BR) dated 22 Dec.

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AFHQ FOR 03 (ORG)

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REF YOUR ASD/928 OF 29 DEC (.) REQUEST COPY OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
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From : AFHQ signed SACMED
To : 15 ARMY GROUP for 50 BLU
Info : NMIA. 5 ARMY for Br Incr. 8 ARMY.
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70 Drivers now on loan to you are to remain number One District and
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Land Force Sub Committee

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

C-3 DIVISION

FILE NO : ASD/928 - ASD/922.6

SUBJECT : Provision of Italian Drivers for Allied Commission in N. ITALY.

TC : All Concerned.

Minutes of a meeting held at A&H on Tuesday, 2 January, 1945. ASD/928/ASD/922.6 of 29 December, 1944 refers.

1. The following were present :

Brigadier J.D.A. ANDERSON
Brigadier G.S. SHIFFE
Colonel A.L. BAIN
Colonel J. HARRIS
Colonel L.S. HIGGINS
Colonel J.L. LAOMT
Colonel E.C. LEWIS-HARRIS
Colonel J.L. LIBBY
Lt. Colonel J.L. PONDREY
Lt. Colonel G.S. FRANKLIN
Lt. Colonel P. HIGGINS
Lt. Colonel S.L. INGLETON
Major BARFIELD
Major F.F. BARRY
Major S.G. CASSELL
Major J.C. ROBERTS
Major D.B. STOKES
Captain H.R. THORNTON
Major D. RICHARDS

G-3 Org (L) Chairman.
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G-4 (A)
G-1 (A)
G-5 (B)
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G-3 Org (F) Secretary.

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AFHQ said that having regard to the critical shortage of available Italian Army manpower, there would be great difficulty in producing Italian military personnel as drivers for these vehicles hauling civil supplies. This view was strongly supported by G-3 OIG (A).

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C-5 explained that 15 Army Group insisted that only military personnel should operate in the Army areas, and for that reason, it was essential that the vehicles be driven by military personnel and properly organized into G.T. Coys and G.I. Truck Cos. This view was supported by G-4 (A), G-5 (A), S & T, G.I., etc. as being highly desirable, especially having regard to the maintenance and correct control of the vehicles.

With the decision that Italian Army personnel organized into G.T. Coys and G.I. Truck Cos should be provided to drive these vehicles G-1 and G-3 (O.G) (A) did not concur.

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7. PROVISION OF ITALIAN MANPOWER:

As explained in para 4 of ASD/928 of 29 December, 1944, the existing requirements for Italian Army personnel greatly exceeded the present availability, and the provision of personnel for drivers was a matter of priority. The provision of mullets to meet 15 A.G. programme for future operations, and the provision of reinforcements for the Italian Combat Groups were at the moment on the highest priority and new priorities would have to be drawn up.

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MIA agreed to examine possibility of increasing availability of manpower by call-up of other classes etc., in conjunction with an overall investigation they were at present making with a view to bringing established ceilings up to strength.

ACTION MIA,
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8. CATEGORY UNDER WHICH DRIVERS ARE TO BE HELD :

It was agreed that though it is desirable that this driver personnel be held within the ITI - ITI category as their duties are entirely in support of the Italians, as the ceiling for this category has already been reached it is not possible for them to be ITI - ITI personnel. It was agreed therefore, that the personnel will be considered as US - ITIs and BR - ITIs according to whether they are in Q.M. Truck Cos., or G.T. Coys. These units will be attached to Allied Commission for duty.

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It was agreed that training arrangements for this personnel should be made between D.M.T. and D.S.T.

ACTION D.M.T.,
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10. ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS :

G-5 suggested that an alternative arrangement could possibly be made by moving all the transport facilities, operated by military personnel, at present available to the Allied Commission, forward into the army areas to operate in N.W. ITALY. With certain small assistance this would be sufficient to meet the tonnage involved. The vehicles becoming available could then be handed over to the Allied Commission to be driven by civilians in the areas rear of the present army boundary. It was agreed that G-5 would examine this alternative suggestion.

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- (a) That owing to the shortage of ITALIAN military manpower G-3 will produce a statement of availability and if necessary set priorities adjusted.
- (b) That Sections and Services will take action as indicated and notify G-3 (ORG) (A) of the results.
- (c) That G-5 will examine the possibility of the suggestions made in para 10 above and notify G-3 (ORG) (A) of the result.

W. J. L. C. H.
JAMES B. HARRIS,
Major R.A.C.,
Secretary.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

FILE NO : HSD/395

SUBJECT : Provision of Italian Drivers for
Allied Commission in N.W. ITALY.

TO : HQ Land Forces Sub-Commission A.C.(M.M.I.A.)
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11 January 1945

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5. G-1 (B) are asked to consider and report without delay on the provision of the necessary BRITISH Cairo.
6. Since these supplies are purely for the ITALIANS, it would seem that there is a strong case for this manpower coming from ITI-ITI sources. Their ceiling however has been reached and the transfer of ITI-ITI's to other categories will take time. Nevertheless M.I.I.A. are asked to examine this possibility and report upon it without delay.

By Command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER :

JD'AA/acn.

W. Alexander
JOHN HARDING, 10/18
Lieutenant General,
Chief of Staff.

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SUBJECT: Polignano D & M School.DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ CMF

Tel: 11667

DMT/89/1/MT1

9 Jan 45.

Land Forces Sub Commission. (13MIA)Copy to: HQ 3 District ref 450/9/9 dated 5 Jan 45.
G 3 Org (F) AFHQ.
DST AFHQ.SD/6/1
12 Jan

1. Attached are details of the present Italian Staff and transport required at the POLIGNANO D & M School.
2. It is requested that you put this proposed WE, with such amendments as you, in conjunction with SMRE, think necessary to G 3 Org AFHQ as soon as possible.
3. DST AFHQ has agreed to take action to regularise the British Increment to the School.
4. It is understood that at present dates of courses are decided by 54. Area and vacancies allotted by your SD branch.
It is proposed that Col Rea and his staff on arrival with you shall take over these responsibilities, and that the School shall cease to be a District School and become a theatre school the running of which will be an Italian Army responsibility.
5. It is pointed out that this School is intended to cater for D & M training for Service units only and that as soon as the D & M School at CESANO is operating no further Combat Troops should use this School.

RDS/mt

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for we
Brig.
D.M.T.

PUGLIANO
Italian Driving and Maintenance School
for
Service Troops (Bi Sti)

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Approved 10/1/4

WAR ESTABLISHMENT Students 160 per course of 1 month.
1. Personnel (ITALIAN)

DETAIL	Officers	Warrant Officers Class I	Warrant Officers Class II	S/Sjts	Sjts	Cpls	L/Cpls	Ptgs	TOTAL
Major of CCMD (Captain)	1								1
INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF									
Chief Driving Instr (Lieut)	1								1
Chief Technical Instr (Lieut)	1								1
Asst Instrs (of which 3 to be Technical)					5				5
Asst Instrs (of which 2 to be Technical)						5		45	5
Driving Instrs								55	55
									60
									50
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF									
Adm Officer (Lieut)	1		1						1
CSM									1
CQMS			1						1
Clerks <i>Reinforced Police</i>						1		2	3
Cooks						1		2	2
General duty men				2				20	22
								17	17
TOTAL	4	1	1	7	7	8	5	72	104
								60	164

2. Transport.	Adm	Instr
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 (Class 5)		50
Car 2 str	1	
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2	1	
Motor Cycles		
Total	2	50
		11
		61

Note: Of this total 50 Lorries 3 ton and 10 Motor Cycles are already held.

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Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 (class 5)	1	
Car 2 str	1	
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2		
Motor Cycles		
Total	2	11

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Note: Of this total 50 lorries 5 ton and 10 Motor Cycles are already held.

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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SAC CITE FHGCT

TO : MMIA

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INGLEDEW - GRAHAM SPOKE (.) REPORT REQUIRED ON PROJECT FOR
SUPPLY MILITARY DRIVERS FOR ALCOM AS UNDER (.) TEMPORARY
ITALIAN ARMY SCHOOL TO BE SET UP BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES TO
TRAIN 1500 DRIVERS PER MONTH FOR 3 AND $\frac{1}{2}$ MONTHS (.) 250
VEHICLES TO BE PROVIDED FROM SHIPMENTS FOR ALCOM (.) ADM
STAFF 200 (.) DRIVING INSTRUCTORS 250 (.) TRAINEES TO BE
CALLED UP AT RATE 1500 PER MONTH FROM OVERAGE GROUPS
(MEN OF AGE 31 AND OLDER) STARTING EARLIEST (.) ACCOMMODATION
BY ARRANGEMENT ITALIAN AUTHORITIES (.) REPLY GIVING ESTIMATE
OF DATE COMMENCEMENT TRAINING AND SUGGESTED LOCATION OF SCHOOL
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PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

MSG Center No

Classification

Precedence

From

To

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AFHQ

MMIA

CP-PRIORITY

Date | Time Rec'd

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Reference NR

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12 Jan

INGLEDEN ~~REDACTED~~ DASH GRAHAM SPOKE X REPORT REQUIRED ON PROJECT

FOR SUPPLY MILITARY DRIVERS FOR ALCOM AS UNDER X/FOX EIGHT THREE ONE

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ZERO SEVEN ACTION TO MMIA ~~REDACTED~~ SIGNED SAC CITE FHGCT ~~REDACTED~~~~REDACTED~~ X TEMPORARY ITALIAN ARMY SCHOOL TO BE SET UP BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES

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TO TRAIN ONE FIVE ZERO ZERO DRIVERS PER MONTH FOR THREE AND HALF MONTHS

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-3 DIVISION

FILE NO : ASD/928
ASD/922.8

SUBJECT : Provision of Italian Drivers for Allied Commission
in N.W. ITALY.

MEMO TO : All concerned.

1. A meeting will be held at 10-30 hours on Tuesday 2nd January in the
CAO Conference Room to discuss the above subject.

It is requested that all addressees be represented.

2. GENERAL.

A total of approximately 1,700 vehicles are being made available for
Allied Commission to distribute civil relief in N.W. ITALY. It has been proposed
that these vehicles be driven by Italian military instead of civilian personnel,
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BR-ITI	Service Troops	-	3,000
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US-ITI	Service Troops	-	3,000
ITI-ITI		-	1,000

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To replace wastage for combat groups at 15%	-	6,500
New commitment for drivers for AC for Jan.	-	?

5. From para 4 it is seen that the availability is inadequate to meet commitments, and it is for consideration, whether existing units can be disbanded to provide the required numbers of drivers. It is pointed out however, that the replies received to our ASD/922.8 dated 4 December indicated that in no instances could any branches or services release units for disbandment to provide reinforcements/replacements for other units. It is presumed therefore, that all Italian service units are fully employed.

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6. It is understood that the British personnel for cadres can, with difficulty, be provided from disbanded A.S., but this will be at the expense of other arms

7. CEILINGS.

All sections of the ITI-ITI category, are up to strength, and it is therefore impossible, without requesting the Combined Chiefs of Staff to increase the approved ceiling, to hold these drivers within the ITI-ITI ceiling. If the G.T. Coys and Q.M. Truck coys are to have Allied cadres it is considered that the units should be held within the national categories (i.e. BR-ITI and US - ITI) and attached to the Allied Commission for duty.

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- D. Having regard to shortage of Italian Military manpower, how are drivers to be made available? Can any existing units be disbanded to provide drivers? What is the priority for provision of these personnel as opposed to other requirements?
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W. Anderson
Brigs.

for DANIEL NCCE,
Major General, G.S.C.,
Assistant Chief of Staff G-3.

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3 DISTRICT FOR MMIA LO (BYHAND)
 MINISTRY OF WAR. AFHQ FOR G3(DWG)
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DRIVERS SCHOOL TO BE FORMED WITH NO. 2 G T COMPANY IS REQUIRED EARLIEST (.) DURING
 COMPLETE FORMATION OF UNIT REQUEST THAT ADVANCE PARTY BE EQUIPPED AND SENT TO
 VTC ICF CHAND TO MAKE ALL PREPARATORY ARRANGEMENTS FOR COURSE (.) PROPOSE THAT
 THIS PARTY SHOULD CONSIST OF 2 OFFICERS 2 VEHICLES AND NECESSARY ORS (.) OFFICERS
 SHOULD BE CHOSEN FOR CAPACITY TO ORGANISE DRIVERS SCHOOL

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SUBJECT: Italian Drivers School.

DET AMHQ

Copy to:

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AMIA

AMIA LO att 54 Area

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AMIA LO att 3 District

Ref AMHQ 113/G of 27 Oct 44 and conversation STOKES-SPRAY at AMHQ today.

Requirements of POLIGNANO Italian Driving and Maintenance School in order to obtain intake of approx 150 drivers per month are as follows :-

(a) British Personnel

Capt	1
CSM	1
Cpl dcm	1
Cpls Instructors	10
Busman-driver	1
Cook	1
General Duties Man	1
DR	1
S/Sgt Fitter (for maintenance instruction)	1
Dvr Mechs (for maintenance instruction)	2
Storeman	1

Done taken
assigned

(b) Italian Personnel

Officers

Captain *Ray*
Subalterns

Remarks
OC
Dvr Instr
Tech MP Instr
Adm

Other Ranks

Adm Staff

WO II
CQMS
Sjts
Cpls
Clerks
Cooks

Total Officers

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(a) British Personnel

Those tickets
are exposed

Sept	
CME	
Cpl AOM	
Cpls Instructors	
Batman-driver	
Cook	
General Duties Man	
DR	
S/Sgt Fitter (for maintenance instruction)	
Dr. Mechs (for maintenance instruction)	
Storeman	

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(b) Italian Personnel

Officer

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Subaltern

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PENNSOUTH FOR MMIA LO

MAIN 15 Army Group

SD 2036

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Following deficiencies exist (.) In 1001 Gen Tpt Coy EIGHTH Army (.)
1 Sgt fitter, 5 fitters, 3 electricians, 2 turners, 1 TMT clerk,
1 carpenter, 2 storemen (.) In 1000 Gen Tpt Coy 5 Army Br Iner (.) 1 Sgt
clerk TMT, 2 Dvr Sgts, 32 dvrs, 4 electricians, 2 Sgt fitters, 1 coach
painter (.) Report soonest which you can fill from AFRAGOLA (.) Use for
this purpose fitters, mechs and turners reserved in our SD 1035 of 01.

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File SD/42

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Wm L. R. H.

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From : MMIA LO TRANI
To : (1) MMIA ROMM.
Info : (2) MMIA LO 52 AREA.
Ref : TC/35

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120 personnel ex PARI AA departed TRANI am 01 Jan for POLIGNANO driving school.

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FROM MMIA LO TRANI
TO MMIA ROME
INFO MMIA LO 54 AREA

TG/BW

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FOLLOWING PERSONNEL AVAILABLE AND AWAITING MOVEMENT (.) FIRST (.)
drivers 123, driver candidates 45, labour rfts 280, 62 candidates
for service 110, office personnel 55, low category personnel 210 (.)
SECOND (.) Engineer rfts 257, being screened for possible rly engr
rfts (.) THIRD (.) Muleteers 245 returned from ANOL (.) FOURTH (.)
Farriers 19 awaiting movement to AREZZO (.) Your SD 1887 dated 06
refers (.) FIFTH (.) 15 signallers (.) MY TC/24 dated 18 refers (.)
SIXTH (.) This signal cancels all previous signals

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Tel. Ext. 412

MEMORANDUM

28 December 1944

REFERENCE : G-1B/602/I

SUBJECT : Italian M.T. Personnel

TO : Director, Land Forces Sub Commission (HQA)

C/T. S/D/48
FOL 41

1. Further to this H.Q. letter numbered as above dated 27 Oct 44 the present position regarding Italian M.T. personnel (BR-ITI) held against the W.E. of this Formation is as follows:-

	W.E.	Present Strength	Surplus	Deficient
Transport Serjeants	10	23	13	-
Drivers I.C. Cpls.	15	32	17	-
" " I/Cpls.	20	31	11	-
" " Ptes	266	67	-	199
Vehicle Mechs S/3jts	3	2	-	1
" " Sjts	3	2	-	1
" " Cpls	4	3	-	1
" " Ptes	10	1	-	9
Electricians Ptes	5	2	-	3
	336	163	41	214

2. This shows an overall deficiency of 173.

3. As this number could not be employed at the moment it would be appreciated if only 40 Drivers (Ptes) and 4 Mechanics (Ptes) could be posted to this Formation. Application for the remainder will be made when they are needed.

4. It would also be appreciated if the Italian Military authority could be asked to make a careful selection of this personnel, who should preferably not be enlisted in the district of Rome.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT, ESTABLISHMENTS SECTION

/pc.

Copy to : H.Q. Comat.

for Sir J.E.T. RITCHIE Bt.
Major.
G-1(B).

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31/12

Subject: Pupils for Rome Driving School.

BT/1093

27 Dec. 44

LAND FORCES SUB CORM A.C. (MFA)
ROME
Tel: 459081 EXT 526

To: MINISTRY OF WAR
(Dipartimento Gen. delle Motorizzazioni 1^a Divisione)

Copy to: --S(SD) M.M.I.A. HQ.

1. Further to meeting Lt. Col. Moreni - Capt. Inden - Major PATHEAU at M.M.I.A. HQ on 23 Dec. 44.-
2. It was agreed (without precedent for future cases) that the first driving course at Rome Driving School to start on 1st Jan 1945. will accept "Gruppi" pupils.
3. For the second course due to start on 29 Jan 1945 it is however essential to ensure that pupils will be available from the I-II-III category.
4. For this purpose please obtain no later than 15 Jan 45 from all I-II-III road transport units (Autieri Regti, Autograppi, Autosezioni, Centro di Riparazioni, etc.) on the mainland and in Sicily a nominal roll of personnel held on the strength:
 - a) who cannot drive at all
 - b) who cannot drive well.
5. On receipt of this information please communicate with this HQ for next action.

OCP/sg

APST, Land Forces Sub Corm A.C. (MFA).

(2) 31/12
(O.C. PATHEAU)
Major RASC
for Lt. Col

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INTER OFFICE MINUTE

ST/1093

Spec. Sec.

Subject:- ROME Driving School.

Copy:- G (SD) ←

1. It is confirmed 120 Gruppi driver pupils can be accepted in Rome for driving course to start 1st January 1945.
2. Pupils should report to Scuola CIARPIGLINI (8 Centre) Via Guido Reni, Rome on 30/31 Dec. 44.
3. Acceptance of non ITI-ITI pupils on this occasion creates no precedent for future courses.

23 Dec. 44

D.A.D.T.

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SUBJECT: Reinforcements for G.I. Coys

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. 30/5/1
21 Dec 44

TO : MMIA LO Near EIGHTH ARMY (2)
Copy to: MMIA LO FIFTH ARMY
MMIA LO FIFTH ARMY BR INGR
MMIA LO 1 DIST

Ref your MM/110 of 15 Dec 44.

1. It is understood that instructions are being issued by AFHQ covering the policy to be adopted in respect of the Reinforcement of Italian Units, and the method by which this policy will be implemented.
2. Pending the issue of such instructions HQ 15 Army Gp have been requested to supply details by trades and ranks of all deficiencies in units under their command. Therefore details of the deficiencies in 1001 Gen Inf Coy, and any other requests for reinforcements should be sent to HQ 15 Army Gp for inclusion in their return.
3. These deficiencies have been noted at this HQ, and will be made up at the earliest opportunity.

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Major General
M. M. I. A.

Internal: A/Q
S.T.

FROM MCV BARLETTA

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TO MMIA

MOV/C/M/55 20

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Ref your 644 of 19 (.) Correct figure of IT Tpt personnel
should read 48 - our Mov C/48 of 18/12 refers.

Sgd Capt RE

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MAIN 15 ARMY OF

AFHQ, Col Dr

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Ref A 13 of 17 para First (.) Details on trades
essential

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Subject:- Motor Transport Drivers.

LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB COMM. A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
NAPLES
STM/15

21 December 1944.

Direzione Automobilistica,
Comando Militare, Campania.

Copy to:- Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C., (M.M.I.A.)
Direzione Automobilistica,
Comando Militare, Puglia-Lucania.
MMA LO 54 Area.

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23/12

To confirm telephone conversation Capt. BURLANDO -
Col. COCCO.

1. Will you please make available in NAPLES by P.M. 21 Dec 44, 15 Motor Transport Drivers from AFRAGOLA Camp.
2. These drivers will be assigned to the 230 Division and will drive the 15 SPA 39 released to the above Division by our letter STM/15 of 17 Dec 44.

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GEORGE D. SMITH JR.
Major Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer.

JMC/bc

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by ST
23 Dec
JMC

Subject:- Driver Training.

ST/1094.

20 Dec. 44.

SD/61, 16
LAND FORCES SUB COMM A.C. (MCLA)
ROME
Tel: 489081 EXT 526

To: MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. In reply to your 306584/1/CA - 317 V.9. dated 16 Dec 44.-
2. Your attention is drawn to this HQ. ST/1094 dated 16 Dec 44, copy to SMUR.-
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JMD/eg.

K. Lefevre
(C. C. PAVILLON)
Major MASO.
for Major General,
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

Copy to:- G(SD) M.M.I.A.-

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SUBJECT:- Acts - Italian Personnel.

Capl Maxwell

Copy & Training LO
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Note:

Note: Note of training company
that 1st difference by trades
Ranks for all units have
been requested of 1544, to whom
the only other
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC
(M K I A) Rome.

Vision Officer
Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (M LIA)
c/o Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY,
ML/110

16 Dec 44

SD/61

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COPY TO:- JUST REAR HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

The u/m copy of HQ EIGHTH ARMY letter R 4815/2 ST is
forwarded for your information and necessary action.

[Signature]

LI-COL. C.B.
MLIA Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

COPY

SUBJECT:- Acts, - Italian Personnel.

MLIA Rear Army.

Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY CAP.
R 4815/2 ST

14 Dec 44. 7475

1. 1001 Gen. Tpt. Coy. (Italian) is at present deficient of
the number mentioned WKSP personnel against WB.

WB

Copy to: - DUST Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

The w/a copy of HQ EIGHTH ARMY letter R 4815/2 ST is forwarded for your information and necessary action.

15-COL, G.S.
MAIA Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY.

C O P Y

SUBJECT: - RITS. - Italian Personnel.

Rear HQ EIGHTH ARMY CMF.
R 4815/2 ST

14 Dec 44. 7475

MAIA Rear Army.

1. 1001 Gen. Tpt. Coy. (Italian) is at present deficient of the under mentioned Wksp personnel against WL.

WE	1	DEF	1
	14		5
Sgt. Fitter	4		3
Pic. Pinters	2		2
Electricians	1		1
Turners	2		2
TMT Clerk			
Carpenters			
Storemen (TMT)			

2. The demand for maximum availability of tpt is constantly being made by AMF and, as a result of the above deficiencies, Wksp repair programme is far behind schedule.

3. It is requested rits be obtained for this unit as soon as possible.

Send. MAIA Rear Army.
For

FROM MAIN HQ 15 my Group

1745A

TO AFHQ GI Br

INFO MMIA

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Ref MMIA SD 1927 of 13 (.) FIRST (.) Will obtain infm required through
staff channels (.) For MMIA (.) Do you want details on ranks and trades (.)
SECOND (.) Consider essential that a proper rft procedure is laid on (.)
See para 15 my 1605/50/36GSD of 23 NOV (.) Consider demands should be made
to Italian Adm Div HQ or District and Thence to MMIA (.) This HQ or you
according to location of unit must then be consulted as to priority and if
question of priority over whole theatre arises Freedom to decide.

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SD Distr: SD/6/1
SD/50, Float

19 DEC 1943

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QVR 2 *NAID*FROM ~~AFHQ~~ HQ 15 ARMY GROUP 171745 A

TO AFHQ G1 BR

INFO MMIA

QQY GR --- BT

A13 . REF MMIA SD1927 OF 13 .

FIRST . WILL OBTAIN INFM REQUIRED THROUGH STAFF CHANNELS .

/770 FOR MMIA . DO YOU WANT DETAILS ON RANKS AND TRADES.

SECOND . CONSIDER ESSENTIAL THAT A PROPER ~~REF~~ RFT
PROCEDURE IS LAID ON .

SE PARA FIFTEEN MY 1605/50/36GSD OF 23 NOV .

CONSIDER DEMANDS SHOULD BE MADE TO ITALIAN ADM DIV HQ

OR DISTRICT AND THENCE TO MMIA .

THIS HQ OR YOU ACCORDING TO LOCATION OF UNIT MUST THEN BE CONSULTED

AS TO PRIORITY AND IF QUESTION OF PRIORITY OVER WHOLE THEATRE

ARISES FREEDOM TO DECIDE .

BT

SENT NR 1406 1804 . CT . B 1 .

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RECD 1406 1804 REB AR K

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offices
required.

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Subject: Driver Training For Italian Military Personnel in Bari Area.

ST/1094

16 Dec 44.

Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MIA).,
ROME.
Tel: Roma 489081 EXT 526.

To: L.O. Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MIA).,
54 Area.

Copy: ABIS G3(Cor) Brit.
S.M.P.M.
G(SD) MIA HQ. ← Spec Sec.

1. Confirming telephones on 16 Dec 44. ^{Capt. Graham} ~~Major Barnes~~ - Major Stainton and Major Bird - Major Popescu.
2. It is understood that Polignano School is NOT to be closed at present and that another course will start shortly.
3. MIA LO 54 Area is therefore requested to arrange for pupils for the next course at Polignano as follows:-
 - (a) 50 personnel now at Conversano ex elements previously intended for 1008 GT Coy
 - (b) 30 personnel arrived Conversano ex Terno (Gruppi trainees)
 - (c) any other Gruppi trainees who may arrive ex Terno
 - (d) ^{course} number required to make up to strength ex Trani Camp. X
4. MIA LO 54 Area is further requested to proceed with arrangements for Conversano School in accordance with Ltr 10/11/30 of 12 Dec 44. Vehicles release concerned will be the subject of later communication to this HQ.
5. Output of trained drivers from both foregoing sources will be subject of disposal instructions to be issued by this HQ.

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DEC 1944

(C.O. PAVLETTA).,
Major RASO.,
for Lt. Col.

ADMT, Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MIA).

C O P Y

FROM: DISTHREE

TO : 54 AREA
MMIA LO BARI

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INFO: MMIA
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REF MMIA SD 1848 OF 22 NOV AND SD 1898 OF 9 DEC NEITHER
TO ALL, RAOC TRG EST REPORT THAT 44 MEN EX COURSE POLIGNANO
DRIVING SCHOOL FINISHING 2 DEC NOT YET ARRIVED PONTICAGNANO (.)
URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR COURSE (.) PLEASE DESPATCH SOONEST AND
NOTIFY ETA THIS HQ COPY TO RAOC TRG EST

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MMIA DIST.:G 3
SD/6/1
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S I G N A L

13/06 A

FROM: MMIA

TO: Ministry of War
ALCOM SICILY FOR MMIA LO

INFO AFHQ 3 DIST FOR MMIA LO
AAI PENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO
3 DIST 54 AREA " "
3 DIST EAST ICF FIVE TEAM MMIA LO
PENSOUTH Lt Col HOWARD

SD 1925

CONFIDENTIAL

Ref MMIA letter SD/49 of 4 subject call-up SICILY (.) ONE (.) After provision 2,500 personnel for pack tpt duties vide para 1 MMIA signal SD 1912 of 11 the following specialists will be selected under your arrangements to be available at REGGIO (.) Numbers will be reported daily to this HQ as follows (.) A (.) Farriers Saddlers V & R personnel, Ironworkers Leatherworkers (.) B (.) M T drivers and mechanics (.) C (.) W T operators and mechanics (.) D (.) ALPINE (.) E (.) RESAGLIERI (.) F (.) GRANATIERI (.) Para A for pack tpt move to AFFRAGLIA paras B-F for combat Gps move with ICF drafts (.) TWO (.) You will arrange for daily reports from each District showing numbers of (.) A (.) Total reporting (.) B (.) Medical Exemptions (.) C (.) Other exemptions (.) D (.) Awaiting examination (.) E (.) Enrolments (.) F (.) Awaiting despatch (.) G (.) Despatched (.)

THREE (.) You will arrange for daily reports as at 1800 hrs from REGGIO showing (.) A (.) Total in camp (.) B (.) Daily arrivals (.) C (.)

Numbers despatched to each destination (.) D (.) Daily totals despatched.

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INTERNAL:
A/Q (2)

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 Leatherworkers (.) B (.) M T drivers and mechanics (.) C (.) W T operators
 and mechanics (.) D (.) ALPINI (.) E (.) REGGIONE (.) F (.) GRAMMATI (.)
 Para A for pack tpt move to AFRAGLIA paras B-F for combat Gps move with
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War Diary (2)

G-2 (1) for War Ministry

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 FROM MMIA LG 54 AREA 131630A
 TO MMIA
 QXX GR --- BT

SD/3 RESTRICTED .

THIRTY ORS EX AFRAGOLA HAVE ARRIVED CONVERSANO
 FOR NEXT DRIVING COURSE POLIGNANO . THEY ARE AVERAGE
 THROWOUTS FROM GRUPPI . REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS ON FUTURE EMPLOYMENT
 THI 1345

SENT NR91 2235A AAN B2 K
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Polignano not near closing

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File 8

FROM: MMIA

TO : AMI FOR A

INFO: AFHQ for G-1 Br
5 ARMY Br Iner

Date Time

13/800 A W/614.

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

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ONE (.) Understand 1000 GT Coy (Italian) to be short of (.)

Clerks TMT - 1 Sjt (.) Drivers 1/c - 2 Sjts - 32 dvrs (.)

Coachpainters - 1 pte (.) Electricians - 4 ptes (.) Fitters

(M) - 2 Sjts (.) FIVE ARMY Br Iner 64 A of 11 refers (.)

TWO (.) When personnel become available AFHQ will be requested

to authorise filling of these deficiencies (.) THREE (.) In

para 18 f

view of AFHQ AG 091.711/169 OCT-0 of 16 Nov/it is recommended

that a consolidated demand be made on AFHQ copy this HQ for

Rits and replacement personnel for all Italian units and fums

under your comd together with priorities

PRECEDENCE

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[Signature]Copy to: A/Q
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Subject: 1000 Italian Army GT Coy

British Increment (A Branch),
Rear HQ Fifth Army,
OMF.

Phone No: Lightning Rear 162

Army Sub Commission
Allied Commission

64A
11 Dec 44

1. The above named unit is still deficient of the following:-

Italian - Clerks TMT - 1 Sjt

Drivers i/c - 2 Sjts
" 32 Dvrs

Coachpainters - 1 Pte
Electricians - 4 Ptes
Fitters (VM) - 2 Sjts

2. It is requested that personnel be posted as soon as possible to make up these deficiencies.

H.D. Lytleton

H. D. LITTLETON, Major,
for Brigadier,
Deputy Chief of Staff (British),
Fifth Army.

DEF/CAS

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R13
SD/6/1

Subject: Reinforcements for A.C.

LIAISON OFFICER
LAND FORCES SUB. COMM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
NAPLES

G/2

2 December 1944

To: Land Forces Sub. Comm. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

Ref. your SD/48 of 31 Oct. 1944.

1. Will you please say if these men are still required, and if so, what unofficial priority is to be given them.

Spoke Smith 13/12
GEORGE D. SMITH, JR.
Major, Infantry
Senior Liaison Officer

Yes still required. Should have been added to the SD see folio 50

Spoke Larry A.C.

No hurry for these at all, will let us know when to bring them through

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Jan 4/11 13/12

MESSAGE FORM

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FROM MMIA
 TO AFHQ for G 1 (Br) cma G 3 (Org) cma A cma Nov
 INFO
 AAI for SD and A
 DISTHREE
 DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO
 DISTHREE EASTERN DETACHMENT
 54 AREA FOR MMIA LO
 CC FIFTH ARMY
 FIFTH ARMY BR INCR FOR MMIA LO
 EIGHTH ARMY
 REAR EIGHTH ARMY FOR MMIA LO
 FENSOUTH FOR MMIA LO
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 MINISTRY OF WAR

SD 1906

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Internal :- AQ S/sao
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FROM MMIA LO LEGNANO GRUPPO

TO HQ MMIA ROME

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RTD ICX

AG 517

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Reinforcements now held by Depot are approximately 1800
owing to arrival of 548 repatriates from Taranto approx
900 expected ex FRIULI and CREMONA making total of 2700 (.)
Capacity of ETD IDF owing to lack of bivouacs is 2000 (.)
Following reinforcements earmarked but awaiting transport 150
to PICENC 120 for FRIULI 120 for drivers course BARI 130
for FULGORE (.) I am expediting transport for FULGORE and
FRIULI reinforcements (.) Request rail or road transport
for PICENC reinforcements and BARI course be expedite and
disposal instructions for proportion of remaining reinforce-
ments now held.

cgl

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FROM MMIA LO 54 AREA

161730A

TO MIL HQ P AND L

INFO MMIA

PS 322

CONFIDENTIAL

FIRST (.) Further to my PS/309 (.) With effect 20 Nov only 10 rations will be issued to 47 Inf Regt Depot (.) SECOND (.) 55 Drivers and 130 Engineers selected by ME will be kept ready at LECCE for movement shortly (.) 238 selected reinforcements for Smoke Coys will move to TRANI and any other personnel selected or unselected which has arrived since my visit to LECCE starting tomorrow 50 per day if by 18 Nov it is obvious all movements cannot be completed by 20 balance on WP will be moved in a body to TRANI (.) THIRD (.) After 19 Nov personnel ex hospitals, prisoners, apprehended deserters etc will report to TRANI and not LECCE for disposal by Cpt CDONNEL. Col SALVONI will be empowered to demobilise any soldiers to whom it is due. Those who cannot be demobilised owing to homes in German occupied Italy will be disposed of by Capt CDONNEL battle casualties or men of very low category, unemployable with homes in German occupied Italy will be disposed of by Capt CDONNEL following instructions from MMIA.

Immediate

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Provision of Drivers for Combat Groups

1. Information.

Present resources are inadequate for the provision and training of drivers for the Italian Combat Force.

2. Requirements up to 1 May 1945.

	Total No of drivers	Minimum Number required by mid-January
To complete FOLGORE and LEGNANO	700	700
To complete MANTOVA	1000	
To complete PICERNO	1000	
3 G T Companies for Tail (260 each Coy)	780	520
HQ M.A.C. and 2 platoons	150	100
Miscellaneous tail units	20	20
Reinforcements (5% of total strength of drivers in Combat Force)	500	500
Wastage for casualties, desertion, sick, etc	500	
T O T A L	4,650	1,840

The above assumes that all 3 G T Companies for the "tail" will have to be formed, but it is anticipated that at any rate the first will be formed from existing units.

3. The Problem.

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- This would leave about 450 drivers still to be found. 250 may be represented by the G T Company to be allotted to the first third of the tail. Training of drivers within units could make up for the remaining 200 who could be counted against the estimated wastage.

5. CONFERENCE

The above to be discussed at Training Conference 1000 hrs 17 Nov.

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TO (FOR INFORMATION)				
(REF. No.) SD 1797		(SECURITY CLASSIFICATION) RESTRICTED		

For MMIA LO (.) Ref EF 114 of 14 (.) FIRST (.) Comply my SD 1790 of 13 para
to AG
5 and allot 50 personnel as GD men and 100 personnel for fourth QM Truck Coy
from Serial 107 screenees (.) This leaves balance of 88 in Serial 107 which
AFHQ are asked to move vide para 1(c) (.) SECOND (.) Instructions ref balance
muleteers follow

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 SUBJECT: Rfts for A.C.

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 Military Mission Italian Army
 R C M E
 SD/48

31 Oct 44

MMIA LO NAPLES

1. The following are required by A.C. to complete 256/1 MT Coy (M-III) to WA :-

Drivers (Ptes)	133
Electricians (Ptes)	2
Vehicle Mechs (Ptes)	9

	144

2. You are requested to select suitable personnel from AFRAGOLA Camp.
3. If qualified personnel are NOT available, untrained personnel must be substituted.
4. Please inform this HQ when the men are ready so that HQ A.C. can be instructed to send transport and an officer to collect.
5. No serial on Priority List 2 will be allotted for the rfts.

G. W. Cox
 Major General
 MMIA

ABC

Internal copy to:- A/C

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AFO 394

A.M.A.
F.REF
Date Recd

27 Oct 44

Reg 28
10.

REFERENCE: G-1B/602/I.

SUBJECT: Italian M.T. Personnel.

TO: Director, Army Sub-Commission.
(Attention Capt. Fox).

1. The present position regarding Italian M.T. personnel (BR-ITB) held on the strength of this Formation is as follows:-

	W.E.	Present Strength.	Sur- plusses.	Defic- iciencies.	To be recvd. (see para 2 below)
Transport Serjeants.	10	5	-	5	13
Drivers I.C., Cpls.	15	40,	25	-	
" 1/Cpls.	20	40	20	-	
" Ptes.	266	75	-	191	184
Vehicle Mechs. S/Sjts.	3	-	-	3	2
" Sjts.	3	2	-	1	1
" Cpls.	4	3	-	1	
" Ptes.	10	1	-	9	
Electricians Ptes.	5	3	-	2	
	336	169	176	45	212 205
					16

2. It is understood that in place of No.2008 General Duty Platoon, which has been disbanded, we are to receive 22 Sjts. From the nominal roll it is noted that 16 of these are M.T. personnel, i.e., 3 Driver Mechanics, 1 Driver Instructor, and 12 Drivers. These soldiers have not yet reported for duty.

3. It would be appreciated if the deficiencies shown above, chiefly Drivers IC, could be made up at an early date.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT, ESTABLISHMENTS SECTION.

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RS.

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J.L. JONES,
Lt-Col,
G-1 (B).

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394.

MAJ. A.	JA
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REFERENCE: G-1B/605/I.

7 Sept 44.

SUBJECT: Italian Military Drivers.

TO: Director, Army Sub-Commission.

Cpl. SCHETTINO. Leopoldo 10th Regt. Autieri.

The above named Italian military driver, now at this H.Q., is considered unfit to perform the duties of a driver. May disposal instructions please be issued.

FOR THE ESTABLISHMENTS OFFICER.

RS.

Copy to: M.T.O. (Br).

J.L. JONES,
Lt-Col.
G-1 (B).

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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W.A.A.	11/2
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REFERENCE: G-1B/601/I.

6 Sept 44.

SUBJECT: Italian Military Drivers.

TO: Director Army Sub-Commission.

1. Further to this HQ letter 16080/1/G-1 dated 3 Sept 44, the position with regard to Italian Military drivers is as follows:-

Number originally received.	-	250.
Joined from Salerno.	-	59.
		309.
Present strength.	-	154.
No longer serving.	-	155.

2. With regard to the 155 drivers who are no longer serving in this Formation, the following information is forwarded:-

- (a) 12 were returned to 2nd Coy., 10th Regt. Autieri, Naples on 13 June 44. *Why?*
- (b) 17 were returned to the same Regt. on 28 June 44. *why?*
- (c) 8 are known to be A.W.O.L.
- (d) We have received information from Regions to the effect that the remaining 118 have all been returned (as unsuitable) direct to 10th Regt. Autieri, Naples, but so far we have not been able to ascertain the exact dates of the return of these drivers.
- (e) Of the 110 drivers shown in Col.2 (Present Strength), of this HQ letter quoted above, 10 are to be returned to Cerseti, Caserina Bianchi, Via Nomentana, Rome, in accordance with your letter AQ/11 dated 30 Aug 44. A further 10 drivers will therefore be required as replacements.

3. Further cases of AWOL, and of Italian military drivers being admitted to hospital and not rejoining this formation on discharge from hospital, make the Italian driver situation very difficult, and any action that you are able to take in order to bring the number of Italian drivers up to that required by the W.E. would be very much appreciated.

FOR THE ESTABLISHMENTS OFFICER.

N.A. yet. Other urgent priorities first (C.T. Gyr - French etc). *Per 9.*

RS.

J.L. JONES,
Lt-Col.
G-1 (B).

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394.

REFERENCE: 16080/1/G-1.

3 Sept 44.

SUBJECT: Italian Military Drivers.

TO: Director, Army Sub-Commission.

M.M.A.	SD/2
FILE REF	1/1
Date Recd	3/9/44

1. The following figures show the position with regard to Italian military drivers at present on the strength of this Formation.

	W.E.	Present Strength.	Surplus.	Deficiency.
T/Sjts.	10	10		2
Dvrs. I.C.	15	13		
Cpls.	20	21	1	
L/Cpls.	266	110		156
Ptes.	3	-		3
Veh. Mechs.	3	-		3
S/Sjts.	3	-		4
Sjts.	4	-		10
Cpls.	10	-		5
Ptes.	5	-		183
Electricians.	336	154	1	

2. In view of the urgent need for drivers for new Regions which are being activated, may this H.Q. please be informed when personnel to meet the deficiencies shown above can be made available.

FOR THE ESTABLISHMENTS OFFICER.

J.L. JONES,
Lt-Col.
G-1 (B).

RS.

Have phoned about this for further info. Their last letter stated that there was a surplus of 49 drivers
GLH 1456

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