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Reinforcements - Maritime Group

Dec. '44 - NOV. '45

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PK V LROF NR 8151 QVR4  
FROM MMIA 02 1055A  
TO AFHQ  
INFO 'F' BTLU, ITC// IRTC. ICF  
BR CADRE 807 TRANSIT CAMP  
E 56 BLU  
MOV ROME

GR --- BT  
REF A 1362  
UNCLASSIFIED 5954  
REFERENCE A 1354 OF 25 OCT MOLE BID SERIAL 470 PERSONNEL WILL BE  
SUPPLIED FROM 807 TRANSIT CAMP R V I S C A N I N A (.) REQUEST  
/// REQUEST STATION OF DEPARTURE BE CHANGED TO V A I R A N O AND  
TRAIN ARRANGED FOR SECOND HALF OF WEEK

BT --- 021055A

SENT AT 1344A JS B2 K RD 16W.

13 NOV 1945

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*Ref Folio 237A file 5048*  
Subject:- Posting of Soldier.

56 BLU

*2857*  
HQ MANTOVA Inf Div.  
12357/2  
VARAZZE P.M. 104 - 19 Oct 45.

1. The Italian War Department with folio 43878/3 TRUPPA dated 13 Oct, has instructed that, with your authority Cpl TETI DOMENICO, Military District of ROME, class 1922, is posted from 76 Inf Regt to 521 Guards Bn on compassionate grounds.
2. Will you please authorise the posting.

GC/mh.

*see 256A*  
5953

(Sgd) A. GUALANO Lt Col,  
Chief of Staff.

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REF | FOLIO 230 A FILE 10/44 251 A

Subject :- Posting of Senior Officer of  
155 Arty.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA  
64.73/2 Ris  
P.M. 104, 14 Oct 45.

56 BLU.

1. You are informed the Italian War Ministry with message 12182/SP/2 dated 26 Sep 45, has posted Lt Col ANNARUMMA ENRICO, Arty Regular commission, from 155 Arty to SMRE.
2. The officer will be replaced in the command of the bty by Major LIGONZO CARLO, Arty Regular commission staff college, from Terr. HQ TURIN.
3. Major NEWBY on the 5 Aug 45 gave for your HQ, authority for this posting.

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GC/mh.

(Sgd) A. GUALANO Lt Col,  
Chief of Staff.

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*REF FOLIO 229A FILE 10/44 250A*

Subject:- DAA & QMG

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA  
03/4432  
VARAZZE P.M. 104. 13 Oct45.

56 BLU

1. For the posting of Major FRANCESCO FORMISANO the place of DAA & QMG has been taken by Major PIETRO TOLOMEIO w.e.f. 11 Oct.

GC/mh.

(Sgd) A. GUALANO Lt Col,  
Chief of Staff.

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REF FALIO. 228A FILE 50A19

248A

Subject:- Posting Arty Officers.

HQ MANTOVA Inf Div  
6483/2 Ris  
VARAZZE P.M. 104, 15 Oct 45.

56 BLU

1. Italian War Department, with message 2/22276/MOV dated 1 Oct has posted Major Arty Regular Commission, SCHIRALDI NICOLA from 155 Arty Regt to Terr. HQ BARI.
2. Major Arty Regular Commission BOLLEY RABINO, from 25 Recovery Commission, will take his place.

(Sgd) A. GUALANO Lt Col,  
Chief of Staff.

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Subject : Postings - Italian Officers.

247A

Land Forces Sub Comm.AC.  
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E

A 306

13 Oct. '45.

To : 56 B.L.U.

Capt. Art. LIVOTTI, Giuseppe.

Reference your 4 AG of 27 Sep.45.

1. The attached copy of Ministry of War letter 2/23439 of 10 Oct 45 is forwarded for information.

*psbly my son*  
Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

5940

/er

Copy to : G.S.O. II Trg M.M.I.A.

18 OCT 1945

COPY TRANSLATION.

FROM : Min. of War.  
TO : M.M.I.A.

Ref. : 2/23439  
Dtd. : 10 Oct.45.

Replying to letter of 1<sup>st</sup> 10/45 A 306.

Subject : Capt. Giuseppe LIVOTI, Artillery, Regular Army,  
(attached to the Motorization Technical Service)

The above officer, attached to the Motorization Technical Service, was assigned - with letter No. 2/21430/Mov. of September 17, 1945 - to the 1st M.T. Repair Unit of the Territorial Military Command at Turin with technical duties corresponding to his specialist qualifications.

It would therefore not be advisable to transfer Capt. LIVOTI to the "Mantova" Combat Group, since there is no way to replace this officer at the unit where he is now on strength, with some other officer of the Motorization Technical Service.

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Signed : Major General G. Falugi.

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REF FOLD 226A FILE 50 A.11 246A  
Subject:- Deficiencies of personnel.  
III/114 Inf Regt.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA  
01/5753  
P.M. 104 - 14 Oct 45.

56 BLU.

236A  
Reference your 4 AG dated 11 Oct 45.

1. Complete deficiencies of III/114 Inf Regt, as from return held by this HQ and dated 30 Sep 45 are :-  
1 officer (Capt), and 101 OR's.
2. With the actual arrival of the reinforcements that have been asked, it is foreseen that the Bn will have its WE strength for the end of this month.
3. It is not possible to know now from which group of reinforcements will be taken the personnel that will be allotted to the Bn, as reinforcements are arriving from different places and from each group they are simultaneously posted to all the units of the Combat Group.

GC/mh.

(Sgd) A. GUALANO Lt Col,  
Chief of Staff.

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REF FOLIO 224A FILE 50/19 238A

Subject:- Authority for Posting.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA.  
12018/2  
P.M. 104 - 11 Oct 45.

56 BLU

Reference 23043/240 dated 30 Aug 45 of Italian War Department.

1. Please give authority for the posting of Sgt-Major BORRUTO GIUSEPPE of 76 Inf Regt to a unit located in REGGIO CALABRIA.
2. Posting is justified by specially bad family conditions, proved by CRR information.

GC/mh.

(Sgd) A. GUALANO Lt Col,  
Chief of Staff.

See 243A

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237A

V  
Subject : Italian Units - Reinforcements.

52 British Liaison Unit,  
CMF.

10 Oct 45.

AQ/17/159.

HQ 59 Area.

232A

Ref your 25/9G of 7 Oct 45.

The allotment of reinforcements to the LEGNANO Inf Div is made by MMIA on a divisional basis.

For this reason, drafts for III Bn, 114 Inf Regt (MANTOVA) are excluded.

HF/hj

5940  
*J.S.H. Douglas*  
(J.S.H. DOUGLAS) Lieut-Col,  
GS.

Copy to : HQ 56 BLU. —

13 OCT 1945

4 AG

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*File* *236A*  
Subject:- Reinforcements - MANTOVA.

56 BLU  
4 AG

11 Oct 45.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA.

1. It is reported that III Bn 114 Inf Regt is approximately 5 officers and 180 other ranks under strength.
2. The British authority in that area wish to know whether there is any likelihood of the Bn being brought up to strength in the near future.
3. Will you please say whether it is the intention to reinforce this Bn when additional men are received and if so out of which batch of reinforcements.

In The Field.  
AWG/mh.

*[Signature]*  
Lt Col,  
GS.

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*232A n/cd*  
*see 246A*

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REF FOLIO 213A FILE 50A9

233A

SUBJECT :- Personnel required to bring the strength of the Group to WE plus 20%.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

01/5693

56 BLU

VARRAZE 10 Oct 45

223A

Reference your message AG 4 dated 2 Oct 45 1030 Hrs.

1. 1265 reinforcements required to bring the strength of the Group up to the WE plus 20%.
2. In the calculation the following points have been considered :-
  - (a) Classes until 1919 inclusive as already released.
  - (b) 1116 reinforcements mentioned in your message AG 4 dated 2 Oct 45 1130 Hrs as already arrived.
  - (c) The 658 reinforcements asked to HQ PIGENO Div with folio 01/5549 dated 5 Oct 45 as not allotted.

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See 234 A

(SGD) A. GUALANO Lt Col  
Chief of Staff

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Subject : Italian Units - Reinforcements

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25/9 G

7 Oct 45

52 ELU

56 ELU

1. III Bn 114 Inf Regt (MANTOVA) is at present approximately 5 officers and 180 other ranks under strength.
2. It is requested that you will state what the position is with regard to reinforcements, and whether or not they may be expected in the near future.

*W. Langley*  
for Major  
GS

AHL/rbd

See 236A  
See 237A

10 OCT 1945 5942

4 AC

SUBJECT :- Mechanical Personnel

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA)  
ROME.

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

1. Herewith statement showing the estimate total deficiencies by trades of mechanical personnel in Combat Group MANTOVA as at 18 Oct 45, after the release of Classes 1916, 1917, 1918 and 1919.

| Trade               | LADs | M.R. Fln | M.R. Wkps | Total |
|---------------------|------|----------|-----------|-------|
| Armourers           | 2    | -        | -         | 2     |
| Vehicle Mechanics   | 4    | -        | -         | 4     |
| Driver Mechanics    | 9    | 1        | 19        | 29    |
| Electricians        | 5    | 3        | -         | 8     |
| Fitters             | 5    | -        | -         | 5     |
| Welders             | 4    | -        | -         | 4     |
| MO Mechanics        | 1    | 1        | -         | 2     |
| Sheet Metal Workers | -    | 1        | -         | 1     |
| Turners             | -    | 1        | 2         | 3     |

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| Trade               | IADs | M.E. Flt | M.E. Wksp | Total |
|---------------------|------|----------|-----------|-------|
| Announcers          | 2    | -        | -         | 2     |
| Vehicle Mechanics   | 4    | -        | -         | 4     |
| Driver Mechanics    | 9    | 1        | 19        | 29    |
| Electricians        | 5    | 3        | -         | 8     |
| Fitters             | 5    | -        | -         | 5     |
| Welders             | 4    | -        | -         | 4     |
| WCO Mechanics       | 1    | 1        | -         | 2     |
| Sheet Metal Workers | -    | 1        | -         | 1     |
| Turners             | -    | 1        | 2         | 3     |

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In The Field  
/ajw

*[Signature]*  
Lt Col  
GS

230 A *[initials]*

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REF Folio 212A File 5049 230A

SUBJECT :- Mechanics.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

01/5601

VARAZZE 6 Oct 45

56 BLU

213A

Reference 4/AG dated 27 Sep 45.

1. Please find attached deficiencies return in respect of mechanics for ME Wksps, ME Pln and LADs.
2. Figures refer to 1 Oct 45.
3. Deficiencies for Release of Classes from 1916 to 1919 and actual deficiencies not yet replaced have been considered.

See 231A

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(SGD) Lt Col A. GUALANO  
Chief of Staff

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1 - L.A.D.

Situation as at 1 Oct 45

6365

| TRADESMEN           | DEFICIENCIES DUE TO RELEASE OF CLASSES |      |      |      |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------|------|------|------|
|                     | 1916                                   | 1917 | 1918 | 1919 |
| Armourers X         | -                                      | -    | -    | -    |
| Vehicle Mechanics X | -                                      | -    | -    | -    |
| Driver Mechanics X  | -                                      | -    | -    | 1 ✓  |
| Electricians X      | -                                      | -    | -    | -    |
| Fitters X           | -                                      | -    | -    | -    |
| Welders X           | -                                      | -    | -    | -    |
| Mechanical NCOs X   | -                                      | -    | -    | -    |

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1 - L.A.D<sub>e</sub>

Situation as at 1 Oct 45

5929

| DEFICIENCIES DUE TO RELEASE OF CLASSES |      |      |      | EXISTING DEFICIENCIES |
|----------------------------------------|------|------|------|-----------------------|
| 1916                                   | 1917 | 1918 | 1919 |                       |
| -                                      | -    | -    | -    | ---                   |
| -                                      | -    | -    | 1 ✓  | ---                   |
| -                                      | -    | -    | -    | 2 ✓                   |
| -                                      | -    | -    | -    | 1 ✓                   |
| -                                      | -    | -    | -    | 1 ✓                   |
| -                                      | -    | -    | -    | ---                   |
| -                                      | -    | -    | -    | ---                   |

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2 - L.A.Dg

Situation as at 1 Oct 45

8365

| TRADESMEN         | DEFICIENCIES DUE TO RELEASE OF CLASSES |      |      |      |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------|------|------|------|
|                   | 1916                                   | 1917 | 1918 | 1919 |
| Armourers         | -                                      | -    | -    | -    |
| Vehicle Mechanics | 1 ✓                                    | -    | -    | -    |
| Driver Mechanics  | -                                      | 1 ✓  | -    | 1 ✓  |
| Electricians      | -                                      | -    | -    | -    |
| Fitters           | -                                      | -    | 1 ✓  | -    |
| Welders           | -                                      | 1 ✓  | -    | -    |
| Mechanical NCOs   | -                                      | -    | -    | -    |

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2 - L.A.D.

Situation as at 1 Oct 45

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DEFICIENCIES DUE TO RELEASE OF CLASSES

1916 : 1917 : 1918 : 1919 :

EXISTING DEFICIENCIES

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3 & 4 - L.A.D.E

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Situation as at 1 Oct 45

| TRADESMEN         | DEFICIENCIES DUE TO RELEASE OF CLASSES |      |      |      |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------|------|------|------|
|                   | 1916                                   | 1917 | 1918 | 1919 |
| Armourers         | -                                      | -    | -    | -    |
| Vehicle Mechanics | -                                      | -    | -    | -    |
| Driver Mechanics  | -                                      | -    | -    | -    |
| Electricians      | -                                      | -    | -    | -    |
| Fitters           | -                                      | -    | -    | -    |
| Welders           | -                                      | -    | -    | -    |
| Mechanical NCOs   | -                                      | -    | -    | -    |

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3 & 4 - L.A.DP

Situation as at 1 Oct 45

2865

DEFICIENCIES DUE TO RELEASE OF CLASSES

1916 1917 1918 1919

EXISTING DEFICIENCIES

2 ✓

1 ✓

4 ✓

2 ✓

2 ✓

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5 & 6 - L.A.D.

Situation as at 1 Oct 45

5936

| TRADESMAN         | DEFICIENCIES DUE TO RELEASE OF CLASSES |      |      |      |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------|------|------|------|
|                   | 1916                                   | 1917 | 1918 | 1919 |
| Armourers         | -                                      | -    | -    | -    |
| Vehicle Mechanics | 1 ✓                                    | -    | -    | -    |
| Driver Mechanics  | 1 ✓                                    | -    | -    | -    |
| Electricians      | 1 ✓                                    | 1 ✓  | -    | -    |
| Fitters           | 1 ✓                                    | -    | 2 ✓  | -    |
| Welders           | 1 ✓                                    | -    | -    | -    |
| Mechanical NOOs   | -                                      | -    | -    | 1 ✓  |

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7A 5 & 6 - L.A.D.

Situation as at 1 Oct 45

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| DEFICIENCIES DUE TO RELEASE OF CLASSES |      |      |      | EXISTING DEFICIENCIES |
|----------------------------------------|------|------|------|-----------------------|
| 1916                                   | 1917 | 1918 | 1919 |                       |
| -                                      | -    | -    | -    | ---                   |
| 1 ✓                                    | -    | -    | -    | ---                   |
| 1 ✓                                    | -    | -    | -    | ---                   |
| 1 ✓                                    | 1 ✓  | -    | -    | ---                   |
| 1 ✓                                    | -    | 2 ✓  | -    | ---                   |
| 1 ✓                                    | -    | -    | -    | ---                   |
| -                                      | -    | -    | 1 ✓  | ---                   |

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M.E. PLATOON

Situation as at 1 Oct 45

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| TRADESMEN             | DEFICIENCIES DUE TO RELEASE OF CLASSES |      |      |      |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------|------|------|------|
|                       | 1916                                   | 1917 | 1918 | 1919 |
| Blacksmiths X         | -                                      | -    | -    | -    |
| Sheet Metal Workers ✓ | -                                      | -    | -    | -    |
| Fitters X             | -                                      | -    | -    | -    |
| Electricians ✓        | -                                      | -    | 1 ✓  | -    |
| Mechanic Staff Sgt X  | -                                      | -    | -    | 1 ✓  |
| Drivers Mechanics X   | 1 ✓                                    | -    | -    | -    |
| Turners X             | -                                      | -    | -    | -    |

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M.E. PLATOON

Situation as at 1 Oct 45

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| DEFICIENCIES DUE TO RELEASE OF CLASSES |      |      |      | Existing deficiencies |
|----------------------------------------|------|------|------|-----------------------|
| 1916                                   | 1917 | 1918 | 1919 |                       |
| -                                      | -    | -    | -    | -                     |
| -                                      | -    | -    | -    | 1 ✓                   |
| -                                      | -    | -    | -    | -                     |
| -                                      | -    | 1 ✓  | -    | 2 ✓                   |
| -                                      | -    | -    | 1 ✓  | -                     |
| 1 ✓                                    | -    | -    | -    | -                     |
| -                                      | -    | -    | -    | 1 ✓                   |

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M.E. WKSPS

Situation as at 1 Oct 45

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| TRADESMEN             | DEFICIENCIES DUE TO RELEASE OF CLASSES |      |      |      |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------|------|------|------|
|                       | 1916                                   | 1917 | 1918 | 1919 |
| Blacksmiths ✓         | -                                      | -    | -    | -    |
| Sheet Metal Workers ✓ | -                                      | -    | -    | -    |
| Fitters ✓             | -                                      | -    | -    | -    |
| Electricians ✓        | -                                      | -    | -    | -    |
| Mechanic Staff Sgt ✓  | -                                      | -    | -    | -    |
| Drivers Mechanics ✓   | 8 ✓                                    | 6 ✓  | 1 ✓  | 4 ✓  |
| Turners ✓             | 2 ✓                                    | -    | -    | -    |

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M.E. WKSPS

Situation as at 1 Oct 45

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| DEFICIENCIES DUE TO RELEASE OF CLASSES |      |      |      |  | Existing deficiencies |
|----------------------------------------|------|------|------|--|-----------------------|
| 1916                                   | 1917 | 1918 | 1919 |  |                       |
| -                                      | -    | -    | -    |  | ---                   |
| -                                      | -    | -    | -    |  | ---                   |
| -                                      | -    | -    | -    |  | ---                   |
| -                                      | -    | -    | -    |  | ---                   |
| -                                      | -    | -    | -    |  | ---                   |
| 8 ✓                                    | 6 ✓  | 1 ✓  | 4 ✓  |  | ---                   |
| 2 ✓                                    | -    | -    | -    |  | ---                   |

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227A

Subject : Italian Officers - Postings.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AG.  
(M.M.I.A.) R C M E

A 306

1. Oct. '45.

To : Ministry of War.

Capt. ART. S.P.E. Livotti Giuseppe.

(for Wilson)

1. Information has been received that G.O.C. MANTOVA Gp has requested S.M.R.E. to transfer the a/n officer to his group.
2. This suggested transfer is supported by this HQ.

*for Guy Sen  
in as in*  
Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

DSL/er

Copy to :

56 B.L.U. - Your 4 AG dated 27 Sep. '45 refers.  
G.S.O. II Training M.M.I.A.

198A  
5923  
24 OCT 1945

4 AG

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REF FOLIO. 204.A. FILE 5045.

Subject:- Posting - Major CASTIGLIONE GIUSEPPE.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA.  
6200/2 Ris  
VARAZZE P.M. 104-30 Sep 45.

HQ 104 OFF

Copy to:- 56 BLU (ref folio 6066/2 Ris dated 24 Sep 45)

Major CASTIGLIONE GIUSEPPE has left to-day. A leave of 7 + 6 days has been granted to him to go to CROTONE. After he will go to NAPLES Territorial HQ where he has been posted. Capt D'ALESSIO has taken the command of the OFF waiting the arrival of Major FASANI.

(Sgd) A. GUALANO Lt Col,  
Chief of Staff.

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REF FOLIO 194A FILE 50A9 216A

Subject:- Posting of Major CASTIGLIONE GIUSEPPE.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA.  
6066/2

P.M. 104 - 24 Sep 45.

56 BLU.

1. Italian War Department message 2/21238/Mov dated 15 Sep 45 has authorised the posting of Major CASTIGLIONE GIUSEPPE, regular commission, OC OFF, to Territorial HQ NAPLES and the posting in his place, of Major FASANI UMBERTO, regular commission, from 258 mule group.  
Waiting the arrival of the latter, Capt D'ALESSIOLUIGI will be in charge of the OFF.

(Sgd) A. GUALANO Lt Col,  
Chief of Staff.

See 225A

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REF Foglio 196A FILE 50 AS

215A

Subject:- Posting of Major PAVONE Stefano.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA  
6032/2 Ris  
P.M. 104 - 22 Sep 45.

56 BLU

You are informed that to-day Major commissariato, regular commission, PAVONE STEFANO, that was Chief of the COMMISSARIATO office of this HQ, has left to reach the DIREZIONE of COMMISSARIATO of Territorial HQ of MILAN, where he has been posted with message 3/14833 dated 29 Aug 45 of Italian War Department.

(Sgd) A. GUALANO Lt Col,  
Chief of Staff.

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213.A

LAND FORCES SUB COM AG  
(MIA) ROME.  
Tel : 489081 Ext. 533.  
A 110/2.  
22 Sep 45.

1. Largely as a result of the demobilization of the older classes there is, as you know, a serious shortage of mechanical specialists throughout the Italian Army, in the important IWI-IMI Repairs Units as well as in the Combat Divisions.
2. The Ministry of War has ordered a census to be taken in all formations of the principle specialists belonging to the 1920 and younger classes, so that plans for the Mechanical Engineer set-up in the new Italian Army may be based on accurate information regarding what specialist personnel will be available to it.
3. You are requested in addition to ensure that the mechanical personnel in the Division are used to the best advantage, e.g. by transferring to one of the mechanical units any mechanical specialist now in the Infantry, Artillery or other arms whose qualifications warrant such a transfer.

(Sgt) ? ? ? ? ?  
Major General,  
HMTA.

5923

**Subject:- Mechanical Personnel.**

56 BID  
4 AG

27 Sep 45.

BQ Combat Group MANTOVA.

1. Above extract from MMTA letter 4/110/2 dated 22 Sep 45 is forwarded for information and action.
2. Allowing for any such transfer please forward to this HQ by 3 Oct 45 a statement showing the estimate total deficiencies by trades which will be outstanding in the Mechanical Engineer Workshops, the Mechanical engineer Platoon and the six IAD's, when the 1919 and older classes have been demobilised. Please state the date to which this return refers so that allowance can be made by MMTA for unmet needs.

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(Sgt) ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?  
Major General,  
MMA.

2023

56 BLU  
4 AG

27 Sen 45.

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2. Allowing for any such transfer please forward to this HQ by 3 Oct 45 a statement showing the estimate total deficiencies by trades which will be outstanding in the Mechanical Engineer Workshops, the Mechanical engineer Platoon and the six LAD's, when the 1919 and older classes have been demobilised. Please state the date to which this return refers so that allowance can be made by MMA for specialists posted subsequently.

**In The Field,  
PJD/mh.**

230 A  
 18.9.  
 Lt Col,  
 G.S.

It Col,  
G.S.

REC FILE 190A FILE 50 AS

207A

COPY

SUBJECT :- Lt Col PALOMBARINI SERGIO (art. s.p.s. War School)

WAR DEPARTMENT

S.L.R.E.

No 11491/SP 2

P.M. 5800 8 Sep 45

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA P.M. 104

It is necessary to send some senior Artillery officers in rotation to the Btys.

Therefore it will be necessary to substitute, in the command of a Bty, Lt Col PALOMBARINI SERGIO, who has nearly finished his service with the troops.

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(SED) ERICIL RONCO  
VICE Chief of Staff

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HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

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P.M. 104. 18 Sep 45

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VICE Chief of Staff

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HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

5868/ris

P.L. 104 18 Sep 45

56 BLU

Please inform us if you have anything against the eventual substitution of Lt Col PALOMBARINI.

(SGD) L. GUILLANO Lt Col  
Chief of Staff

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18 Sept 45.

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1. You are authorized to instruct Territorial Headquarters to draw on surplus personnel at the disposal of BR-ITI or US-ITI Adm Divs within their territory, following disbandment of units, etc, to make all ITI-ITI units under the Territorial Hq's command up to WE and to keep them up to strength as and when demobilizable men are released.
2. BR-ITI and US-ITI personnel will only be transferred to the ITI-ITI category in this way when all BR-ITI units in the Area, whether Service units or Combat Divisions, are up to WE strength, and have sufficient personnel in addition to replace all men of the 1949 and older classes. Combat Divisions will normally receive reinforcements from CESANO, but Territorial Hq's may allot reinforcements from Adm Div surpluses when this course is more convenient than drawing on CESANO.
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(Sgd) W. FIDLEY,  
Colonel,  
for Major General  
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COPY : ALL MEDIA IO'S  
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(Sgt.) W. PIDSLEY,  
Colonel,  
for Major General  
MILL.  
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23 Sept 45.

**HC Combat Group MARTOVA**

Above copy letter A 115 dated 18 Sept 45 is forwarded for information and any necessary action.

In The Field,  
PJD/mh

It Col  
CS.

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RFF | FOLIO 186A

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SUBJECT :- Posting of Major F. FORMISANO.

HQ Combat Group  
MANTOVA

5860/2 Ris

P.M. 104 15 Sep 45

56 BLU

SMRE message 11601/Sp/2 dated 12 Sep 45 asked Major FORMISANO, DAA & QMG of this HQ, to be posted to Territorial HQ NAPLES.

The officer wants to be posted for family reasons.

SMRE will provide preventive replacement.

Your authority is asked.

(SGD) A. GUALANO Lt Col,  
Chief of Staff

See 202 A

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*Feb*

SUBJECT :- Postings - Officers to MANTOVA Combat Group.

*198 A*

56 HLU  
4 AG

17 Sep 45

MMIA

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

Capt. ART. S.P.E. LIVORI GIUSEPPE

1. The GOC MANTOVA Combat Group has asked the SIRE that the above named officer be posted to his Group.
2. The request was made for the following reasons :-
  - (a) Capt LIVORI GIUSEPPE has expressed his desire to serve in the Group.
  - (b) His brother, S. Ten. LIVORI SEBASTIANO OC 151 Provost Section is also serving in the Group.
3. The GOC has requested the HLU to interest itself on his behalf.

In The Field,  
RJD/ajw

psd. 5925  
fr Lt Col,  
G3.

*See 247 A*  
*195 A. refer*  
*See 227 A*

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REF FOLIO 157 FILE 50A8  
Hq Combat Group MANTOVA.

Office of the Chief of Staff - 2nd Sec Ord & Pers

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5176/2 ris

FM 104 15 Aug 45.

Subject :- Recalling of Officers on Duty in Refugee Camps  
in Reggio Emilia and Riccione.

56 BLU.

Copy to :- 76 Inf Regt.

This HQ requests that Allied Military authority be granted for the recall of officers back to 76 Inf Regt.

S/Ten PIACCABRINO Gerlando  
S/Ten ELIFANI Marto.

The above mentioned are still on duty at Refugee Camps at Reggio Emilia and Riccione respectively.

The unit of the 76 Inf Regt of which they form part, has already returned. It has been noted :-

HQ 76 Inf Regt urge the return of these two officers, as the first is an administration officer and the second a medical officer who is indispensable for sanitary duties.

For Lt-Col Chief of Staff

A Piga Magg

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*Ry File 131A file 50A3 158A*  
SUBJECT:- Major MENNIELLI LUIGI.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

4439/2

56 BLU

P.M. 104 30 June 45.

Major MENNIELLI, MT Officer of this HQ has asked to be posted to ROME or NAPLES.

The request is explained by family reasons.

This HQ is favourable to the posting providing that the officer is previously substituted.

According to War Department letter 112200/I/1 dated 19 May 45,  
110 - 1 - 25  
will you please give your permission.

(SGD) A. GUALANO Lt Col,  
Chief of Staff

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*see 162A*

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56 BIL  
4 AG

8 July 45.

*1519*

SUBJECT: Italian Nursing Sisters

232 Italian Evacuation Hospital

HQ Combat Group MATTOVA

1.

Under authority letter 1 District 417/m dated 25 June 45 quoting authority  
HMS 6 Army and Italian Principal Matron. The ten Italian Nursing Sisters  
mentioned below, on the strength of 232 Italian Evacuation Hospital are  
forthwith transferred to 520 Italian Evacuation Hospital.

MAZZANTINI CLARA

FUCKS ANNA

MARINELLI TOSCA

PEROTTI GIUSEPPINA

ZAPPALÀ LETIZIA

SIMONI DOLORES

CALINZI MARIA

FILIPPI PAULINA

ZONTINI MARIA

PROBONDI LUCIA

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*[Signature]*  
Lt Col,  
CS

In the Field,  
HMM/ajm

MAZZANTINI CLARA

FUCKS ARMA

MANFILI TOSCA

MARSTI GIUSEPPINA

ZAPPALI LEONZIA

SIBONI DOLORES

CALLERI MARIA

FILIPPI PAUSA

ZONTINI MARIA

FRANCONI LUCILA

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*J. Woodley*  
Lt Col,  
GS

In the Field,  
HTV/ajw

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COPY

From: - 17th British Liaison and Training Unit RTC ICF

Date - Time of Origin  
031000 B

Action: - CC 56 HLT

Info: - HQ RASC  
HQ MHLA

Originators Number

AG/7/909 (.) SECRET (.) Following 110 Rpts despatched (.) ETA  
PLMNI four July 45 (.) Artillerymen 34 general tradesmen 27 drivers 8  
switchboard operators 2 linesmen 2 motorcyclists 2 line layers 12 stretcher  
bearers 7 medical orderlies 4 storemen (rations) 5 storeman (ord) 2  
bakers 5 (.)

Serial number C35AW/23/COMBAT

Degree of Priority

IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: - Reinforcements - MANTOVA

56 HLT  
4 AG

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

147A

14 July 45

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1. The above copy message 14/7/909 date - time of origin 031000 B received from 17th British Liaison and Training Unit RTC ICF is forwarded to you for information and necessary action.

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Serial number CRESANO/23/COMBAT

Degree of Priority  
 IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT:- Reinforcements - MANROVA

EQ Combat Group MANROVA

56 HLT  
 4 AG  
 147A  
 4 July 45

1. The above copy message AQ/7/903 date - time of origin 031000 B received from 171 British Liaison and Training Unit RTC IOP is forwarded to you for information and necessary action.

In The Field,  
 HVT/ajw

Lt Col,  
 GS.

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SUBJECT:- Reinforcements.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

142A  
56 BLU  
4 AG

25. June 45.

The following extracts of instructions issued to the Ministry of War by MMIA in regard to reinforcements are forwarded for your information.

" The needs of Combat Groups will where possible be met in full by RTO ICE.

Ensure that reinforcement requests show separately:

reinforcements required bring units up to WE.

reinforcements required to replace all demobilisable men.

Authority for BRI-ITI units to hold 5 per cent surplus to WE is cancelled since it has been superseded by above arrangement "

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In The Field,  
JFM/ajw

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S. R. Macdonald  
Lt Col,  
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SUBJECT:- Reinforcements.

56 BLU  
4 AG

18 June 45.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

|       |                      |               |
|-------|----------------------|---------------|
| Tante | DI CIOCCO ALESSANDRO | 114 Inf Regt  |
| :     | ZIRFO FRANCESCO      | 76 Inf Regt   |
| Capt  | BRUNO FEDELE         | 155 Arty Regt |

The above mentioned personnel previously attached to 56 BLU as drivers have now been returned to their units as their standard of driving was insufficiently good. May these please be replaced by three other drivers at the earliest possible. At the same time will you please arrange for two general duty men to be also attached to 56 BLU.

In The Field,  
JRM/ajw

*J. R. Haines*  
1st Lt Col,  
GE.

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Ref. 99A file 50 AG

126A

SUBJECT: - Request for MT Officers,

HQ Combat Group "MANTOVA"

1600/Auto

4 May 45.

To: - 56 BLU

As known the WE for Inf Regts is 162 Trucks. 76 M/Cs and 113 Carriers.

Owing to lack of MT personnel this HQ assigned MT Inf Officers, one to each Bn, one to Regt HQ with the task of Care and Maintenance and use of transport.

In practice this has not worked out both through lack of MT knowledge and because Unit Commanders have employed these officers on other jobs within their units. Drivers often take advantage of this and fail to carry out their tasks efficiently.

This only leads to a general lack of maintenance, care and proper use of unit transport.

It is considered essential therefore that four MT Subalterns be assigned to each Regt, bearing in mind that each Bn has 84 Vehicles, an est which is more than three times that of an MT Sec, which has 24 Vehicles.

The Arty instead, has among its Officers a high percentage who have a good knowledge of MT and it is thought that an MT Capt assigned to RHQ to supervise the work of the Unit MT Officers would be sufficient.

The Parco Mobile also needs an MT Officer, experienced in spares, who will be in a position to judge whether vehicles can be repaired in Wkps.

All these Officers should be under Comd technically of the MT Officer of Group HQ in order to ensure that all technical orders issued by HQ are efficiently carried out.

For all the above therefore, a request is made for 9 MT Subalterns (4 for Inf Regt and 1 for Parco Mobile) and an MT Capt to be assigned to HQ Arty Regt.

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(A. GUALANO)  
CHIEF OF STAFF

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Subject: - Italian officers - Postings.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.G.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
R O M E.  
A.306.

21 May, 45.

To : - Ministry of War.

MANTOVA Combat Group.

1. Information has been received from MMIA Liaison officer that Major SILVESTRI Comdr 1st Bn., 76th Infy is shortly to be relieved of his Command and that the 3rd Bn., 76th Infy has been without a Comdr, since March.
2. You are requested to take immediate steps to:-
  - (a) Post a suitable officer to Command 1/76th Infy vice Major SILVESTRI.
  - (b) Post a suitable officer to Command 3/76th Infy.
3. Please inform this H.Q. of the action taken by you in this matter.

*W.P. Kirby*  
Colonel  
Major General,  
M.M.I.A.

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DSL/G/prh.

Copy to 56 ILU.

26 MAY 1945

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SUBJECT : Italian Officers Transfers.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C.  
( M.M.I.A. ) R O M E .  
A 304  
13 May 45.

TO : 56 B L U .  
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Reference your 4 AG of 5 May 1945 .

- 1 . The letter which you cannot trace is a pencilled note, spare copy of which is attached herewith for your records.
- 2 . Reply to question raised in paragraph 2 is furnished by the attached letter.

*Henry Racini, Capt.*  
Major General,  
for M.M.I.A.

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21 MAY 1945

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C O P Y .

R.A.5.

SUBJECT : Officer Personnel Italian.

H.Q. M.M.I.A.

COPY TO : 56 B L U .  
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Word has reached the 155 Artillery Regt (MANTOVA combat Group) that SMRE R O M E intend to transfer Capitano CAPOREALI to some other Regiment.

It is not the wish of either the Regimental or the Battery commander that this officer should be lost to the Regt.

For the past four months he has been trained in British methods and equipment as a Tp Comd 25 pr. On three occasions he has practised observation of fire at the School of Artillery (British).

At present the Artillery Regt is out of direct touch with MANTOVA Combat Gp and with O.C. 56 B L U. But it is felt that the desire to keep this officer will be shared by them.

(Signed) HEALEY Major R.A.

for LT. COL. GSOL,  
56 B L U 5910

28 April 45.

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*123A*

SUBJECT: Reinforcements.

56 BLU  
AG 4

'F' BLU IETC

19 May 45.

Copy:- MMIA

*Notes 122A  
refers*

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

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

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

In The Field,  
JRM/ajw

*S. D. Marwick*  
Lt Col,  
GS.

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Ref Folio 94, file 50A9.

122A

SUBJECT:- Request for Tradesmen.

HQ Combat Group "KANTOVA"

1635/Auto

To:- 56 BLU

P.M. 104 13 May 45.

1. Attached list of Tradesmen of ME Wksps and ME Platoon who will be dismissed according to War Department instructions on the release of the classes 1915 and seniors.
2. 45 Tradesmen will be released, and for this reason the Group Wksps will find themselves nearly completely unprovided with Tradesmen necessary for the working of the a/m Wksps.
3. Therefore will you please inform MMIA of ROME, so that, under arrangement with SMRE, the a/m Tradesmen can be recovered, taking them eventually from the POW, sent back, and employed in the Worker Company.
4. The following Tradesmen are required:-

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Vehicle Mechanics | 30 |
| Electricians      | 4  |
| Fitters           | 2  |
| Carpenters        | 4  |
| Gun Fitter        | 1  |
| Saddle Maker      | 1  |
| Clerk             | 1  |
| Pay & Account     | 2  |

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| Clerk             | 1  |
| Pay & Account     | 2  |

(SED) A. PIGA.

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## TRADESMEN TO BE DISMISSED

ME Workshops

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|           |             |       |      |           |               |
|-----------|-------------|-------|------|-----------|---------------|
| Sgt Major | BOLGIANI    | class | 1914 | (1 quadr) | Mechanic      |
| :         | TORRIANI    | :     | 1913 | :         | :             |
| Sgt       | CONTINI     | :     | 1914 | (1 quadr) | Electrician   |
| :         | MORNIROLI   | :     | 1910 | :         | Mechanic      |
| :         | NICOTERA    | :     | 1912 | :         | Clerk         |
| :         | SCARIONI    | :     | 1910 | :         | Mechanic      |
| :         | SPINETTI    | :     | 1913 | :         | Pay & Account |
| :         | TREZZI      | :     | 1911 | :         | Mechanic      |
| :         | SANGALLI    | :     | 1913 | :         | :             |
| Pte       | ALBANESE    | :     | 1913 | :         | :             |
| Driver    | COLICI      | :     | 1914 | (1 quadr) | Carpenter     |
| Gunner    | COLLE       | :     | 1911 | :         | Mechanic      |
| :         | GIOLITTO    | :     | 1914 | (1 quadr) | Electrician   |
| Spr       | SPELTA      | :     | 1909 | :         | Mechanic      |
| Pte       | RE GIOVANNI | :     | 1901 | :         | :             |
| Gunner    | MIRACA      | :     | 1912 | :         | Electrician   |
| Opl       | APPA        | :     | 1911 | :         | Mechanic      |
| :         | ZANELLA     | :     | 1910 | :         | :             |
| Sgt Major | RICCI       | :     | 1915 | :         | :             |
| Sgt       | COLO'       | :     | 1915 | :         | :             |
| :         | SIRTORI     | :     | 1915 | :         | :             |
| Opl       | BERTO       | :     | 1915 | :         | :             |
| Pte       | GROTTA      | :     | 1915 | :         | :             |
| Gunner    | LOBINA      | :     | 1915 | :         | :             |
| :         | PICHI       | :     | 1915 | :         | :             |

Militarized Workmen

|           |              |              |
|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| Sgt Major | ROZZA        | Mechanic     |
| :         | PANZERI      | Carpenter    |
| :         | TURRI        | :            |
| :         | MARINI       | Fitter       |
| :         | ROMANO       | Gun Fitter   |
| :         | PASTORE      | Mechanic     |
| :         | MINORETTI    | :            |
| :         | MAZZUCCHETTI | Saddle Maker |
| :         | COGENI       | Mechanic     |

ME Platoon

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|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Vehicle Mechanics  | 5 |
| Fitters            | 1 |
| Electricians       | 2 |
| NCO Mechanics      | 2 |
| NCO Pay & Accounts | 1 |

|           |             |      |           |             |
|-----------|-------------|------|-----------|-------------|
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| :         | ZANELLA     | 1910 |           | Mechanic    |
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| :         | SIRTORI     | 1915 |           |             |
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| Pte       | GROTTA      | 1915 |           |             |
| Gunner    | LOBINA      | 1915 |           |             |
| :         | PICHI       | 1915 |           |             |

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| :         | MINORETTI    |  | :            |
| :         | MAZZUCCHETTI |  | Saddle Maker |
| :         | COGENI       |  | Mechanic     |

# ME Platoon

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|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Vehicle Mechanics  | 5 |
| Fitters            | 1 |
| Electricians       | 2 |
| NCO Mechanics      | 2 |
| NCO Pay & Accounts | 1 |

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*File*  
Subject: Italian Officers - Transfers.

*117A*  
56 BLU

4 AG

*116A*  
5 May 45.

Land Forces Sub Comm AC,  
(JICA) ROME.

Reference your A. 304 dated 30 Apr 45.

1. It has not been possible to trace our letter to you dealing with the case of Capt CAFORALI and Capt TOMMASI.
2. Please state reference of letter and also unit of MANTOVA Combat Group to which these officers belong.

In The Field.  
JRM/mh.

*see 124A*  
*Alford*  
Lt Col.  
GS.

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Subject: - Italian officers - Transfers.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
R O M E.  
A.304.

30 April, 45.

To : 56, B.L.U.

Captain CAPORALI.

Reference your letter of 28, April.

1. The contents of your letter were discussed with the War Ministry, pointing out the desirability of retaining the subject officer.

2. It was stated by the War Ministry that this is a rather old case, that the transfer has taken place and Capt CAPORALI has been substituted by Capt TOMMASI, a very able officer.

3. The request for the transfer was originated by the Artillery School at Bracciano who were in need of an officer of Capt CAPORALI's ability and experience for further courses.

4. It was pointed out that the transfer was not co-ordinated as per instructions set forth in MMIA Administrative Instructions No;18, paragraph 12(b).

6. In view of the above it is suggested that consideration be given to the retention of Capt. TOMMASI.

*Luigi Racini; Capt.*

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

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see 117A  
5 MAY 1945  
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LMSJ V MAGF MS 122 3VR2  
FROM 304 ITAL BRD TRAM  
TO HQ NEMIA ROME  
INFO 56 BLU - NEMIALG HQ 54 AREA  
RCK GR-- BT

T/NOV/224/14 (..) RESTRICTED (..) REFERENCE SB/2552(..) 123 DRIVERS  
FOR MANTOVA GROUP WERE COLLECTED AND DEPARTED TODAY 10 APRIL (..) 9  
APRIL 200 DRIVERS FOR 3 ST COY (PTC- ICF) CESAMO WERE COLLECTED  
BT TI 1620

WENT CV AS TKS K

RD 1220



11 APR 1945

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HRSS 08018

IMMEDIATE

QTR 1

SERIAL 076815

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FROM: W BLU RUC ICM

ACTION: 56 BLU

INFO: MIA RAAG

SECRET AQ/7/255

SECRET



FOLLOWING 126 RUCS LEAVE 8 APRIL. ETA BENEVENTO 10 APR. BLACKSMITH ONE  
FITTERS 5 TURNERS TWO CARPENTERS TWO DVR MCHS TWO DRS 4 LINESMEN 3  
WELDERS ONE MINERS ONE DRAUGHTSMEN ONE MASONS ONE INF 100. FOR 216  
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Subject : Italian Officers - Postings.

Land Forces Sub.Comm. A.C.  
( M.M.I.A. )  
R O M E  
A/11

5 April 45

To : 56 B L U.

Ref. your 4 AG of 14 March 45 and further to this HQ letter A/11 dated 18 March 45. ( Copy to you ).

1. Information has been received from the Min. of War that they have given instructions for Capt. D'AMORE Nino to be replaced by Capt. BERTOLDI Cesare.

2. That Capts. SPERATI Pierangelo and CANTINI Rudolfo have been posted to MANTOVA Gp Vice Capts. NOTTI Bruno and DELLEANI Federico who are not available for posting.

3. Should the above not be implemented within a reasonable time you should inform this HQ when hastening action will be taken.

*Bullington*  
Major General  
M.M.I.A.

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4 AG

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*Ref Folio 86A file 50A8*

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No. 3642/2

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA  
Office of Chief of Staff  
2nd Section.  
P.M. 104 - 31 Mar 45.

Subject:- Capt CURATI FAUSTO.

To:- 56 BLU.

In regard to previous interviews you are informed that the proposed substitution of Capt CURATI of HQ Platoon wkps, with Lt FERRARIS cannot be done as the lieut asked for the alteration and destination to the Territorial HQ, in case of the authority granted to him by ministerial orders.

Therefore this HQ asked the Minister of War for another suitable officer.

Lt Col,  
Chief of Staff,  
A. GUALANO.

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REF FOLIO 79A FILE SOAG

HQ MANTOVA  
P.M. 104 - 29 Mar 45. 97A

No. 2602/2 ris

Subject:- Postings - Officers.  
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OC 56 BLU.

We inform you that the WD has posted the following officers of 76 Inf Regt, to :-

- (i) LUCIANO Antonio Col Inf regular  
to HQ NAPOLI Area, leaving the command of the 76 Inf Regt on the 28 Mar 45.
- (ii) LAMBARDI Luigi Lt Col Inf regular  
to HQ ROMA Area.
- (iii) CALVINI Manlio Capt Inf regular  
to Training Centre for Italian Combat Group CESANO.

(Sgd) Lt Col,  
Chief of Staff  
A. GUALANO.

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A/7/182 SECRET . FOLLOWING 130 RFTS DESPATCHED 30 MARCH . ETA BENEVENTO 31 MARCH.  
SWITCHBOARD OPS 5 WELDERS 1 DVR MECHS 15 VEH MECHS 5 DRS 15 COACH TRIMMERS 1 OPS  
LINE 2 MED ORDERLIES 12 STOREMEN (60) BAKER 3 ELECTRICIANS 6 BLACKSMITHS 3 LINESMAN  
4 INSTRUMENT MECHS (SIGS) 1 INSTRUMENT MECHS 5 ELECTRICIANS SIGS ( FOR BATTERIES)  
1 PAINTERS 1 ARMOURERS 1 ELECTRICAL MECHS 1 INF 42

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31 MAR 1945

4 AG

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SECRET

SUBJECT :- Completion of No.1 Motor Ambulance Convoy.

"F" B.L.U., R.T.C., I.C.F.  
o/o Land Forces Sub Comm.  
A.C. (MMIA) ROME.

Ref: A/7/4/92.

21 March 1945.

TO : H.Q.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC (MMIA).

Copy to : H.Q., R.T.C., I.C.F.

1. Reference M.M.I.A. letter SD/12 dated 18 March 45, not to R.T.C., I.C.F.) the following personnel are being sent to MANTOVA with the next draft :-

|                          |    |      |
|--------------------------|----|------|
| Officers (Subalterns)    | 2  | 5903 |
| Mechanists - Senior NCOs | 2  |      |
| Blacksmiths              | 2  |      |
| Carpenters               | 2  |      |
| Coach trimmers           | 2  |      |
| Electricians             | 2  |      |
| Fitters                  | 4  |      |
| Turners                  | 12 |      |
| Driver Mechanics         | 2  |      |
| Nursing orderlies (Sgts) | 5  |      |
| Medical Orderlies (Cpls) | 1  |      |
| Nursing Orderlies        | 3  |      |
| Sergeants                | 7  |      |
| Corporals                | 3  |      |
| Motor Cyclists           | 5  |      |
| Batmen                   | 1  |      |
| Cooks                    | 2  |      |
|                          | 1  |      |

No Technical Cleks for M.T. are available, but four Clerks will be sent in lieu.

2. It is regretted that the full number of Nursing Orderlies are not available. No Batmen Drivers are available, and Batmen are being sent in lieu. No Corporals

Copy to : H.Q., R.T.C., I.C.F.

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| Sergeants                | 3  |
| Corporals                | 5  |
| Motor Cyclists           | 1  |
| Batmen                   | 2  |
| Cooks                    | 1  |

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for Lieut-Col.R.A.  
AA & QMG.

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SERIAL 269579

From. F BLU IRTG ICF

251704A.

Action. 56 BLU

Info. MMIA RAAC

Number. A/7/135.

SECRET.

Following 90 Rfts despatched 25 March. ETA BENEVENTO 27 March.

Stretcher Bearers 5 DRS 5 Veh Mecha 4 Turners 4 Electricians 4

Blacksmiths 2 Carpenters 6 Masons 6 Welders 1 Engine Fitters IC and Pump 1

Fitters 12 Draughtsman 1 Linesman 2 Sottocufficiali Autocentro (Query) 3

Graduati Autocentro (Query) 5 Cucunieri Autocentro (Query) 1 ~~XXX~~ attendenti

Autocentro (Query) 2 Medical Orderlies 6 Inf 17.

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*Ref John WA file SOAG*

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HQ Combat Group MANTOVA  
Office of Chief of Staff  
2nd Section.  
P.M. 104, 24 Mar 45.

2426/2

Subject:- Transfer of Officer Interpreter.

OC 56 BLU.

2nd Lieut FAGGIONI Giuseppe (Infantry) employed by this HQ, as from the 16th of this month has been struck off strength and transferred to the Italian Army General Staff (SMRE) on instructions from the general staff.

Chief of Staff.

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Phone Message

*Ref Lolio 73A file SOAG*

*88A*

PM. 104 22 Mar 45

From:- Italgruppo "MANTOVA" - Med Office

To:- HQ 114 Infantry Regt  
76 Infantry Regt  
155 Artillery Regt  
104 Engineer Bn  
104 Medical Section

Director 248 Field Hosp  
501 Field Hosp  
331 Field Hosp

Camp HQ  
HQ 56 BLU

No 393/Med. You are informed that Capt. S.P.E. De FELICE PASQUALE will assume the duties of OC Chief Med Office of Combat Group "MANTOVA" in the absence of Major. MODUGNO FRANCESCO.

Chief of Staff.

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76 Inf Regt.

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2. Engineer Field Coys.

Blacksmiths  
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Carpenters & Joiners  
Electricians  
Engine fitters (I/O and Pumps)  
Painters & Decorators  
Plumbers & Pipefitters  
Vehicle mechanics  
Driver mechanics

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5. Medical Units (Pd Hosas & Med Sec).

Nursing orderlies  
Stretcher bearers  
Drivers  
Driver mechanics  
Electrician  
Disinfecter operator  
5% Kness allowed.

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4. Mechanical Engineer Workhouse.

NCO Armourers  
 NCO Arm/Art  
 Arm Art Veh Mechanic  
 Radio mechanic  
 Driver mechanics  
 Electricians  
 Tel Comn mechanics  
 Welders  
 Carpenter

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Blacksmiths  
Bricklayers  
Carpenters & Joiners  
Electricians  
Engine fitters (I/C and Pumps)  
Painters & Decorators  
Plumbers & Pipefitters  
Vehicle mechanics  
Driver mechanics

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Nursing orderlies  
Stretcher bearers  
Drivers  
Driver mechanics  
Electrician  
Dial/meter operator  
9% Bonus allowed

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 Driver mechanics  
 Electricians  
 Tel Com mechanics  
 Welders  
 Carpenter

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Subject : Italian Officers - Employment.

Land Forces Sub Comm.A.C.  
( M.N.I.A. )  
R O M E  
A/II

18 March 45.

Ministry of War

Capt.D'AMORE Nino (Genio)

1. It has been reported that the above named officer is not suitable for service with a Combat Group owing to lack of experience, age and poor health.

2. Will you please therefore arrange for this officer to be replaced by an officer suitable for employment within a Combat Group.

3. It is also reported that although posted by your signal I722/2 RIS, dated 2nd of March,

Capt. NOTTI Bruno, and  
" DELLEANI

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have not yet reported to the Mantova Group.

4. Will you please hasten these postings.

*S.P. Archer Capt.*  
S.P. ARCHER, Capt.  
for Major General,  
M.N.I.A.

Copy to : CC. 56 RLU.  
Your 4 AG, of 14th of March refers.

SRA/fo

21 MAR 1945

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*Ref fplio 60A file 50A9*

HQ Mantova Combat Group  
Office of the Chief of Staff  
Service Section  
2 Mar 45

03/1109

Subject: - Establishment drivers.

Stato maggiore Regio Esercito  
Uff Ord e Mob - Personnel Section.  
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There is at the moment in these units a deficiency of drivers and mechanics which this HQ is trying to cover by sending other ranks to driving courses.

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Drivers          | 219 |
| Driver mechanics | 78  |
| Driver, carriers | 176 |

It is understood that there are with the undermentioned units, drivers who have no vehicles on charge and may be available.

9th Field Works Regt - Bari (Giovinazzi Det)  
66 MT Unit - Catanzaro Sala  
179 Composite MT unit - Catanzaro  
1240 MT Section (227 Div) - Cava dei Tirreni

The SMRE is asked to examine the possibility of transferring the available drivers from the above mentioned units to the MANTOVA Combat Group to fill up deficiencies and accelerate the training of this Group

16 MAR 1945

(GUIDO BOLOGNA)

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cc: 7-6-44  
Subject: Reinforcements, Engineer Officers,

79A  
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56 BLU  
4 AG

14 March. 45

M. M. I. A.

1. The position regarding Senior Engineer Officers in Combat Group "MANTOVA" is still unsatisfactory. Two Company Commanders are required, see Appendix 'A' attached. 72A

2. Capt. D'AMORE has now joined ( your Signal A 12 of 8 March 45 to Ministry of War refers ). Unfortunately this Officer is not suitable owing to lack of experience, age and poor health. 66A

3. In their Signal 1722/2 RIS of 2 March 45 to Ministry of War, "MANTOVA" Combat Group have requested that the following two Engineer Officers be posted:

Capt. NOTTI BRUNO, at present believed to be Commanding 171 Italian Signal Company, under Command C. S. O. No 1 District.

Capt. DELL'ACQUA, at present believed to be Commanding 162 Italian Artisan Works Company, under Command No 3 District.

4. This matter is urgent, and it is requested that the possibilities of posting these two Officers be examined. H. Q. Combat Group "MANTOVA" are in agreement with this letter.

In The Field  
FHC/cwf

See 103A

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A  
Lt Col.  
GS.

APPENDIX 'A' to 4 AG of 14 March 45

Senior Engineer Officers of Combat Group "ANTOVA" (including 3 Field Park Company)

| UNIT                     | APPOINTMENT | OFFICER        | REMARKS                              |
|--------------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| H. G. ENGINEER BATTALION | O. O.       | Major. PNOGLIO | GOOD ( Sick at present)              |
| 4 Field Company          | 2 i/c       | Capt. SPERATI  | Nearly joined. Appears satisfactory. |
| 79 Field Company         | O. O.       | Capt. LEVERONE | Unsatisfactory. Poor health.         |
| 3 Field Park Company     | O. O.       | Capt. MARRONE  | GOOD                                 |
|                          | O. O.       | Capt. ZOFFRATA | Unsatisfactory                       |

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Copy of Cablegramme.

*Ref Folio 52A file 50A9*

From :- ITALGRUPPO MANTOVA

To :- GUERRO UFFICIALI

No 1722/2 Ris.

*66A*

SOLICITUDE IN THE DESPATCH OF Eng Capt D'AMPRE advised by your telegram No 19359 of the 16.1.45 is requested also appointment of Captains NOTTI BRUNO and DELL'EGANI in substitution to Captains PETRONE and ZOFREA who are not suitable for Combat Groups.

Signed Gen BOLOGNA

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HQ COMBAT GROUP MANTOVA  
Office of the C of S - 2nd Section.

To:- HQ 104 Eng Bn

56 BLU for information.

*2 MAR 48.*

Signed A Gualano Lt-Col.

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*see 69A  
see 79A*

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Ref Jeli. 34A file 50A9

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA  
No. 1249/2  
P.M. 104 14 Feb 45.

47A

Subject:- Information of the new officers  
allotted to units.

To:- All units concerned.

Reference letter 6174/2 dated 20 Nov 44 this HQ stated that all officers recently posted to units will compile a report of their services and activities before and after their armistice for the purpose of having a necessary knowledge of each man's previous service. A detailed report should have been sent to this HQ.

Successively units OC's were asked verbally and by telephone, to ask their officers to write out and submit their reports.

That notwithstanding many officers had not yet sent in their reports, OC's of units should have felt the necessity to know the former activities of their officers without having to be reminded by this HQ.

It so happened that an officer was sent on a course of particular delicate nature, his unit not having his particulars of his past services, and not knowing his worth. After he had spent 3 months on the course a letter was received from the Ministry of War, resulting in his immediate discharge from the army for his grave and prejudicial behaviour in territory occupied by the enemy following the armistice.

As a result of the above I order :-

- (a) That every officer when posted, from whatever unit, has his attention drawn immediately to the report of which letter 6174/2 refers, a copy of this report will be sent to this HQ without it having to be asked for, within eight days of his arrival.
- (b) Before the end of this month reports will be made out of all officers posted to units since October 1944, that applies to HQ's who have not already done so.

GENERAL  
(Guido Bologna)

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GENERAL  
(Guido Bologna)

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*Ref John 31A file 50AG*

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HQ Combat Group "MANTOVA"

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P.M. 104 Feb 15 1945

SUBJECT:- Request

To:- HQ 56 BLU

*38A*

Reference Signal AG 40 Feb 11. 1945.

Will you please let me know, when possible, to which unit the surplus <sup>5895</sup> of the establishment should be sent when the Combat Group moves to the line.

*all 52A*

*17 FEB 1945*

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Subject :- Officers - 114 Inf Regt.

76

WIA,

Copy to :-

DEL.

HQ Combat Group, MANTOVA.

56 DEL  
4 AG

14 Feb 45.

1. 76 and 114 Inf Regts are deficient of the following officers. With the departure of the officers who were on loan from PIERVO, and with the start of collective training, these deficiencies are militating in an increasing degree against efficiency. It is requested that urgent action may be taken to complete these formations to WZ in officers.

2. The draft of this letter has been seen by GOC, Combat Group MANTOVA. He is in agreement with it, and is making a similar application to GOC.

3. Deficiencies in 76 Inf Regt :-

Captains 11.

4. Deficiencies in 114 Inf Regt :-

Captains 10.

5. Major ~~REMOVED~~ who is at present commanding a battalion of 114 Inf Regt has been posted to Combat Group, CHINA but has not yet left. In order to avoid changes in command which will have an adverse effect at this stage of training it is requested that this posting order be cancelled. If the posting order stands there will be a further deficiency of 1 Senior officer in 114 Inf Regt.

6. 13 officers have been posted against the deficiencies shown in paras 3 and 4 above but have not yet joined.

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In the Field,  
AG/CO

Lt-Col.

may be taken to complete these formations to 12 in officers.

2. The draft of this letter has been seen by GOC, Combat Group. He is in agreement with it, and is making a similar application to 114.

3. Deficiencies in 76 Inf Regt :-

Captains 11.

4. Deficiencies in 114 Inf Regt :-

Captains 10.

5. Major MENDHAM who is at present commanding a battalion of 114 Inf Regt has been posted to Combat Group, GAZALAH but has not yet left. In order to avoid changes in command which will have an adverse effect on this stage of training it is requested that this posting order be cancelled. If the posting order stands there will be a further deficiency of 1 Senior officer in 114 Inf Regt.

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In the Field,  
AG/CO

Lt-Col.  
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*File*  
Subject: Arrival of Reinforcements for Combat Group "MANTOVA"

31A  
56 BLU  
4 AG  
2 Feb 45

M.M.I.A.

Ref visit of Col. PIDSLEY. M.M.I.A. to 56 BLU.

1. The return showing arrival of Reinforcements for Combat Group "MANTOVA" during the month of January is at appendix 'A' attached.

In The Field.  
JRM/cwf

*[Signature]*  
Lt Col.  
GS.

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## APPENDIX 'A'

## Number of Lifts

## PLACE OF ORIGIN

## DATE

|           |                                                    |     |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------|-----|
| 16 Jan 45 | Cerretti - Rome                                    | 79  |
| "         | Teramo District                                    | 13  |
| "         | Chieti District                                    | 12  |
| 17 Jan 45 | Cesano Depot                                       | 101 |
| 18 Jan 45 | Rome District                                      | 1   |
| 19 Jan 45 | Cerretti, Rome                                     | 1   |
| 20 Jan 45 | 47 Art Lecce                                       | 60  |
| 21 Jan 45 | Avellino District                                  | 27  |
| "         | Cerretti, Rome                                     | 2   |
| 22 Jan 45 | "                                                  | 1   |
| "         | Cosenza District                                   | 1   |
| "         | Cesano Depot                                       | 6   |
| "         | 19 Inf Regt                                        | 578 |
| "         | Chieti District                                    | 1   |
| "         | Transit Camp, Afragola                             | 27  |
| "         | 11 Medical unit                                    | 10  |
| 23 Jan 45 | Various units                                      | 5   |
| 24 Jan 45 | Chieti District                                    | 1   |
| "         | Cesano Depot                                       | 8   |
| "         | Rest Camp Taranto                                  | 2   |
| "         | Information office for soldiers in transit, Naples | 2   |
| "         | Military Hospital, Pagani                          | 2   |
| "         | Salerno District                                   | 2   |
| "         | Cosenza District                                   | 2   |
| "         | Stationary HQ Carabinieri, Mesorace                | 115 |
| 25 Jan 45 | Cerretti, Rome                                     | 30  |
| 26 Jan 45 | "                                                  | 5   |
| "         | Chieti District                                    | 3   |
| "         | Transit Camp, Trani                                | 2   |
| "         | Transit Camp, Naples                               | 31  |
| "         | Various units                                      | 15  |
| 27 Jan 45 | Teramo District                                    | 2   |
| "         | Transit Camp, Afragola                             | 6   |
| "         | Information office for soldiers in transit, Naples | 1   |
| "         | Rest Camp, Taranto                                 | 3   |
| "         | Cesano                                             | 1   |
| "         | Teramo District                                    | 3   |
| "         | R. Calabria District                               | 1   |
| "         | Cosenza District                                   | 1   |
| "         | Salerno District                                   | 1   |
| "         | Chieti District                                    | 1   |
| "         | Various units                                      | 1   |
| "         | Information office for soldiers in transit, Naples | 1   |
| "         | R. Calabria District                               | 1   |
| "         | Information office for soldiers in transit, Naples | 1   |
| "         | Cerretti, Rome                                     | 1   |
| "         | Various units                                      | 1   |
| "         | Rest Camp, R. Calabria                             | 1   |
| "         | Cerretti, Rome                                     | 1   |
| 28 Jan 45 | Transit Camp, Afragola                             | 1   |
| "         | Various units                                      | 1   |
| 29 Jan 45 | Various units                                      | 1   |

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|        |                                                    |  |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------|--|
| 1      | Chieti District                                    |  |
| 6      | Transit Camp, Afragola                             |  |
| 578    | 11 Medical unit                                    |  |
| 1      | Various units                                      |  |
| 27     | Chieti District                                    |  |
| 10     | Cesano Depot                                       |  |
| 5      | Rest Camp Taranto                                  |  |
| 1      | Information office for soldiers in transit, Naples |  |
| 8      | Military Hospital, Pagani                          |  |
| 2      | Saleramo District                                  |  |
| 2      | Cosenza District                                   |  |
| 2      | Stationary HQ Carabinieri, Mesorace                |  |
| 2      | Cerretti, Rome                                     |  |
| 113    | "                                                  |  |
| 80     | Chieti District                                    |  |
| 5      | Transit Camp, Freni                                |  |
| 5      | Transit Camp, Naples                               |  |
| 2      | Various units                                      |  |
| 31     | Taranto District                                   |  |
| 15     | Transit Camp, Afragola                             |  |
| 2      | Information office for soldiers in transit, Naples |  |
| 6      | Rest Camp, Taranto                                 |  |
| 1      | Cesano                                             |  |
| 3      | Taranto District                                   |  |
| 1      | R. Calabria District                               |  |
| 1      | Cosenza District                                   |  |
| 1      | Salerno District                                   |  |
| 1      | Chieti District                                    |  |
| 1      | Various units                                      |  |
| 115889 | Information office for soldiers in transit, Naples |  |
| 4      | R. Calabria District                               |  |
| 11     | Information office for soldiers in transit, Naples |  |
| 4      | Cerretti, Rome                                     |  |
| 2      | Various units                                      |  |
| 26     | Rest Camp, R. Calabria                             |  |
| 96     | Cerretti, Rome                                     |  |
| 8      | Transit Camp, Afragola                             |  |
| 1      | Various units                                      |  |
| 32     | Various units                                      |  |
| 146    | 59 Inf Regt                                        |  |
| 13     | 13 Medical unit                                    |  |
| 3      | Various units                                      |  |
| 141    | Voluntary Group, Iglesias                          |  |
| 70     | Various units                                      |  |
| 7      | TOTAL                                              |  |
| 1786   |                                                    |  |

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*Ref Folio 10A in file SOAG*

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Subject: - PROPOSED TRANSFER OF OFFICERS.

56 24A

To: - SMRE

Reference my signal 61/75, dated 4 Jan, I forwarded the following nominal list of Officers who should be transferred from PICENO Group to this Combat Group.

I hope you approve my proposal, considering these Officers have already attended a course at ALTAVILLA IRPINA for Instructors.

In addition I ask for the movement of the following Officers to the 76 and 114 Infantry Regiments. These Officers are at the present attached temporaly to the 1 Battery 336 PICENO and considering that this Battery must supply more than 200 soldiers as salmieriisti, nevertheless, any kind of training is presumbly impossible.

In case it is impossible to transfer all the a/m Officers, will you please transfer only the regular Officers or, at least, some of them.

*(names of officers in Italian file)*  
*SO AG*

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Subject :- Reinforcements. MANTOVA GP.

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AG 4

8 Jan 45.

DADOS.

The attached copy of MANTOVA P.M. 104 dated 30 Dec 44  
is forwarded.

In the Field.  
MH/ec

J. P. Moore May  
Lt-Col.  
GS.

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Personnel of "Pleeno" who have been trained for ordnance by A.A.O.G. at Pontecagnano, must be transferred to Mantova Gp. Mobile Depot A.G.A. These personnel include the following driver storemen who must continue the driver training of the Mantova Gp.

Cap. Magg BACIVOLI

Cap. Magg MULAS

Inf. man DURETTO

Inf. man MELE

Please inform number and speciality of each man to be transferred.

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SUBJECT:- Organisation - MANTOVA Gruppo

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2 Jan 45. 19A

MMIA

1. A few days ago a draft of some 500 Italian soldiers from the BALKANS arrived at TEANO as reinforcements for the MANTOVA Gruppo. On 22 Dec, General BELLETTI, Inspector of Artillery, visited 155 Artillery Regiment and gave verbal orders to the Regimental commander, Colonel LEONARDI CATTOLICA, that the majority of other ranks at present in the 17pr groups were to be drafted elsewhere and to be replaced by a block of reinforcements ex BALKANS. He also ordered that the present Group Commander Lt Col PASQUALINO, an experienced regular officer should be replaced by a Capt D'APOLLONIO, a regular officer who had served in the BALKANS with these men, and who is junior to the two present troop commanders.

2. This proposal is common knowledge in the group, and has caused dispondency among all ranks. If put into effect, it would nullify the training carried out up to date, which has already achieved satisfactory results. It is therefore requested, purely on the grounds of military efficiency, that the verbal of General BELLETTI may be cancelled.

In the Field  
ARS

Az  
Lt Col,  
GS.

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Draft <sup>2000</sup> discussed by Gen. BOLOGNA and Soen  
Az

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11 file  
15A  
Subject:- Training of Engineer Rfts for Combat Groups

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMA)  
S/C/29/10/A  
16 Nov 44

Ministry of War  
Cov 52 BLU  
53 BLU  
54 BLU ✓

1. In order to provide trained Engineer rfts for the Combat Groups, prior to the opening of an Engineer Wing at the Reinforcement Depot, you are authorised to hold 10% Rfts with all Engineer Units in the LETHANO, POLCORE, MATTOVA and ~~REIN~~ Groups.
2. On completion of their training these reinforcements will be sent to Reinforcements Depot.

*W.P. Parley*

Colonel

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Maj Gen

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMA)

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See seen 18.2.44

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SUBJECT: Disposal of PICENO personnel trained  
at Allied Establishment

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)  
File No. S/G/29/18  
18 Dec 44

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Copy to: 56 BLU

1. A number of men of the PICENO Group who have done courses in Ammunition and O.F.P. duties are now attached to MANTOVA.
2. These men should remain with MANTOVA for the time being and be used to make up any deficiencies. The eventual surplus should be posted to the Reinforcement Training Centre as soon as it is re-established at CESANO.

21 DEC 1944

*W.P. Duly*  
Major General  
M. M. I. A.

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LRSJ V MEDY M V LROF NR 353/354 IMPORTANT QVR5/6

FROM MMIA 301030A

TO MINISTRE OF WAR

INFO 52 BLU FOR MMIA

LO 3 DISTRICT

AFHQ FOR G3(CORG)

QCAE) 5<sup>4</sup> BLU

MMIA LO 54 BLU

QQY GR— BT

SS422 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.)

2000 MEN MAY BE EXPECTED TO REPORT TO

RTD ICF FROM ABRUZZI CALL UP BETWEEN

DEC 5 AND DEC 20 (.) ESSENTIAL

THEREFORE THAT MANTOVA BE MADE UP EARLIEST

TO WE PLUS 5 LER CENT FROM

REINFORCEMENTS AT PRESENT IN DEPOT (.)

OUR SS 409 OF 27 NOVEMBER NOT

TO ALL REFERS (.) 1000 SHELTER HALVES WILL BE

AVAILABLE IN ADDITION TO PRESENT TENTAGE

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REPTN NR 353/354 IMPORTANT QVR5/6 301030 52 3 G3(CARG) QCAE) 545

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