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Strength Returns - Mantova

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Aug. 14, 1945 - Nov. 13, 1945

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SUBJECT :- Strength Return

56 BLN
4/1 AG

13 Nov 45

'Q' Branch
HQ 59 Area

10A FILE 14/R

Reference your letter 260 Q dated 24 Oct 45.

1. Attached please find Strength Returns in respect of

56 British Liaison Unit
&
Infantry Division MANTOVA

FILED IN (ADMIN
FILE)

In The Field
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Lt Col
GS

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Appendix 'A' to ARO/228/45

STRENGTH RETURN AS AT 1200 HOURS

SATURDAY 10 Nov 45

UNIT :- MANTOVA Inf Div

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>ORs</u>
Italian - Male	412	10,073
Italian - Female	7	-
	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
Total	<u>419</u>	<u>10,073</u>

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REF Folio 267A FILE 50/AG

SUBJECT:- Strength Situation.

HQ MANTOVA Inf Div. 49A

01/6221

11 Nov 45.

56 B.L.U.

Reference your 4/1/AG, dated 23 Aug 45.

Herewith Strength State as at 1800 hrs today:

(a) Effective Strength

(b) Deficiencies by Arms

1. Infantry
2. Artillery
3. Driver Mechanics
4. Engineers
5. Signals
6. Medical
7. Others

Total Deficient :

Officers	O.Rs.
412	10,073
13	-
7	-
-	140
-	94
-	111
9	72
-	91
29	508

1. Posted Strength includes soldiers of Classes 1919, 1920, and part of 1918, as the release of these started w.e.f. 1 Nov 45.

2. Soldiers required are all specialists.

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(Sgd) A. PIGA, Major,

Acting Chief of Staff.

CG/wjs.

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MEPK V LROF NR 575 "P" QVR 5

FROM MMIA 091625A

TO 50 BLU

51 BLU

52 BLU

53 BLU

~~54 BLU~~

56 BLU

MILAN FOR MMIA LO

201 SUB AREA FOR MMIA LO

217 AREA FOR MMIA LO

DISTHREE FOR MMIA LO

FLORENCE CITY COMMAND FOR MMIA LO

GR BT

REF A 1368 . UNCLASS.

WEEKLY STRENGTH SIGNALS VIDE A 230 OF 15 AUG FOR
INFANTRY DIVS AND A 1152 OF 4 JULY FOR ADM DIVS ARE
CANCELLED.

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CCTN:- PSE DELETE 54 BLU IN ADD TO PSE

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SUBJECT :- Strength Return. *File*

'Q' Branch
HQ 59 Area

45A
56 BLU
4/1 AG

5 Nov 45

10A FILE 14/9
Reference 59 Area letter 260Q dated 24 Oct 45.

1. Herewith please find strength return in respect of MANTOVA Inf Div.

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In The Field
/ajw

W. G. Asch
Lt Col
GS

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Appendix 'A' to ARO/22B/45

STRENGTH RETURN AS AT 1200 HOURS

SATURDAY 3 Nov 45

UNIT :- MANTOVA Inf Div

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>ORs</u>
Italian - Male	447	10,807
Italian - Female (Nurses)	7	-
Total	<u>454</u>	<u>10,807</u>

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REF FOLD 262A FILE 50/AY 44A

SUBJECT :- Strength Return.

HQ MANTOVA Inf Div

01/6099

VARAZZE 4 Nov 45

56 BLU

15A

Reference your letter 4/1 AG dated 23 Aug 45,
Herewith return asked for in a/n letter referring at 1800 hrs today.

(a) <u>Effective Strength</u>		Officers	ORs
(b) <u>Deficiencies by Arms</u>		447	10807
(i)	Infantry	7	-
(ii)	Artillery	3	-
(iii)	Driver Mechanics	3	142
(iv)	Engineers	-	71
(v)	Signals	-	92
(vi)	Medical	6	77
(vii)	Others	-	60
Total Deficiencies		19	442

In the week 29 Oct - 4 Nov 2067 reinforcements arrived.
19 Officers instead of 4 are required as the 15 over establishment
to the Eng Bn, ST Coy, Fd Bakery cannot be used in Infantry, Artillery
or Medical Units.

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Officers
447
ORS
10807(a) Effective Strength(b) Deficiencies by Arms

(i) Infantry	7	-
(ii) Artillery	3	-
(iii) Driver Mechanics	3	142
(iv) Engineers	-	71
(v) Signals	-	92
(vi) Medical	6	77
(vii) Others	-	60

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(SGD) TRAPASSI Capt
for Lt Col Chief of Staff

Ref to 248 p 50 AG

42A

SUBJECT :- Strength Returns

HQ MANTOVA Inf Div

01/6007

P.M. 104 28 Oct 45

56 BLU

15A

Reference your letter 4/1 AG dated 23 Aug 45, and message 4/1 AG of 26 Oct 45. Herewith return asked for in the e/n letter referring at 1800 hrs today.

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(a) <u>Effective Strength</u>	Officers	OR's
(b) <u>Deficiencies by Arms</u>	437	7822
(i) Infantry	7	464
(ii) Artillery	3	190
(iii) Driver Mechanics	3	260
(iv) Engineers	-	190
(v) Signals	-	150
(vi) Medical	6	115
(vii) Others	-	100
Total deficiencies.	19	1469

It has been considered that 1920 Class already released (1218 men will be released). Class 1918 and 1919 as already released (release will start on 1 November), also that the 1000 reinforcements mentioned in your AG/4 dated 16 Oct as already arrived, and as not arrived, the 700 reinforcements mentioned in your AG/4 dated 24 Oct 45.

When the reinforcements asked arrive, about 200 general duties men will be made available.

19 Officers are required instead of 4 as the 15 Officers over establishment of the Eng Bn, ST Coy, OFP, Field Bakery cannot be used in Infantry, Artillery or Medical Units.

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(SGD) De FLAMINEIS Capt
for Lt Col Chief of Staff

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ARMY FORM C2186 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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Transmission Instructions

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FROM
(A)

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

OFFICE-DATE STAMP

MMIA

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For Action

50 BLU 51 BLU 52 BLU 53 BLU 56 BLU

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

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Message Instructions

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Originator's No.

A 1352 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) STRENGTH SIGNAL TO BE SENT ON 29 OCT VIDE MMIA 1238
will show deficiencies against WE assuming 1920 rpt 1920 and all older
classes have been demobilised

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN
BY ANY MEANS { EXCEPT } WIRELESS

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-
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Subject:- Strength Return

HQ MANTOVA Inf Div.

01/5919

VARAZZE P.M. 104 - 21 Oct 45.

56 BLU.

Reference your letter 4/1 AG dated 23 Aug 45.

Herewith return asked for in the a/m letter referring at 1800 hours to-day.

(a) Effective Strength

(b) Deficiencies by Arms

(i) Infantry	7	Officers. 439	OR's 8797
(ii) Artillery	3		44
(iii) Driver mechanics	3		160
(iv) Engineers	-		96
(v) Signals	-		126
(vi) Medical	6		55
(vii) Others	-		82
Total Deficiencies	19		563

When the specialists asked for reach the Div about 300 general duty men will be available.

19 officers are required instead of 4 as the 15 officers over establishment in the Engrs Bn, SFT Coy, OFP and Fd Bakery cannot be used in infantry, artillery or Medical units.

In the week 22 - 28 Oct 500 reinforcements are expected.

GC/mh.

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

5900

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(iii) Driver mechanics	3	160
(iv) Engineers	-	96
(v) Signals	-	126
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GC/mh.

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

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REF Foyp 223A FILE 50/AY 35A

Subject:- Strength Return.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA
01/5787
VARAZZE, 14 Oct 45.

56 BLU.

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Reference your letter 4/1 AG dated 23 Aug 45.

Herewith return asked for in the a/m letter referring at 1800 hours to-day.

(a) <u>Effective Strength</u>	<u>Officers</u> 457	<u>OR's</u> 8394
(b) <u>Deficiencies by Arms.</u>		
(i) Infantry	7	-
(ii) Artillery	3	29
(iii) Driver Mechanics	3	65
(iv) Engineers	-	99
(v) Signals	-	74
(vi) Medical	6	69
(vii) Others	-	86
Total deficiencies	19	422

With the arrival of the specialists asked 200 general duty men will be available. 19 officers instead of 4 required as 15 over establishment to the Eng Bn, 104 ST Coy, OPF and Field Bakery cannot be used in Infantry, Artillery and Medical units.

(Sgd) M. TOLOMEO Major,
for Lt Col,
Chief of Staff.

59.2

See 36A

(iii) Driver Mechanics	3	65
(iv) Engineers	-	99
(v) Signals	-	74
(vi) Medical	6	69
(vii) Others	-	86

Total deficiencies

19 422

With the arrival of the specialists asked 200 general duty men will be available. 19 officers instead of 4 required as 15 over establishment to the Eng Bn, 104 ST Coy, OFP and Field Bakery cannot be used in Infantry, Artillery and Medical units.

(Sgd) M. TOLCRO Major,
for Lt Col,
Chief of Staff.

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See 36 A

REF Folio 208A. File 50 A9

33A.

SUBJECT :- Strength Return.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

56 BLU

01/5643

VARAZZE 7 Oct 45

15A

Reference your letter 4/1 AG dated 23 Aug 45.

Herewith return asked for in the a/m letter referring at 1800 hours today.

(a) <u>Effective Strength</u>	Officers	ORs
(b) <u>Deficiencies by Arms</u>	437	8394
(i) Infantry	7	145
(ii) Artillery	3	29
(iii) Driver Mechanics	3	98
(iv) Engineers	-	99
(v) Signals	-	74
(vi) Medical	6	126
(vii) Others	-	86
Total Deficiencies	19	658

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When the specialists asked for reach the Group, 292 General Servicemen will be over WE. 19 Officers are asked for instead of 4 as 15 Officers over WE in the Engineers Bn, ST Coy, OFP and Rd Bakery cannot be used in Infantry, Artillery and Medical Units.

1216 Reinforcements are expected in the week 8 - 14 Oct 45.

See 34A

(SGD) A. FIGA Major
for Lt Col Chief of Staff

(b) Deficiencies by Arms

(i) Infantry	7	145
(ii) Artillery	3	29
(iii) Driver Mechanics	3	98
(iv) Engineers	-	99
(v) Signals	-	74
(vi) Medical	6	126
(vii) Others	-	86
Total Deficiencies	19	658

5961
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1216 Reinforcements are expected in the week 8 - 14 Oct 45.

See 34A

(SCD) A. PIGA Major
for Lt Col Chief of Staff

REF FOLIO 199 A

FILE 50.45

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Subject:- Strength Return.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA.
01/5481
P.M. 104 - 30 Sep 45.

56 BLU

15 A

Reference your 4/1 AG dated 23 Aug 45.

Herewith return asked for in a/m letter referring at 1800 hrs to-day.

(a) <u>Effective Strength</u>	459 Offrs	8249 OR's
(b) <u>Deficiencies by Arms.</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>OR's</u>
1. Infantry	8	224
2. Artillery	3	-
3. Driver Mechanical	1	135
4. Engineers	-	35
5. Signals	-	160
6. Medical	6	87
7. Others	-	48
Total Deficiencies	18.	689

600 reinforcements arrived (see previous return).

100 reinforcements expected next week 6 Oct 45.

5900

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

1. Infantry	8	224
2. Artillery	3	-
3. Driver Mechanics	1	135
4. Engineers	-	35
5. Signals	-	160
6. Medical	6	87
7. Others	-	48
Total Deficiencies	18.	689

600 reinforcements arrived (see previous return).

100 reinforcements expected next week 6 Oct 45.

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

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SUBJECT :- Strength Returns.

HQ Combat Group MATTOVA

01/5230

P.M. 104 16 Sep 45

56 BLU

15A

Reference your 4/1/AG dated 23 Aug 45.

Herewith return asked for in a/m folio referring at 1800 hrs today.

(a) <u>Effective strength</u>		414 Officers 7715 ORs	
(b) <u>Deficiencies per Arms</u>		Officers	ORs
1. Infantry		10	313
2. Artillery		9	47
3. Driver Mechanics		2	198
4. Engineers		-	24
5. Signals		-	41
6. Medical		4	35
7. Others		-	209

600 reinforcements are expected for the week 17 - 23 Sep 45.

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(SD) A. PICA Major
for Lt Col Chief of Staff

See 26A

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2. Artillery	9	47
3. Driver Mechanics	2	198
4. Engineers	-	24
5. Signals	-	41
6. Medical	4	35
7. Others	-	209

600 reinforcements are expected for the week 17 - 23 Sep 45.

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(SMD) Lt. PIQA Major
for Lt Col Chief of Staff

See 26A

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CT :- Strength Return - Week 3 - 9 Sep 45.

HQ Combat Group
LANTOVA

01/5101

P.M. 104 9 Sep 45

56 BLU

15A

Reference your 4/1/AG dated 23 Aug 45.

1. Herewith Strength Return asked for in a/m letter.

2. Figures refer to 1800 hrs today.

3.	(a) <u>Effective Strength</u>	- Officers	394	ORs	7560
	(b) <u>Deficiencies by Arms</u>	- Officers		ORs	
	(i) Infantry	-	14		418
	(ii) Artillery	-	14		49
	(iii) Drivers & Mechanics	-	2		246
	(iv) Engineers	-	-		24
	(v) Signals	-	-		41
	(vi) Medical	-	5		35
	(vii) Others	-	-		209

4. 250 Reinforcements will arrive in the week 10 - 16 Sep 45.

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(Sgt) A. PIGA Major
for Lt Col Chief of Staff

File

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SUBJECT :- Strength Returns.

56 HLU
L/A AG

23 Aug 45

Hq Combat Group MANTOVA

1. The following State is required to reach the HLU by 1800 hours each SETDAY w.e.f. 26 Aug 45.
 - (a) Ported Strength.
 - (b) Deficiencies by Arms as follows :-
 - (i) - Inf
 - (ii) - Arty
 - (iii) - Drivers and Mechanics
 - (iv) - Engns
 - (v) - Sigs
 - (vi) - Med
 - (vii) - Others
2. Deficiencies to include personnel required to replace disabled men. Bul: reinforcements expected or in hand against deficiencies quoted.
3. Fortnightly REPORTS not now required by MIA but will be submitted to DTC USANO and SURE, copy to 56 HLU, as before.

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In The Field.
RCH/ajw

see 17A. hcl
see 41A
see 42A
Lt Col.
GE.

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Ref Folio 183A file 5049

SUBJECT :- Strength Returns.

8A
HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

03/3491

56 BLU

4A
15 Aug 45

Reference sheet No 4/1 AG dated 14 inst of this HQ.

This HQ compiles the effective strength return on the 15th and 30th of every month and the ration return of the Combat Group which is sent to the War Ministry between the 20th and 5th of each month.

The Return contains all the required data on the sheet referred to and will therefore also be forwarded to this HQ.

The first Signal will be sent on the 20th inst.

(SGD) A. GUALANO

5950

File *HA*
SUBJECT :- Strength Return

56 BLU
4/1 AG

14 Aug 45.

Hq Combat Group MANTOVA

1. Will you please forward to the BLU a Strength State of the Combat Group as at the 15 Aug 45, and as at the 15th day of each month after.
2. The State should clearly show details under the following headings :-

	: Officers :	: Other Ranks :
W. E.	:	:
ACTUAL STRENGTH	:	:
EFFECTIVE STRENGTH	:	:

3. Reasons for the differences between Actual and Effective strengths must be noted.

In The Field,
RCN/ajw

See 8A
see 10A

See
Lt Col,
GS.

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