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Vehicle Markings, Signs ETC.

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Ref Italia 167A file 50AG

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SUBJECT :- Progressive Numbers on Vehicles.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

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P.M. 104 26 Aug 45

56 BLU

To avoid contest and wrong reports from Traffic Control Points of this HQ, could you please give instructions to have progressive numbers painted on your vehicles driven by Italians.

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

6. AG

File 1

22A

SUBJECT: - Vehicle Markings

56 BLU
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15 July 45.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA
Camp Commandant
56 BLU

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1. Attached copy letter 2109 G (SD1) of 7 July 45 with Appendix "B" is forwarded for information and necessary action.
2. Your attention is particularly directed to paras (a) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) only and (b), (c), (d), (e), (f).

In The Field,
RCN/sjw

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Lt Col
GS.

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R E S T R I C T E DHQ 2 District CMB
2109 G(SD1)7 July 45.SUBJECT:- Vehicle Markings.

59 Area	51 BLU
60 Sub Area	52 BLU
151 Sub Area	56 BLU
215 Sub Area	
66 AA Bde	

COPY : G3 Orig Brit AFHQ
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Engrs Pro
Sigs Camp
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1. Detailed instrs for marking signs on vehicles are contained in War Office Pamphlet "Vehicle Marking - 1943" dated 20 Oct 43.
2. These instrs in respect of 'B' vehs on charge to Units, other than Pd Force Units, are briefly summarised as follows :-

(a) Formation Signs.

- (1) The sign will be painted on the left hand front mudguard (viewed from the driver's seat) on all types of vehicles which have mudguards, except M/Os.
- (ii) On vehicles without mudguards, the sign will be displayed in a position corresponding as nearly as possible to the left hand front mudguard.
- (iii) In addition, the signs will also be displayed in a prominent position on the rear of the vehicle, namely on the left hand side.
- (iv) Formation signs will not be carried on M/Os.
- (v) The signs will measure $9\frac{1}{2}$ in high by $8\frac{1}{2}$ in wide. **9017**
- (vi) In a theatre such as this where units are continually changing comd between Districts, L of C and Armies, it is impossible to make any definite ruling as to which firm sign will be carried, and each case must be taken on its merits; any cases of doubt will be referred to this HQ for decision. The policy to be observed is that units, other than Pd Force Units, under operational comd will carry the 2 District sign, except in the case of units likely to be frequently moving between Districts; e.g. RASC tpt Units.
- (vii) All Units shown at appendix 'A' will carry the AFHQ vehicle

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- (ii) On vehicles without mudguards, the sign will be displayed in a position corresponding as nearly as possible to the left hand front mudguard.
- (iii) In addition, the signs will also be displayed in a prominent position on the rear of the vehicle, namely on the left hand side.
- (iv) Formation signs will not be carried on M/Cs.
- (v) The signs will measure $9\frac{1}{2}$ in high by $6\frac{1}{2}$ in wide. **6017**
- (vi) In a theatre such as this where units are continually changing comd between Districts, L of C and Armies, it is impossible to make any definite ruling as to which form sign will be carried, and each case must be taken on its merits; any cases of doubt will be referred to this HQ for decision. The policy to be observed is that units, other than Fd Force Units, under operational comd will carry the 2 District sign, except in the case of units likely to be frequently moving between Districts; e.g. RASC tpt Units.

(b) Unit Signs.

All Units shown at appendix 'A' will carry the AFHQ vehicle sign, copy of which is attached. Units will submit indents on ADSOS Districts and Areas respectively, who will demand in bulk from No 2 Sub Depot 577 BOD. Issues will be made on the basis of two transfers for each veh held against unit entitlement.

Will be painted on the right hand mudguard (viewed from the driver's seat) or in an equivalent posn on the front and

rear of Vehicles. This sign consists of the unit veh serial number painted in white (Sign units Red) on a coloured background 9 1/2 in high by 8 1/2 in wide. Lists of coloured backgrounds for Base and L of C Units and certain standard unit veh serial numbers are attached at appendices 'B' and 'C' respectively. Units who have not been allotted a veh serial number will apply to this HQ through the usual channels.

- (c) British Classification Signs will be painted on the right hand side of the vehs in front only. The number will be painted in black on a yellow background and must be legible at 50 yards.
- (d) Speed Limit Sign will be painted in the centre on the rear of the veh.
- (e) RD Number will be painted along the right hand side of the bonnet and on the rear of the vehicle.
- (f) Unofficial Unit devices may be displayed on the doors of the vehs but NOMINATE else. These devices will not disclose the identity of the unit in any way.

NOTE: Left and Right are as seen looking forward from the driver's seat.

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(SND) ??????????
for Lieutenant Colonel
General Staff. 6010

APPENDIX 'B' to HQ 2 District
2109 G (SDM) dated 7 July 45

COLORED BACKGROUND FOR UNIT VEHICLE SIGNS
(not applicable to PL Force Units)

District, Area and Sub Area HQ	BLACK
RAO	GREEN
RA	RED & BLUE HORIZONTAL
RZ	BLUE
RHRE	BLUE, YELLOW & RED HORIZONTAL
R. SIGS	BLUE & WHITE HORIZONTAL
INFANTRY	RED
ENGINE CORPS	GREEN & BLUE HORIZONTAL
RASC	RED & GREEN DIAGONAL
RAMC	BLACK
RAOC	BLACK
RAPC	BLACK
PIONEER CORPS	GREEN & BLACK HORIZONTAL
CAF	BLACK
ATS	BLACK
Air Machine Secs	RED & BLUE VERTICAL
LEGIANO GRUPO	BLACK with 3 HORIZONTAL BLUE STRIPES.
CREMONA GRUPO	GREEN with 2 RED LONGITUDINAL STRIPES
MANTOVA GRUPO	RECTANGULAR YELLOW AND GREEN DIVIDED HORIZONTALLY

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File 1

19A

SUBJECT:- Vehicle Markings

56 BLU
6 AG

23 May 45.

HQ Combat Group "MANTOVA"

18A refus.

Vehicle serial numbers for units concerned are as follows.

318 Field Bakery	=	551
520 Field Hospital	=	1333
331 Field Hospital	=	1329

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In The Field,
RCN/ajw

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Lt Col,
GS.

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File
Subject:- Unit Signs.

RESTRICTED. *17A*
56 BLU.
6 AG.

B May 45.

MMIA.

1. Vehicles of auxiliary units attached for duty to Combat Group 'MANTOVA' have not yet been allotted vehicle marking numbers.
2. Units concerned are as follows :-
318 Field Bakery.
520 Field Hospital.
331 Field Hospital.
3. May we please be advised of the correct unit serial vehicle numbers which should be implemented.

In The Field.
RCN/mh.

see 18A

sch
Lt Col,
GS.

6013

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Subject:- WD Numbers.

56 BLU
6 AG

5 Apr 45.

Combat Group MANTOVA.

LORRY 3 ton 4 x 2 Stores DODGE WD No. 5322135
Chassis No. 91086568.

1. Information has been received that the correct number of the above vehicle is 5322133.
2. Please inform this office of the unit now in possession of the vehicle, confirming that the WD number and their records have been amended accordingly.

In The Field.
/mh.

Leh
/ Lt Col,
GS.

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Subject : W.D. Numbers.

412/Admin/30/552.

Officer Commanding,
56 B.L.U.

LORRY 3-TON 4 x 2 STORES DODGE, W.D. No. 5322135,
Chassis No. 91036568.

The above vehicle was issued on our Issue Voucher 412/I/937 dated 27-2-1945 to No. 5 Italian Combat Group under authority Q(AE) 1430.

Information has since been received that the correct W.D. number is 5322133. Will you please notify the unit now in possession of the vehicle to restencil the W.D. number and amend their records accordingly, and inform this office when this has been done.

In the Field,
1 April, 1945.

Russell
Capt.,
O.C., 412 Ordnance Vehicle Park (Ital),
37 Vehicle Company, RAOC, attd.
38 Vehicle Company, RAOC, C.M.F.

5 APR 1945

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Subject:- Driving School Sign.

56 HLU
6 AG

14A

19 Mar 45.

Combat Group MANTOVA.

Reference your No. 890/Auto dated 13 Mar 45.

1. The sign for a driving school required by British regulations is at Appendix 'A' attached.
2. The Italian wording might well be placed as suggested.

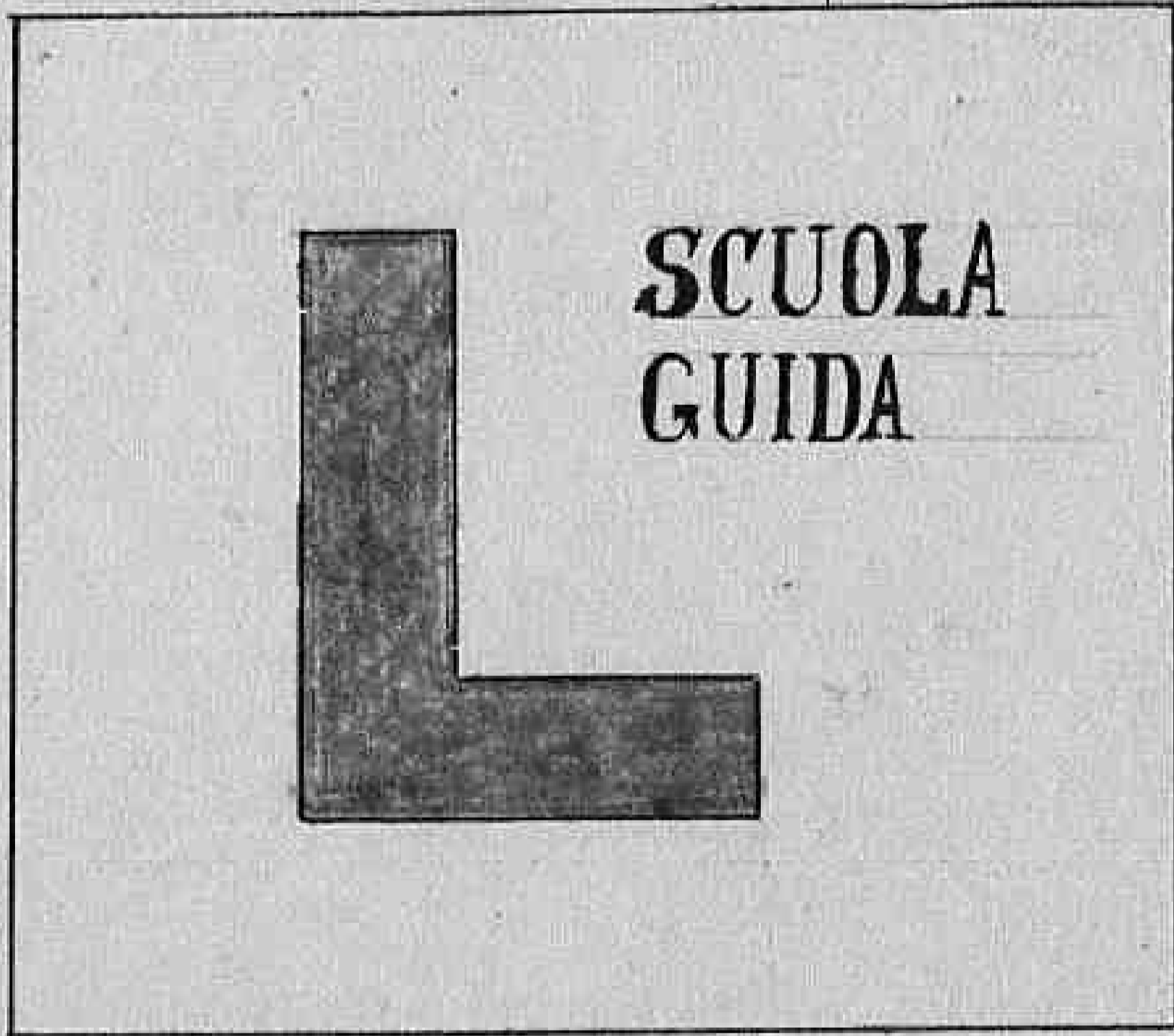
In The Field.
JRM/mh.

W. M. Mearns
Lt Col,
CS.

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APPENDIX -A.



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Ref folio 3A file 50A9

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA
MT Office.
P.M. 104, 13 Mar 45

13A

No. 890/Auto

Subject:- Driving school Sign.

To:- HQ 76 Inf Regt
114 Inf Regt
155 Arty Regt
104 Eng Bn
104 ST Coy
104 Med Section
OPF
Field Wksp
Camp MT Section

Info:- HQ 56 BLU

All driving school vehicles will carry two plates, one on the front and one on the back, with the words :-

"SCUOLA GUIDA"
"SCHOOL OF DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS"

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Chief of Services Office
(Major F. FORMISANO)

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Handwritten initials

SUBJECT:- Vehicle Markings.

File

56 HAU
6 AG

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21 Jan 45

MANTOVA Group

Reference our AG 6 dated 14 Dec 44 and conversation between Capt di SM and DAA & GMC.

1. When vehicles of the MANTOVA Battle Group are painted with the unit and formation signs as described, they must also have painted on the tail board and on the bottom left hand corner of the windscreen opposite the passengers seat, their maximum permissible speeds in MPH and KPH.
2. These speeds are stated at Appendix 'A' attached and at Appendix 'B' will be found description of the way in which these speed limits are to be painted.
3. It will be brought to the notice of all drivers that these speed limits do not in any way affect the drivers responsibility for keeping within the local speed limits that may be posted on the roads.

In The Field.
JG/mh.

Signature
Lt Col,
CS.

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SPEED LIMITS FOR VEHICLES

APPENDIX 'A'

HEAVY CARS
 MOTOR CYCLES
 UTILITIES AND JEPS
 TRUCKS up to ONE TON
 TRUCKS ONE to THREE TON
 TRACTORS WHEELED
 LOADERS OVER THREE TON
 LOADERS WITH TRAILERS

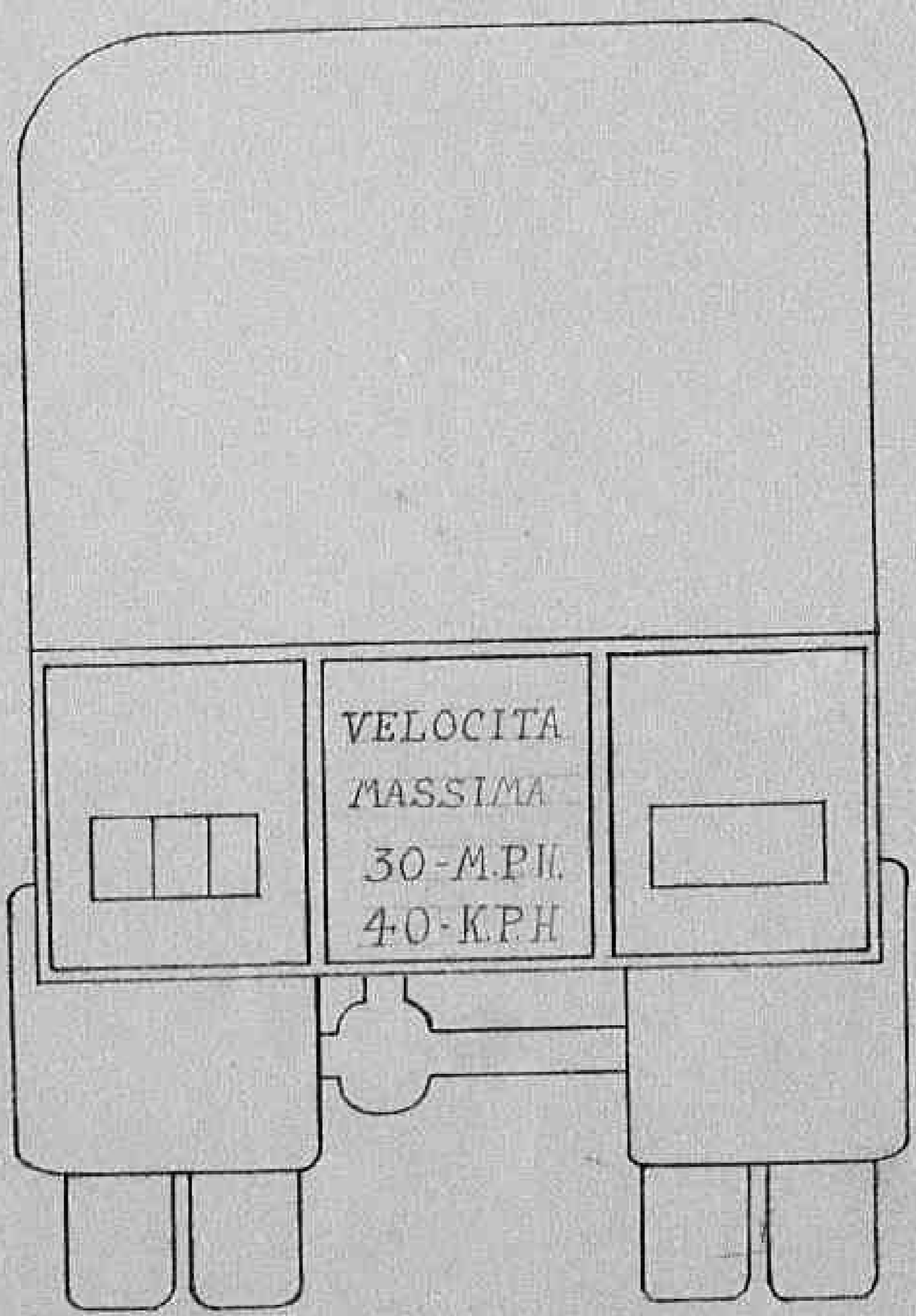
MPH
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MPH
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APPENDIX "B"

FOR 3-TON LORRY



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Ref Jolo 9A in file 50 A3.

HQ "MANTOVA" Group.

PM 104 9/1/45

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Subject: - Application of Recognition Signs on the Cars and Motorcycles of All the Units by Group Workshops.

To :- HQ Group Workshops,
and for acknowledge to :- 56 BUU.

Following 03/5179 dated 5/1/45.

Group Workshops, as soon as finished the application of recognition signs to the cars of BUU, will do the same work for the Allied Cars on charge to all units so that uniform and exact work will be obtained.

Procedure:-

104 ST and Workshops Platoon, 76 Infy Regt, 114 Infy Regt, 155 Arty Regt, 104 Engr Battalion, 104 Mobile Park, 104 Sanitary Section, 248 Field Hospital, 504 Field Hospital, Mobil W/Shops, 99 C. C. R. R. Section, 151 C. C. R. R. Section, Camp(Quartier Generale)

Group W/Shops will:

work: -
Prepare necessary models to obtain quick and exact

Ask at English Depot in TERRANNOVA for colours
Take direct accord with units
Inform the Group HQ about the way work proceeds and when it will be finished.

Lt-Col
Chief of Staff

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Subject:- Vehicle Markings.

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56 MLJ.
AG/6.
14 Dec 44.

To:- MANTOVA Combat Group.

1. Herewith at Appendix the list of vehicle marking No's and the regulations for marking the vehicles of the Group.

JRM
Major.
for Lt-Col.
130 I.

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1. Vehicle markings and vehicle marking nos. Appendix 'A' will be used as under:-

- 40 Gruppo HQ and all Tps NOT listed below
- 81 (Senior Regt)
- 55 (Senior In)
- 56 (Second In)
- 57 (Junior In)

- 87 (Second Regt)
- 60 (Senior In)
- 61 (Second In)
- 62 (Junior In)

- 42 HQ Arty Regt
- 43 (25 Ldr Btys)
- 46 (A/Tk Bty)
- 47 (LAA Bty)

- 48 (Senior Fd Coy)
- 49 (Second Fd Coy)
- 50 (Sigs Coy)

- 64 Rgtl Mortar and A/Tk Coys in Senior Regt.
- 65 Rgtl Mort r and A/Tk Coys in Second Regt.

- 74 S & T Coy

- 76 Senior Fd Hoop
- 77 Second Fd Hoop

- 86 Mech Engrs Wksp

2. The sign of the Div from which each Gruppo originated will be painted on the LEFT side and the unit no. on the RIGHT, both front and back, the unit no. being white on the background of the Div colours.

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