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MAIN EIGHTH ARMY

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FURTHER TO AFHQ/8118//3/Q(AE) OF 02 AND 06 APR (.) SIGNED SACRED CITY PHASE (.)
 LIGHTING SETS NOW RELEASED FOR CRIPPO INCLUDING TWO FOR GUN AND ONE FOR FSU (.)
 FOUR KW LIGHTING AND GEN SETS FOR ALL IRI HOSPITALS ATTACHED ARE MADE UP

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12 APR 1945

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CRYPTIC MESSAGE
 paraphrase below, for transmittal by any means

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ROUTINE

Q(AE)

R. W. BRASLEY, Major,
 FREEDOM 427

Q(AE) 2
 G-3 (Org)
 G-3 (Org) Foreign
 Ord (B)
 RIMB

SUBJECT :- Equipment, Transport etc -
"MANTOVA" Italian Combat Group

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

TEL. No. FREEDOM 124

AFHQ/B418/3/Q(AE)

2 Apr 45

Main Eighth Army
 H.Q., No. 1 District
 H.Q., No. 3 District
 H.Q., Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C. (MFA)

1. The following shows the position regarding the equipping of the "MANTOVA" Combat Group prior to move.

(a) "A" VEHICLES

TYPE	W.E.	ISSUED	ISSUED IN LIEU	TOTAL ISSUED	DEPTO TIENT	REMARKS
Carriers						
Universal	99	99		99		
Carriers Mortar	48	48		48		
Carriers Tracked						
Towing	82	82		82		
Trucks 15 cwt 4x4						
Pers Arm'd GMC	22	16		16	6	
Light Recce						
4x4 GMC	17	6		6	11	
TOTAL	268	251		251	17	Will probably be released the first week in April

(b) "B" VEHICLES

TYPE	W.E.	ISSUED	ISSUED IN LIEU	TOTAL ISSUED	DEPTO TIENT	REMARKS
Motor Cycles Solo	354	354		354		
Cars Lt Utility 4x2	76	42		42	34	Not available for issue
Cars 4 str 4x2	23		8 cwt GS	23		8 cwt GS issued in lieu. Cars not available
Cars 4 str 4x4	2	1	1	2		-do-
Cars 5 cwt 4x4	14	14	8 cwt GS	14		
Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 GS	289	289		289		
Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Personnel	1		1	1		15 cwt GS issued

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Cars 4 str 4x4	2	1	1	2		8 cwt GS
Cars 5 cwt 4x4	14	14		14		issued in lieu. Cars not available
Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 GS	289	289		289		6378
Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Personnel	1		15 cwt GS	1		-do-
Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Water	23	23		23		15 cwt GS issued in lieu, 15 cwt pers. N/A
Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Office	7	7		7		
Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 FFW	48		48	48		Trucks 15 cwt W/T issued in lieu, FFW N/A
Trucks 15 cwt 4x2			15 cwt W/T			
Compressor	6	6		6		
Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 "KL"	1	1		1		

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(b) "B" VEHICLES (Contd.)

TYPE	Q. 3.	ISSUED	ISSUED IN LIEU	TOTAL ISSUED	DETIC LENT	REMARKS
Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 Generator 9 KW	1	1		1		
Lorries 3 ton 4x2 GS	301	278	23 3 ton 4x4	301		3 ton 4x4 issued in lieu. 4x2 N/A
Lorries 3 ton 4x2 Office	4		4 3 ton GS	4		3 ton 4x2 GS issued in lieu Office N/A
Lorries 3 ton 4x2 Bty Charger	1		1 3 ton GS	1		3 ton 4x2 GS issued in lieu Battery Charger N/A
Lorry 3 ton 4x2 Bty Storage	1		1 3 ton GS	1		3 ton 4x2 GS issued in lieu Battery Storage N/A
Lorry 3 ton 4x2 Breakdown	2	2		2		
Lorry 3 ton 4x2 Workshop	2	2		2		
Lorry 3 ton 4x4 GS	39	39		39		
Lorries 3 ton 4x4 Winch	6		6 2 1/2 ton Winch	6		2 1/2 ton Winch issued in lieu, 3 ton Winch N/A
Lorries 3 ton 4x2 Disinfector	1	1		1		
Lorries 3 ton 4x4 Cipher Office	1	1		1		
Lorries 3 ton 4x4 TV	1	1		1		
Lorries 3 ton 6x4 Crane	1				(1)	Not available for issue
Lorries 3 ton 6x4 Stores	12		12 4x2 Stores	12		3 ton 4x2 Stores issued in lieu, 6x4 not available
Lorries 3 ton 6x4 Breakdown	5		5 30 cwt B/Down	5		30 cwt 6x4 B/Down issued in lieu, 3 ton N/A
Lorry 3 ton Machy Type "X"	1	1		1		
Lorry 3 ton Machy Type "I.30"	1	1		1		
Lorry 3 ton Machy Type "P"	1		1 3 ton W/S	1		W/S RASC issued in lieu, Type "P" N/A
Lorry 3 ton Machy Type "D.1"	1	1		1		
Lorry 3 ton Machy Type "Z"	1	1		1		
Lorries 6 ton 6x4 Stores	10		20 3 ton Stores	20		3 ton issued in lieu of 6 ton N/A
Tractors 1 Tank	9	9		9		
Tractors F.A.	48	44	4 Tractors LAA	48		Tractors LAA in lieu F.A. N/A
Tractors LAA 4x4	12	12		12		

Lorry 3 ton 4x2 Bty Storage	1				3 ton GS	1		3 ton 4x2 GS issued in lieu Battery Storage N/A
Lorry 3 ton 4x2 Breakdown	2	2				2		
Lorry 3 ton 4x2 Workshop	2	2				2		
Lorry 3 ton 4x4 GS	39	39				39		
Lorries 3 ton 4x4 Winch	6				6	6		2 1/2 ton Winch issued in lieu, 3 ton Winch N/A
Lorries 3 ton 4x2 Disinfector	1	1				1		
Lorries 3 ton 4x4 Cipher Office	1	1				1		
Lorries 3 ton 4x4 TEW	1	1				1		
Lorries 3 ton 6x4 Crane	1						1	No. available for issue
Lorries 3 ton 6x4 Stores	12				12	12		3 ton 4x2 Stores issued in lieu, 6x4 not available
Lorries 3 ton 6x4 Breakdown	5				5	5		30 cwt 6x4 B/Down issued in lieu, 3 ton N/A
Lorry 3 ton Machy Type "X"	1	1				1		
Lorry 3 ton Machy Type "L. 30"	1	1				1		
Lorry 3 ton Machy Type "P"	1				1	1		W/S RASC issued in lieu, Type "P" N/A
Lorry 3 ton Machy Type "D. 1"	1	1				1		
Lorry 3 ton Machy Type "Z"	1	1				1		
Lorries 6 ton 6x4 Stores	10				20	20		3 ton issued in lieu of 6 ton N/A
Tractors A/Tank	9	9			3 ton Stores	9		
Tractors F.A.	48	44			4	48		Tractors LAA in lieu F.A., N/A
Tractors LAA 4x4	12	12			Tractors LAA	12		
Tractors 6x4 B/Down	8	4			1	8		Mack 6 ton 6x5 in lieu Tractor B/Down 6x4 N/A
Trailers 15 cwt Water	14	14			Mack 6x6	14		
Trailers 10 cwt GS	1	1				1		
Trailers 1 ton GS	12	12				12		

(b) "B" VEHICLES (Contd.)

TYPE	W.E.	ISSUED	ISSUED IN LIEU	TOTAL ISSUED	DEFIC IENT	REMARKS
Trailer 15 cwt	1	1		1		
Gas Welding						
Trailers 7 1/2 ton	3	2		2	1	N/A for issue
Lt Recovery						
Ambulances	18	18		18		
TOTALS W/Os	354	354		354		
"B" Vets	978	799	154	953	35	
Trailers	31	30		30	1	

(c) CONTROLLED STORES

ITEM	W.E.	RELEASED	DEFIC IENT	REMARKS
25 pdrs	32	32		
17 pdrs	8	8		
6 pdrs	36	36		
40 mm	12	12		
FMG Bren	500	500		
PIAT	178	126 *		* 126 to be implemented
Pistols .38	445	445		
Rifles .303	5407	5407		
TSMG	2560	2560		
Trailers No. 27	65	65		
Pistols Signal	66	66		
3 in Mortars	40	40		
2 in Mortars	140	35	105	
Watches GS	399	399		
Compasses Prismatic	335	335		
Binoculars No. 2	318	318		
Binoculars No. 5	19	19 *		* Binos No. 2 issued in lieu
Mine Detectors American	41	41		
Sights Dial No. 9	40	40		
Directors Arty No. 7	20	20		
Rangefinders No. 2	6	6		
Rangefinders No. 13	2		2	
Rifles Telescopic	24			
Lighting Sets 1 KW	1	24		
Gen Sets 2.75 KVA	12		1	
			12	

Sigsbee Conquestal Mk V
used in lieu of Prediction
and gun set.

DFT/EHH

J. J. STON, Lieut.-Colonel,
for Major General, G-4(Br)

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PIAT	178	126 *		* 126 to be implemented
Pistols .38	445	445		
Rifles .303	5407	5407		
TMG	2560	2560		
Trailers No. 27	65	65		
Pistols Signal	66	66		
3 in Mortars	40	40		
2 in Mortars	140	35	105	
Matches GS	399	399		
Compasses Prismatic	335	335		
Binoculars No. 2	318	318		
Binoculars No. 5	19	19 *		* Binos No. 2 issued in lieu
Mine Detectors American	41	41		
Sights Dial No. 9	40	40		
Directors Arty No. 7	20	20		
Rangefinders No. 2	6	6		
Rangefinders No. 13	2		2	5376
Rifles Telescopic	24	24		
Lighting Sets 1 KW	1		1	
Gen Sets 2.75 KVA	12		12	Sights Conventional Mk V added in lieu of Predicta and gen set.

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Copy to :- H.Q., 15 Army Group

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R.E.M.E.

56 D.I.U.

Q(AE) 1 "A"

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Q(AE) Stats

J.J. Sloan
J.J. SLOAN, Lieut. Colonel,
for Major General, G-4 (Br)

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Subject:- Mantova Gruppo.

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2 Q

1 Mar 45.

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Copy of AFHQ letter AFHQ/GA/2/Q(AH) dated 21 Feb 45, is forwarded for information and any necessary action :-

" The completion date for equipment of the 5th (Mantova) Gruppo has been fixed at 31 Mar 45.

Will you please arrange that between now and 15 Mar 45 Depots meet demands from the B.I.U. on a priority next below Amies.

From 15 Mar 45 to 31 Mar 45 remaining unsatisfied indents from the Gruppo are to receive first priority."

In The Field.
JEM/rh.

McDonnell
Lt Col,
GA. 6375

1 - COPY *File*

Subject:- Formation of Mech Bngr Wksp
for MANTOVA Gruppo

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3 District
BASMADIL 46
659/69
24 Feb 45

56 HLM

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1. Authority is given under AFM/6412/4(AE) of 24 Feb 45 for the formation of the Mech Bngr Wksp for the MANTOVA Gruppo, Southwith.
2. The WB is HA/538/1 and SML 423/1.
3. As many vehicles as are available are being released immediately. RADOS of the HLM should be instructed to submit accounts for Ordnance stores required.

BKM/rno

(Sgt) ? ? ? ? ?
Col
DA & QAC
(D.K. MICHAELSON)

Subject:- Formation of Mech Bngr Wksp
for MANTOVA Gruppo.

56 HLM
2/3 C

27 Feb 45.

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The above copy letter is forwarded for information and necessary action.

In The Field.
/sh.

W. Monahan
Lt Col,
CS.
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12 Feb 45.

MARIONA Conduct Group

12/15/5/101

1. D.M.F. C-4 (20)15 Feb 45.

Reference IXM2/124 dated 12 Feb 45.

1. Steps have been taken to ensure the closest liaison between 56 MJJ and Q(AE).
2. The MJJ will submit to Q(AE) a phased programme for the release of its 4 1958 vehicles and equipment.

This programme will be so phased as to ensure that training is not held up through lack of equipment and that equipment is not released before units are fit to receive it.

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Copy to:
6-3 022

12 Feb 45

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17 FEB 1945

1 General State of Organisation by Arms of MANTOVA Group as at 31 Jan 45.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
Headquarters	31	119	35	150	46	190
76 Infantry Regt (incl LAD)	114	258	95	2367	90	2191
114 Infantry Regt (incl LAD)	114	258	102	2346	90	1973
155 Artillery Regt (incl LAD)	93	1157	108	1322	99	1180
104 Engineer Bn (incl LAD)	25	831	39	839	36	774
104 Medical Section	14	237	12	133	12	121
248 Field Hospital	6	44	6	39	6	38
501 Field Hospital	6	44	6	43	6	37
104 Supply and Transport Coy	13	294	18	271	17	263
104 Ordnance Field Park	4	69	6	64	6	53
Mech Engineer Wkspn	6	168	3	117	3	108
Mech Engineer Platoon	1	39	1	32	1	32
99 Carabinieri Section	1	50	1	52	1	46
151 Carabinieri Section	1	50	1	52	1	50
	429	8570	433	7827	414	7056

+ This column shows posted strength less personnel in hospital, on

Section by Arms of MINTOVA Group as at 31 Jan 45.

	Personnel (a) and (b)		Personnel (c) and (d)		Personnel (e) and (f)		Personnel (g) and (h)	
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	Officers (i)	Others (j)
1st LAD)	31	119	35	150	46	190	113%	126%
2nd LAD)	114	2584	95	2367	90	2191	63%	92%
3rd LAD)	114	2584	102	2346	90	1973	98%	91%
4th LAD)	93	1457	108	1322	99	1180	116%	92%
5th LAD)	25	831	39	839	36	774	156%	101%
6th LAD)	14	237	12	133	12	121	85%	56%
7th LAD)	6	44	6	39	6	38	100%	89%
8th LAD)	6	44	6	43	6	37	100%	98%
9th LAD)	13	294	18	271	17	263	138%	91%
10th LAD)	4	69	6	64	6	53	150%	92%
11th LAD)	6	168	3	117	3	108	50%	70%
12th LAD)	1	39	1	32	1	32	100%	82%
13th LAD)	1	50	1	52	1	46	100%	104%
14th LAD)	1	50	1	52	1	50	100%	104%
	429	8570	433	7827	444	7056	101%	92%

+ This column shows postal strength less personnel in hospital, on leave and L.W.O.L.

Part I General State of Organization by Area of Auxiliary Units attached "REARWARD" Group as at 31 Jan 45.

(a)	(b)	Actual Strength		Posted Strength		Strength present with Unit +	
		Officers (c)	O.Rs (d)	Officers (e)	O.Rs (f)	Officers (g)	O.Rs (h)
1	Field Perk Company.	5	129	4	122	4	99
2	331 Field Hospital	7	58	7	52	5	37
3	318 Field Bakery	1	31	1	73	1	73
4	318 Provost Section	1	50	1	50	1	48
5	113 Mobile X-Ray Unit	1	6	1	4	1	4
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+ This column shows posted strength less personnel in hospital, on 1

as at 31 Jan 45.

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* This column shows posted strength less personnel in hospital, on leave and A.W.O.I.

PART II Specialists and Tradesmen as at 31 Jan 45.

Serial Number	Type of Personnel	N.E.	Personnel held on Post	Personnel Local
1	Drivers	1012	643	369
2	Smiths	38	23	15
3	Bricklayers	56	51	5
4	Craftsmen	11	9	2
5	Motor Mechanics	27	19	8
6	Electricians	46	22	24
7	Pump Operators	-	-	-
8	Stenographers	24	24	-
9	Artists	-	-	-
10	Plumbers	8	2	6
11	Driver Mechanics	139	63	75
12	Boatmen	316	8	82
13	Motor Cyclists	-	234	-
14	Telephone Engineers (2)	15	6	9
15	Radio Mechanics (1)	45	64	4
16	Linemen (2)	78	74	-
17	W/T Operators (3)	28	30	-
18	Telegraphists (5)	15	28	-
19	Exchange Operators (4)	8	8	-
20	Cipher Operators (2)	-	-	-
21	Director Operators	229	85	114
22	Telephonists	4	4	-
23	Tracked Vehicle Drivers	62	5	57
24	Labourers	82	53	24
25	Armour Mechanic	15	12	3
26	Carpenters	735	572	163
27	Mechanics	-	-	-
28	Signallers (X)	8	-	8
29	Engineers	59	49	10
30	Artificers	-	-	-
31	Medical Orderlies	-	-	-
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(X) Unit Signallers of Army and Air Force irrespective of the unit.
e.g. W/T Operators - Linemen etc.

(3) Personnel of Signals Coy in Engineer Bn only.

PART II Specialists and Tradesmen as at 31 Jan 1945.
Auxiliary Units.

Serial Number	Type of Personnel	% E.	Personnel held on Posted Strength	Def. Tables
1	Drivers	50	39	11
2	Smiths	3	2	1
3	Bricklayers	2	1	1
4	Brighthouse	1	1	-
5	Motor Technicians	3	3	-
6	Electricians	2	2	-
7	Pump Operators	1	1	-
8	Sappers	-	-	-
9	Artists	2	2	-
10	Plumbers	2	2	-
11	Driver Mechanics	4	2	2
12	Roation	-	-	-
13	Motor Cyclists	54	19	35
14	Telephone Linemen (2)	-	-	-
15	Radio Mechanics (1)	-	-	-
16	Linemen (1)	-	-	-
17	W/T Operators (2)	-	-	-
18	Telegraphists (2)	-	-	-
19	Exchange Operators (2)	-	-	-
20	Other Operators (1)	-	-	-
21	Director Operators	-	-	-
22	Telephonists	-	-	-
23	Tracked Vehicle Drivers	-	-	-
24	Ambulances	-	-	-
25	Armour Mechanics	-	-	-
26	Carpenters	-	-	-
27	Mechanics	-	-	-
28	Signalers (4)	-	-	-
29	Engineers	-	-	-
30	Artificers	4	4	-
31	Medical Orderlies	1	1	-

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(2) Unit Signallers of Army and Air Regts irrespective of the fact.
 C. J. W/T Operators - Linemen etc.

(2) Personnel of Signal Coy in Engineer Bn only.

SUBJECT:- Equipping of No 5 Italian Combat Gp

56 BLU

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53A
3 District
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Feb 45

50A
Ref AFHQ letter AFHQ/9193/Q(AE) of 27 Jan 45 added this HQ, copy to you.

1. Indents will be submitted in accordance with instructions issued in para 2.
2. Progress and deficiency reports will continue to be submitted to addressees as before and will include deficiencies of AF G 1098 stores and equipment, indented for in accordance with scales issued.

BKG/rwo

3 - FEB 1945

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B. K. Nelson
Col
DA & QMG
(B.K. NELSON)

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SUBJECT: Mantova Combat GroupALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.TEL. NO. FREDDA 427.AFHQ/9193/6(AE).

27 Jan 45.

H. 3. 5 Displot

1. Authority is given for the issue of personal clothing and personal equipment to the scale laid down in (A) Admin Instruction No. 3 to the MANTOVA Combat Group. Will you please proceed with this, not on a priority basis, but progress should be made so that the Group is complete as regards clothing and personal equipment as soon as availability permits.
2. Authority is also given for this Group to commence drawing G.1098 stores and equipment in accordance with scales issued. It should be made quite clear, however, that this Group is not on priority for equipment at present, and issues should be made only of items which are in reasonably good supply, and can be supplied without prejudice to current operational and priority needs. The object of authorising issue of 1098 equipment now is to avoid the Group being burdened suddenly at the last minute with an overwhelming amount of Gnd stores.
3. Release of controlled stores will be made by this HQ as they become available.
4. Will you please arrange for a report to be rendered weekly on the same lines as that rendered by other Groups.

RWB/WH

Copy to: Gnd(Br)
 56 RLU
 1211A

all 53A

R. A. Braslett
 R. A. BRASLETT Major,
 for Major-General G-4(Br)

29 JAN 1945

SECRET - Mobilization of LAD'sHQ 3 District

MIA, (SC)

SECRET

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2 Jan 45

1. The following units of the 'MAMMOVA' Combat Group are now in possession of stores and weapons in fairly large quantities :-

Arty Regt	-	24 x 25 pr Guns
		12 x 17 pr Guns
		12 x 40 mm Rifles
Infantry	-	45 x 6 pr Guns
		22 Carriers
		Numerous 2" and 3" Mortars.
Signals	-	90% of G4038 stores.

2. The immediate and serious problem is the maintenance and repair of these weapons, vehicles, stores etc especially in view of the fact that none of the LAD's in the Group are mobilised or have any equipment whatsoever.

3. The Group has a Mechanical Engineers Workshop, a Mechanical Engineers Platoon and six LAD's which will operate as follows :-

1 to each Inf Regt	-	2
1 to Hqr Bn	-	1
1 to Sig Coy	-	1
2 to Arty Regt	-	2
TOTAL	-	6

4. It is requested that the Mechanical Engineers Workshops and three LAD's be mobilised forthwith, in order that they may carry out very necessary duties with the following units :-

Mechanical Engineers Workshops for Divisional Troops,

1 LAD	-	Arty Regt
1 LAD	-	Inf Regts
1 LAD	-	Signals Coy

5. The 2/m LAD's are on WE HA/340/1 - SEL 130/1.
The Mechanical Engineers Regts - WE HA/338/1 - SEL 129/1.

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6. The mobilisation of the 2/m units is especially necessary as previous experience has shown that if the workshops are not mobilised early, British equipment issued to the Group falls into very bad condition as immediate minor repairs cannot be carried out.

12 x 40 mm Bofors

Infantry - 45 x 6 per Guns
22 Carriers
Numerous 2" and 3" Mortars.

Signals - 90% of G1096 stores.

2. The immediate and serious problem is the maintenance and repair of these weapons, vehicles, stores etc especially in view of the fact that none of the LAD's in the Group are mobilised or have any equipment whatsoever.

3. The Group has a Mechanical Engineers Workshop, a Mechanical Engineers Platoon and six LAD's which will operate as follows :-

1 to each Inf Regt	-	2
1 to Engz Bn	-	1
1 to Sign Coy	-	1
2 to Arty Regt	-	2
TOTAL	-	<u>6</u>

4. It is requested that the Mechanical Engineers Workshops and three LAD's be mobilised forthwith, in order that they may carry out very necessary duties with the following units :-

Mechanical Engineer Workshops for Divisional Troops.

1 LAD	-	Arty Regt
1 LAD	-	Inf Regts
1 LAD	-	Signals Coy

5. The s/m LAD's are on WE HA/540/1 - SEE 130/1.
The Mechanical Engineers Workshops - WE HA/538/1 - SEE 125/1.

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6. The mobilisation of the s/m unit is especially necessary as previous experience has shown that if the workshops are not mobilised early, British equipment issued to the Group falls into very bad condition as immediate minor repairs cannot be carried out.

In The Field,
500/mt.

Lt Col,
G.S.

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Subject :- Formation of Mobile Bath Units.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

S/G/29/26
17 January, 45

To :- Ministry of War.

Copy to AFHQ for G3 (Org)

15 ARMY GROUP

1 DISTRICT

3 DISTRICT

50, 51, 52, 53, 56 RLUs

MMIA LO RTC ICF

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Reference MMIA S/G/29/26 of 24 December.

1. It is anticipated that the proposal for the formation of mobile Bath Units contained in our above letter will be accepted, and that orders will be issued for the formation of these units within the Groups.

2. To save time will you therefore instruct the five Combat Groups to assemble the necessary personnel. Also please arrange for the distribution of the available Italian Bath equipment as proposed.

M. M. I. A.
Major General
M. M. I. A.

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21 JAN 1945

Subject :- Training Scale Transport.

URGENT.

56 BLU

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16 Jan 45

Combat Group, MANTOVA.

File in No 2

Copy to :- DALAQUT.

1. The following equipment will be delivered by 17 Jan 45 from
Combat Group, FOLGORE :-

3 ton Lorries	8.	WD Nos.	L. 4509433 L. 4668365 L. 5656449 L. 5656547	L. 5686549 L. 521624 L. 5614451 L. 5686042 (Water Tr)
15 cwt Trucks	4.	WD Nos.	1842110194 Z. 5320385	Z. 777440 Z. 4903723
Tractor LAA	1.	WD No.	H. 4733323	
Carriers Universal	5.	WD Nos.	T. 58053 T. 175320 T. 176998	T. 176452 T. 57782
Carriers Lloyd	2.	WD Nos.	T. 249833	T. 249755
Ambulances	3.	WD Nos.	5647478 5647466	5649110
Motor Cycles	20.	WD Nos.	C. 4998335 C. 4995424 C. 4689746 C. 4992177 C. 4993995 C. 4701550 C. 4994174 C. 4992366 C. 4995763 C. 5167188	C. 5274352 C. 4845635 C. 4869404 C. 4815344 C. 4706719 C. 1591 C. 4992212 C. 470629 C. 5124488 C. 5561875

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2. Please report WD Nos., Chassis Numbers and Engine Numbers of
vehicles that actually arrive.

3. Also 15. 6pr 4/Tk Guns 4. 17pr 4/Tk Guns
5. 40 mm AA Guns 2. 25pr Guns

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but held pending transfer to the Italian Reinforcement and Training Centre
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Motor Cycles 20.	WD Nos.	C. 4998335 C. 4995124 C. 4689746 C. 4992177 C. 4993995 C. 4701550 C. 4994174 C. 4992366 C. 4995763 C. 5167188	C. 5274352 C. 4843635 C. 4865404 C. 4815344 C. 4706719 C. 1591 C. 4992212 C. 470629 C. 5124488 C. 5361875

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In the Field.
20/5/53

W. J. J. J.
Lt Col.
GS.

SUBJECT: Completion of Equipping MANTOVA

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DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
AFHQ, CMF

Tel: 11667

DMT/113/MT2

Copy to: DMT/55/14/MT1

11 Jan 45.

HQ 56 BLU, CMF

AFHQ in Appx 'A' to their letter ESD/34 dated 7 Jan 45 state that, due to other demands for equipment the date by which MANTOVA is to be equipped has been changed from 31 Mar 45 to 15 Apr 45.

HMT/hs

14 JAN 1945

W. M. Light
Brig.,
D.M.T.

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Subject: - Progress Report.

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56 BLO

2 Q

14 Jan 45

MMIA.

Ref your S/C/29/32 dated 30 Nov 44 and our 2Q dated 12 Jan 45.

1. It is pointed out that though the figures for Specialists on posted strength is high, that these figures do not in fact show the number of trained Specialists in the Group.
2. The greater proportion of these Specialists present with this group are either only half trained or are personnel in Specialists Units:- viz Sigs Coy of Engineer Bn, who have been earmarked for special tasks.
3. For this reason these figures will show important differences with the Training Progress Report submitted separately by the 'G' Branch of this Unit.

In the Field.
JRM/cmf.

Lt Col.
GS

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56 HLU
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12 Jan.
17A
Subject:- Progress Reports.

Land Forces Sub Comm AG
(MFA)

Reference your S/G/29/32 dated 30 Nov 44.

1. Herewith return as called for at 31 Dec.

In The Field.
JRM/mh

J. M. Mearns
Lt. Col.
GS.

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PART I - General state of organization by arms.

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Serial	Unit	W.R.	Posted Strength		Strength Present with Unit	
			Officers (e)	OR's (f)	Officers (g)	OR's (h)
1.	Headquarters	31	119	32	119	31
2.	76 Infantry Regt (incl LAD)	114	258	79	2139	74
3.	114 Infantry Regt (incl LAD)	114	258	102	2326	70
4.	155 Artillery Regt (incl LAD)	93	1457	102	1360	82
5.	104 Engineer Bn (incl LAD)	25	831	33	726	23
6.	104 Medical Bn	14	237	12	89	12
7.	248 Field Hospital	6	44	6	42	5
8.	501 Field Hospital	6	44	5	42	5
9.	104 Supply and Transport Coy	13	234	19	257	17
10.	104 Ordnance Field Park	4	69	4	69	4
11.	Mech Engineers Bn	6	168	2	101	2
12.	Mech Engineer Platoon	1	39	1	31	1
13.	99 Carabiniere Section	1	50	1	54	1
14.	151 Carabiniere Section	1	50	1	52	1
Total		429	8570	399	7407	328

This column shows posted personnel in hospital.

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State of organization by area.

	W.R.		Posted Strength		Strength Present with Unit		Columns (e) and (f) as a % of columns (c) and (d)	
	Officers (e)	OR's (d)	Officers (e)	OR's (f)	Officers (g)	OR's (h)	(i)	(j)
ars	31	119	32	119	31	119	102%	100%
ary Regt (incl LAD)	114	2584	79	2139	74	1617	69.30%	82.85%
ary Regt (incl LAD)	114	2584	102	2326	70	1625	90%	80%
ary Regt (incl LAD)	95	1457	102	1360	82	923	107%	85%
ar Bn (incl LAD)	25	831	33	726	23	497	132%	89%
al Sec	14	237	12	89	12	76	89%	58%
Hospital	6	44	6	42	5	37	100%	95%
Hospital	6	44	5	42	5	37	89%	95%
y and Transport Coy	13	294	19	257	17	244	145%	87%
ase Field Park	4	69	4	69	4	52	100%	100%
ars Weapons	6	168	2	101	2	90	33%	60%
near Platoon	2	39	1	31	1	31	100%	80%
ular Section	2	50	1	54	1	43	100%	100%
ular Section	1	50	1	52	1	49	100%	99%
Total	429	8570	392	7407	328	5440	97%	88%

This column shows posted strength less personnel in hospital, on leave and AWOL

PART-I General state of Organisation by arms of Auxilliary Units attached "MANTOVA" Group.

Serial (a)	Unit (b)	W.E.		Posted Strength		Strength present with unit	
		Officers (c)	O.R's (d)	Officers (e)	O.R's (f)	Officers (g)	O.R's (h)
1	3 Field Park Company	5	129	5	160	4	149
2	331 Field Hospital	7	58	7	53	6	42
3	58 Combat Gp Transit Camp	6	105	7	112	7	112
4	318 Field Bakery	1	50	1	36	1	36
5	318 Carabinieri Section	1	50	1	50	1	49
6							
Total		20	392	21	411	19	388

* This column less personnel and AMOL.

Organisation by arms of Auxiliary Units attached "MANTOVA" Group.

	W.R.		Posted Strength		Strength present with unit		Columns (e) and (f) as a % of columns (e) and (d)	
	Officers (c)	O.R's (d)	Officers (e)	O.R's (f)	Officers (g)	O.R's (h)	Officers (i)	O.R's (j)
Y	5	129	5	160	4	149	100%	121%
	7	58	7	53	6	42	100%	90%
at Camp	6	105	7	112	7	112	117%	105%
	1	50	1	36	1	36	100%	72%
ation	1	50	1	50	1	49	100%	100%
	20	392	21	411	19	388	-	-

+ This column shows posted strength less personnel in hospital, on leave and AWOL.

PART II Specialists and Tradesmen

Serial Number	Type of Personnel	WE	Personnel Held on Posted Strength	Deficiencies of Personnel
1.	Drivers	1041	759	282
2.	Smiths	38	20	18
3.	Bricklayers	56	46	10
4.	Draughtsmen	11	10	1
5.	Motor Mechanics	17	11	6
6.	Electricians	40	18	22 22.
7.	Pump Operators			
8.	Sappers	24	23	1
9.	Artists			
10.	Plumbers	6	1	5
11.	Driver Mechanics	109	57	52
12.	Boatmen	8	7	1
13.	Motor Cyclists	295	227	68
14.	Telephine Engineers &			
15.	Radio Mechanics &	2	1	1
16.	Linesmen &	43	44	1
17.	W/T Operators &	76	43	33
18.	Telegraphists &	268	80	188
19.	Exchange Operators &	39	35	4
20.	Cipher Operators &	13	13	0
21.	Director Operators	81	60	21
22.	Telephonists	94	93	1
23.	Tracked vehicle drivers	218	70	148
24.	Amateurs	6	6	0
25.	Armourer Mechanics	70	15	55
26.	Carpenters	80	46	34
27.	Mechanics	51	32	19
28.	Signallers X	248	333	416 X
29.	Engineers	146	140	6
30.	Artificers	13	10	3
31.	Medical Orderlies	86	72	14
				635.8

X Unit signallers of Arty? Inf Regts are respective of trades
eg. W/T operators - Linesmen etc

X Personnel of Lip Coy in Engineers Bn only

PART II Tradesmen and Specialists

Serial Number	Type of Personnel	WE	Personnel held on posted Strength	Deficiencies of Personnel
1.	Drivers	68	55	13
2.	Smiths	4	1	3
3.	Bricklayers	3	1	2
4.	Draughtsmen	1	1	-
5.	Motor Mechanics			
6.	Electricians	3	2	1
7.	Pump Operators	1	1	-
8.	Sappers			
9.	Artists	2	2	2
10.	Plumbers	2	-	2
11.	Driver Mechanics			
12.	Boatmen			
13.	Motor Cyclists	26	24	2
14.	Telephone Engineers			
15.	Radio Mechanics			
16.	Linesmen			
17.	W/T Operators			
18.	Telegraphists			
19.	Exchange Operators			
20.	Cipher Operators			
21.	Director Operators			
22.	Telephonists	3	2	1
23.	Tracked Vehicle Drivers			
24.	Armourers	1	1	-
25.	Armourer Mechanics			
26.	Carpenters			
27.	Mechanics	12	10	2
28.	Signallers			
29.	Engineers			
30.	Artificers			
31.	Medical Orderlies	2	1	1

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30 A
 Subject:- Formation of New Units - Italian Army

SECRET 2/Q 30 A

94 Sub Area
 Phone 233
 585/39 A

56 BLU ✓

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30 Dec 44
 see 59A till 20 Q
 all 48A

429 & 519 It Fd Hosps.

Ref attached copy of AFHQ letter CR/1116/G1(Br)(Ser 1274) of 22 Dec 44.

1. Formation of the above units will be effected by this HQ in conjunction with you.
2. Arrangements will be made by you with MMIA for the submission of indents for clothing and equipment (less vehs and controlled stores). Further instructions regarding demands for vehs and controlled stores will be given by Q(AE) 3 District through this HQ.
3. Field Strength Returns should be rendered as soon as possible.
4. Completion reports will be forwarded to this HQ in quadruplicate.
5. Copy of WE NA/574/1 will be forwarded when available.

T O S ... 1706 ... A
 JGH/ARG

Major
 DAA & QMG

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1 JAN 1945

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SUBJECT:- Formation of Units - Italian Army.SECRETALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CR/1116/G-1 (ER) (Ser. 1274)
22 Dec 44601 ITALIAN VETERINARY HOSPITAL
230, 232, 429 & 519 ITALIAN FIELD HOSPITALS

1. (a) The under mentioned Units will be formed as shown:-

Unit	W.E.	SERIAL	Supervisory Authority	Effective Date	Serial No.
601 Italian Vet Hosp.	NA/821/1	To be notified	HQ No. 3 District in conjunction with HQ 230 Italian Adm Div.	1 Jan 45	93417
230 Italian Fd Hosp.	NA/574/1	186/1	HQ No. 3 District through 53 BLU.	21 Dec 44	93418
232 "	"	"	-do-	"	93419
429 "	"	"	HQ No. 3 District through 56 BLU	"	93420
519 "	"	"	-do-	"	93421

- (b) Copies of W.Es will be distributed automatically by HQ No. 3 District. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from No. 10 Publications Depot. Indents should state that these copies are in addition to those received from HQ No. 3 District.

2. PERSONNEL

Personnel will be provided under arrangements to be made by Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (MIL.).

3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT.

Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by HQ No. 3 District:-

- (a) Replacements of clothing, necessities and personal equipment to scale.
- (b) Unit equipment to SER as in Para 1 (a) above (less Medical equipment) in respect of the Fd Hospitals and to SER to be issued by Q(AE) AFHQ.
- (c) Transport to complete to WE in accordance with priorities allotted by Q(AE) AFHQ.

4. STATIONERY

Demands, based on two months estimated requirements, will be submitted as indicated below:-

- (a) Army Forms, Books and Stationery (indent form A.F.L. 393) to No. 21 Stationary Depot.
- (b) Publications (indent form A.F.L. 394) to No. 10 Publications Depot - (indents to be endorsed "Initial Demand").
- (c) Office Machinery (indent form A.F.L. 392) to ADDRESS, AFHQ.

5. POSTAL

Postal address will be:-

601 Italian Vet Hospital, CMF.

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To be notified	HQ No.3 District in conjunction with HQ 230 Italian Adm Div.	21 Dec 44	93418
230 Italian Hd Hosp.	10/574/1 186/1		
232 "	" "	"	93419
429 "	" "	"	93420
519 "	" "	"	93421

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- (c) Office Machinery (indent form ...F.I.1392) to ADRESS, AFHQ.

5. POSTAL

Postal address will be :-

601 Italian Vet Hospital, CMF.
... Italian Hd Hospital, CMF.

6. COMPLETION

HQ No.3 District will report to G1(B) AFHQ, copy to G-3 (Org A) Foreign, AFHQ, when formations are complete.

7. ACK.

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for Field Marshal, Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre.

1 JAN 45

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x Incl copy for new units and
distribution as necessary

++ ASD/735.1 of 17 Dec 44 and
ASD/923 of 18 Dec 44 refers.

LRSJ V MEDY NR 744 N QVR 1
FROM DISTHREE 301805A

TO 56 B J
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AFHQ Q (AE) (REF YOUR 6442/ QAE OF 28)

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RESTRICTED (.) QG 2353 (.) MMIA SD 1971 OF 20 NOT
TO ALL REFERS (.) AGREED AFHQ 56 BLU WILL
BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING NECESSARY EQUIPMENT FOR 152
AND 162 FD ENGR COYS (.) INDENTS TO BE FORWARDED IN
NORMAL MANNER

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200 QG 2353 SD 1971 20
56 152 162 301905 ++ DS



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CONFIDENTIALSubject: Formation of Mobile Bath Units

Land Forces Sub Comm A.O. (MILA)
S/G/29/26
24 Dec 44

ATTN (3 copies)

Reference sur S/G/29/26 of 8 December and your CR/1116/G-1(Br)(Ser. 1246) of 15 December.

1. It is not possible to form Italian Mobile Laundry and Bath Units on WE NA/612/1 as the necessary technical equipment is not at present available from Allied sources.

2. The Ministry of War has no Italian equipment which could be used for forming Laundry Units. They have, however, the following Bath equipment:-

En route from SARDINIA	4 Bath Trucks
	30 'Ranieri' Field Baths
With BRILLI and CREMONA	2 Field Baths each
With FOLGORE	3 Field Baths
With LERNAIO	1 Bath Truck

3. The SMRE (Italian General Staff) has proposed that 5 Bath Units should be formed, one for each Group. Each unit would be attached to the Group's Medical Section, and would comprise the following:

1 Bath Truck (maximum capacity: 1500 baths per day)
2 'Ranieri' Field Baths (maximum total capacity: 1000 baths per day)

The proposed establishment for this unit is attached (10 copies for AMH).

4. It is recommended, therefore, that the formation of Mobile Laundry and Bath Units on WE NA/612/1 should be held in abeyance until the equipment is available, and that the above scheme should be put into effect.

5. As most of the Combat Groups have already a part of the equipment required it is suggested that the units could be formed most conveniently within the Groups, under supervision of the BLU's. The Groups would request the provision of necessary personnel through SMRE.

6. As the technical equipment would be all Italian it would not be necessary to issue a SEL. The Normal Equipment Lists would, however, apply.

7. It is pointed out that the use of 5 Bath Units on the attached WE will mean a very considerable saving in transport and equipment on the original proposal for 4 Laundry and Bath Units, at any rate until the Italian equipment is worn out.

8. Will you please confirm if you agree to the above proposals and if your CR/1116/G-1(Br)(Ser. 1246) of 19 December is amended accordingly.

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Copy: 15 Army Group
 1 District
 3 District
 50 ELU
 51 ELU
 52 ELU

53 ELU
 56 ELU
 MIA LO PTO JCF

Int:- C(SD)
 Med
 A/Q

Land Forces Sub-Comm C. (MIA)

W. P. Fisher Colonel

25 DEC 1944

ORGANICO
NUCLEO FANCI.

(Da essere aggregato
ad una Sezione Sanita)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT
A MOBILE BATH UNIT.

(to be attached to a Medical
Section)

(i) Personale

(i) Personnel

DESCRIZIONE	DETAIL	Sottufficiale W/O & S/O	Gradati Junior NCOs	Privates	TOTAL
Per Un Autobagno. Sottufficiale Conduttore di Caldaie a Vapore Soldati per servizi vari Autista	Per One Bath Truck NCO i/o Boilerman General Dutyman Driver	1	1	3	5
Per Due Bagni Campali "Ranieri" Caporali o Caporali Maggiori Soldati per servizi vari Autisti	Per Two "Ranieri" Field Baths. NCOs i/o General Dutyman Drivers		2	4	6
TOTALE	TOTAL	1	3	10	14

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(i) Personale (1) Personnel

DESCRIZIONE	DETAIL	Sottufficiale WOs & Spts	Graduati Junior NCOs	Private	TOTAL
Per Un Autobagno.	For One Bath Truck				
Sottufficiale	NCO i/o	1			1
Conduttore di Caldaie a Vapore	Bollerman		1		1
Soldati per servizi vari	General Dutymen			3	3
Autista	Driver			1	1
Per Due Bagni Campali "Ranieri"	For Two "Ranieri" Field Baths.				
Caporali o Caporali Maggiori	NCOs i/o		2		2
Soldati per servizi vari	General Dutymen			4	4
Autisti	Drivers			2	2
TOTALE	TOTAL	1	3	10	14

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(ii) Mezzi di trasporto (ii) Motor Transport

Autobagno (Italiano)
Bath Truck (Italian)
Autocarro da 3-tonn 4 x 2
Lorry 3-ton 4 x 2 GS

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SUBJECT:- Blankets - It Combat Groups

54 BIU

3 District
Ext 16
485/1 Q
14 Dec 44

Ref your Q 2 dated 7 Dec 44.

1. It is well appreciated at this HQ that blankets extra to the scale allowed for personnel of Combat Groups would be welcomed.
2. However the blanket position at present is such that no useful purpose would be served by submitting application for further blankets.
3. It is hoped that blankets will shortly be available to meet all outstanding commitments and your demands will receive every consideration.

BKM/WTS

17 DEC 1944

Blair Locks
6384
Col
DA & QMG
(B.K. MICHAELSON)

Subject:- Blankets.

54 BLU.

Q 2.

7 Dec 44.

To:- H.Q.
3 District (Q).

1. MANTOVA Battle Group has now arrived in the Area SAN GIORGIO. This group has moved up from the South with Italian equipment which only allows for two Italian blankets per man.
2. In view of the fact that the Group is now living under canvas and that shortly the weather in this area will be both wet and very cold request is made for the release of a further blanket per man. This would entail the release of 9,000 blankets.
3. In view of the difficulty of billeting in this area there is little likelihood of putting the group under cover for the winter and for this reason it would be much appreciated if this matter could be treated as urgent.

J. R. Moore
Lt-Col.
GSO I.
54 BLU.

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LRSJ V LAEE NR 3 +OP+ +OP+

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FROM LAEE 241812A

TO 50 BLU, +E+ BLU THROUGH 50 BLU

INFO MMIA

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