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Mobilization - Manton Group

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May 3, 1945 - Aug. 6, 1945

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SUBJECT :- Withdrawal of Equipment MANTOVA Combat Group.

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6 Aug 45

Reference your 570/2/G dated 25 July 45.

1. Herewith recommendations in respect of MANTOVA Combat Group less 114 Inf Regt. It is pointed out that 155 Arty Regt has been included in this return and that the liaison officers attached to this Regt have been consulted with regard to training material required and to the amount of transport still required to carry out their role of guards and internal security.
2. The suggested location of the park for these vehicles is a disused Italian Camping Site at Map Ref 620530. Permission to use this has been obtained from Town Major GENOVA. Suitable accommodation for the guard, drivers etc is to be found on this site.
3. These figures have not yet been agreed by MANTOVA Combat Group.

In The Field,  
JRM/ajv

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Table of Equipment to be withdrawn from MANVOA Combat Group LESS 114. Inf Regt

| Article of Equipment            | WE of Total<br>Combat Group | No Actually Held by<br>Gp LESS 114 Inf Regt | No to be<br>withdrawn | No to be<br>Retained |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Guns 25 Pdr                     | 32                          | 32                                          | 28                    | 4                    |
| : 17 Pdr                        | 8                           | 8                                           | 6                     | 2                    |
| : 6 Pdr                         | 36                          | 33                                          | 25                    | 8                    |
| : Bofors LAA                    | 12                          | 12                                          | 10                    | 2                    |
| Mortars 3"                      | 40                          | 40                                          | 30                    | 10                   |
| Mortars 2"                      | 140                         | 33                                          | 33                    | 33                   |
|                                 |                             |                                             | 21                    | 21                   |
| Carriers Universal              | 99                          | 92                                          | 92                    | -                    |
| : Mortar                        | 48                          | 43                                          | 43                    | -                    |
| : Lloyd                         | 82                          | 58                                          | 58                    | -                    |
| Cars Light Recce                | 17                          | 17                                          | -                     | 17                   |
| Trucks 15cwt 4 X 4 Arml         | 22                          | 22                                          | -                     | 22                   |
| Peeps                           | 14                          | 14                                          | 10                    | 4                    |
| Ambulances                      | 18                          | 17                                          | -                     | 17                   |
| 15cwt Compressor                | 6                           | 6                                           | -                     | 6                    |
| 15cwt 4 X 2 Macky Type KL       | 1                           | 1                                           | -                     | 1                    |
| 15cwt 4 X 2 Macky 9 KW          | 1                           | 1                                           | 33                    | 1                    |
| 15cwt 4 X 2 Office              | 7                           | 7                                           | 7                     | -                    |
| 15cwt 4 X 2 Water 200galls      | 23                          | 21                                          | -                     | 21                   |
| 15cwt 4 X 2 Wireless or RTW     | 46                          | 40                                          | 30                    | 10                   |
| Lorry 3 Ton Battery Storage     | 1                           | 1                                           | -                     | 1                    |
| Lorry 3 Ton 4 X 2 Breakdown Lt. | 2                           | 2                                           | -                     | 2                    |
| Lorry 3 Ton 6 X 4 Breakdown Lt. | 5                           | 5                                           | -                     | 5                    |
| Lorry 3 Ton 4 X 4 Breakdown Lt. | 1                           | 1                                           | -                     | 1                    |

|                                        |     |    |          |          |
|----------------------------------------|-----|----|----------|----------|
| Mortars 3"                             | 140 | 40 | 30       | 10       |
| Mortars 2"                             | 140 | 33 | 53<br>21 | 53<br>12 |
| Carriers Universal                     | 99  | 92 | -        | -        |
| : Mortar                               | 48  | 43 | -        | -        |
| : Lloyd                                | 82  | 58 | -        | -        |
| Cars Light Reece                       | 17  | 17 | -        | 17       |
| Trucks 15cwt 4 X 4 Armd                | 22  | 22 | -        | 22       |
| Jeeps                                  | 14  | 14 | 10       | 4        |
| Ambulances                             | 18  | 17 | -        | 17       |
| 15cwt Compressor                       | 6   | 6  | -        | 6        |
| 15cwt 4 X 2 Machy Type XL              | 1   | 1  | -        | 1        |
| 15cwt 4 X 2 Machy 9 IN                 | 1   | 1  | 33       | 1        |
| 15cwt 4 X 2 Office                     | 7   | 7  | 7        | -        |
| 15cwt 4 X 2 Water 200galls             | 23  | 21 | -        | 21       |
| 15cwt 4 X 2 Wireless or RTW            | 46  | 40 | 30       | 10       |
| Lorry 3 Ton Battery Storage            | 1   | 1  | -        | 1        |
| Lorry 3 Ton 4 X 2 Breakdown Lt.        | 2   | 2  | -        | 2        |
| Lorry 3 Ton 6 X 4 Breakdown Lt.        | 5   | 5  | -        | 5        |
| Lorry 3 Ton 4 X 4 Cipher Office        | 1   | 1  | 1        | -        |
| Lorry 3 Ton 6 X 4 Crane                | -   | -  | -        | -        |
| Lorry 3 Ton 4 X 2 Disinfector          | 1   | 1  | -        | 1        |
| Lorry 3 Ton 4 X 2 Machy Bty (charging) | 1   | 1  | -        | 1        |
| Lorry 3 Ton 6 X 4 Machy Type A         | 1   | 1  | -        | 1        |

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| Articles of Equipment                    | WE of Total<br>Combat Group | No Actually Held by<br>Gp LESS 114 Inf Regt | No to be No to be<br>Withdrawn Retained |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Lorry 3 Ton 6 X 4 Machy Type D 1         | 1                           | 1                                           | 1                                       |
| Lorry 3 Ton 6 X 4 Machy Type 1P          | 1                           | 1                                           | 1                                       |
| Lorry 3 Ton 6 X 4 Machy Type 1T          | 1                           | 1                                           | 1                                       |
| Lorry 3 Ton 6 X 4 Machy Type 1Z          | 1                           | 1                                           | 1                                       |
| Lorry 3 Ton 4 X 2 Office                 | 4                           | 4                                           | 4                                       |
| Lorry 3 Ton 6 X 4 Stores Binned          | 12                          | 12                                          | 12                                      |
| Lorry 3 Ton 4 X 4 TTY                    | 1                           | 1                                           | 1                                       |
| Lorry 3 Ton 4 X 4 Winch                  | 6                           | 5                                           | 5                                       |
| Lorry 6 Ton 4 X 2 Binned (3 Ton in Lieu) | 20                          | 20                                          | 20                                      |
| Lorry 3 Ton 4 X 2 Wares BASC             | 2                           | 2                                           | 2                                       |
| Tractors 4 X 4 IAA                       | 12                          | 12                                          | 2                                       |
| Tractors 4 X 4 A/Tk                      | 9                           | 8                                           | 2                                       |
| Tractors 6 X 4 Breakdown Hy              | 8                           | 8                                           | 8                                       |
| Tractors 4 X 4 Ft Arty                   | 48                          | 46                                          | 42                                      |
| Trailers 10wt 2 Wld GS                   | 1                           | 1                                           | 1                                       |
| Trailers 15wt Machy Gas Welding          | 1                           | 1                                           | 1                                       |
| Trailer 15wt 2 Wld Motor                 | 13                          | 13                                          | 13                                      |
| Trailer 1 Ton 2 Wld GS                   | 12                          | 12                                          | 12                                      |
| Trailer 7 1/2 Ton 6 Wld                  | 3                           | 2                                           | 2                                       |
| M/C's                                    | 361                         | 277                                         | 157                                     |
| Cars Utility Austin                      | 42                          | 35                                          | 29                                      |
| Cars 4 Str 4 X 2                         | 23                          | 15                                          | 9                                       |
| 15wt                                     | 277                         | 156                                         | 96                                      |

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|---------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Lorry 3 Ton 6 X 4 Macks Type 12             | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   |
| Lorry 3 Ton 4 X 2 Office                    | 4   | 4   | 4   | 4   |
| Lorry 3 Ton 6 X 4 Stores                    | 12  | 12  | 12  | 12  |
| Lorry 3 Ton 4 X 4 TEF                       | 1   | 1   | 1   | 1   |
| Lorry 3 Ton 4 X 4 Winch                     | 6   | 5   | 5   | 5   |
| Lorry 6 Ton 4 X 2 Rimmed<br>(3 Ton in lieu) | 20  | 20  | 20  | 20  |
| Lorry 3 Ton 4 X 2 Maps RASC                 | 2   | 2   | 2   | 2   |
| Tractors 4 X 4 LAA                          | 12  | 12  | 10  | 2   |
| Tractors 4 X 4 A/TB                         | 9   | 8   | 6   | 2   |
| Tractors 6 X 4 Breakdown Hvy                | 8   | 8   | -   | 8   |
| Tractors 4 X 4 Fu Army                      | 48  | 46  | 42  | 8   |
| Trailers 10wt 2 Wld GS                      | 1   | 1   | 42  | 1   |
| Trailers 15wt Macky Gas<br>Welding          | 1   | 1   | -   | 1   |
| Trailer 15wt 2 Wld Water                    | 13  | 13  | -   | 13  |
| Trailer 1 Ton 2 Wld GS                      | 12  | 12  | -   | 12  |
| Trailer 7 1/2 Ton 6 Wld                     | 5   | 2   | -   | 2   |
| M/C's                                       | 361 | 277 | 120 | 157 |
| Cars Utility AUSTIN                         | 42  | 35  | 6   | 29  |
| Cars 4 Str 4 X 2                            | 23  | 15  | 6   | 9   |
| 15wt                                        | 277 | 156 | 60  | 96  |
| 30wt                                        | 43  | 28  | 13  | 15  |
| 3 Ton 4 X 2                                 | 305 | 260 | 50  | 210 |
| 3 Ton 4 X 4                                 | 39  | 36  | 10  | 26  |

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SUBJECT :- Price of Equipment.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA

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4 Aug 45.

Reference 03/3157 dated 28 Jul 45.

1. Please inform HQ HLU of all equipment and supplies received from British sources and listed as follows :-

- (a) From RE Source.
- (b) From RASC Source.
- (c) From RAMC Source.
- (d) From RAOC Source.

2. When the HLU are in possession of these lists prices in English currency can then be affixed.

In The Field,  
RCN/ajw

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Ref File 152A file 50Q

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SUBJECT :- Price of Equipment.

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA.

03/3157

56 BLUP.M. 104 28 Jul 45.

Information :- Italian War Department  
(Ref letter 22187 dated 5 Jul 45 )

1. Italian War Department has asked units for a report showing all Allied Equipment, Rations, Medicinals, POL etc issued to the Italian Army, also to include prices in Italian and Foreign money.
2. Will you please forward the price of every item issued by Allied Stores or Depots to the Combat Group so that units will be able to send to the War Department the reports with all the datum required.

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

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SUBJECT:- Re-organisation MANTOVA Gruppo

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HQ 60 Sub Area

CMP

Tel. 51001

570/2/G

*X* July 45

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1. Attached is copy of HQ 2 District signal GO 3468 dated 23 July 45.
2. Will you please forward your comments and recommendations for the entire Gruppo excepting 114 Regt which is under comd 59 Area.

WJV/SEB

*[Signature]*  
Major,  
General Staff.

COPY

FROM: DISTWO 231200B

TO : 6 SA ARMD DIV 59 AREA 60 SUB AREA

INFO: MMIA 151 SUB AREA 215 SUB AREA

GO/3468 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) ONE (.) THE STANDARD OF MAINT OF VEHs AND ARTY EQPT IN ALL GRUPPI REMAINS VERY LOW (.) IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO WITHDRAW A CERTAIN PROPORTION OF VEHs AND GUNS INTO PKS (.) GRUPPI WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE MEN AT THESE PKS ON SCALE OF 12 MEN PER 100 VEHs OR GUNS TO UNDERTAKE MAINT UNDER BRIT SUPERVISION (.) TWO (.) A RECOMMENDATION IS REQUIRED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS TO THE NUMBER OF VEHs AND GUNS INCL INF 6 PRS AND MORTARS WHICH CAN BE CONSIDERED SURPLUS IN THE GRUPPO UNDER YOUR COMD (.) IT WILL BE ASSUMED THAT THE PRESENT ROLE OF THE GRUPPO REMAINS THE SAME (.) THREE (.) CONSIDERATION WILL ALSO BE GIVEN TO THE NECESSITY FOR TRG (.) WEAPONS REQUIRED FOR THIS WILL BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM (.) FOUR (.) 59 AREA WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 114 REGT MANTOVA (.) 60 SUB AREA IN CONSULTATION WITH 215 SUB AREA WILL INCL 155 ARTY REGT IN THEIR MANTOVA FIGURES (.) FIVE (.) FOR INFM OF FMNS AND AREAS BLUS CONCERNED HAVE HAD THIS MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR SOME TIME (.) SIX (.) IN SUBMITTING YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS PLEASE STATE LOCNS OF PROPOSED GRUPPI PKS (.)

*See 11A*

Subject: - CONTROLLED STORES.

D.A.A. & Q.M.G.  
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D.A.D.C.S. 56 B.L.U.  
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3 MAY 45.

155 ARTILLERY REGIMENT.

1. Herewith list of (AE) controlled stores required for re-inforcements to the above mentioned unit.

|                          |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Pistols Revolver .38 in. | quantity 5.  |
| Rifles complete .303     | quantity 10. |
| T. S. M. G's. .45 in.    | quantity 20. |

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6 MAY 1945

*T. Morgan*  
MAJOR  
D.A.D.C.S. 56 B.L.U.  
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