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Aug. 24, 1944 - Ap. 27, 1945

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Subject: Mtr Requisition to Combat Group FOLDER

To :- G Recr TO Champs

H.Q. Combat Group FOLDER
APO
Cml

53 S.I.&T.
Ref. GT - 102
27 Apr 45

1. Ref this HQ letter GT - 101 dated 17 Apr 45 and Mtr Recr (G) 5th Army's reply 170/1 G dated 22 Apr 45.

2. HQ Combat Group FOLDER now desire to obtain the articles as shown below, which comprise the deficiency in the initial issue (see ref a/c letters refer) and in addition the maint issue for May as per 2nd Ltr G/2/3 dated 19 Mar 45.

Item	Ref.	Maint for May (T/E 9-730)	Total
Razors	2693		2,693
Razor Blades		19,460	19,460
Tooth Brushes	5986		5,986
Tooth Paste		9,730	9,730
Shaving Brushes	693		693
Shaving Soap		2,433	2,433

3. It is requested that this HQ be given instructions to arrange collection of the a/a application.

1938

[signature]
Lt.Col.
G.S.

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Subject:- Indents.

DADOS 53 B.L.U.
C.M.F.
Ref: CRD/1
29 April '45.

224

O.C. Mech. Eng. W/S Stores Sect.
Attn. Italian Combat Group.

1. The attached Indents enfaced "For Stock Initial Issue" have been returned to me from 557 B.O.D.

2. As an initial scaling covering the types of vehicles in question has already been provided, will you please state whether the items now demanded are required for replenishment of stocks or for the maintenance of additional holdings of vehicles.

Major,
DADOS,
53 BLU.

It is noted that the indents are authorised on the SCALE. This is irregular. The requisitioning authority should indicate

1937

Ref 224

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Subject:- INDENTS.

W.A.D.O.S.
53 B.L.U.

S.I.B.
A.D.O.S. (P)
D.D.O.S. L. of C.
C.M.F.

Ref.: SIB/JOB/1427(19)

25 April, 1945

Reference 1 Sub Depot 557 BOD letter 1/70 dated 19 April 45 copy attached.

1. It is noticed indents mentioned therein and attached hereto are enfaced "For Stock Initial Issue".

2. Please state whether they are in respect of additional holdings of vehs or replenishment of stocks as initial scaling was provided under my SIB/JOB/1427(3) of 31 Jan 45 covering the types of vehicles in question.

for Capt.
for A.D.O.S. (P)
(J.J. LAMB)

1936

Copy to :- O.O. 1 Sub Depot 557 B.O.D.

See 224, 256, 266, 268, 304, 305

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Subject:- Indents.

COPY

No. 1 Sub Depot
No.557 B.O.D., C.M.F.
Ref:- 1/70
19 Apl 1945

2224

A.D.O.S. (P).
A.D.O.S. L. of C., C.M.F.

1. The attached indents covered by our Schedules No.1102 and 1103 are forwarded for your approval, having been received here direct from unit for stocks as initial issue.

for C.O.O. 557 B.O.D.

T.O.S. 0910 B

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A) Originator: OC2 Sub Depot 35 AOD | Date - Time of Origin: 25 — | Office Date Stamp

TO: ROO FORLL

(W) For Information (INFO): ADOS 10 Corps TPS DADOS 53 BLD BOWO JEWISH INF Bde SR

Message Instructions: QQX | GR: 13

Originator's No.: 35/01280 Rested 0 Despatched to you 24 2½ ton 0 wagons 20112 102510 stores for all addressees

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SUBJECT :- Local Resources.

Rear Headquarters
10 Corps

503/OS

11th April 1945

A.D.O.S. 10 Corps Tps
D.A.D.O.S. 50 BLU
" 55 BLU

1. The territory through which the Eighth Army is now advancing is understood to produce hemp.

2. Since there is an acute shortage of this commodity, which is required for the manufacture of canvas, ropes, twines, etc., addressees will watch for any stocks which may be in their area and report location to this H.Q. immediately.

Colonel,
D.D.O.S.

1933

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MESSAGE FORM

ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

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Originator — Date - Time of Origin

FROM (A) Ados 13 Corps Troops

For Action

To Dados 53. RLW

TO — (W.) For Information (INFO)

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Subject: MT Stores Supply

Rear HQ 10 Corps
Ref: MT/31
21 April 1945

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ADOS 10 Corps Tps (5)
50 BLU for DADOS (2)
53 BLU for DADOS (2) ✓

1. The attached DDOS Eighth Army letter MOS 1/4A dated 17 Apr 45 is forwarded for information and circulation to Ord Pd Parks and Workshop Stores Secs.

2. Demands for items listed at Appendices 'A' 'B' & 'C' as required will be placed on 1 Sub Depot 35 AOD in accordance with para 3 until such time as non-availability is advised.

K. Lm. Scotts Capt
for Colonel
DDOS

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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For Action

TO (W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions | GR

Originator's No.

US/12ST0 RESTRICTED O YOUR 05/0445 OF 19 ACK AND ADV NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN O ENGINE 1 AND CONTROLLED FIRE REMARKS FOR FIRST WEEK DESPATCHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRIOR INSTRUCTIONS O

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FROM (A) REAR 10 CORPS | Originator | Date-Time of Origin. 19 | Office Date Stamp

For Action.

53 BLU

TO

Q 53 BLU (W) For Information (INFO) REAR10CORPS

" FM55 25 SUB DEPOT 35A0D

Message Instructions.	GR
QQX	63

Originator's No. Restricted ⊙ 05/6445 ⊙ First ⊙ Submit all further demand for vote 7 and 8 items to 35A0D ⊙ Contact last addressee and arrange bulk dates ⊙ Second ⊙ All votes to be consigned via FORLI RHD for collection by " FM55 when RSD items will be backloaded OTHERWISE weekly engine and controlled type demands to be submitted to this office ⊙ Fourth ⊙ ACK and report all clear

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See also 207, 208

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Originator's No.

Restricted ⊙ 05/6445 ⊙ First ⊙
Submit all further demand for vote 7 and
8 items to 35 AOD ⊙ Contact last
addressee and arrange bulk dates ⊙ Second ⊙
all votes to be consigned via FORLI RHD
for collection by 11 F/95 when RSD items
will be backloaded OT handed weekly enquire
and controlled type demands to submitted
to this office ⊙ Fourth ⊙ ACK and report
all clear

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ARMY FORM C1216 (Small) — MESSAGE FORM — Register No.

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For Action: DTOG TO CORPS

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions — GR

Originator's No.

DS/DTOG SECRET 0 REG LETTER HQ/55/465 OF 160 CONVERSATION SCOTT - TESSENEER CONFIRMED THAT ALLOTMENT REQUESTED FOR FOLGORE COMBAT GROUP IS 100 M35 0

This Message may be sent as written plain/clear except by wireless	Is liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands. This message must not be sent in cipher	Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority	THI or TOR 1927 Op.
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Subject: Air Freight

SECRET

Rear HQ 10 Corps
Ref: HQ/35/485
16 April 1945

53 BLU for DADOS

1. Arrangements have been made for a daily Air Lift of operational stores from Naples to 10 Corps.

2. Please report to this office immediately whether you consider you are in a position to use an allotment of 200 lbs daily for Folgore Combat Group, or if a greater or smaller allotment is necessary.

3. Once an allotment has been definitely accepted, every effort should be made to ensure it is consistently filled, bearing in mind that;

(a) items demanded must be of operational natures,

(b) major assemblies and other items weighing over 40 lbs will not be demanded by air.

4. Indents will be forwarded to reach this office not later than 0830 hrs daily. It must be ensured that:-

(a) Indents are marked clearly 'AIR FREIGHT'.

(b) The approx weight of the stores is endorsed on each indent.

(c) AFG 820 is attached in duplicate.

(d) Indents are prepared in triplicate.

R. Lt. Scott Capt
for Colonel
DDOS

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Subject:- Tyre Storage.

Rear 53 B.L.U.
C.M.F.
Ref: ORD/1.
12 April 45.

O.C. Felgere Ord. Fld. Park.

Attached copy of AFMQ Letter DOS 10/10(3) of 12 April 45 is forwarded for information and necessary action.

Major,
DADOS.
53 BLU.

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Subject :- Tyres Salvage

HQ 13 Corps
Ord Fd Park
LA/419
16 April 45

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DADOS 53 BLU ✓
OC 13 Corps Troops Ord Fld Park
OC 10 Ind Div Ord Fld Park
O.C ~~C i/c. Stores Section~~ 13 Corps Troops W/Shops. for att. ex. Stor Sec.

1. Attached copy of AFHQ letter DOS 10/10(3) of 12 April 45 is forwarded for information and necessary action.

R. Hardwicke-Garner
Lt.Col
Commanding

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200A

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

Subject :- Tyre Storage

Distribution :- Not Copied.

Ref : DOS 10/10(3)

Tel : Freedom 988

Date : 12 April 45

The present acute shortage of tyres makes it essential to preserve all stocks in the best possible condition.

The primary causes of tyre deterioration in storage are :-

Light
Heat
Oil or other petroleum derivatives
Water

With the approach of Summer it is now necessary to ensure that all tyres in storage are adequately protected from sunlight. Where tyres are now stored in the open, arrangements must be made for the stacks to be covered.

Oil or other petroleum derivatives must not be allowed to come in contact with the tyres.

When possible, tyres should be stored vertically in racks. As the majority of tyres now held are stored in stacks it is therefore important to ensure that those at the bottom are not damaged by the weight of those on the top. The oldest stock must always be issued first and for slow moving sizes, the stacks must be reversed periodically.

Tyre repair materials consist mainly of unvulcanised rubber compounds and are more liable to damage by heat and light. Great care must be exercised in handling the material to ensure that it is not subject to a temperature above 80oF and shouldnot at any time become exposed to direct sunlight.

G. W. FODEN, S/Capt.Tyres
for Major General,
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A.F.H.Q.

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Subject: FAMTO for S & T C[illegible].

Rear 53 B.L.U.,
C. M. F.
Ref: ORD/1.
16 April 45.

To: ADOS (F), DDOS L. of C.

Ref enclosed application for scaling.

Owing to the fact that incomplete information re scalings was held in this office at the time, the original application for scaling for this unit was for "FAMTO for unit without LAD." (SIE/JOB/No.1435 refers). As, however, the Coy. has attached to it a W/Shops Platoon which itself has received no scaling, repair of vehicles is considerably retarded due to shortage of spares, and it is now desired that scaling as per attached application be issued. Addendum to DOS Circular No.161 of 26 Jan 45 refers.

Major,
DADOS.

TM/TM.

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Unit: 184 S. & T. Coy.,
4th Italian Combat Group.

Address for Stores: O. i/c. W/Shop Platoon, 184 S. & T. Coy.,
c/o 4th Italian Combat Group OFF.

Nature of sealing required: FAMO for unit with RAOC W/Shops Platoon attached.

Detail of "E" Vehicles for which sealing required:-

Make	Type	Contract No.	Qty.	
Dodge	Lorry 3ton 4x2 GS	S.M.6086	60	
		6118	17	
		2916	4	
		6191	7	
		6068	6	
		2918	5	
		3952	1	
		6121	1	
Dodge	Truck 15cwt. 4x2 GS	S.M.2674	4	
		5119	1	
		2485	4	1921
		2683	1	
B.S.A.	Motorcycle, solo, 500c.c.	WK	26	AMAL W/Shop controls.

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For Action.

A.A. & Q.M.G. 53 B.L.U. | April 9th 1945

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

X DADOS 53 B.L.U. ~~DADOS~~ ~~53 B.L.U.~~ | Message Instructions. | GR

Originator's No. 53/EME/5.

1

Subject:- Equipment for M.E. Platoon Workshop.

1. Reference the shortage of tools and stores advised by M.E. Platoon Workshop, the position is now as follows —

(a) Stores.

DADOS has been advised by SIB that no Scaling issue is being made for this unit. Indents to provide some initial issue were made on 6/2/45. No stores having yet been received, this indent is being re-submitted.

DADOS is re-applying for a Scaling issue, but advises that the M.E. Workshop Stores Section Scaling included Scaling for Platoon Workshop.

The Stores Section is able to provide only a limited quantity of material, and this is being issued.

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There is a shortage, but it is an investigation is now that Lathes and Drills are issued. M.E. Workshops is making good a small part of the deficiencies from its own H.E. 6-1038, and Platoon Workshop is indenting for the remainder.

(c) Hand Tools.

Comparison of W.E. and S.E.L. shows that the following trademen are not provided with

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April 9th 1945.

For Action.

A.A. & Q.M.G. 53 B.L.U.

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

X DADOS 53 B.L.U.

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No. II

Tools — Asst. Art. (Vcl. Mech) – 2
Electricians – 3 Blacksmiths – 2
Carpenters – 2 Vcl. Mechs. – 11
Sheet Metal Workers — 2.

May application therefore be made for the addition to the S.E.L. and release of the following for the use of the above Formation —

LVb – MT2/43967	Chest, Tool Filled Electricians – 3
LVb – MT2/43962	Chest, Tool Filled Blacksmiths – 2
LVb – MT2/43965	Chest, Tool Filled Fitters – 13
F 0730	Chest Tool Filled Carpenters – 2
F 1459	Kit of Hand Tools, Panel Beater – 2

2. The Platoon Workshop cannot work at full efficiency without the above equipment. It is hoped to carry on at the moment because some Tradesmen tools have been retained.

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F 1459	Kit of Hand Tools, Pipe/Reamer – 2

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A. Thomson. Capt.

S.O. R.E.M.E.
53 B.L.U.

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Subject:- Admin. Conference.

Rear 53 HQ.
Ref. G22/81.
12th April 45.

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H.Q. R.A.
Polgore Gruppe. (For attention S.O.R.A.)

Copy to:- D.A.&Q.M. 53 HQ
S/Cdr. Finnegan.

195

Your A/A/2 dated 9 April refers.

1. Arrangements made at the conference held 9/4/45 are agreed.

2. Ref. para II. Copies of CRD controlled stores lists have been forwarded. In this connection please note that these stores are demanded through CRD channels. It is assumed that arrangements as shown in para IV to a/m letter apply only to items under "Q" control.

Major,
DADOS,
53 HQ.

1918

Subject: ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE.

407/H/95

HQ RA FOLGORE GP.
A/G/2.

9 Apr 45.

To:- D.A.D.O.S.,
53 M.U.

1. A conference was held this morning at the Artillery Regt to clear up certain difficulties which have arisen over the correct method of indenting for, drawing and accounting for British material. S.O.R.A. and S/Cdr Finnegan R.A.O.C. were present. A full report will naturally be sent by the Regt to the Italian D.A.D.O.S. These notes are for your information and comments.

2. Major Matemis varying instructions were taken as the basis of the system which confirms as near as possible to that in force in a British Regiment. Before the conference the QM spent an afternoon with the QM 57 A Fd Regt who explained the procedure he usually follows.

3. Accounts. The present system in force appears cumbersome, but is satisfactory and will be continued.

4. Controlled Stores. Requests for controlled stores to complete WE or replace U/S will be made through Italian Q channels.

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6. Signal Stores. Requests will be made to Signal Officer of the Regt who will use normal Signal channels. Btys will not deal direct with Feleradio Company.

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8. MT Spares. Btys will deal with LAD Officer for spare parts and not QM. The QM will however continue to be responsible for MT Equipment to complete WE. LAD Officer reported that at present he is not meeting any difficulties in his dealing with higher authorities.

9. Material other than mentioned above. 1917

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Btys will submit a list of requirements once a fortnight to Q.M. stating reason replacements required. Btys will return U/S equipment to D.A.D.O.S. dump or place requested by D.A.D.O.S. Receipt will be obtained in triplicate, one copy of which will be sent to QM to support his indent. QM will consolidate requirements and submit indents to BOWO.

10. Urgent requirements. Material required urgently may be demanded at any time and not at fortnightly intervals.

11. The QM has no list of controlled stores. It is requested that you supply list of Ord controlled items.

Maj R.A.
S.O.R.A.

Field.
HJB/FRM.

Copy to: D.A.A.&.Q.M.G.
S.O. R. Sigs (see Para 6.)
S.O. R.E.M.E. (see Para 8)
S/Cdr Finnegan, R.A.O.C.

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S.I.B., A.D.O.S. (P)
D.D.O.S. L. of C., C.M.F.
Telephone:- 55272
Ref:- SIB/JOB/1428 (15)
7th April, 1945

SUBJECT:- Sealing.

S.P.O., 557 B.O.D.
C. M. F.

Reference my SIB/JOB/1428(10) dated 31 March 45.

1. Herewith for necessary action I.O. 122677.

2. D.O., A.F.H.Q in his DOS/7585 (140) of 4 April 45 states items shewn thereon are not controlled stores.

James Lamb
Capt.
for A.D.O.S. (P).
(J.J.Lamb).

COPY TO:-

D.A.D.O.S. 56 B.L.U.

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Subject:- SCALING.

S.I.E., A.D.O.S. (P)
D.D.O.S. L. of C., C.M.F.
Telephone:- 55272
Reference:- SIE/JOB/1427 (16)
31 March, 1945.

To :- S.F.O.
587 B.O.D.

1. Herewith the under mentioned Issue Vouchers :-

130616 - 130646

2. Please acknowledge receipt on attached Schedules.

3. These cover Stores Sec. Scaling in respect of the following :-

EQUIPTS.	TYPE	QUANTITY
W/T Set No: 19 Cdn Mk.III	Truck/Ground	14

4. Stores are for issue to 4 Italian Combat Group, Mech. Engr. Wksps. Stores Sec. and should be consigned to unit.

5. Please treat as Priority II.

6. The following special instructions will apply :-

Report progress to (a) DOS (Plans) AFHQ. (b) DADOS 55 BLU, (c) this office.

for A.D.O.S. (P)
(J.J. LAMB)
Capt.

COPY TO :-

D.O.S. (Plans) A.F.H.Q. - Adv. Section REME Scales Branch advise no scale in respect of the following:-

EQUIPTS	Qty.
Apparatus Cable Laying No.2.	31

Telephonic communication (Major Williams-Capt. Lamb) on 19 and 27 Jan 45 refers.

D.A.D.O.S. 55 B.L.U. - With copies of a/m I.V's for onward transmission to unit concerned.

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Subject:- SCALING.

S.I.E., A.D.O.S. (P)T 186
D.D.O.S. L. of C., C.M.F.
Telephone:- 55272
Reference:- SIB/JOB/1428(18)
31 March, 1945.

To:- S.P.O.
557 B.O.D.

1. Herewith the under mentioned Issue Vouchers :-
122665 - 122672

2. Please acknowledge receipt on attached Schedules.

3. These cover O.F.P. Scaling in respect of the following :-

EQUIPTS.	TYPE	QUANTITY
W/T. Sets No:19 Cdn. Mk.III Truck/Ground (Common Items scaled previously.)		14

4. Stores are for issue to 4 Italian Combat Group O.F.P. and te unit.

5. Please treat as Priority II.

6. The following special instructions will apply :-
Report progress to (a) DOS (Plans) AFHQ, (b) DADOS 55 BLU, (c) this Branch.

James James
Capt.
for A.D.O.S. (P):
(S.J. LAMB).

COPY TO :-

D.O.S., A.F.H.Q. - Adv. Section REME Scales Br. advise no scale in respect of the following.

EQUIPT.	Qty.
Apparatus Cable Laying No.2	38

I.O. No.122677 contains Controlled stores.

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4. Stores are for issue to 4 Italian Combat Group C.F.P. and to unit.

5. Please treat as Priority II.

6. The following special instructions will apply :-
Report progress to (a) DDOS (Plans) AFHQ, (b) DADOS 53 BLU, (c) this Branch.

Capt.
for A.D.O.S. (P):
(G.J. LAMB)-

COPY TO :-

D.O.S., A.F.H.Q. - Adv. Section REME Scales Pr. advise no scale in respect of the following.

EQUIPT.	Qty.
Apparatus Cable Laying No.2	56

Sec 192 — I.O. No.122677 contains controlled stores. Kindly release. Telephonic communication (Major Williams - Capt. Lamb) on 18 and 27 Jan 45 refers.

D.A.D.O.S. 53 B.L.U. - with copies of a/m I.Vs. for onward transmission to unit concerned.

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COPY

Subject: Amendments to Master List, Section F.

C.O.P.O. (M.E.) M.E.F.
Tel. Citadel Ext. 92.

C.O.P.O./1756/20 (294)
14th March 1945

A.D.O.S., 5th Army (Brit Incr)

1. The new F.2 Master List is at present in course of publication and will be distributed on completion of printing and binding.

2. The additions and parts change herewith form the new Section F.2, the designation of which is "Tool Kits and Empty Chests", etc.

3. As authorised by A.C.I. 1150 of 1944 now being republished in M.E.G.O's the new Tool Kits supersede those previously included in :-

(a) V.A.O.S. Section F.
(b) V.A.O.S. Section LV 6 - M.T. 2
(c) Vocabulary of Miscellaneous Stores for Mechanical Transport.
M.T. Section 2.

4. The old kits should be broken down and new Kits made up in accordance with the V.A.O.S. Sec. F.2 pamphlets, copies of which have now been distributed by G.H.Q. Publications Dept.

5. It is requested that this change-over be effected as expeditiously as possible; when balances on the old Kits become Nil, the necessary deletions to the F.1 Addendum and Appendix will be passed.

??????????????????Lieut.,
for Brigadier,
D.D.O.S., C.O.P.O. (M.E.)
(A. MACKENZIE).

A.D.O.S.
2 APR 1945
G3 COPIES

D.A.D.O.S. 53 B.L.A.

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3844a GHQP/3-44
ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 182

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.

FROM (A) Originator. DADOS 53 B.L.U. | Date-Time of Origin. 04- 1640B | Office Date Stamp

For Action.

S.C. REME. 53 B.L.U.

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

DA.A & QMG. 53 B.L.U.

Message Instructions. | G R

Originator's No.

OS/205 ⊙ RESTRICTED ⊙ REF YOUR UNREFERENCED AND UNDATED SIGNAL RE TECHNICAL STORES FOR MECH. ENG. PLATOON ⊙ WHEN THE APPLICATIONS FOR SCALINGS OF FAMTOS, W/SHOPS STORES SECTION, AND OFP. WERE SUBMITTED, AN APPLICATION WAS INCLUDED FOR A SEPARATE W/SHOPS STORES SECTION SCALING FOR THE M.E. PLATOON ON THE BASIS OF THE VEHICLES THEN HELD BY THE S. & T. COY ⊙ UNDER COVER OF LETTER REF SIB/JOB/1427 (3) OF 20 JAN 45, A COPY OF EACH SCALING APPLICATION WAS RETURNED BY S.I.3, ADOS(T), WITH PENCILLED NOTES ⊙ THE NOTE ON THE M.E. PL. SCALING APPLICATION IS AS FOLLOWS: "No separate scaling being issued for the above ⊙ Included in W/Shops store sec. scaling Under SIB/JOB/1427." ⊙ THE A/M LETTER ALSO REFERRED TO GRO 100/44 AS AUTHORITY FOR NOT ISSUING A SEPARATE SCALING ⊙

IN VIEW OF THE APPARENT NECESSITY FOR M.E. PL. TO HOLD SPARES, APPLICATION IS NOW BEING MADE FOR A PART II SCALING TO BE ISSUED ON THE BASIS OF THE LATEST VEHICLE CENSUS RETURNS AVAILABLE FROM S & T COY UNDER AUTHORITY OF ADDENDUM TO DOS CIRCULAR No. 161 DATED 26 JAN 45 ⊙

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Originator's No.

OS/205 ⊙ RESTRICTED ⊙ REF YOUR UNREFERENCED AND UNDATED SIGNAL RE "TECHNICAL STORES" FOR MECH. ENG. PLATOON ⊙ WHEN THE APPLICATIONS FOR SCALINGS OF FAMTOS, W/SHOPS STORES SECTION, AND OFP WERE SUBMITTED, AN APPLICATION WAS INCLUDED FOR A SEPARATE W/SHOPS STORES SECTION SCALING FOR THE M.E. PLATOON ON THE BASIS OF THE VEHICLES THEN HELD BY THE S. & T. COY ⊙ UNDER COVER OF LETTER REF SIB/JOB/1427(3) OF 20 JAN 45, A COPY OF EACH SCALING APPLICATION WAS RETURNED BY S.I.B., ADOS(P), WITH PENCILLED NOTES ⊙ THE NOTE ON THE M.E. PL. SCALING APPLICATION IS AS FOLLOWS: "No separate scaling being issued for the above ⊙ Included in Wshops store sec. scaling Under SIB/JOB/1427." ⊙ THE A/M LETTER ALSO REFERRED TO GRO 100/44 AS AUTHORITY FOR NOT ISSUING A SEPARATE SCALING ⊙

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This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except W/T WIRELESS.	If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands this message must be sent IN CIPHER.	Originator's Instructions. Degree of Priority.	Time	System	Op
ed. MAJOR Signed.			THI or TOR		
			Time Cleared		

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M40738/1668 35056 11/43 M. Ltd. 51-7553

ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No.

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.

FROM (A) Originator: S.O. R.E.M.E. 53 B.L.U. | Date-Time of Origin. | Office Date Stamp

For Action.

X D.A.D.O.S. 53 B.L.U.

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

AA & QMG 53 B.L.U.

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No.

Subject:- Technical Stores for Mech. Eng. Platoon Workshop.

1:/ The Mech. Eng. Platoon Workshop has not received any issue of Technical Stores either as Scaling or FAMTO. As, in addition, is has no Binned Lorry or its W.E., it seems that the question of supplying such material may have been entirely overlooked.

2:/ Could you please advise whether any Scaling or FAMTO stores are due to be issued to this unit. If no initial issue is to be expected, would it be possible to arrange for this to be made as soon as possible, both as Scaling and FAMTO?

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1911.

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except WIRELESS. Signed.	If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands this message must be sent IN CIPHER. Signed.	Originator's instructions. Degree of Priority.	Time	System	Op.
			THI or TOR		
			Time Cleared		

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M40738/1464 350M 11/43 M. Ltd. 51-7553

ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 180

Call	Srt. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.

FROM (A) 53 BLU — Originator — Date-Time of Origin. 01 1125 A — Office Date Stamp

For Action.

HQ COMBAT GP FOLGORE

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

ST @ ORD -

Message Instructions. GR

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Originator's No.

AQ-01-98 R/F HQ 01-97 cpy. to Combat Gp Re following
~~EFI supplies are not available~~ / to collect on 41 BIS
~~BORGO SLORENZO~~ @ Razzo 1700 Tank Brushes 3400
~~Shaving Brushes 4400 Razors with full maintenance~~
~~issue of March and April~~ as laid down in c/m Potter
~~of Shaving Soap Razor Blades and Tank~~ scale is Shaving
~~Soap 9380 Razor Blades 37544~~ Tank scale 1=7720
~~Drawings will be~~ from 41 BIS 1400 HD Apr 2000 rations/life
~~Italian officers will sign for~~ razor blades 1500 per month
~~to Pte HQ~~ for onward transmission Urgent

W.

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Originator's No.

AQ-Q1-98 Ref HQ Q1-97 copy to Combat Gp Re following
~~EFI Supplies are not available for collection at 41 BIS~~
~~BERGO SICHERZO~~ Razors 1700 Track Brushes 3400
~~Spring Brushes 4400~~ be Res with full maintenance
~~issue 1st March and April~~ as laid down in c/m Potter
~~& Shaving Soap Razor Blades and Track paste ie Sharny~~
~~Soap 9360 Razor blades 37544 Track paste 187720~~
~~Drawings will be from 41 BIS~~ 1400 AD Apr 2 ⊙ Arrange Ife
~~Trafalgar Sqn will sign for these articles~~ two copies receipt
~~to Pers HQ for onward transmission to RMA~~

W.

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This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except WIRELESS.	If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands this message must be sent IN CIPHER.	Originator's Instructions. Degree of Priority.	Time	System	Op.
Signed.	Signed.	IMMEDIATE	TH! or TOR		
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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 177

Call	Sri. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

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FROM	Originator	Date-Time of Origin.	Office Date Stamp
(A)	53 British Liaison Unit	222000 A	

For Action.

TO [redacted]

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No.

All - 26. Confidential. Planning Order. Corps Cmd will visit sub units in 127 Bde and area [redacted] on 31 Mar. Detailed programme will be issued. All info.

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Originator's No.

~~A44 = 36.~~ ~~Confidential.~~ ~~Warning Order.~~ ~~Comm Genl will visit nda units~~ ~~in 127 HQ and exer HERO 2 LOGEZO on 21 Nov.~~ ~~Detailed programme will be~~ ~~issued.~~ ~~All Refs.~~

4 Sep

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This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except WIRELESS. Signed.	If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands this message must be sent IN CIPHER. Signed.	Originator's Instructions. Degree of Priority.	Time THI or TOR / Time Cleared	System	Op.

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DADOS. 53 B.C.D.

SUBJECT : Packs Railheads & Roadheads.

c.c. Please show me letter referred. L.S.

British Inc
Rear HQ Fif

Phone : LI

Ref : 5A

Date : 23

To: Distribution Overleaf.

Herewith full details of Pack Nos Railheads, Roadhead Nos and Formations.

This supercedes the details circulated under my 5A/OS/S/15 of 30 Nov 44, and comes into

Serial No.	Pack No.	Railhead	Roadhead No.	C.B.D. Handling Stores	Located.	Map Ref	Fo
1	–	RIFREDI (FLORENCE)	51	4 O.B.D.	PONTASSIEVE	Q 9469	AI
2	26	"	"	"	"	"	13
3	26	"	"	"	"	"	
4	26	"	"	"	"	"	
5	26	"	"	"	"	"	
6	26	"	"	"	"	"	
7	26	"	"	"	"	"	
8	26	"	"	"	"	"	
9	–	"	"	"	"	"	
10	–	"	"	"	"	"	6
11	–	"	"	"	"	"	21
12	–	"	"	"	"	"	7
13	–	"	"	"	"	"	52
							FL

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Field.

J.JL MU
for Lt-

...../Distbn.

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C.C.
Please show me
letter referred.

LG

S E C R E T

British Increment (Ordnance Branch),
Rear HQ Fifth Army, GMF.

Phone : LIGHTNING REAR 172.

Ref : 5A/OS/S/15.

Date : 23 March, 45.

...s of Pack Nos Railheads, Roadhead Nos and Formations.

... details circulated under my 5A/OS/S/15 of 30 Nov 44, and comes into effect on 1 April 45.

	Roadhead No.	O.B.D. Handling Stores	Located.	Map Ref	Formation	Remarks
...NCE)	51	4 O.B.D.	PONTASSIEVE	Q 9469	ADOS Br Incr Fifth Army	
	"	"	"	"	13 Corps:-	
	"	"	"	"	10 Ind Inf Div.	
	"	"	"	"	53 BLU (Folgore Gruppo)	
	"	"	"	"	6 A.G.R.A.	
	"	"	"	"	16 A.G.R.E.	
	"	"	"	"	2 A.A. Bde.	
	"	"	"	"	13 Corps Tps.	
	"	"	"	"	6 (SA) Armd Div.	
	"	"	"	"	21 Beach Group.	
	"	"	"	"	7 A.G.R.A.	
	"	"	"	"	52 BLU (Legnano Gruppo)	
	"	"	"	"	FLORENCE Command.	

J.J. MULLINS, Major,
for Lt-Col, A.D.O.S.

...../Distbn.

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DISTRIBUTION :

DOS AFHQ	(6)
DDOS Eighth Army	(2)
DDOS 13 Corps	(10).
DDOS 1 District	(2).
DDOS 2 District	(2)
ADOS 15 Army Group.	(2).
ADQT 6 (SA) Armd Div.	(5).
DADOS 21 Beach Gp.	(10).
DADOS FLORENCE Command.	(6).
DADOS 52 B.L.U.	(2).
COO 557 B.O.D.	(6).
COO Ord Depot BARI.	(5).
COO 55 A.O.D.	(5).
ROO AREZZO Railhead.	(2).
OC 581 L of C SCU.	(5).
OC 1 Det 581 L of C SCU.	(1).
NCO i/c 3 Air Stores Sec 581 L of C SCU.	(1).
'Q' Brit Incr Fifth Army.	(2).
DDST " " " "	(2).
DDME " " " "	(2).
DDES " " " "	(2).
ADL " " " "	(2).
ADV & R " " "	(2).
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AD TN " " " "	(2).
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War Diary."	(3).

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SUBJECT :- Maint - BR-ITIS

Ord

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Rear HQ 13 Corps
1001/2/Q

19 Mar 45

Q Main 10 Ind Inf Div	RA
53 BLU	RE
16 AGRE	CSO
CRE 13 C Tps	A
13 Corps Sigs	ST
23 CC FMA	Med
Camp 127 FMC	Ord
HQ 46 Gp Pnr Corps	EME
HQ 55 Gp Pnr Corps	Pro
	40 BIS (2) (One for Lieut WILLIAMS)
	41 BIS

1. This letter is issued to clarify the posn with regard to certain sups concerning BR-ITIS.

RATIONS

2. Under MMIA letter AQ/2-53 dated 18 Feb the previous ration scale for BR-ITIS was cancelled and the following introduced wef 20 Feb :-

(a) From Brit Army stocks

	Per man per day
Flour	15 ozs
Dried Vegetables	2 "
Meat Canned or Fish Preserved	3 "
Cheese	1 oz
Sugar	1 "
Macaroni	3 ozs
Rice	1 oz
Vegetables Dehydrated	1 "
Catsup or Tomato Paste	½ "
Coffee	½ "
Pepper	1/200"

From Italian War Ministry stocks

Fruit Fresh	4 "
Vegetables Fresh	8 "
Olive Oil	1½ "
Nuts Shelled or	1 oz
Nuts Unshelled	2 ozs

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Nuts Shelled or	1 oz
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Salt	½ oz
Wine	½ litre
Matches	1 box or 2 books weekly.

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(b) Wef 1 Apr 45 units drawing the Brit portion of the ratio. from DIDs are instructed to draw the 4 ozs Fruit and 8 ozs Fresh Vegetables also from DIDs under MMIA form ST8.

(c) As an emergency measure until 1 Apr 45 only, an additional issue of 3 ozs flour and 1 oz Preserved Meat to all tps fwd of Army rear bdy is authorised. This addition will be known as the 'Combat Increment' and will not be shown on MMIA Form ST 8. The issue however be shown on loading lists, be signed for, and pass through Accounts records in the normal manner. x The foregoing instrs to date back from 1 Mar 45.

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3. The above ration scale is now effective.

CIGARETTES

4. (a) Free Issue

The scale is 5 cigarettes per man per day for all tps of all categories and is issued through DIDs.

(b) Additional Free Issue

An additional free issue of 5 cigarettes per man per day was authorised wef 7 Mar and is applicable to all Combat Gps wherever located and all BR-ITIS fwd of Army rear bdy. This issue is made by arrangements HQ 231 Div.

(c) Repayment Cigarettes

The Italian Government sup certain quantities of cigarettes for issue through HQ 231 Div on repayment. The scale of provision is 5 per man per day as far as sups will permit. Responsibility for obtaining payment from the tps rests with the Italian mil authorities.

EFI

5. EFI scale of issue to BR-ITIS in Combat Gps is as under :-

Item	Initial Issue	Maintenance Issue
Razors	1 per 2 men	Nil
Razor blades	-	2 per 1 month
Tooth brushes	1	1 per 4 months
Shaving brushes	1 per 2 men	Nil
Toothpaste	-	1 tube per month
Shaving soap	-	1 stick per 4 months

6. 53 BLU will submit consolidated demands to 41 BIS to whom bulk receipts will be given for goods received, these receipts constituting the EFI certificate of issue.

7. 53 BLU will obtain receipts for all articles - which are issued on credit - from the responsible Italian offr and then fwd such receipts to MMIA IO Rear HQ Fifth Army.

8. The BIS will transfer accounts to Offr i/c Accounts EFI AFHQ for financial adjustment.

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9. No other EFI facilities exist for BR-ITIS.

SOAP

10. (a) The scale of issue through Italian sources at Base is 300 grammes per man per month for all BR-ITIS fwd of Army rear bdy and 200 grammes per mule or horse per month; the scale varies with the fat content of the soap.

(b) Issues are made through RASC channels.

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11. It is recognised that in some cases the scale may be insufficient and authority is given for low scale issues from Brit sources at the discretion of Brit comds.

12. (a) Owing to the shortage of soap in this theatre, issues from Brit sources for BR-ITIS will be kept to a minimum.

(b) Authorities for such issues will be as follows :-

LEGNANO GRUPPO	-	"Q" Fifth Army
FOLGORE GRUPPO	-	"Q" Rear 13 Corps
Pack Tpt Coys	-	ST Fifth Army
Pnr & Lab Coys	-	"Q" Fifth Army through "Q" Rear 13 Corps.

13. In order to debit the Italian Government, vouchers covering issues will be serially numbered and will show the following infm :

(a) Date of Issue
(b) Authority for Issue
(c) Depot or Installation making issue
(d) Unit to which issue was made
(e) Quantity
(f) Price
(g) Signature of receiving Italian offr (with name typed or printed)
(h) Countersignature of the issuing unit

The original signed voucher will be sent to MMIA LO Rear HQ Fifth Army, one copy being retained by the issuing and receiving units.

14. A special scale for hosps and Italian med units additional to the normal ration of 300 grammes per month is as follows :-

Gen hosps	300 grammes per month per bed occupied
Evac hosps	60 kilos per month per hosp
Med secs	4 " " " " sec
FSUs	2 " " " " unit
Unit Med offrs	600 grammes per month per med offr

15. This scale is intended to be implemented only after the normal scale requirements have been met.

16. Applications for issue from Brit stocks will be made through "Q" channels to "Q" Brit Increment, Rear HQ Fifth Army.

DUBBIN

17. Due to the shortage of Dubbin from Italian sources, authority is given for issues from Brit stocks on the normal scale from Ord: authority for issues and system of debiting will be the same as for Soap at para(s) 13.

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(Sgd) N. HAMILTON-LEACH, Major
for Brigadier
DA & QMG

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53 B.L.U.
Ref. Q4 - 68
27 Mar 45

Subject: Salvage

To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE
G
Ord

1. It is essential that the areas now occupied by your Gp units are cleared of all salvage, and in order to effect this, it is requested that all units are not only ordered to backload all salvage to base installations but are made salvage conscious.

2. Ammunition salvage will continue to be backloaded to Corps Amm depots at Castel del Rio and Palazzuola and by Gp 2nd line tpt from Castel del Rio to Corps Salvage depot.

3. All Ord supply items which are unserviceable will be returned by units to Ir Ord depot through BOWO depots on ARROW and ACE Routes and in Ronta area.

Lt.Col
C.S.

1905

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Subject: E.P.I. Supplies to Combat Gp FOLGORE.

53 B.L.U.
Ref. Q1 - 97
27 Nov 45

To :- Q Rear 13 Corps

H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE
AF
Q(M)

1. Under authority AFHQ/2552/9(Maint) of 27 Sep 44, F 26665 of 14 Feb and FX 34094 of 26 Feb 45, certain EFI supplies can be purchased by Italian Combat Groups.

2. Combat Group FOLGORE has made no previous purchases of the EFI supplies in question.

3. This Combat Group now wishes to obtain the articles as shown below, including an initial issue of these supplies and the maintenance issues for both March and April

	Initial Issue	Maintenance issue for March	Maintenance issue for April	TOTAL
Razors	4693			4693
Razor Blades		18,772	18,772	37544
Tooth Brushes	9386			9386
Shaving Brushes	4693			4693
Toothpaste		9386	9386	18772
Shaving Soap			9386	9386

4. It is requested that this HQ be given instructions to arrange collection of these e/n supplies. In accordance with the e/n AFHQ letter of 27 Sep 44 this HQ will give a bulk receipt for all EFI goods received.

Dec 180

[signature]
Lt.Col.
G.S.

1904

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SUBJECT : Drying of Impregnated Shirts.

To: OC 2 Ind Mob Ldry.
OC 3 Mob Ldry & Bath Unit.
OC 54 Mob Ldry & Bath Unit.
OC 57 " " " " "
OC 206 " " " " "

British Increment (Ordnance Branch),
Rear HQ Fifth Army, CMF.

Phone : LIGHTNING REAR 160.

Ref : 5A/CS/21/3.

Date : 21 March, 45.

Appended is copy of War Office letter DCS.2665.(OS4) of 8 March 45 for your information and necessary action in respect of paras 3 and 4.

J.D.H. WILKINSON, Major,
for Lieut-Colonel, ADOS.

Field.

Copies to: DDOS 13 Corps.
ADOS 6 (SA) Armd Div.
ADOS 10 Indian Div.
DADOS 21 Reserch Group.
DADOS 52 B.I.U.
DADOS 55 B.I.U.
OC 7 Mob Bath Unit.
OC 8 Mob Bath Unit.
OC 15 " " "
OC 27 " " "
OC 48 " " "
OC 1 (SA) Mob Disinfestation & B.U.
OC 2 " " " " "

COPY.

Vic 6622 Ext. 237.

DCS.2665.(OS4).

Director of Ordnance Services,
A.F.H.Q.
M.E.F.
21 Army Group.
Deputy Director of Ordnance Services,
Northern, Southern, Eastern, Western,
Scottish, Commands, London District,
Northern Ireland District.

THE WAR OFFICE,
METROPOLE BUILDINGS,
NORTHUMBERLAND AVENUE,
LONDON, W.C.2.

8 March, 1945.

1. As a result of a report from BLA that Hot Air Disinfestor had been burnt out whilst employed in drying wet Anti-Typhus Shirts, DOS Research, Development and Test Centre was asked to investigate the possible danger which might be involved in this operation. The particular questions which were asked were:

(a) Are inflammable fumes given off when wet Anti-Typhus Shirts are being dried

(b) If inflammable fumes are given off what precautions should be taken to minimise the danger as far as possible.

2. Tests showed that when Shirts anti-Typhus are dried after [illegible]

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Field.

for Lieut-Colonel, A/DOS.

Copies to: DDOS 13 Corps.
ADOT 6 (SA) Armd Div.
ADOS 10 Indian Div.
DADOS 21 Reserve Group.
DADOS 52 F.D.U.
DADOS 59 B.D.U.
OC 7 Mob Bath Unit.
OC 8 Mob Bath Unit.
OC 15 " " "
OC 27 " " "
OC 43 " " "
OC 1 (SA) Mob Disinfestation & B.U.
OC 2 " " " " "

COPY.

Vic 6622 Ext. 237.

D3S.2665.(OS4).

THE WAR OFFICE,
MITCHELL BUILDINGS,
NORTHUMBERLAND AVENUE,
LONDON, W.C.2.

8 March, 1945.

Director of Ordnance Services,
A.F.H.Q.
M.E.F.
21 Army Group.
Deputy Director of Ordnance Services,
Northern, Southern, Eastern, Western,
Scottish, Commands, London District,
Northern Ireland District.

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(b) If inflammable fumes are given off what precautions should be taken to minimise the danger as far as possible.

2. Tests show that when Shirts Anti-Typhus are dried after normal laundering there is no danger of inflammable fumes and the drying can be done safely in a Hot Air Disinfestor or before an open fire.

3. When, however, Shirts A.T. are reimpregnated under field conditions using AESO No. 1, inflammable vapour consisting of solvent naphtha is given off. 1903

4. Accordingly shirts which have impregnated or reimpregnated by the field method using AESO No. 1 or AESO No. 2 will not be dried in Hot Air Disinfestors and when drying under ordinary conditions all necessary precautions will be observed. Where a tumbler drier is used the amount of solvent naphtha does not constitute a serious fire hazard if fire precautions are observed.

(Sgd) ?????? Major-General,
Director of Clothing and Stores.

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M40738/1444 550M 11/43 M. Ltd. 51-7553

ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** 1/5N Register No. 162

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.

FROM (A) 53 B.L.B. — Originator — Date-Time of Origin. 170035 A — Office Date Stamp

For Action.

H.Q. COMBAT GROUP BOLOGNE

TO

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CRD
REME

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No.

~~AG/Ch - 46 (.) RESTRICTED (.) Instructions have been received from higher authority that the existing Gp HQs will in future be called CMAs (GROUP MAINTENANCE AREAS) (.) Please arrange for all signs etc to these installations to be amended forthwith.~~

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M40738/1444 350M 11/43 M. Ltd. 51-7553

ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 161

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Office Date Stamp

FROM	Originator	Date-Time of Origin.
(A)	53 B.L.U.	170018 A

For Action.

H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

ST
ORD

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No.

AQ/Q22 - 11 (.) RESTRICTED (.) Please arrange commencing 17 Mar for all tpt employed on maintenance of ACE route to backload ammunition salvage from CASTEL DEL RIO AP to Corp Salvage Depot (.) Owing to other commitments this maintenance tpt will not be able to perform this task on 19 Mar (.)

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OPD

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions. GR

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Subject:- SCALING.

D.A.D.O.S.,
53 D.L.U.

S.I.B., A.D.O.S., P.
D.D.O.S. L. of C., C.M.F.
Phone:- CHARLES AUTO. 55272.
Ref:- SIB/JOB/1427(12).
14 March, 1945.

1. The following observation arise in regards to scaling of the w/m equipts in respect of 4 Italian Combat Gp. CEP. and stores Sec.

W/T. Sets No. 19 (Qty. 14) Please state Mk's and Types held.

2. Scalings in respect of a/m is suspended pending reply hereto.

W/T SETS No. 19. CANADIAN, MK III, TRUCK/GROUND

James James
Capt.
for A.D.O.S., P.
(J.J. JAMES)

Copy to:- CC, Adv. Sec. RAME. Scales Br. - Your RB/5/10 dated 8th March, 45 refers.
File SIB/JOB/1428.

See 163

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 158

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.

FROM (A) 53 Bde — Originator — Date-Time of Origin. 1200 hrs — Office Date Stamp

For Action.

TO HQ Combat Group Foligno

(W) For Information (INFO) 55 Div 150

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No. AQ-620-7

Ref Map 1:50,000 Sheet 127 — 1 copy issued to Bde HQ

1 copy issued to Bde Head quarters, railway & Gas Foligno

Hyde Sqn. RA Ref Map 1:50,000 Sheet 127 — 1 copy issued to Bde

Lieut-Col

1899

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CHIEF

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Originator's No.

AO-620-Y Action Copy Repeat 4 of 5 Pts of
Tactical Air Control Net 4 of 5 Pts of
Navy Secret Key to be used beginning 1 Feb 1944
Effective from 0600 GCT 1 Feb 1944 to 2400 GCT 29 Feb 1944

Lee

1899

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Subject: Discipline.

Rc HQ 53 B.L.U.
Ref: QRD/1.
9 Mar 45.

152

To: Officer Commanding,
No. 4 Italian Combat Group C.F.P.

Attached correspondence is forwarded to you for disciplinary action as necessary.

Major,
DADOS,
53 British Liaison Unit.

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M40738/1444 350M 11/43 M. Ltd. 51-755

ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No.

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FROM (A) Originator	Date-Time of Origin	
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For Action.

TO Hq Combat Group Fwd CRE

(W) For Information (INFO)

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Message Instructions.	GR

Originator's No.

GG/62-4 Restricted to Hqs 5 Bde all Gp Arty and 5 T Gp Sqn

used on manufacture of type 64 RCE route mat Each load accompanies

salvage & Engr Salvage Report from 1/4 Pnr (HE)

See 158

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OHJ-

Originator's No.

OHJ/620-Gm Assistance to HQ 3 Div at Ipe Hut and 3rd Coy Det
used on maintenance of Ips on ACE route with Lark load allowance
change to Corps Change Report from 1st 2006 (BAF)

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) MESSAGE FORM Register No. 119

Call	Srl No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

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FROM (A) Originator: SCOTT 1 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD. Date-Time of Origin: 0[illegible] NIL. Office Date Stamp

For Action

DADOS 53 BLU.

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

DADOS 10 CORPS. DDOS 13 CORPS.

Message Instructions: GR

Originator's No

S3.

SECRET.

YOUR CO/111 OF 26th.

BINNING COMPLETED. ETA 13 CORPS AREA 2300HRS 6th MARCH.

DIST 53 BLU
DDOS

SECRET CIPHER

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Originator's No

S3.

SECRET.

YOUR CO/111 OF 26th. 126

BINNING COMPLETED. ETA 13 CORPS AREA 2300HRS 6th MARCH.

DIST 53 BLU
DDOS

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Signed	Signed	ROUTINE.	THI or TOR		
			Time cleared		

P.S.S. "E" M100 - 25,000 Pads 100-44

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H.Q., 13 Corps.
2/22/OS
3 March '45.

141

Subject:- Laundry Facilities.

D.A.D.O.S.,
53 B.L.U.

1. W.e.f. 5 March laundry for Folgore Group will be undertaken by 54 Mobile Laundry & Bath Unit, Map Ref Q 905885.

2. A float is being arranged but pending its arrival laundry will be delivered one day and collected the next.

K.G. Dice Lusi
Colonel,
D.D.O.S.

KGD/J

Copy to:- O.C.,
54 Mobile Laundry & Bath Unit.

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Subject:- Discipline - Speeding. 157

115 Provost Company,
10 Corps.
Ref:- PRO/115/18/142
1 Mar 45.

C.C.,
Fargo Mobile A.G.A. Coy.,
Folgore Division.

The attached copy of a Military Police Report is forwarded for your information and necessary action.

Captain,
115 Provost Company.

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137 A

REPORT.

To,

The Officer Commanding,
115 Provost Company.

Sir,

I have to report that on the PORTO-S-GIORGIO - PORTO-CIVITANOVA Road on the 25th Feb 1945, at about 1150 hrs, I was on M/Cycle Road Patrol duty, riding a BSA M/Cycle No 4666464, and accompanied by L/Cpl. Ward G., C.M.Police, riding a BSA M/Cycle No 4342418 where I saw a MO 3 Ton DODGE Truck No L5673229, being driven by:-

Soldato VITOLO ITALO
PARCO MOBILE A.G.F.Coy.,
FILOORT DIVISION.

and travelling towards Porto-Civitanova at a speed which appeared to be excessive.

I followed this vehicle for a distance of approximately 10 (ten) miles, maintaining uneven distance behind, and keeping careful observation on my speedometer which registered a maximum speed of 55 mph and a minimum speed of 50 mph. Owing to the speed of this vehicle I was unable to overtake it until nearing Porto-Civitanova, where I was able to signal the driver to stop.

I informed him of his speed, and pointed out the offence in the best way I could as the driver was unable to speak or understand English.

I obtained his particulars from his work-ticket and allowed him to proceed.

Field
25th Feb 1945

7690746 A. Cowie L/Cpl.
115 Provost Company, C.M.Police.

Sir, I have read over and corroborate the above statement.

Field
25th Feb 1945

No816204 G. Ward L/Cpl.
115 Provost Company, C.M.Police.

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ARMY FORM C2156 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A) Originator: DADS REAR I CORPS

Date - Time of Origin: 01

OFFICE DATE STAMP: 136

For Action: DADS, 43 BDE

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions: COR

GR: 19

Originator's No.

05/6192 ○ instruction ○ arrange backload 25 RDF surplus gloves

and clothings held received from 55 Y ROD ○ 152/306/180/11

of 27 Refers

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151/DHQ/45

A10 2985/2/35

Subject: Mob Laundries.

Rear HQ 13 Corps
1044/Q
27 Feb 45

Q Rear 6 Brit Armd Div	1 Cav Mob Vet Sec
Main 10 Ind Inf Div	4 Cav Mob Vet Sec
6 AGRA	RA
2 AA Bde	RE
53 BLU	CSO
16 AGRE	A
CRE 13 C Tps	ST
12 Mech Eqpt Pl	Med
15 Mech Eqpt Pl	Ord
13 Corps Sigs	EME
35 Sig Pk	Pro
105 SW Sec	Postal
412 FS Sec	Sal
23 CC FMA	Camp Main
Camp 127 FMC	Camp Rear
HQ 46 Gp Pnr Corps	200 Transit Camp
HQ 55 Gp Pnr Corps	

X Ref GRO 154/45.

1. Sups of ATSO (the re-impregnation solution) have been released to all laundry units.

2. Full instructions of the process of re-impregnation of Shirts, Anti-typhus have been given departmentally.

N.H. Lawrence Major
for Brigadier,
DA & QMG.

E 5 MAR 1945

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Main 10 Ind Inf Div	4 Cav Hob Vet Sec
6 AGRA	RA
2 AA Bde	RE
53 BLU	CSO
16 AGRE	A
CRE 13 C Tps	ST
12 Mech Eqpt Pl	Med
15 Mech Eqpt Pl	Ord
13 Corps Sigs	EME
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N. Hamilton-Leask Major
for Brigadier,
DA & QMG.

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British Increment (Ordnance Branch),
Rear HQ Fifth Army, CMF.

Phone : LIGHTNING REAR 160.

Ref : 5A/OS/16/8.

Date : 27 February, 45.

SUBJECT : Backloading 'A' and 'B' Vehicle Assys.

To: DDOS 13 Corps (15).
ADQT 6 (SA) Armd Div. (5).
DADOS, 21 Beach Group. (5).
DADOS, FLORENCE Command. (5).
OC, 4 O.B.D. (1).
OC, 5 O.B.D. (1).

Copies to: OC, 5 Army Tps OFP. (1).
ROO AREZZO. (1).
DDST, Brit Incr. (1).
DDME, Brit Incr. (1).

1. Reference G.R.O. 133 of 1945 para 7 sub para (ii), this should be re-written in order to utilise the resources of 35 A.O.D. as follows.

2. All 'A' (less Churchills) and 'B' Vehicle engine assemblies other than those detailed above will be returned by Formations and Districts in Italy as follows :-

Formations and Units under Armies and 1 District - R.S.D. 35 A.O.D. ANCONA.

Formations and Units under 2 and 3 Districts as follows :-

Those on Western L of C Railheads - M.T. R.S.D. 557 B.O.D. PONTECAGNANO

Those on Eastern L of C Railheads - Ord Depot, BARI.

3. Pending publication of the above amendment will you please arrange backloading accordingly.

1890

H. JAMIESON, Capt,
for Lt-Col, ADOS.

Field.

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O 130 (2)

57 MCO V HAR NR 1074 QVR 1

FROM 2 SUB DEPOT 557 BOD 27 NFT

TO DADOS 53 BLU

INFO DDOS 10 CORPS

QQX BT

OS 2/JOB/180/11 YOUR OS/9 5 OF 20. 4010 PRS

GLOVES ALREADY DESPATCH 17 FEB

RAIL WAGON 19384. BALANCE OF GLOVES AND FIELD DRESSINGS

NOT ISSUED

BT 271500

RPTNS 57 1074 1 2 557 27 53 10 OS 2/JOB/180/11

OS G5 3++ 20 4010 17 19384

SENT C B2

RD PWK B IPIP

Received

ORD

See 136

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M40735/1444 350M 11/43 M. Ltd. 51-7

SECRET MESSAGE FORM

ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large)

Register No.

Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

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FROM DADOS (A) 53 [illegible] DADOS 53 REF

Originator

Date-Time of Origin. 26 - 12.00

For Action.

OC Sub-Depot 557 ROD, CMP.

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

DADOS 10 CORPS
DADOS 13 CORPS
OC. OFP. HQ. 4. Combat Group (IV) (By Hand)

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No.

~~93/111 (.) DADOS (.) For Capt. Scott - 10 Corps OFP (.) On completing Dining No.4 Combat Group Vehicles (.) Complete party to proceed to 13 Corps area (.) Location No Ref 1/250 Sheet 11 Italy 1/250000 (.) Report DADOS 53 REF on arrival (.) Please signal an estimated date arrival (.)~~

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~~GS/444 (.) GAUSS (.) For Capt. Rebb - 10 Corps CRE (.) On completing~~
~~binding b.b Combat Group Validate (.) Complete party to proceed to 13 Corps~~
~~area (.) Insertion h Ref 6093 Sheet 11 Italy 1/200000 (.) Report DAVIS~~
~~53 Inf on arrival (.) Please signal re estimated date arrival (.)~~

Da 143

1885

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			THI or TOR		
Signed.	Signed. Major, D.D.S.I. 53 British Liaison Unit		Time Cleared		

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Subject ; F.S.S.

49 H.Q. Folgore Combat Group.
25th.Feb.1945. 126

As from the 26th.Feb.45,a section of F.S.S.will be formed.

W.E: Officers 1
N.C.Os. &
O.Rs.15

The Personnel will be obtained from the following Units :-

Nembo. San-Marco. 314 Provost.

314 Provost Personnel.		Nembo Personnel.	San-Marco Personnel.
2nd.Lieut.	Giardina.G.	Sgt.Travato.M.	O.Rs:- Goni.D.
NCO.	Romano.B.	Sgt.Greco.F.	Talierci.A.
NCO.	Passalacqua.G.		
NCO.	Comberdi.D.		
O.Rs:-	Brizi.P.		
	Serenti.R.		
	Rillosi.E.		
	Porretto.E.		
	Perdni.P.		
	Cellai.G.		

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53.B.L.U.is asked to put at the disposal of the F.S.S. the following interpreters,assigned from 8th.Army H.Q.:-

Lucchesi Luigi. Di.Lenzio Albano.

All the personnel here mentioned,will be attached to 314.Provost,with their complete kit and equipment.

Signed ??????????????????????
(Ten.Col.Umberto De Martino.)

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COMANDO GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO " F O L G O R E "
Sezione "I"

N.673 di prot./I.- P.M.146,li 25 febbraio 1945.-

AL COMANDO RGT.PARACADUTISTI "NEMBO"
AL COMANDO RGT.MARINA "S.MARCO"
AL COMANDO C.C.R.R.
AL COMANDO 53 B.L.U.
e per conoscenza:
AL COMANDO RGT.ARTIGLIERIA "FOLGORE"
AL COMANDO BTG.MISTO GENIO
AL REPARTO TRASPORTI E RIFORNIMENTI
AL COMANDO OFFICINE MECCANICHE
AL COMANDO PARCO MOBILE
AL QUARTIER GENERALE
AL COMANDO 2^ SQUADRA PANETTIERI
AL COMANDO UFFICIO SANITA'

1 - Sotto la data del 26 corr.viene costituita una sezione autonoma di sicurezza sul campo (F.S.S.)
2 - Organico :
1 Ufficiale
13 sottufficiali e truppa,
3 - Il personale verrà tratto dal Rgt."Nembo",dal Rgt."S.Marco" e dalla 314^ Sezione cc.rr. come segue:-

S.Ten.	GIARDINA	Giuseppe	314^ Sez. CC.RR.
Brig.	ROMANO	Benedetto	" " "
" .	PASSALACQUA	Giuseppe	" " "
V.Brig.	LOMBARDI	Dino	" " "
Serg.	TROVATO	Michele	Rgt. " Nembo "
" .	GRECO	Francesco-Paolo	" "
Carab/re.	ERIZI	Pietro	314^ Sez. CC.RR.
" .	SERENI	Renzo	" " "
" .	RILLOSI	Ernesto	" " "
" .	PORRETTO	Emanuele	" " "
" .	PERONI	Primo	" " "
" .	CELLAI	Gorino	" " "
Fuf.Ord..	GONI	Dino	Rgt."San Marco
Marò	TALIERCI	Antonio	" "

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b) controllare che tutte le misure per tutelare il segreto militare vengano attuate dai reparti dipendenti,
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d) rafforzare ei militari dipendenti la necessità della tutela del segreto militare.-

5 - Mezzi di trasporto :
In attesa dei mezzi di trasporto richiesti alle Autorità Superiori il Comandante dei cc.rr;del Gruppo di Combattimento metterà a disposizione della F.S.S.
N. 1 Jeep
N; 1 15 owt
N. 4 moto

6 - Il 53° B.L.U.è pregato mettere a disposizione della Sez.F.SS.i seguenti interpreti assegnati dal Comando dell'VIIIª Armata:O.R.LUCCHESILuigi
O.R.DI LENZO Albano

7-- Il personale di cui al n.3 in attesa della costituzione della compagnia cc.rr.del Gruppo passerà in aggregazione ,con l'equipaggiamento al completo ,alla 314ª Sez.cc.rr.

d'ordine IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Ten.Col.Umberto De Martino

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Subject: MT Minor Assys. - Exchange on a 1 for 1 Basis.

53 B.L.U.
Ref: ORD/1.
25 Feb 45.

To: All Units, Folgore Combat Group.

1. The undermentioned Minor MT assemblies are in short supply, and issues to units must be strictly controlled i.e. issues will be made only by OFP only if the unit returns the u/s item to workshops.

1.	Generator assys.	2.	Petrol pump assys.
3.	Distributor assys.	4.	Starter motor assys.
5.	Carburettor assys.	6.	Water pump assys.
7.	Radiators	8.	Coils
9.	Spark plugs	10.	Batteries
11.	Covers & tubes pneumatic	12.	Wheels

The object of such control is to ensure that as many as possible of these items are returned to Base Workshops for repair and re-use.

2. In the case of the first 10 of the a/m items, if these cannot be immediately repaired by unit fitters, LADs, or Mech. Eng. Platoon, as the case may be, they will be sent to Mech. Eng. W/Shops. If Mech. Eng. W/shops cannot immediately undertake repairs, either because of pressure of work or because their facilities are inadequate, the unit will obtain a receipt on AB108, and attach a copy of this receipt to their indent for submission to OFP. OC OFP will not normally authorise issue of any of these assemblies unless this is done.

3. Covers & Tubes Pneumatic, and Wheels. The scale of one spare wheel complete for every five vehicles should be sufficient to ensure that no vehicle is ever "Off the road" because of u/s tyres or wheels. Any of these items which become u/s will be sent to Mech. Eng. W/shops and a BER certificate obtained if W/shops are unable to undertake repairs. A copy of this BER certificate will be attached by unit to the indent for replacement before submission to OFP.

4. W/shops Stores Section will be responsible for securely packing and backloading all assemblies mentioned in this instruction which are declared by Mech. Eng. W/shops to be beyond local repair.

5. OC OFP will use his discretion to ensure that a too rigid application of these instructions will not endanger operations.

1885

Major,
DADOS,
53 British Liaison Unit.

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDG NO. 785020

Subject : - Engine Assemblies.

To : H.Q.Combat Group.
Folgore.

Copies To : DDOS., 10 Corps.
DAA & QMG., 53.B.L.U.
REME., 53.B.L.U.

53. Brit.Liaison Unit.
C. M. F.
Ref: ORD/1
Date: 24th.Feb.45.

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1. Please arrange to have the following brought to the attention of Ord.Field Park, and Ord Stores Section attached to No.4.Italian Combat Group Workshops.

2. Wherever possible, all engines held as stock or reserve, will be stored under cover of tarpaulins etc.

3. This is to prevent as far as possible "Weathering" of Engines. Instructions have similarly been given to all engine holding installations (either stock or transit) at Base or in Maintenance Areas. This "Weathering" has resulted in the deterioration of large numbers of assemblies, and the preventative measures can not be too strongly stressed.

Field.

Major.
D.A.D.O.S.

1884

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 11

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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Office Date Stamp

FROM (A) Originator: DDOS 10 CORPS — Date-Time of Origin.: 231515A

For Action.

ADOS 10 CORPS 7FS
ADOS 8 ARMD DIV
DADOS 58 BLU DADOS 2 POL ARMD BDE

TO HQ 12 CON INF BDE FOR BOWO

(W) For Information (INFO)

DDST 10 CORPS
DDME 10 CORPS
26 BLU

Message Instructions. GR 52

Originator's No.

HQ 4499/41 ⊙ restricted ⊙ DOS AFHQ reports spark plugs not being returned to base for recond ironing ⊙ since now QTY 263000 (RPTD 263000) plugs issued but only some 4500 returned ⊙ request you ensure every effort made to effect issue on one for one principle where possible and all repairable spark plugs returned to base earliest.

1883

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Originator's No.

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1883

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			THI or TOR 1745	L	RAS
Signed	Signed.		Time Cleared		

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Subject: Engine Assemblies

Rear HQ 10 Corps
Ref: MS/43/442
22 February 45

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ADOS 10 Corps Tps
ADOS 8 Ind Div
DADOS 52 HLU
DADOS 2 Polish Armd Bde
HQ 1 Can Armd Bde for BOVO
OC 11 FMSS

Copy to: OC 10 Corps SCU

1. DOS AFHQ reports complaints are still being received from forward areas that on opening engine cases received from Base, much deterioration and rust has set in.

2. Instructions have been issued to ACDs and BODs to ensure that both serviceable and repairable engine assemblies are stored under cover of tarpaulins and whenever possible all cases will be covered by tarpaulins when in transit.

3. In order to ensure that maximum efforts to prevent 'weathering' are maintained forward of Army Roadhead, formations will ensure that wherever possible, all engines held by Ord Fd Parks and Stores Sections are stored under cover of tarpaulins etc.

4. OC 11 FMSS will ensure that wherever possible, repairable engines backloaded to Base are covered.

Dte 127

Lieut Col
for Colonel 1882
DDOS

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No.

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FROM (A) 53 BLD — Originator — Date-Time of Origin. 22

For Action.

OO
HQ 2 SubDistrict
557 BOD. eee

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Coo 557 BOD
DDOS 10 corps
DDOS 13

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No.

05/103 O Correspondence as O Ref my sequence 05/95 of 20 O Cannot now send any more transport for collection stores at 557 BOD O Please ~~Comd~~ all stores for 13 Inf Bde Group ~~to Rear Arezzo Railhead~~ consign immediately all stores for 13 Infantry Brigade Combat Group to ROD Arezzo Railhead O Request this be forwarded to the Senior Supply officer concerned with all despatches relevant this and any subsequent consignments O For Second addressees please inform all depots and trains concerned to Arezzo Railhead as above and not Repeat not 11 Sub Railhead as heretofore O

1881.

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC No. 785020

Originator's No.

05/1030 Confidential Ref my sequence 05/05 of 20 Cannot now send any more transport for collation stores at 554 Bde Please ~~Cancel~~ all stores for this unit from Corps Troops to ROD Arezzo Railhead ~~except to Rear Arezzo Railhead~~ Cancel immediately all stores for this unit from Corps Troops to ROD Arezzo Railhead Request item forwarded to this Sqn at earliest possible convenience reference this and any subsequent arrangements Don Signal Address please inform all depots any future consignments to Arezzo Railhead as above and not Repeat not 11 Sqn Railhead as heretofore

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ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM**

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FROM DADOS — Originator — (A) 53 BLU CMF — Date-Time of Origin. 20 — Office Date Stamp —

For Action.

OO
NO7 SUB DEPOT
557 BOD CMF

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

DDOS
10 CORPS CMF
HI HY

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No.

QQS/45 ORIGINATED ORDERLY SIGNAL
2/ER/1054 OF 14 IN REPLY MY SIGNAL
QS 57 OF 16 ADVISING 25 X 15 TON LORRY LOADS
AWAITING COLLECTION YEUD DEPOT PLEASE
CLARIFY FOLLOWING POINTS AND RE-ADVISE
NUMBER LORRY LOADS ACCORDINGLY I WILL
THEN SEND LORRIES IMMEDIATELY MY
REQUIREMENTS BLANKETS WOOLLEN QTY 10000
AND DRESSINGS FIELD QTY 10000 FORM PART OF THE
CONSIGNMENT IF SO THESE NOT REPEAT NOT
REQUIRED AS NOW OBTAINED FROM 55 AOD
ALSO ALL STORES FOR FOLLOWING UNITS NOT
REQUIRED AS THEY ARE NOW BEING REQUIRED
AS UNDER MY SIGNALS TO 500 SCHOOL
REF QS/44 AND QS/45 OF 27 JAN AND QS/72 AND
QS/75 OF 12 FEB REFER 230 FD HOSP NOW
BEING REQUIRED BY 50 BLU 232 FD HOSP BY
NO 2 REPATRIATION GROUP 2 FD PK COY BY 51 BLU
522 AND 526 FD HOSPS AND NOT MAC 12 SCH NOS
56 BLU 20 THE FOLLOWING ARE THE ONLY
AUXILIARY UNITS (4) WHICH THIS (53) BLU IS NOW
FORMING

RED/1

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Originator's No.

C5/15 OBSERVED REF YOUR SIGNAL
2/HCC/HOSP/CF 16 IN REPLY MY SIGNAL
C5/8/CCF/6 ADVISING 25 X 3 TON LORRY LOADS
AMMUNITION COLLECTION YOUR DEPOT PLEASE
ELABORATE FOLLOWING POINTS AND RE-ADVISE
NUMBER LORRY LOADS ACCORDINGLY C WILL
THEN SEND LORRIES IMMEDIATELY C MY
STORE MAN ADVISES GLOVES WOOLLEN QTY 10000
AND DRESSINGS FIELD QTY 10000 FORM PART OF THE
CONSIGNMENT C IF SO THESE NOT REPEAT NOT
REQUIRED AS NOW PERMANENTLY FROM 35 MOD C
ALSO ALL STORES FOR FOLLOWING UNITS NOT
REQUIRED AS THEY ARE NOW BEING EQUIPPED
AS UNDER C MY SIGNALS TO 2000 SEPROD
REF C5/4/4 AND C5/15 OF 22 JAN AND C5/12 AND
C5/15 OF 10 FEB REGRD C 230 FD HOSP NOW
BEING EQUIPPED BY SERVO 232 FD HOSP BY
NO 3 CAR GROUP 2 FD PK COY BY SI 3 L of C
522 AND 566 FD HOSPS AND NO 1 M.A.C.U.S.
SERVO C THE FOLLOWING ARE THE ONLY
AUXILIARY UNITS (4) WHICH THIS (53) BLOCK HOW
EQUIPPING C 1 FIELD AMBULANCE C 1 SPECIAL
UNIT C 51 [illegible] C [illegible] REPORTED
IN VIEW ABOVE INFORMATION PLEASE ADVISE
NUMBER LORRIES NOW REQUIRED C
VERY URGENT C

1880

Dtd 116, 130, 136

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Signed.	Signed.		THI or TOR		
			Time Cleared		

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MESSAGE FORM

ARMY FORM C2136 (Small) — Register No. 1

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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator: 2 SUB DEPOT 554 BOD — Date - Time of Origin: 191215A

For Action: DADOS 53 BLU DDOS 10 CORPS

TO (W) For Information (INFO): 101

Office, Date, & Time: STAMPS 9 11 0-BLU-3 AM BA

Message Instructions: QQX — CH: 12

Originator's No.: 2 Inf [illegible] 0 Jan 0s/87 of 16 0 25 x 3 Jan

1870

This Message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means {except / ..... wireless}	If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER	Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority	Time	System	Op.
Signed	Signed		THI or TOR 0830	LT.	
			Time cleared		

1632/GHQP

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A) DADOS Originator — S2 RLO CMF — Date - Time of Origin 16.1805 — Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO — CO No 2 SUR DEPOT 557 BOD. CMF

(W) For Information (INFO)

DDOS 10 CORPS CMF.

Message Instructions — GR

Originator's No.

CS/57 Please advise whether ANY SUPPLIES STILL REMAINING YOUR DEPOT FOR COLLECTION IF SO STATE HOW MANY LORRY LOADS

This Message may be sent AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS except WIRELESS	If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER	Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority	Time	System	Op.
Signed [illegible]	Signed [illegible]	Immediate	THI or TOR		
			Time cleared		

AG 3/GHQP

Ltr 10b

Subject : Italian Despatch Rid Pte

Your R/Fighth Army
Ref Dat : 287
Ltr 5/6
4 Feb 45

D.A.G.3. 3 Corps
D.A.G.5. 10 Corps
D.A.G.8. 2 1,21st Corps

Copy to : D.A.G. A.A.G.s.
A.A.(a) 2, A.A.(b), all Fd Regiments
A.A.(c) 3, A.A.(d), all Armoured Bns.
A.A.(e) 22 A.A.(f), all Malgret Bns.
A.A.(g) 33 A.A.(h), all Infantry Bns.

1. Until such time as a Despatch Rid Pte is in a position to function on the same lines as its British counterpart, the following procedure will be adopted in dealing with urgent V.I.P. or R.M.C. Messages which are to be delivered to Unit.

2. Messages will be passed back to Corps Type Unit Rid Pte who will :-

a) Issue if available.
or
b) Despatch the transit to them for issue direct to Despatch Rid Pte.

3. H.Q. Corps Unit Rid Pte will keep a rotation one Despatch Rid Pte and will lend all possible assistance towards their Maintenance.

friends

J.W. Hamilton Lt-Col.
Deputy
Adjutant

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ARMY POST CODE (Revised) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 65 (4)

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CBO	14/65		QUR3

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FROM (Originator): A DDOS 10 Corps

Date-Time of Origin: 14 1145 A

Office Date Stamp

For Action:
ADOS 8 Ind Div
DADOS 2 Polish Armd Bde
TO DADOS 53 ELU

(W) For information (Cipher)
11 MEG
10 Corps SCU

Message Instructions: QQX GR: 16

Originator's No.: HQ4427/42. Restricted (.) To maintain Base Repair programme ensure all repairable Chrysler Multibank Engines backloaded without delay

1877

This message may be paraphrased by any message center	If unable to be intercepted or to full into whose hands this message must not come	Originator's Instructions: 4th&5th by Drucat	Time	Syslem	Op
Paraphrased for Col. DDOS.	Signature		TRI or TOR		
			Time cleared		

HQ MOVEMENTS WEST ITALY SECRET

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ROAD MOVEMENT ORDER

CONVOY NO. 02/WA/14

UNIT No 4 Folgore Combat Group STRENGTH 25 VEHS 1 OFFS 26 ORS

S.P. CAPUA D.P. ASCOLI DISTANCE 230 Miles.

DATE TIME DEPARTURE 07.00 10 Feb 45 SPEED/DENSITY 30 VTM 15 MIH

ROUTE 7, 80, 16 & 4.

HALTS AND STAGING Arrive J.1701 1430 Stage night.
Dep 0700 11 Feb Halt Termali 1135 - 1235. Refuel Foggia.
Eta Mozzagrogna 1620 11 Feb Stage night
Dep 0700 12 Feb Halt Guillianova 1050 - 1150
Eta Ascoli 1600 12 Feb.

ETA DESTINATION 1600 12 Feb REPORTING TO HQ 53 B.L.U. Ascoli

AUTHORITY FOR MOVE AFHQ

INFORMATION

T.C.Ps)
MEDICAL) AS per route card attached.
POL)
RATIONS)
RECOVERY POSTS)

REMARKS

BLUE flag will mark the leading veh and a GREEN flag denotes the rear veh

BREAKDOWNS if cannot be towed will be pushed off the road and reported to first TCP or Recovery Point.

CARE to be taken of LIVE ELECTRIC OVERHEAD CABLES at level crossings.

1876

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CIVILIANS will NOT be carried.

CONVOY NO will be clearly marked on all vehs.

REP OF CONVOY MUST REPORT AHEAD TO ALL TCPs.

The convoy Cmdr will be held responsibly that there is no firing of weapons of any type by the personnel in the Unit or Convoy, at wires insulators or other objects during the march.

1876

Capt.,
Staff Capt., Rpads.,
Movements West Italy.

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H.Q. MOVEMENTS WEST ITALY. ROUTE CARD. NAPLES - FOGGIA - VASTO -

ROUTE NO.	ROUTE.	MILEAGE A	MILEAGE B	STAGING	TCP.	PSP.	RECOVERY POINTS.	MEDICAL.	
7b	NAPLES	-	-	1000 veh AW	-	PSP	Rec Pt	MI Rm	Stage
7b	Cimitile	16	16	-	-	-	-	-	
7b	Monteforte	12	28	300 veh FW	-	-	-	-	No fa
7b	Avellino	6	34	-	TCP	PSP	Rec Pt	MI Rm	Det 1
7	Dentecane	13	47	-	-	-	Rec Pt	-	
7	Calore	3	50	-	TCP	-	-	-	Det 1
90	Ariano	15	65	-	-	-	Rec Pt.	-	
90	Bovino TCP			-	TCP	-	Rec Pt	-	
90	Stage Area ER J1701	23	88	1000 veh AW	-	-	-	-	No fa
90	Foggia	16	104	-	-	PSP	Rec Pt.	MI Rm	HQ Mo
16	San Severo	18	122	800 veh	TCP	-	-	MI Rm	Stage
16	Serracapriola	18	140	-	-	-	Rec Pt	-	
16	Termoli	19	159	1200 veh	-	-	Rec Pt	MI Rm	Rec
16	San Salvo	18	177	-	-	-	-	-	
16	Vasto	6	183	1000 veh	-	-	Rec Pt.	50 Gen Hosp	Rec
16	Casalbordino	14	197	--	-	-	Rec Pt	-	
16	Torino di Sangro	6	203	--	TCP	-	-	-	
	Lozzagrona	10	213	600 veh AW	-	-	-	-	Stage
16	San Vito	10	223	-	-	-	-	-	
16	Ortona	10	233	--	TCP	PSP	Rec Pt	MI Rm	PSP
16	Francavilla	8	239	-	-	-	-	-	
16	Pescara	5	244	-	TCP	-	Rec Pt.	RAF Hosp	
16	Guilianova	23	267	-	-	-	-	-	
16	Ancona	52	319			PSP	Rec Pt	MI Rm	HQ Mo
16	Senigallia	16	335						
16	Fano	14	349						
16	Pesaro	7	356						
16	Rimini	22	378						Jct w
9	Cesena	19	397						
9	Forli	12	409						
9	Faenza	8	417						

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LY. ROUTE CARD. NAPLES - FOGGIA - VASTO - ANCONA - RIMINI. CONFIDENTIAL.

E B	STAGING	TCP.	PSP.	RECOVERY POINTS.	MEDICAL.	REMARKS.
–	1000 veh AW	–	PSP	Rec Pt	MI Rm	Stage Area AFRAGOLA on route 87.
6	–	–	–	–	–	
8	300 veh FW	–	–	–	–	No facilities at Stage Area.
4	–	TCP	PSP	Rec Pt	MI Rm	Det 103 Coy CMP (TC).
7	–	–	–	Rec Pt	–	
0	–	TCP	–	–	–	Det 103 Coy CMP (TC). Jct rte 7/90 to Bene
5	–	–	–	Rec Pt.	–	
	–	TCP	–	Rec Pt	–	
8	1000 veh AW	–	–	–	–	No facilities at Stage Area.
4	–	–	PSP	Rec Pt.	MI Rm	HQ Mov Foggia Sub Area.
2	800 veh	TCP	–	–	MI Rm	Stage Area MR J1445.
0	–	–	–	Rec Pt	–	
9	1200 veh	–	–	Rec Pt	MI Rm	Rec Pts at MR H8278 & H8956.
7	–	–	–	–	–	
3	1000 veh	–	–	Rec Pt.	50 Gen Hosp	Rec Pt MR H5890
7	–	–	–	Rec Pt	–	
3	–	TCP	–	–	–	
3	600 veh AW	–	–	–	–	Stage Area at MR C 3603.
3	–	–	–	–	–	
3	–	TCP	PSP	Rec Pt	MI Rm	PSP at MR C3019. Rec Pt at MR C 3317.
9	–	–	–	–	–	
4	–	TCP	–	Rec Pt.	RAF Hosp	
7	–	–	–	–	–	
9			PSP	Rec Pt	MI Rm	HQ Mov Ancona Sub Area.
5						
9						
6						
8						Jct routes 9/16.
1						
9						
7						

ROUTE 16		
Cesenatico	12	390
Cervia	5	395
Ravenna	13	408

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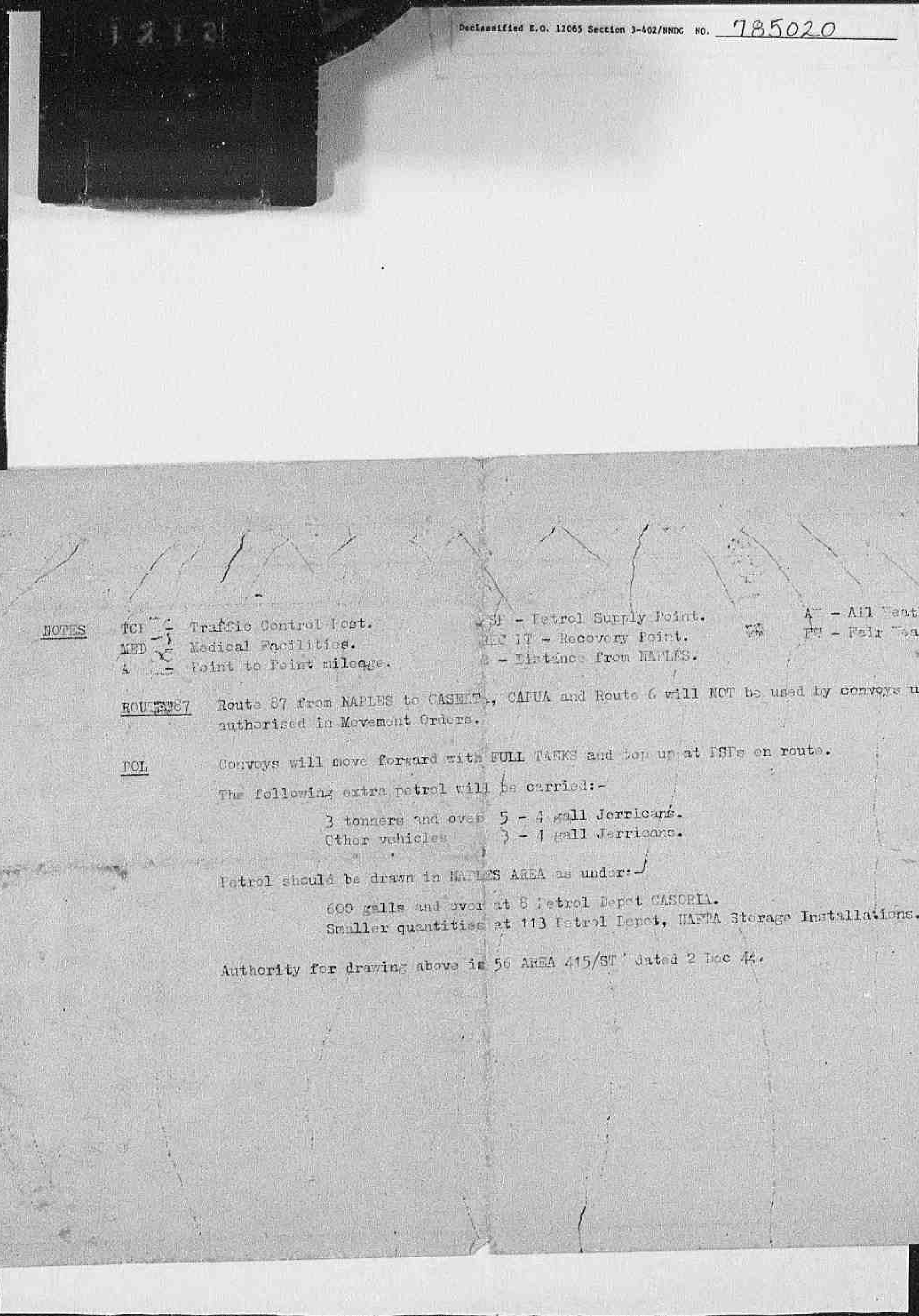

NOTES

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3 tonners and over 5 - 4 gall Jerricans.
Other vehicles 3 - 4 gall Jerricans.

Petrol should be drawn in NAPLES AREA as under:-

600 galls and over at 8 Petrol Depot CASORIA.
Smaller quantities at 113 Petrol Depot, NAPLES Storage Installations.

Authority for drawing above is 56 AREA 415/ST dated 2 Dec 44.

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raffic Control Post.
edical Facilities.
oint to Point mileage.

- Petrol Supply Point.
- Recovery Point.
- Distance from NAPLES.

A - All Weather.
F - Fair Weather.

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53 B.L.U.
Ref: GRD/1.
9 Jan 45.

Subject: Scalings - [illegible] etc.

To: HQ Combat Group.

I have today received a signal from HQ 10 Corps to the effect that Stores Vehicles and Lorries as necessary must proceed tomorrow to 1 Sub-Depot, 557 BOD(Ponteoagnano), for the birming of scalings of spares.

Please be advised I am making the necessary arrangements with Major Matera.

Major,
DADOS,
53 British Liaison Unit.

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Subject:- [illegible]

D.D.G.S.,
10 GOZONE.

S.I.B., A.D.G.S., R.
D.D.M.S., L. of C., G.H.Q.
Fin/ext:- [illegible] 5/272.
Ref:- A2/JOS/4427(5).
8 February, 1945.

Reference your H/4379/87 dated 7 Feb. 45 and my G(Pl.)1 of 3 Feb. 45.

1. It is confirmed that all sorting action at this Branch in respect of 53 BDU. has been completed.

2. W/Shops Stores Sec., GHP. and all units entitled to PARIS, on the basis of census details supplied by PARIS, 53 BDU. have been sorted.

3. Details are as follows :-

Unit	Date Sorting Passed to 557 B.O.D.	Ref. No. under which Passed	Relevant I.Vs.
Workshops Stores Sec. GHP.	31 Jan 45	SCH/JOS/4427(3) ✓	82100 - 448
	3 Feb. 45	" " " (4) ✓	89020 - 390
	31 Jan 45	" " 4428(2) ✓	81253 - 480
	3 Feb 45	" " " (3) ✓	84307 - 85035
	6 " 45	" " " (4)	87042.
HQ, 4 It. Gradnt Gp.	30 Jan 45	" " 4429(3) ✓	81596 - 624
312 Fd. Hq.	do	" " 4430(3) ✓	81481 - 595
314 Fld. Hsp.	"	" " 4432(3) ✓	81959 - 983
315 " "	"	" " 4433(3) ✓	81984 - 99
Med Sup.	"	" " 4434(3) ✓	81957 - 68
S and T. Coy	29 Jan 45	" " 4435(2)	82300 - 35
Army Dept.	31 Jan 45	" " 4436(4) ✓	83020 - 442
"Medico" Inf. Regt.	1 Feb 45	" " 4437(4) ✓	83227 - 393
"San Juan" "	"	" " 4438(5) ✓	83400 - 578

4. All s/m letters covering despatch of I.Vs. to 557 B.O.D. were copied to DDI, AFHQ. and DADOS, 53 BDU.

5. On authority of DDS, AFHQ. Priority 2 was allotted to the sailings concerned

Yours faithfully,

Capt.
For A.D.G.S., P.
(J.J. LAND)

Copies to:- D.C.S., A.F.H.Q.
D.D.G.S., 3 District.
G.O.C., 557 B.O.D.
D.A.D.O.S., 53 B.D.U.

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Ans 131, 146.

M40738/1444 350M 11/43 M. Ltd. 51-7533

ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 4

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
NR	05/60	P	QVR1

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FROM (A) DDOS REAR 10. Corps — Originator — Date-Time of Origin. 061430

For Action.
DADOS 53 Bde

Office Date Stamp: BLU– 8.11.45. SIGNALS

TO
(W) For Information (INFO)
001 Sub Depot 557 BOD LIEUT ERRINGTON
C/o 1 Subdepot 557 BOD 10 CORPS ORD FD PK
FOR Capt SCOTT HQ 10 CORPS ORD FD PK
(BY HAND Co 557 BOD DDOS REAR EIGHTH ARMY

Message Instructions. QQY GR 86

Originator's No. 05/6049

Confidential Co Jolgone group A Ord Fd pk AMD stores Rec reading a Q Branch despatch am 10 all vehicles ORD fd PK stores etc LAIS required for collection reclme a 1 Sub depot 557 BOD Pom 12 tagmand C Rdline 1/c plus selected British and Italian Personnel from Jolgone group to proceed with vehicles to Capt SCOTT plus selected Germans from 10 Corps Gps and Fd PK will proceed independently on reporting at Sub depot on arrival C to Lieut ERRINGTON C Report up to date position to SCOTT immediately he arrives

Dec 10 T.S.94

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Confidential to Solgore Group

Lead Sd pk AAS stores are dealing a Storage
despatch am 10 all vehicles ORH for PK stores
are LAIS required for collecting dealing a
1 Sub-depot 557 ROD Port Engineer to
Refuse ofs plus selected British and Italian
personnel from Solgore Group to proceed with
vehicles to Rd/Rl SCOTT plus selected
storemen from 10 Corps Tps Ord for PK
ISCU proceed independently am 10 reporting
not Sub depot on arrival to Sty Stores
ERRINGTON Report up to date position
to SCOTT immediately he arrives

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Sea To, T.S. 94 1873

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			THI or TOR 1370		
			Time Cleared		

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M40736/1444 350M 11/43 M: Ltd. 51-7

ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 16

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
-	NR121		GVR3.

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FROM (A). Originator: D)OS L+D G CMF | Date-Time of Origin.: 051125A | Office Date Stamp: SYNDIS 5 NOV 43 BLU-A19

For Action.

TO 16 Corps

(W) For Information (INFO)

3 DISTRICT. 53 BILL 816

Message Instructions. GR: QQX 30

Originator's No.

DSSTR.1 ⊙ Restricted ⊙ 4 cy A brackets ⊙ Mf first addressee HQ 45/9/57 of 40 ⊙ confirmed all sections 53 BILL landed 554 BOD between 30 JAN and 6 FEB ⊙ details follow by letter

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Originator's No.

OSSIBL ⊙ Restricted ⊙ ~~4~~ F ~~OA~~ transfers ⊙
act final addresses HQ 45/9/57 of 40 ⊙
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SUBJECT:- To Follow

3 District
Baseball Ext 116
05/40/6 (56)
7 Feb 45

000 557 HDD

Copy to:- DADOS 53 BLU

1. The following signal has been received from DADOS 53 BLU :-

"Please advise period that TC FOLLOWS and RA's will be maintained for this (Number four) Combat Group FOLLOWS (.) Urgent"

2. Please advise position direct to DADOS 53 BLU with copy to this office.

Dec 61, 97

Col

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(1871)

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 10

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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) — Originator: 2 Bdes 10 Corps — Date - Time of Origin: 7th Z.

OFFICE DATE STAMP: ARMY BLU 7 11 45 SIGNALS

For Action

TO: Div 3 Division

(W) For Information (INFO)

2 Bdes 56 Bde 4 Bde Legs

Message Instructions — GR

Originator's No. 10/1879/87 Restricted Refugees Obstructing Movement

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

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY

SIGNED

SIGNED

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Time cleared		

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ARMY FORM C2146 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 65

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

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Office Date Stamp

FROM (A) USARJ Originator — S3 BLO CMF — Date - Time of Origin 7.2305

For Action: DDCS DISTRIBR CMF

TO: DDCS. (W) For Information (INFO): IG CORPS CMF

Message Instructions — CR — 46

Reference No.: OS/63 RESTRICTED REF SIGNAL HQ 4373/87 OF 2 FROM SIGNAL ADDRESSED INCORRECT INFORMATION NOT GIVEN BY ME MY SIGNAL REF OS/60 OF 6 PEERS

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This Message May Be Sent AS WRITTEN By Any Means / EXCEPT / WIRELESS	It Is Liable To Be Intercepted Or To Fall Into Enemy Hands. This Message Should Be Sent IN CIPHER	Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority	Time	System	Op.
Signed: [illegible]	Signed: [illegible]		THI or TOR		
			Time cleared		

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AFMS FORM C 2178 Facsimile

MESSAGE FORM

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FROM: DDOS REAR 10 CORPS

Date-Time of Origin: 6

Office Date Stamp

For Action: DDOS REAR EIGHTH ARMY

TO:

(W) For Information (INFO): DADOS 53 BLU

Message Instructions — OR —

Originator's No.: OS/6031

Restricted (.) Folgore Gruppi (.) Italian officers wish to purchase OR items on repayment (.) Request necessary authority be given

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SECURELY SENT BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT WIRELESS.

SIGNED: [illegible] Maj

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER.

Sec 100

Signer

PRECEDENCE OR SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS ORDER OF PRIORITY

Routine

Time	Signature	Op.
THI or TOR		
Time cleared	1868	

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A) Originator: DADOS 53 BLU. CMF

Date-Time of Origin: 6.2205

Office Date Stamp

For Action: DDOS DUSTHREE. CMF

TO

(W) For Information (INFO): DDOS 10 CORPS. CMF

Message Instructions: 79

GR

Originator's No.

OS/60 ⊙ RESTRICTED ⊙ REF YOUR SIG OS/40/6 OF 60 ⊙ CENSUS FOR SEALING GIVEN BY ME TO DDOS L OF C ON 19 JAN ⊙ COPY OF SEALING APPLICATION RETAINED BY ~~[illegible] ADO~~ DATED 20 JAN RECEIVED BY ME FROM S.I.B. ADOS (P). DDOS L OF C REF SIB/DOB/1427(3)

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Signed Lee 85, 86, 91	Signed [illegible]		THI or TOR		
			Time cleared 1867		

Subject:- Mtn Warfare.

Rear Hq Eighth Army
ROS2/46A
Tel ext:- 230
5 Feb 45

D.D.O.S. 5 Corps.
10 Corps.
1 Can Corps
2 Polish Corps
A.D.O.S. 86 (Army) Area

Copy to:- A.D.O.S. 26 B.L.U.
D.A.D.O.S. 50 B.L.U.
51 B.L.U.
52 B.L.U.
53 B.L.U.

1. It is thought that small quantities of Stoves Oil Wickless Portable may have been issued in lieu of Stoves Oil Wickless No. 1 as Mnt Warfare Eqpt.

2. Below is the text of a War Office letter on this subject and it is requested that all concerned are warned of the extreme danger of using Stoves Oil Wickless in a confined space.

" Reference issues of KF. 8340 (now AC. 5998) Stoves Oil Wickless Portable.

1. It has been found recently that these stoves give off an exceptionally high percentage of carbon monoxide fumes, which if not watched and dealt with carefully might endanger the lives of personnel using them.

Experiments are being carried out in U.K. and it is anticipated that future production of the stoves will be modified to obviate the above trouble. Meanwhile, the maximum amount of ventilation should be used in tents when the stoves are in operation, and the greatest care taken to impress upon the users, the dangers involved.

2. This stove is not a heating agent, and its usage should be confined to the minimum time required for cooking food"

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Brigadier.
D.D.O.S.

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E.H. Somerfield
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FROM (A) Originator	Date-Time of Origin	Office of Origin Date Stamp
XDOS 10 Corps	041345	ARMY BLU 4.11.45 SIGNAL

For Action

TO DDOS 3 DIST

(W) For Information (INFO)

DDOS 53 BLU

Message Instructions — GR

Originator's No.

Restricted MSG 4353/87 I understand that application for FRITOS requested by FOLGORE Combat Group placed through you by DDOS 53 BLU requests you give details present position

Sep 19, 80, 15 26, 91

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Signed	Signed Ernest S/Sgt		Time cleared	

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ARMY FORM 0216c (Small) **MESSAGE FORM** Register No. 120

Call	Pri. No.	Priority	Time Filed	Date Filed
		QVR 2	03	03853

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FROM (A) Originator: DDOS NORTH ARMY — Date-Time of Origin: 03 2200 — Office Date Stamp

For Action

TO DDOS 10 Corps

(W) For Information (INFO)

DADOS 53 BLU / DOS AFHQ 557 BOD

Message Instructions — CR

Originator's No. ROS/9908 Secret (.) Your OS/6006 of 3 not to last two addressees (.) Do not anticipate sealings for Folgore Group will be available for collection prior to 15 rpt 15 Feb minimum (.) For AFHQ your FX 16337 of 27 Jan refers (.) Folgore Group now to be ready for ops 28 rpt 28 Feb (.) Grateful fll possible hastening action (.) For 557 BOD request you inform 10 Corps direct copy to me and AFHQ date stores can be collated and number of vehicles required

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Signed	Signed		THI or TOR 1864		

(GPO) W 43551 (GPO) Pads — 4/42 — U.S.A.—Tail 4-0244

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Transmission Instructions

Register No. 63

ARMY FORM O 410 (Revised)

Cat. | Sel. No. 631 | Priority Routine | 53 Blu | 1730

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FROM (A) Originator: DDCS REAR 10 CORPS — Date-Time of Origin: 3 1235

For Action

TO: DDOS EIGHTH ARMY

(W) For Information (INFO): DADOS 53 BLU HQ 10 CORPS ORD FD PKS

Message Instructions — EX —

Originator's No. OS/6006

SECRET (.) Ref ROS/9610 of 27 Jan (.) May action be taken to hasten reply from AFHQ concerning Sealing (.) Given to understand by Staff this Corps that FOGGORE Group to be ready for ops by 28 Feb (.) In view turnround vehicles to PONTECAGNANO this matter considered most urgent

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS | CIPHER | WIRELESS

Sec 13, T1

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Authenticator

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING DEGREE OF PRIORITY: Immediate Yes.

Time: 1863 — System — Op. — Time cleared

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53 B.L.U.
Ref. Q12 - 29
31 Jan 45

Subject: Auxiliary Units.

To:- H.Q. 3 District

Copy DADOS 53 BLU

1. Ref your 3 Dist Release Summary A.88 (Vehicles) ref 633 Q dated 24 Jan 45.

2. It is assumed in view of MMIA letter S/G/29/26 dated 17 Jan 45 and MMIA letter S/G/29/26 dated 26 Oct 44 that the above mentioned summary is incorrect and should not have been sent to this BLU in respect of the following units :-

3 Fd Fk Coy
318 Fd Bakery
319 Fd Bakery
331 Fd Hospital
470 Fd Hospital
520 Fd Hospital
576 Fd Hospital
964 Fd Hospital
1 Fd Bakery
34 Fd Surgical Unit
318 Sec CCRR
182 Tech Maint Sec
183 Tech Maint Sec

3. Q(AE) release note for vehicles in respect of certain of the a/m units have today been received.

4. Will you please confirm that the summary of vehicles released to the a/m units through 53 BLU is incorrect and give disposal instructions for the vehicle release notes.

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Lt. Col.
G.S.

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318 Fd Bakery	1 Fd Bakery
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A. Brown
Lt. Col.
C.S.

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JCO AV MGRU NR 30/127 QVR 1/4
FROM 2 SUB DEPOT 35 ADD 300600A
TO DDOS 10 CORPS
INFO DDOS 8TH ARMY
DADOS 2 POL ARMD BDE

-DADOS 53 BLU

BT
2/55 RESTRICTED C.O YOUR OS/5955 AND OS/59040.2
DEMAND FOR 2 POL ARMD BDE VOTE 7 1ST AND 3RD TEUSDAY
VOTE 8 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAY C.O FOLGORE GRUPPE VOTE
7 1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAY VOTE 8 2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAY
BT
301040A
~~RR TSU 127 1/4 R 30/1400A 300600A TO 8 2 2~~
~~2/55 OS/5955 OS/ 5934 7 1ST 3RD 2ND 4TH~~
~~7 1ST MAJRD 2D 2ND 4TH~~
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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small) **MESSAGE FORM**

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions	Register No.

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DADOS

FROM (A) 53 BLO CMF. Originator — Date-Time of Origin 29.1200 — Office Date Stamp

DIDOS.

For Action

DISTHREE. CMF.

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions — GR

Originator's No. RESTRICTED PLEASE ADVISE PERIOD THAT FD FOLLOWS AND N.A.'S WILL BE MAINTAINED FOR THIS (NO 4) COMBAT GROUP (FOLGORE) URGENT

29 58 17

This Message may be sent	Be liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent	Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority	Time	System	Op.
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SIGNED	SIGNED		Time cleared		

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MESSAGE FORM

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Operator Date Stamp

FROM (Originator): DDOS 10 Corps

Date-Time of Origin: 26

For Action:

10 Corps Tps Ord Fd Park

TO

(W) For information (INFO)

53 BLU for DADOS
ADOS 10 Corps Tps

Message Instructions — CK —

Originator's No.

H04314/87. Restricted (.) Pending arrival, Folgore Ord Fd Park and Stores Coca assist 53 BLU all possible for all items ORD FD PARK supply (.) DADOS note also limited availability MT at 35 AOD (.) Suggest you send rep with demands

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT IN PLAIN LANGUAGE BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT

IF UNABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED IT MAY BE PASSED OVER UNSECURED CIRCUITS

Col. DDOS

Originator

Time Filed or Released: 1859

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MESSAGE FORM

Call | Cat. | Prec. | Precedence | Originator's No.

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FROM (A): DDOS 10 Corps | Originator | Date-Time at Origin: 26

For Action

TO: DDOS Eighth Army

(W) For Information (INFO)

53 BLU for DADOS

Message Instructions | CK

Originator's No.

H04312/87. Confidential (.) Felgore Ord Fd Park and Stores Secs have arrived with veldcles but NO (Rptd) NO scalings (.) DADOS reports consus figures already submitted DOS (.) Request you enquire progress and say when vehicles should report depots for binning (.) Will arrange Brit officer and personel accompany (.) Understand position due move forward ordered shortly after receipt vehs and Equipment.

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT

IT LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MESSAGE SHOULD BE MADE IN CIPHER

UNNECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS INCREASE COST AND DELAY

Time Filed | Date | Hour

FOR DOS 1858

Time received

Signature: [illegible] Lieut Col AAG

Cipher: See Lab, 10

Number: 13

Important.

Wt. 9533/6732P 490M (Pads of 100) 5/43 MP 710486 31-6736

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FROM (A) DDOS 10 Corps — Originator — Date-Time of Origin. 25

For Action.

ADOS 10 Corps Tps
HQ 12 Cdn Inf Bde for BOMO
63 BLU for DADOS

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

DEME 10 Corps

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No.

~~HQ4296/40.~~ ~~Restricted (.)~~ Following signal received from DOS ~~ATTC~~ is repeated for information and necessary action ~~(.) Quote (.)~~ In view high incidence of differential failure all marks carrier recommended all driving axles be immediately drained and refilled with HYPOID 1050 Oil (.) Essential close check be kept on all axles as possibility exists of small number being fitted with oil seals adversely affected by HYPOIK oil (.) Unquote

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RCI 1554/44 - no reference to Mykos 1050 oil ?

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Signed. Col. DDOS.	Signed.	4th by branch	TH or TOR		
			Time Closed		

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FROM (A) 53 Brital Lrcarson Unit — Originator — Date-Time of Origin. 212105H

For Action.

TO HQ Combat Grp FOGGIA

(W) For Information (INFO)

Ord /

Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No. AQ/216-15 ⊙

At 1830 hrs on 21 Jan one 6 pdr gun was found abandoned on Mt DONATE - Tele ref ⊙ On investigation it was learned that the gun had been abandoned three days ago and that the last a particular type, there should be collection and evacuation of this gun.

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AQ/Q16-15 ⊙ At 1830 hrs on 21 Aug 62 6 pair gill nets found abandoned at Mt ROSITE - TRUCK rd ⊙
On investigation it was learned that the gill nets had been abandoned three days ago and that they had a combined total of three days strength & the attention and maintenance of three men.

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53 R.L.U.
Ref Q6 - 144
21 Jan 45

Subject: Move of Combat Group FOLGORE

To :- HQ Combat Group FOLGORE

D Training Team (Inf)
MMLA LO
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1. Further to this HQ letter Q6 - 136 of 19 Jan.

2. Following information has been received from higher authorities regarding the move of the Gp necessitating certain alterations to the a/m letter.

(a) Personnel trains leave TELESE railhead at 1500 hrs and carrier trains BENEVENTO railhead at 1700 hrs on the days as given in the a/m letter. This will necessitate personnel and carriers to be entrained by 1300 hrs and 1500 hrs respectively.

(b) Personnel trains will halt at CERVARO for one hour to allow a meal to be prepared under unit arrangements.

(c) Personnel trains are expected to arrive at ORTONA railhead at 0700 hrs and carrier trains at 0900 hrs on the day after their departure from this area. Tpt to clear personnel train must be at ORTONA railhead before those hours.

Lt. Col.
G.S.

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Subject: Move of Combat Group FOLGORE

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Ref Q6 - 136
19 Jan 45

To :- HQ Combat Group FOLGORE

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1. Ref HQ Movements West Italy Road Movement Order No.7 of 17 Jan, HQ Movements West Italy Rail programme of even date for move of your group, and coversation Major Deasy - Major Gibb p.m. 18 Jan.

2. Herewith confirmation of dacision reached during the conversation referred to above.

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Convoy Number 01/NA/15 TELESE
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1000 men will be arriving ORTONA railhead p.m. on each of the following days: 27 Jan, 28 Jan, 29 Jan, 30 Jan and 31 Jan.

(e) If personnel train arrives at ORTONA after dark personnal will be allowed to remain on train till first light following day. Tpt will, however, have to be at railhead on day of arrival of personnal trains as given in para (d) above in case personnal are not allowed to remain on trains.

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(g) Gp will make all necessary arrangements re dispersal point in new area.

(h) No tpt other than Br tpt issued on G1098 scale will be taken by the Gp to the new location.

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p.m. 18 Jan.

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(i) All Italian tpt held by the Gp will be returned to the Italian higher authorities under Gp arrangements.

(j) All British tpt other than G1098 scale which has not been evacuated by p.m. 20 Jan will be handed over to 83 HAA Regt Wksps under arrangements to be made by REME this HQ.

(k) DAA&QMG will be informed by 1800 hrs 27 Jan or earlier if possible of the quantity of equipment and number of personnel to be lifted from this area to the Gp's new location after the departure of the road convoys, as by Road Movement Order No.7. This information will also be passed by the Gp to DADST this HQ who will be located in new area after a.m. 22 Jan. This additional tpt commitment must be kept down to a minimum and should not exist.

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(i) No tpt will return to this area from the Gp's new location without authority provided by DADST this HQ. If any tpt does return to this area, then the second journey to the Gp's new area will be made by parties of less than ten vehicles for which no Movements authority is required.

(m) As many G1098 scale vehicles as possible will be included in the three convoys authorised by Road Movement Order No.7. All G1098 vehicles which are non-runners will be sent into you Mechanical Engineers Wksps where they will be repaired with all possible speed and be sent up to the new Gp location under Gp arrangements. In no case will a convoy of more than 10 vehicles be despatched. REME this HQ will arrange for 83 HAA Regt Wksps to give every assistance with this work. REME this HQ will also arrange for 83 HAA Regt Wksps to move to your Mechanical Engineers Wksps area as soon as possible. DAA&QMG will be informed of the numbers and types of vehicles unable to accompany the three convoys earliest.

(n) 36 6 pr guns will be taken by road.

4. Rail Move

(a) Carriers:

(i) 223 carriers and 450 all ranks will be moved from BENEVENTO to ORTONA by rail. Carrier trains will be available at BENEVENTO railhead at 0800 hrs on the 25, 27, 29 and 31 Jan arriving at ORTONA 24 hrs later. Carrier trains will leave BENEVENTO railhead at 1800 hrs on each of the dates given above. These trains will be loaded by 1600 hrs each day and personnel-carrying railway trucks will be provided. On each train there will be two men per carrier.

(ii) Major Fairweather of this HQ and one officer from your Gp will visit RTO BENEVENTO a.m. 20 Jan to make necessary arrangements re accommodation of carriers and personnal prior to entraining.

(iii) Approximately 75 carriers and 150 all ranks will proceed to BENEVENTO on each of the following days: 24, 26, 28 Jan, and it will be the duty of the officer i/c to ensure that each of the four trains given in para (a)(i) above are loaded with as many efficient running carriers as possible and the appropriate number of personnel; each train will carry approximately 55 carriers.

(iv) Arrangements will be made by the Gp that

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(v) Carrier trains will arrive ORTONA p.m. 26, 28, 30 Jan and 1 Feb. Gp will make necessary arrangements for their unloading, convoy to dispersal point, arrival in units' new location, and recovery of break-downs and non-runners.

(b) Personnal

(i) Personnal trains will be available at TELESE railhead at 0800 hrs on each of the following days: 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 Jan, will depart TELESE 1600 hrs that day and arrive ORTONA railhead 24 hrs later. All personnel will be entrained

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(ii) Para 3(c) above refers. Gp will make necessary cooking and watering arrangements.

(iii) Each train is expected to consist of 35 box cars. 1000 all ranks will be moved by each train and such stores as are required by your Gp. It is to be remembered that only a limited amount of Gp load carrying tpt, approx 150 ton lift, will be available at ORTONA railhead and that trains must be cleared at that railhead with all possible speed.

(v) Orders re the rations and water to be carried by all ranks are as by Road Movement Order No.7.

5. Time Table of the move of your Gp is attached.

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TIME TABLE OF MOVE OF COMBAT GROUP FOLGORE

Date depart TELESE	Date arrive ASCOLI PICENO or ORTONA if stated in remarks column	Method	Vehicles	Men	Remarks
Jan 22	Jan 24	Road	45/50		
23	25	Road	10		BLU
24					
25	27(1130hrs) 26	Road Rail	330 55 Carriers	110	Arrive ORTONA p.m.
26	27	Rail		1000	Arrive ORTONA p.m. 50 vehs to lift
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SUBJECT:- Equipment of No 4 It Com Grp - 53 BLU -

3 District
CS/40/6(79)
Baseball Ext 115

17 Jan 45

DADOS 53 BLU

1. Attached copy of 557 BOD letter HQ/633/Vol II dated 13 Jan 45 is forwarded for information.

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ADOS
for Col DDOS
(F.G.B.GREGGAINS)

COPY

SUBJECT:- Equipment of No. 4 Italian Combat Group - 53 BLU

Headquarters,
557 BOD, CMF.
HQ/633/Vol II (187)
13 Jan 45

ADOS 3 District

Reference your OS/126/5 dated 29 Dec 44.

1. I took this matter up with 2 Sub-Depot and for your information I give below copy of C.O's signal to me on the subject.

Quote.

(1) Indents for this service were first received on 1 Dec 44 and the last to arrive are dated 3 Jan 45.

(2) Arrangements made between ADOS 3 District and O i/c Control 2 Sub-Depot were that 10 lorries would call the first day and the person in charge convoy would arrange transport for the following day and so on until job was done.

(3) On the day in question - 23 Dec 44 - I am assured by my Group Officers that 24 lorries were nor received from this unit and what were received loaded.

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(4) This unit has now been collecting regularly for some weeks and is still doing so. We have a lift of approx 25 x 3 ton lorry loads still in hand. No complaints have ever been made by this unit's representatives regarding mis-use of this transport.

(5) I would take this opportunity of bringing to notice that the drivers of vehicles sent in by this unit cause us considerable trouble. Both my Group Officers here had to personally intervene in disputes that have arisen due to this lack of co-operation and on one occasion we had to lodge 6 of them in the guard room to sober up before starting their journeys.

(6) Delay in answering your letter is regretted but is due to the fact that the complaint is of such a general nature that considerable time has been spent in getting the answers in from various departments.

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(Signed) M.JOHNSON

for C.O.O. 557 B.O.D.

TOS.....1600.....A

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Subject: Tpt

To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE

Ord ✓
Comp

53 B.L.U.
Ref. Q10 - 27
15 Jan 45

Truck: 15 cwt G3 W.D. No.54281.50 Driver Pte.Guglioda.

1. The above vehicle on charge to this HQ was left in the vehicle park in rear of this HQ on the night of 13 Jan. The driver in accordance with instructions drained the vehicle of water but did not immobilise it owing to the fact that an Italian guard was on duty in the area of this park during hours of darkness.

2. On the morning of 14 Jan this vehicle was found to be missing and was only found in mid afternoon abandoned on the Benevento road ten miles from TELESE.

3. Instructions have now been given that all MLO tpt parked in the above park will be immobilised at night.

4. Please investigate this matter and confirm that a guard is still posted on this park. It is essential that this guard be instructed that only MLO personnel or personnel under this HQ orders are authorised to use this tpt.

Lt. Col.
G.S.

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Subject:- Hastening.

D.A.D.O.S. 53 B.L.U.

1 Sub Depot,
557 B.O.D., C.M.F.
Reference:-1/32/1.
1st January, 1945.

Reference your personal visit to this Sub Depot, and list, herewith returned.

1. It is now confirmed that action has been taken on the indents enumerated thereon.

2. Owing to the fact that most of these indents were for similar items, plus the fact that, at the time of submission, these items were N.A., it must have appeared that no action had been taken.

3. Since then however, quantities of the items required were received, and duly issued.

4. 'To Follows' are being maintained for items not yet available, and issues will be effected as and when stores are available.

T.O.S. 1102
3/ .....A.

for C.O.O., 557 B.O.D.

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53 B.L.U (No 4 Col Sub Group) "FOLGORE" Indents to

59 Jan '45.

Unit.	Index No.	1 Sub Depot.
H.Q.	1	7 8 10 13 14 45
No.1.Provost Section.	2	6 7 8 25
No.2. do do	3	6 7 18 30
H.Q.& 25Pdr Bty. Arty.	4X	7 8 9 55 82 83 85 103
17 Pdr.Bty. do	4Y	7 33 63
40 MM. do	4Z	5 6 24 58 77
Medical Section.	5	7 8 9 10 26 27 69
No.1.Field Hospital.	6	15
No.2. do do	7	5 19
Nembo Inf.Regt.	8	6 7 8 38 85
San Marco Inf.Regt.	9	2 3 4 20 71
1 st.Bn. Nembo.	10	58 67 69 81
2 do do	11	33 34 60 73
3 do do	12	2 31 36 37 59 72
4 do Sanellarno.	13	6 33 56 57 69
5 do do	14	3 20 27 30 63 64
6 do do	15	32 37 58 63 76
H.Q. Engineering Bn.	16	6 50
10 Field Coy.	17	20 23 24
184 do do	18	6 7 8 119
Signal Coy.	19	75
Mechanical Engineers W/Shops.	20	129 134 141 145 150 155
		156 158 159 160 166 168
		232 234 235 262 267 268
		269 284
Mech Engineers Platoon.	21	5 6 29 31
L.A.Bs. (6)	22	28 29 39 44 46 47 48
		53 60 61
Ord.Field Park.	28	15 16 28 29 34 5 36 10
H.Q. S & T Coy.	29	4 5 6 7 22 277
No.1. Transport Pltn.	30	5 6 11 12
No.2. do do	31	4 5 11 12
No.3. do do	32	5 6 11 12
No.1. Comp.Pltn.	33	4 5 6
No.2. do do	34	4 5 6 10
2 Field Park Coy.	38	28
Mobile Dental Unit.	39	4 5
2 Field Bakery.	41	Nil.
317 Provost Section.	43	6
522 Field Hospital.	45	18
※ 230 " "	44	All indents outstanding ※ 1847
※ 232 " "		
× 1200 Italian Amb Coy	46	

INDENTS OF LUTHIEN NO APPARENT ITALIAN BEER AT 74

※ Indents only submitted within last few days.
× Most required - please hasten "to follows"

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Brief Resume on Units' Procedure for Submitting Indents for Ordnance Stores.

Preparation of Indents.

AF G994 or AF G997 is used for demanding stores. Failing these necessary forms being available, any scrap of paper may be used. Demands must be prepared in triplicate, the unit retaining one copy. Demands should contain all the relevant information to enable the indent to be checked and correct issue made.

MT Spares. Reference is made to the detailed instructions headed "Demand & Receipt of Stores" which was sent from 53 B.L.U. to HQ Combat Group 'Folgore' under cover of letter ref Q1-31 of 17 Nov 44 for distribution to all units in the Division. This instruction dealt particularly with demands for MT spares. (copy attached if necessary)

Signal & Wireless Stores, Gun Spares, Small Arms Spares, etc. It may be appreciated from the instruction referred to above that demands for other technical spares must similarly include appropriate details.

Clothing & Necessaries, and Expendable Stores. Part numbers are not essential, but full and correct designations are necessary. Sizes of clothing must be stated. Demands must be submitted in Unit Bulk(upon dates, either fortnightly of monthly, to be notified later).

Clothing is obtained (in bulk) from DADOS Dump.

Note: In order to allow for the translation into English of designations, as necessary, a blank line must be left after each item on the indent.

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Signal & Wireless Stores.

Gun Spares.

Small Arms Spares.

Batteries.

Expendable stores.

Oxygen & Acetylene Cylinders. (Issued only to Workshops).

Stores which are not normally a Div. OFP supply - e.g. - Accommodation Stores, Vehicles, Guns, Small Arms, etc., are obtained by DADOS, to whom indents must be submitted (in duplicate).

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Note: B.O.W.Os. (Brigade Ordnance Warrant Officers - British)

In due course the Division will have three B.O.W.Os. These Warrant Officers will be allocated as follows:

1 to the Artillery Regiment.

1 to the Infantry Regiments.

1 to the remaining units.

These Warrant Officers maintain liaison with their respective units by:

(a) Visiting each unit as frequently as possible.

(b) Watching care and maintenance of equipment by units.

(c) Noting any waste or misuse, and discouraging hoarding.

(d) Giving advice and assistance whenever possible.

(e) Looking for accumulation of salvaged stores and using them whenever possible to meet requirements of units.

(f) Maintaining close touch with unit QMs.

(g) Collects and checks units' indents.

(h) Submits indents for approval.

They are responsible to DADOS Div for the efficiency of Ordnance Services, and in particular the supply of Ordnance Stores, to their respective units.

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53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 41
12 Jan 45

44

Subject: Discipline.

To :- H.Q. Combat Group POLGORE
at
Ord

1. Herewith report submitted to this HQ re an incident that took place in PORTICI on 8 Jan, and which may well have had the most serious results.

2. Please investigate the matter and ensure that ~~all~~ the necessary orders are issued to prevent its re-occurrence.

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Lt.Col.
G.S.

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Copy of Statement by 765364 Pte. Stilling L.

Major Tagetmeier.

Sir,

I was detailed by you, to proceed with a convoy of 5 trucks, to collect stores at 2 Sub Depot, PORTICI on Monday 8 Jan. I duly arrived at the s/m depot and commenced loading at approx 11.30 hrs. Loading was ceased at 12.30 hrs for the lunch break and at this time I instructed the 5 drivers to have their lunch and be back at the same place at 13.30 hrs. I myself went to lunch and returned at 13.30 hrs, there was no sign of any of the drivers and they eventually arrived at 14.30 hrs. Loading was re-commenced. I was approached by the soldier in charge of the department, who complained that the drivers were under the influence of drink and that he would make the fact known to his O.i/c. Later, I was taken before Major Craven, who informed me that the drivers would be detained until the following morning, as they were not in a fit state to drive. The convoy eventually left 2 Sub Depot at 07.30 hrs Tuesday 9 Jan and arrived at TELESE at 11.00 hrs.

I remain Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

765364 L.Stilling, Pte.

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(W) For information (INFO)

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Message Instructions. GR

Originator's No.

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(Serial 1246) of 19 Dec 0 xx recommend that 53 BLU's Commitment information of one Italian MAC should be limited to (a) Ambulance Car Section and HQ and that rest of MAC should be formed in same way as numbers 1 and 2 ST Companies if Major ADAMSON's unit is available 0 if Jan effectiveness for rest of MAC can be assembled at AFRAGOLA 0 for 53 BLU 0 your A/9-05-15 of 4 Jan refers.

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OAD W. A.

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subject :- Action Rpt [illegible]

to :-

H.Q. Combat Group [illegible]

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3 Jan 44.
Ltr. 413 - 5
31 Dec 43.

1.

Ref your 2654/Ltcv of 27 Dec and the one to this No 4134 of 26 Dec and your 2656/Ltcv of 28 Dec 43.

2.

In your November letter referred to above you stated that approximately 100 tons of equipment was available for return. Your December letter referred to above stated that 150 tons of equipment had already been returned and that more was awaiting return.

3.

It is considered that the date given in your letter ref 2654/Ltcv of 27 Dec should, if possible, be altered. In any event the bulk of both the vehicles and stores should be returned to depots by the 6th or 7th of Jan. When the latest now being collected from units has been distributed - by 7 Jan - there would appear to be no need for any but the minimum Italian type in the Op.

4.

Please keep this HQ informed of the position re the return of this unit equipment.

[signature] Lt.Col.
G.S.

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53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 3+
31 Dec 44

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Subject: Discipline

To :- Hq Combat Group HOLCOMB

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Ord

1. On the night of 29 Dec a convoy carrying Br equipment returned to this Hq Ord Depot to late to be unloaded.

2. The personnel on the convoy reported to S/Sjt Harrington Br NCO i/c these depots and he ordered them to proceed to No.5 Dump and await the arrival of the Pro, who would guard the vehicles for the night.

3. The Pro arrived at No.5 Dump within a very short time but found no tpt there. It is presumed that the convoy drivers droved the vehicles to their own unit lines and returned to the Depot with the stores on the morning of 30 Dec.

4. It is essential that adequate guards are provided for stores on their arrival in this area irrespective of the time of day of that arrival. As the convoy personnel must report to Br NCO i/c depots, he decides what guards are required. It is also essential that any orders he gives to the convoy personnel are discharged - please ensure that orders are issued to this effect. The arrangement by which this Br NCO contacts ~~officer~~ Pro Section re arranging for guards appears to be working satisfactorily. Your

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Rutford Mgr Lt. Col.

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Subject: Italian Equipment.

53 B.L.U.
Ref. Q13 - A
25 Dec 44.

To :- H.Q. Central Group POLMOTE
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3T
Ord ✓

1. Ref your 2266/Serv 1/4.

2. It is understood that your HQ has already received instructions re the return of Italian equipment to your Ord Depots.

3. It is considered that with the considerable quantity of load carrying tpt issued to your Gp during the last 3 weeks this bulk of returning equipment to your depot should be well in hand.

4. The position re tpt which has to be returned may be slightly more difficult owing to the number of vehicles which are non-towers.

5. Please inform this HQ of the exact position re the return of equipment and tpt giving approximate figures of tonnage and number of vehicles awaiting return and the future programme for the return of this equipment.

6. If any assistance is required re the return of tpt this HQ on being informed will be in a position to arrange for some assistance to be given.

42 refers.

L. H. Marks.

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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UNCLAS

53 B.L.U.
Ref A7 - 28
23 Dec 44

Subject: Discipline

To :- HQ Combat Group POLSTORE

ATT
QEQ

1. A number of 3 ton lorries proceeding to 2 Sub Depot FORLICI to collect stores this morning were halted in the MARINA area and searched by American military police.

2. This convoy was in the charge of Lt. Gulpa Guiseppe, Identity No.064.

3. The military police ascertained that three men in the convoy were carrying grenades (guinea red devils) and five men were detained.

4. It is reported that when asked why they were armed the men in question replied that it was in order to protect the stores.

5. Please investigate this matter and inform this HQ of the result as soon as possible.

C. H. L. Rooke Lt. Col.
G. S.

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Subject: Collection of Stores.

To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE
Ord.

53 R.T.U.
Ref. Q1 - 60
22 Dec 44.

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1. As has been stressed in previous correspondence, the prompt arrival of Gp unit tpt at Dr Ord Depots TARANTO to collect G.1098 equipment is essential to enable the depots to clear their stock with maximum speed.

2. Herewith as Appx 'A' is a suggested programme for collection of these stores, allotting definite times daily for all Gp units.

3. If this programme is satisfactory to your HQ, will you please issue the necessary instructions and confirm to this HQ.

Lt.Col.
G.S.

Appendix 'A' to 53 BLU letter
Ref Q1 - 60 of 22 Dec 44.

Programme for collection of G.1098 stores from Br Ord Depot TELESE.

Unit No.	Unit.	Time.
8, 10, 11, 12	'Nembo' Regt.	0900 hrs
1	H.Q. Combat Group	0920 "
2, 3	(2) Provost Sections	0940 "
5	H.Q. Medical Section	1000 "
4, 4X, 4Y, 4Z	Artillery	1030 "
6, 7	516, 517 Field Hospitals	1050 "
20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27	Mechanical Engineers	1100 "
9, 13, 14, 15	'San Marco' Regt	1400 "
28	O.F.P.	1420 "
29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34	S & T	1440 "
16	Engineers	1530 "

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53 B.L.U.
Ref. Q14 - 8
20 Dec 44

Subject: Accounting for Stores.

To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE.
Ord

1. Herewith notes on Br system of accounting for stores in the field, as requested by DADOS your HQ.

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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ACCOUNTING IN THE FIELD.

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(a) AF G.1098 Equipment.
(b) Clothing and Necessaries.
(c) Accommodation Stores.

Accounting in the field should be reduced to a minimum, but be adequate to cover the following purposes :

To record all receipts and issues and dispositions of Stores and Equipment and to readily determine, at any time, the holdings against authorised entitlement.

A simple system of ledger accounting is suggested.

(a) AF G.1098 Equipment.

It is recommended that a master record be kept by the parent unit HQ - i.e. HQ Artillery Regt, HQ Infantry Regts, HQ Mechanical Engineers' Workshops, etc, etc. This ledger record to indicate the entitlement and holdings of their respective dependent units.

The dependent units should each maintain their separate accounting : Records should indicate the following information in separate columns :-

(1) Quantity authorised i.e. AF G.1098 scale. Against any additional authorised holding should be indicated the special authority granted.
(2) Quantities Held. Date of receipt of stores to be recorded. The respective receipt voucher numbers should be indicated, as a cross reference. Each unit should allocate a receipt voucher number (in numerical sequence) to the respective issue vouchers relating to the stores received. In cases of no issue vouchers being available with stores received, the unit should make out a certificate receipt voucher to bring the stores on charge. A certificate receipt voucher must be signed by an officer.
(3) Issues. Date of issue to be recorded and issue voucher reference numbers. The disposition of quantities of each item. i.e - Issues from Battery to Troop, Company to Platoon, etc.
(4) A column to indicate deficiencies.
(5) A column to indicate surplusses.

Small Arms. Arms Rolls should be kept. HQs of Parent unit to maintain a master record of authorised entitlement and holding of their dependent units. The Arms Roll of the dependent units should indicate the indentification number of the particular weapon in possession of each soldier.

Artillery and Associated Equipment.

Vehicles (A & B). The retention by each unit of a copy of their respective monthly warlike stores and vehicle census returns provides an adequate record of their holdings against W.E.

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(b) Clothing and Necessaries.

This ledger should similarly record on the one side the receipts (and dates) of quantities of each item. Relative receipt voucher numbers to be also shown. On the other side the issues (and dates) of quantities of each item.

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These records of bulk issue should be supported by separate records of individual issues to each soldier and the soldier should sign for any issue made to him.

A certain reserve holding of clothing and necessaries is maintained continuously in each unit clothing store. The extent of this reserve varies according to prevailing orders in the particular theatre of war and HQ District. It is estimated that a reserve holding of, for instance, 5% of unit strength represents a reserve equal to approx 14 days requirements. It is more accurate and economical, however, that units base this reserve upon issues over the given period (e.g. 14 days). It follows that the replacement of certain items is not as frequent as others - i.e. Mess tins, Mugs, Housewives etc. The issues shown in the clothing ledger provide for this calculation.

(c) Accommodation Stores. Authorised holding in excess of AF G.1098 scale.

Under more static conditions or for other special reasons, an authority may be secured to draw some additional accommodation stores.

Such holdings should be accounted separately from the AF G.1098 Equipment. When the unit moves from the district, these additional accommodation stores should be returned unless prior arrangement is made for their continued retention. Disposal instructions should be obtained from DADOS respecting stores to be returned to Ordnance.

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Subject: Tpt.

To :- H.Q. Combat Group WALCHEREN

AT -
Cmd
RE&E

53 B.L.U.
Ref. Q6 - 51
20 Dec 44.

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1. It is noticed that certain of the U.1098 scale of tpt recently collected is being used without headlamp masks.

2. The majority of these vehicles have headlamp masks, masks for vehicles issued without them will be indented for.

3. Damage to the lamp wiring will be caused by rain unless there is protection to the lamp either by glass or mask and without either of these the lamp reflector will soon weather and be useless. Certain modifications to masks can be carried out by your Mech Engrs Unit, information re this modification can be obtained from RE&E this HQ.

4. Please issue orders that masks must not be removed in future and all which have been removed must be replaced.

Lt.Col.
G.S.

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53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 21
16 Dec 44

Subject: Discipline.

To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE.

Ord

1. Ref your 4177/RU of 11 Dec 44.

2. It would appear from the report made by Major Mazzarino that
(a) Personnel have deserted from the Gp to F Recce Unit
(b) These men were in possession of British arms and equipment which were G.1098 scale of equipment for the Gp.

3. According to the report these desertions and losses of equipment occurred more than 4 weeks ago.

4. It is not understood why this HQ has not been informed of the above losses.

5. Please submit a report covering the whole question as soon as possible including information as to what action has been taken by your HQ.

L. H. Marks.

Lt. Col.
G. S.

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Annex 'A'

Details for distribution of :-

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT LISTS and NORMAL EQUIPMENT LISTS.

(Covering letter from 53 B.L.U. to H.Q. Combat Group ref Q14-3 of 9 dec. refers.)

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133/1	1	1	315 " "	3
134/1	1	1	Artillery Regt H.Q.	4
134/1	1	1	" " " & 25 Pdr Btys	4 X
134/1	1	1	17 Pdr Bty	4 Y
134/1	1	1	40 mm L.A.A. Bty	4 Z
131/1	1	1	H.Q. Medical Section	5
132/1	1	1	(1?) Field Hospital	6
132/1	1	1	(2?) " "	7
135/1	1	1	Infantry Regt 'Nembo'	8
135/1	1	1	" " 'San Marco'	9
136/1	1	1	1st Inf Bn 'Nembo'	10
136/1	1	1	2nd " " "	11
136/1	1	1	3rd " " "	12
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136/1	1	1	6th " " " "	15
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130/1	1	1	1 Light Aid Detachment	22
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125/1	1	1	No.2 " "	31
125/1	1	1	No.3 " "	32
126/1	1	1	No.1 Composite Platoon	33
126/1	1	1	No.2 " "	34
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121/1		-	" " "	Ø

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134/1	1	1	17 Pdr Bty	4 Y
134/1	1	1	40 mm L.A.A. Bty	4 Z
131/1	1	1	H.Q. Medical Section	5
132/1	1	1	(1?) Field Hospital	6
132/1	1	1	(2?) " "	7
135/1	1	1	Infantry Regt 'Nembo'	8
135/1	1	1	" " 'San Marco'	9
136/1	1	1	1st Inf Bn 'Nembo'	10
136/1	1	1	2nd " " "	11
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123/1	1	1	Ordnance Field Park	28
125/1	1	1	H.Q. S & T Coy	29
125/1	1	1	No.1 Transport Platoon	30
125/1	1	1	No.2 " "	31
126/1	1	1	No.3 " "	32
126/1	1	1	No.1 Composite Platoon	33
124/1	1	-	No.2 " "	34 ø
124/1	1 ø	-	Relief Driver Increment	ø
124/1		-	" " "	ø

ø Equipment Lists to H.Q. S & T Coy. No unit numbers allocated as the Scale of Equipment is included with H.Q's. S & T Coy.

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Subject: Special Equipment (Auto) Distribution of.
Issued

To : 14th Combat Group HEADQUARTERS

93 A.A.A.
Ref 21/4 - 3
9 Dec 44

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SQUADRONS OF BOMBER DIVISION AND THE AUXILIARY UNITS (AS AT APPENDIX 'A' ATTACHED).

1. Will you please distribute S.E.A.E and Normal Equipment lists - supplied herewith - including amendments thereto, to each unit of this Combat Group and to the Auxiliary Units as indicated at Appendix 'A'. Embodied in these lists is the respective scale of equipment of each unit.

2. It will be noted that each unit has been allocated a different unit number.

3. It has been arranged that British Ordnance Supply Depots will mark stores packages etc., with the respective unit number in 6" size numerals.

4. This serves to establish identification in the receipt and issues of stores to each particular unit.

5. Units collecting these S.1098 stores from British and Dump - THERE - will sign one copy of the relative issue voucher. Another copy of the same issue voucher is available for unit's retention as an accounting document. It is pointed out that the issue voucher number (or control number) shown on each voucher is also marked on the stores packages to which the particular voucher refers.

6. Reference is made to the two columns on Issue Voucher headed: "ISSUED" and "TO FOLLOW". When an item is marked as "I A" (not available) in the "ISSUED" column, the full quantity required is shown as 'to follow' under the column marked "TO FOLLOW". When a part issue is made the quantity issued is shown under the "ISSUED" column, and the balance (to follow) is shown under the "TO FOLLOW" column.

7. For the expeditious and smooth running of the complete issue of this equipment, the importance of the following cannot be overstressed. Units must observe strict punctuality when called upon to visit British Ordnance Depots - THERE - to collect equipment.

Rogers Myers
Lt. Col.
G.S.

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Details for distribution of :-

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT LISTS and MOBILE EQUIPMENT LISTS.

(Covering letter from 53 B.L.I. to H.Q. Central Group ref 2/4-5 of 9 Dec. refers.)

AUXILIARY UNITS.

B.E.L.I. No.	Copies	F.E.L.I. No.	UNIT.	Unit No.
162/1	1	1	2nd Field Fmly Coy	30
133/1	1	1	316 Provost Section	42
135/1	1	1	317 " "	43
186/1	1	1	232 Field Hospital	44
186/1	1	1	522 " "	45
186/1	1	1	266 " "	46
185/1	1	1	131 Surgical Section	49
184/1	1	1	1220 Motor Ambulance Convoy	48
163/1	1	1	114 Mobile Dental Sec	39
166/1	1	1	2 Field Bakery	41

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SECRET

RESTRICTED

Subject :- 12 SERVICE DISPENSARY

HQ 204 ARMY TROOPS SUB AREA, A.P.O.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. S/G/29/7
5 Dec 44.

To :- HEADQUARTERS OF WAR.

1. No. 12 SERVICE DISPENSARY will be disbanded. Personnel will be utilised to form the hygiene platoon of No's 51 and 184 Medical Section.

Surplus personnel will be posted to the Reinforcement Depot.

2. Materials of this unit will be used to make good as far as possible deficiencies in Medical Units and the surplus sent to Medical Depot Stores, MARSHALL Hospital, NAPLES.

(Signed) W. Pilsley
Colonel,
for Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to :- 52 MED
MILA LO 52 MED
53 MED
MILA LO 53 MED

Internal :- Med.

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53 B.L.U.
Ref. G9 - 17
5 Dec. 44.

Subject: Vehicle Signs.

To :- H.Q. Combat Group POLCOM

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (-.LA), please notify
an directive as to -.L.U. vehicle signs
-LA LO
Sig
Ord

1. Ref this H. letters G9 - 1 of 31 Oct.44 and G9 - 12 of 23 Nov.44.

2. Copy of -.LA letter S/G/29/40 of 5 Dec.44, attached, gives final decision on designs for vehicle signs.

3. It will be noted that

(a) unit sign will be as laid down in this H, above quoted letter of 31 Oct. viz, unit serial number in White on blue (or Group colour) background, carried on right hand side of vehicles.

(b) Group (or Div) sign, to be carried on left of vehicle, will be the "POLCOM" emblem on a rectangle background of GREEN, WHITE and RED. (This is the emblem, in RED, which your H. previously submitted for approval on a BLUE background).

4. It is regretted that this H issued mistaken instructions regarding the "Sign of the Division" and its background. Letter quoted in para 2 above, however, was the first intimation to this H. of the colours decided upon for this background.

5. Please confirm that the "POLCOM" emblem will now be in RED (as previously submitted on blue background) on the vertical tri-colour background now ordered by -.LA, vide para 2 of their above quoted letter.

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Lt.Col.
G.S.

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Subject: Unit Signs.

COI.

29 B

TO :- 52 Div
53 Div
54 Div

H.Q. FORCES SUB-COMMAND (A.C. (A.A.I.A.)
File No. S/C/29/40
3 Dec. 44.

(Ref 53 Div G9 - 12 of 23 Nov)

1. Authoritative instructions for the marking of vehicles are contained in Army Bd/76 of 22 Oct a copy of which is attached.

2. The "Sign of the Division" to be painted on the left side is the Green, white and Red rectangle with the relevent crest on the White portion (as worn on left shoulder of battle dress).

3. The "Div. colours" referred to are those normally worn on the collar (under the arm of the service dress). Details of these colours in respect of your Group should be sent to A.A.I.A for record.

4. No other distinguishing marks or variations from the above are permitted. The left side of a vehicle is the left hand side to anyone sitting in the vehicle facing forward.

Signed - W.Pidsley, Colonel
for Major General
A.A.I.A.

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SUBJECT:- Nos. 3 & 4 Italian Combat Groups
(LEGNANO & FOLGORE respectively)

3 District
Ext 114
CS/126/1
Dec 44

COO 557 BOD (4 copies)
COO Ordnance Depot, BARI

Copy to :- DOS AFHQ
DDOS L of C
DADOS 52 BLU
DADOS 53 BLU
'Q' (conversation MICHAELSON - GREGGAINS)
OO 3 Dist East Det

1. Instructions have now been received that the above formations are to be equipped during December. Indents are now being submitted to 557 BOD by DADOS 52 and 53 BLU for No 3 and No 4 Groups respectively

2. Releases of Staff and Controlled Stores will be obtained by this office.

3. Please note that Q(AE) AFHQ have advised this HQ that these Groups will be equipped on equal priority to the Polish Brigades and on priority immediately after Fifth and Eighth Armies.

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F. G. B. Greggains
Lt Col
ADOS
for Col DDOS
(F. G. B. GREGGAINS)

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[illegible] Liaison Instruction No. 1. [illegible] 52 S.L.U.
[illegible] between 52 S.L.U. and [illegible] I.A. Ref. 12 - 3
, Dec. 44

To: Land Forces Sub-Comd. A.C. (MIA)
52 S.L.U.
MMIA LO
[illegible] Fr. Team (Inf)
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1. The link operates daily from 0800 - 2200 hrs. MMIA is the control and 52 S.L.U. the outstation.

2. There are hourly calls, at which control and outstation offer any traffic they may have for one another. Once traffic is passed the link closes till the next hourly call.

3. 52 S.L.U. also use this link, as their own W/T link with M.M.I.A. has closed.

4. Officers wishing to send messages should draft them on the normal message form and hand them to the 52 S.L.U. clerks office.

5. All messages have to be translated into high-grade cipher before transmission. To avoid delay and congestion of the link they should therefore be kept as brief as possible - maximum 50 words of text.

6. Messages may be handed in at any time, but as communication deteriorates after nightfall it is not possible to guarantee that messages handed in during the evening will be transmitted before the following morning. There should nonetheless be a considerable saving of time by comparison with the D.R.L.S.

C.H. Marks Major
for Lt. Col.
G. S.

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ORD

Subject: Decision of Conference.

Distribution: All Officers.

1. A conference was held in AFHQ at the office of Brigadier Q(AE) at 1500 hrs Monday, 27 Nov.

2. This conference was attended by the G-1, DAA&QMG and DADOS of this HQ and the subject under discussion was the provision of equipment to the Combat Group FOLGORE.

3. The following decisions were reached :-

(a) All small arms already released to the Combat Gp for training purposes would count against G.1098 scale of weapons.

(b) The balance of all small arms would be released to this HQ early in December.

(c) 25 pdr, 17 pdr, 6 pdr and 40 mm guns to full G.1098 scale would be released to this HQ for Combat Gp early in December. It was hoped to release 75% of scale of mortars by 31 December.

(d) G.1098 scale of tpt for the Gp would be released in small portions and the following programme is suggested :-

	Percentage of total scale of G.1098 vehicles.			
1 - 7 Dec.	25%	'A' vehicles	33%	'B' vehicles
8 -14 Dec.	50%	- do -	60%	- do -
15 -21 Dec.	75%	- do -	80%	- do -
22 -31 Dec.	100%	- do -	100%	- do -

(e) Authority for release of all G.1098 scale of equipment would be given immediately and all indents could now be submitted.

(f) Any difficulty experienced to obtain signal stores should be referred to Lt.Col. Jenkins Ord 13 AFHQ.

4. (a) Clothing - It was hoped to make a complete issue of Grade I Battle-dress to this Gp after 15 Dec.44.
(b) Tentage - It was hoped to issue 30 Tents EPIP with extension during December.
(c) Tarpaulin covers and capes AG - the possibility of releasing a number of these items was being investigated.

5. Ref para 4.(a) this was considered not to be sufficiently definite to warrant this HQ ceasing to obtain Grade 3 clothing to replace u/s clothing of this grade already issued.

6. The contents of this letter will not be communicated to any Italian personnel.

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Lt.Col.
G.S.

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Subject :- Medals

To :- HQ Combat Group ROYAL ENG

Ord ——

53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 10
28 Nov. 44.

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3530276 Pte Buckley J. RAOC

1. Herewith report, submitted to this HQ by the above named soldier, on an incident that took place at 2 Sub Depot 557 POL.

2. No report has been received from the Depot to date on this matter but it is expected that one will be forthcoming shortly.

3. Kindly inform this HQ if you have any information on this matter.

for Lt. Col.
O.C.

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Statement by No. 3530276 Pte Buckley J. RACC

I submit this, my report on a case of pilferage at 2 Sub-Depot 557 EOD on Thursday 22/11/44.

Being detailed along with Pte Rideout S to pick up stores at Portici, I proceeded to do same.

I checked each truck at the loading point, and at approximately 12.30, Pte Rideout and myself proceeded to 2 Sub-Depot Mens Dining Hall, for the purpose of dinner, this was the usual procedure as the Italian Sergeant-Major stayed with the vehicles and Italian personnel.

At 13.30 hrs I had my convoy ready to move off, but had to wait until 14.00 hrs for Gate-passes for my loaded vehicles.

I arrived at the exit at 14.05 hrs when the Policeman on duty climbed on to the running board of my vehicle (the first) and pulled a tarpaulin cover from the rear of the vehicle, I got out of the cab and with the policeman discovered 26 Vests Woollen, on inspecting the further vehicles the S.I.B. who had appeared found

1. 1 Case of Boots, ankle.
2. Officers slippers 5 prs.
3. Officers socks 2 prs.

The S.I.B. searched the drivers personal kits and took material, which the Italians claimed was kit issued by this unit.

My No. rank and name was taken and I was told to report the incident to DADOS on my return, which I did.

Sir,

I remain your obedient servant

3530276 Pte Buckley J. RACC.

Unclassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

Subject :- Loss of Bo. s.

To :- HQ Combat Group FOLGORE
Ord ✓

53 B.L.U.
Ref. A7 - 9
26 Nov 44.

1. Ref your HQ letter 2186/Serv of 16 Nov 44.

2. Delay in replying to your letter is regretted but was unavoidable owing to the absence of the Br personnel, involved in this incident, from this HQ.

3. It is not considered that further correspondence on this particular incident will be fruitful, it appears obvious that both Italian and British personnel were to blame in this case and this HQ has dealt with the British personnel in question.

4. Ref para 3 of you letter this HQ is in full agreement about the necessity for the orders referred to and similar instructions have been given to British personnel employed in the collection of stores.

5. As regards replacement for these 8 prs of boots the necessary arrangements will be made by this HQ.

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C. H. Mobbs.
Lt. Col.
C.S.

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Subject : Telegraphic Message

To :- HQ Combat Group Fulcrum
A/A
G&O V

53 T.C.U.
Ref G1 - 5
23 Nov 44.

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1. The following telegraphic message has been received and is passed to you for information and necessary action.

2. FROM MAIA 221735.

TO 54 AREA MOVERS AMIO 55 ELU MOVERS MOV BARE

YOX 6N35 BT

NR330 REFERENCE APPENDIX A TO MAIA LETTER A/G/23/26 DATED 25TH OCTOBER FULCRUM AIR PARENT GROUPS FOR EQUIPPING 1200 AMERICANS CAN PLATOON (.) UNIT MOVING BY ROAD ROOMIN (.) COPY W.W. TO FORT (.) TO 54 AREA MOVERS MOV BARE (.) REPO UNIT TO TELEX AND NOT RENDAL NOT TO FIELDSCOUTS D'ALLIES AS GIVEN IN AMIO SIGNAL PK5977.

BT

3. MAIA correspondence ref to in above message has already been passed to Combat Gp by this HQ.

L. Marks
for Lt. Col.
G.S.

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Subject :- Discipline.

To :- H.Q. Combat Gp POLGORE
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Ord ✓

55 M.A.U.
Ref. A7 - 4
19 Nov. 44.

1. At approximately 2200 hrs on 17 Nov. an incident occurred at a wine shop in TIVOLI involving two British ORs and certain Italian army personnel.

2. One of the above British ORs reported this to DAAG/MG and SORA of this HQ at approximately 2300 hrs on the same day and these officers with the British OR proceeded to the scene of the incident. On arrival they were informed by Italian Pro personnel that one British OR had been taken to the Grand Hotel.

3. The officers returned to this HQ and found Major Pallovicino, an MCO of the Carabinieri and the second British OR waiting for them.

4. The incident was immediately investigated and a statement taken from Pte Stilling, copy attached in Appx 'A'.

5. On 18 Nov. a statement was taken from Pte Buckley, copy attached in Appx 'B'.

6. By arrangement with your HQ an identification parade was held today at which DAAG/MG and the two British ORs in question were present. The British ORs failed to identify any Italian soldiers who were involved in the incident. A further identification parade has been arranged for 0830 hrs tomorrow.

7. It is understood that the San Marco Regt may be able to produce a man this afternoon who they think was involved in the incident.

8. Pte Buckley received injuries in this incident which have turned out not to be serious. In this he was extremely fortunate for it appears that he received a bite on his arm and his head was kicked a number of times.

9. It would appear that this was an unnatural type of brawl and therefore it is requested that this matter be thoroughly investigated and this HQ kept informed of the results.

L. W. L. Parks.
Lt. Col.
G.S.

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ARMY FORM C2136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call	Srl. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) Originator	Date-Time of Origin	Office Date Stamp
G.S.O. II 53 B.L.U.	221000	

For Action

TO H.Q. FOLGORE Gp

(W) For Information (INFO)

ORD, A/Q.

Message Instructions — GR

Originator's No.

S.D/G1/1 ⊙ Ref this HQ S.D/G1/4 of 20 Nov reporting state of strength, transport and specialists in 316 Provost Sec (CERR) ⊙ Special Equipment List for this unit is now on way and indents will be forwarded by this HQ Meanwhile please report URGENTLY state of readiness (including arms & equipment etc) of this unit to move in support of FRIULI Gp.

This Message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except ..... wireless	If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER	Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority
Signed	Signed W Warker Major	

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Subject: Demands and Receipt of Stores. 53 B.L.U.

To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE Ref. G1 - 31

Ord

Admin 17 Nov. 44

1. Herewith notes on the correct procedure for the demanding and receipting of stores which are passed to you for information.

2. It is suggested that all units of your Gp are made conversant with this procedure.

Lt. Col.
G.S.

DEMAND and RECEIPT of STORES.

Demands

1. Preparation of Indents.

(84)

Indents will be submitted in duplicate, and must show :-

(a) Full name and address of unit, but not its location.
(b) Whether indent is for a first supply or replacement.
(c) Designation and Part or Vocabulary Number.
(d) AF G.1098 or any other authority under which stores are drawn.
(e) If unit will collect, this must be clearly stated.
(f) Unit's demand number.
(g) Vocabulary Section. A SEPARATE INDENT, WITH A DIFFERENT UNIT DEMAND NUMBER, MUST BE MADE OUT FOR EACH VOCABULARY SECTION.
(h) When demanding M.T. spares, in addition to the details required under (c) the Make, Type, W.D. and Contract No. of the vehicle must be given, and also the Motor, Body or Chassis Number, whichever is relevant to the part required.
(i) Keep the unit copy of the indent carefully - you will need it for reference.

2. If you do not make out your indent correctly your stores will be delayed - always check your indent before despatch.

2. How to Find the Correct Vocabulary Section.

(a) General Stores

The various sections are shown in Appendix "A" together with a summary of the stores they contain. The Part Number of the article required is found by reference to the revelant vocabulary.

(b) "A" and "B" Vehicle Stores.

Vehicle Stores are divided into two parts :-

(i) Those parts peculiar to one type of vehicle only, i.e. Makers Parts. The Vocabulary Section for these, is :-

(a) LV1 - LV5 (inclusive) for "A" vehicles, depending on the type (not the make) of the vehicle. The LV Number must always be followed by an abbreviation showing the Vehicle Maker's Name, as shown in Appendix "A".

So the Vocabulary Section is given by :-
LV Number/Maker's Name Abbreviation,

And the Part Number is given by :-
The Maker's Parts List for the Type and Contract No. of the vehicle concerned.

(b) LV7 for "B" Vehicles. This Section covers all Types and all makes of "B" vehicles. LV 7 must be followed by an abbreviation showing the Maker's Name, as shown in Appendix "A",

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So the Vocabulary Section is given by :-
LV 7 / Maker's Name Abbreviation,

And the Part Number is given by :-
The Maker's Parts List for the Type and Contract No. of the vehicle concerned.

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So the Vocabulary Section is given by :-
LV 7 / Maker's Name Abbreviation.

And the Part Number is given by :-
The Maker's Parts List for the Type and Contract No. of the vehicle concerned.

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(ii) Those parts common to various Types and Makes of Vehicles - i.e. Proprietary parts. The Vocabulary Section for these is :-

(a) LV 6 for "A" and "B" vehicles. This Section is sub-divided into Sub-Sections MP 1 to MP 15 (See Appendix "A" for parts held in each Section).

So the Vocabulary Section is given by :-
LV 6/MP Sub Section Number relevant to the part required.

And the Part Number is given by :-
The revelant LV6/MP Vocabulary.

3. Re-demands.

Indents are cancelled after two months, and so any part not received within two months of the date of the original indent must be re-demanded on a new Indent with a fresh number. Such re-demands should be marked - "Re-demand of my Indent No..... dated ..... .

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Receipts.

(a) All receipts must be carefully checked against the Voucher, and any deficiencies reported at once by means of a Deficiency Report (AF G.985).
(b) Voucher Copy No.3 (Pink) is signed and returned to the issuing Depot as a receipt. Voucher Copy No.4 (Green) is retained by your unit for reference.
(c) Unpack Stores carefully. The cases should not be unnecessarily damaged, and are to be returned to the Depot for use again.

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53 B.L.U. 17

Ref. 47 - 3

15 Nov.44.

Subject : Discipline.

H.Q. Combat Group FOLMORE

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Ord

1. On 14 Nov. a convoy of vehicles went to 2 Sub Depot 557 EOD Naples. Cpl. Washer of this H.Q. accompanied the convoy to supervise the collection of Ord stores from this depot.

2. While collecting these stores in the Depot, the depot staff informed Cpl. Washer that they suspected that a theft of stores had occurred and requested that a search of the Italian vehicles be carried out.

3. This search was carried out and the following Ord stores were found on vehicle number MD 5654799 :-

Despatch Riders Boots	1 pair
Boots ankle	1 pair
Boot laces	20 pairs.

4. The names of the personnel riding on this vehicle were as under :-

Pte. Ferruccio ESSEO
Pte. Leopoldo SCALI
Pte. Antonio CONTATI

5. A signed statement by Cpl. Washer in connection with this case is attached.

6. Theft of stores is considered a most serious offence and more especially so when it is committed by personnel whose duty it is to collect stores for your Group.

7. Kindly investigate this matter and inform this H.Q. of what action will be taken.

Lt. Col.
C.S.

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17A

STATEMENT.

Subject :- Pilfering from No. 2 Sub Depot RAOC.

To :- O.C.,
53 British Liaison Unit.

Sir,

I, No. 2580367 CPL WASHER G. after checking stores on four vehicles (Nos:- L.5655184, L.5654799, L.5653415, and L.5653272.) from Shed. 67, Sec. 3., No. 2 Sub Depot, FORTEZZA compared my totals with a PTE. WILLIAMS O.D. (No. 4184191, RAOC.) and found our totals differed by one case of Boots Ankle; so this man immediately re-checked cases loaded. The first truck was correct (No. L.5655184), but after proceeding to check the second vehicle; No. 5654799; he threw out, one pair of Boots, D.R. (NEW), which were definitely not amongst the stores issued, at once he jumped out of the truck and went straight to the front seat, and upon lifting the cushion found, one pair of Boots, Ankle, and 20 pairs of laces. (leather). with no time to lose I examined every vehicle, but found every one O.K.; therefore I took particulars of the personnel. (Italian) on the truck. (The time being 15.40 hours 14 Nov. 44), and No. 4184191, PTE WILLIAMS obtained particulars to hand to his immediate superior.

When I (No. 2580367, CPL WASHER) returned to this H.Q., I reported same to Major Fegetmeier, DADOS, RAOC, and handed all particulars to him, including the names of the personnel concerned, which are :- SOLDATI CORNATI, SOLDATI SCALI and SOLDATI TASSO.

Trusting the above information will prove useful,

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

G. Washer Cpl.
No. 2580367.

C.M.F.
15 Nov. 44.
GW.

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 785020

53 B.L.U.

Ref. G1 - 23

13 Nov. 44

Subject : Collection of Ord stores.

To :- H.Q. Combat Group FULGORE.
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Ord.

1. On 12 Nov. eight 3 ton vehicles went to the Ord Depots in the Naples area to collect new boots for the Combat Group.

2. Ord this HQ arranged with your Ord Fd Pk that sufficient Italian personnel would be provided to allow one man to ride in the back of each lorry - the lorries being driven by your S & T Coy personnel.

3. The above arrangement was carried out and it was clearly understood between DADOS this HQ and Major Fontana that the Italian Ord personnel provided would return riding in the back of the lorries to guard the stores.

4. By A.M. 13 Nov all of these lorries had returned and when checking the stores signed for at the Ord Depots against those received at the Br Ord Depot the following deficiency was found :-

8 pairs of boots

5. On previous convoys pullovers, socks and shirts have been missing when the convoy arrived in this area.

6. As every single item of clothing issued to your Gp has to be accounted for these losses will mean that certain of your personnel are not equipped with British clothing.

7. The loss of boots referred to above must be investigated immediately and kindly inform this H.Q. of the result. For your information no one of the Ord Fd Pk or of the Supply and Tpt Coy should be in possession of new British issue boots at present.

23 rpts.

L. H. Brooks. 1814

Lt. Col.
G.S.

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53 B.I.U.
Ref. Q1 - 18
9 Nov. 44.

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Subject :- Equipment.

To :- H.Q. Combat Group FOLKORE.
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Ord.
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1. A considerable quantity of clothing is in process of being issued to your units from British Ord Depots, TELESE.

2. Attached is a draft instruction on procedure to be adopted by unit Q.M. staff if this clothing is unsuitable.

3. Kindly ensure that all units are conversant with the procedure to be adopted for the return of this clothing to the above named depots where necessary.

Major,
DAAG(QM).

for Lt. Col.
G.S.

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Draft.

53 British Liaison Unit

9 Nov. 44.

Instruction No. 1.

Issue of Clothing to Combat Group FOLGORE
and return of unserviceable clothing to Fr Ord Depots.

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1. Issue of Clothing.

Issues of clothing will be made by Ord in bulk to units under 11 headings as shown below :-

(a) H.Q. Combat Group FOLGORE.
(b) Pro - incl two sections.
(c) Arty Regt FOLGORE.
(d) Inf Regt [illegible] - incl three Bns.
(e) Inf Regt SAN MARCO - incl three Bns.
(f) Engnr Bn - incl Signals Coy.
(g) Mechanical Engr - Incl Wksps, Pl, and LADs.
(h) S & T Coy.
(i) Medical Services.
(j) Ordnance Field Park.
(k) 2 Fd Pk Coy - Engnrs.

2. Return of unserviceable Clothing.

(a) Any clothing which is found by unit Q.M. staffs to be unsuitable owing to excessive wear will be returned in bulk to Ord issuing depots.

(b) Unit Q.M. staffs will endeavour to satisfy individual sizes and fittings by effecting exchanges within their respective units and within the individual headings as given in para 1 above.

(c) Where the units of each group as by para 1 above have made all possible exchanges the clothing then remaining unissable will be returned in bulk by the 11 separate groups given above to the issuing depots.

(d) [illegible]

(d) Unit Q.M. staffs will then submit to issuing depots the number of sizes required to complete issues.

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Specimen Tactical Sign.

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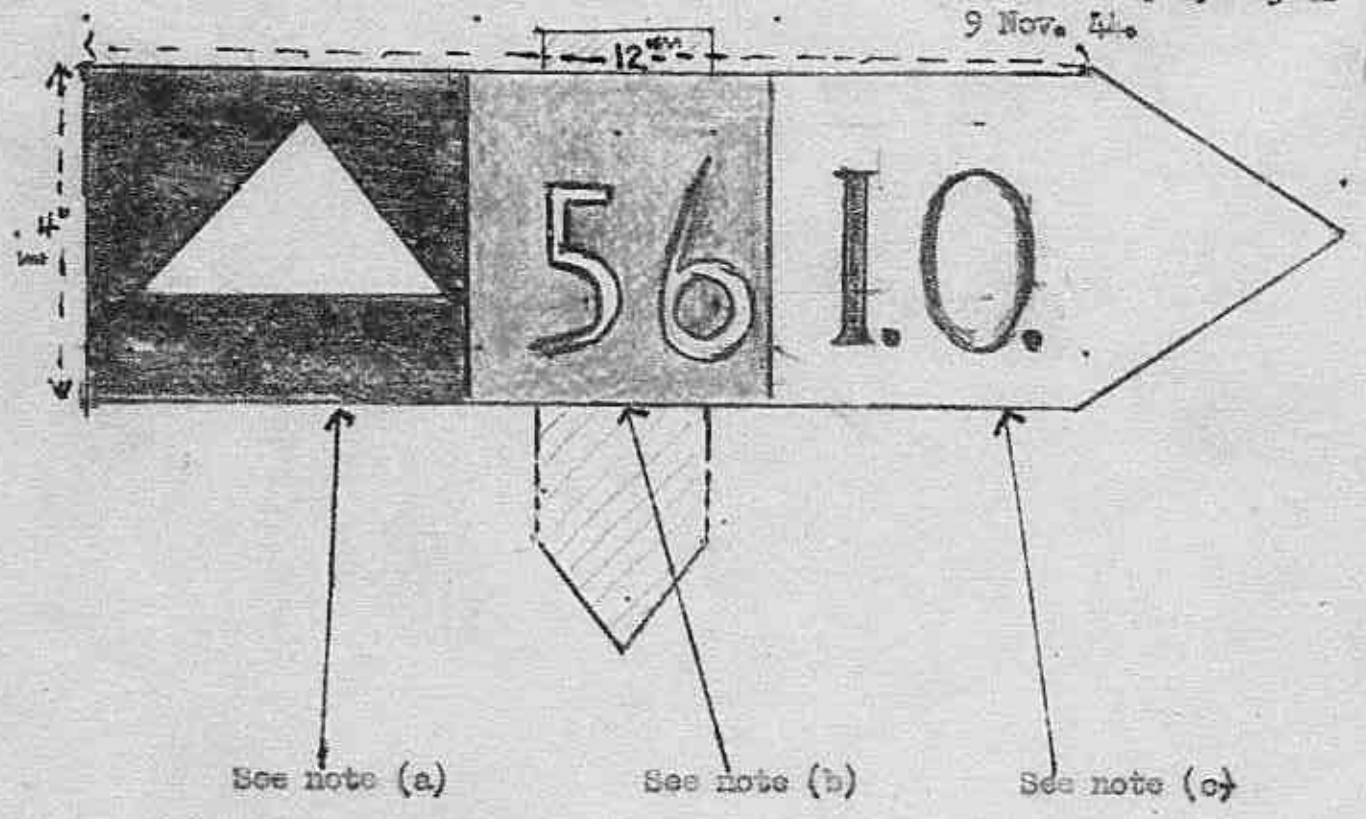

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(c). Letters indicating the location of the I.O. (Intelligence Officer) of the Battalion. Other Infantry Battalion signs may be marked as follows :-

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C.O. (Bn Comd's Office or H.Q.)

Adj.

Sigs. (Signals Office)

R.A.P. (In addition, a Red Cross should be marked on this sign)

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Sp. (Support Coy H.Q.)

A (A Coy H.Q.)

M.T. (M.T. H.Q., Officer or Stores)

A Ech

B Ech

Q.M.

M.T.O.

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Subject :- H.Q. Unit etc. Tac Signs.

53 B.L.U.
Ref. G9 1 3
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To :- H.Q. Combat Group POLSONS.

Further to this H.Q. G9-1 of 31 Oct. 44 ref marking of vehicles.

1. For quick comms it is essential that the locations of H.Q's, units and sub-units are easily found by own tps such as D.R's, visiting Comds etc.

2. Tactical Signs, therefore, indicating such locations should be available within the Group on a scale sufficient to cater not only for adequate marking of routes, tracks etc. leading to these locations, but also for wastage, through loss or breakage, during ops.

3. General considerations affecting design and quantity of these signs are

(a) Uniformity throughout the Group as regards size and design.
(b) Signs should be simple in design and small in size: normally, a board or piece of metal approx 5 inches wide, 12 inches long, pointed at one end to indicate location or direction, and fixed to a spike 2-3 ft high for sticking into the ground. (See App. A).
(c) The nature or composition of H.Q's, units, sub-units etc. e.g.

Bn (H.Q.)
(Support) Coy.
(A.Tk) Pl

will NOT be marked on signs. Every sign should display

(i) The Div or Group sign and colour (as borne on left side of vehicle).
(ii) The unit or sub-unit serial No. (as borne on right side of vehicle).
(iii) A letter or letters indicating designation of the location e.g.

Q.M.
'B' Ech.
A. Tr.
C

(d) The above pointed signs are mainly for fwd and mobile H.Q's, units etc. and may be found unsuitable or too small for some of the larger H.Q's and installations in the Group. These latter may vary in shape and size, but ALL should conform to a uniform design and to the details as laid down in para 3 (c) above.

4. Design, materials, paint etc. for above signs should be considered forthwith and the necessary orders issued (copy to this H.Q.) for their provision throughout the Group.

5. At App. A is a specimen sign as used in a British Inf Div.

A Franks
Major,
G.S.O.II.

Copy to :- Ord. ✓

for Lt. Col.
G.S.

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Subject : Transport

To : See Distribution List

From : D Training Team (Inf)

53 B.I.U.

Ref. 96 - 8

2 Nov. 44

1. A considerable quantity of British equipment will be drawn from Ord depots within the next few days. This equipment will be collected in Italian army tpt under arrangements made by Ord this HQ.

2. However the provision of tpt for this work is an ST responsibility.

3. All staff branches and services of this HQ will inform ST this HQ by 1800 hrs daily of their tpt requirements for the following 24 hours. ST will also be informed of any tpt requirements as early in advance as possible.

4. Offices of staff branches and services will not arrange tpt details direct with the units of Combat Group Folgore for which they are responsible.

Lt. Col.
G.S.

Distribution :-

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ST
Ord
REME
Camp Commandant.

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Subject: Unit Signs — 53 B.L.U.

To: - H.Q. Combat Group Folgore — Ref. G9 - 1

MBIA
Ord
S.T. — 31 Oct 44

1. Under authority AFHQ (G-3 Section) letter WSD/76 of 22 Oct 44 Italian Combat Gps will use vehicle markings and vehicle marking nos. as under.

2.

40	Gruppo HQ and all Tps NOT listed below	
81	87 Regt	(Senior Regt)
55	1/87 Regt	(Senior Bn)
56	11/87 Regt	(Second Bn)
57	111/87 Regt	(Junior Bn)
87	88 Regt	(Second Regt)
60	1/88 Regt	(Senior Bn)
61	11/88 Regt	(Second Bn)
62	111/88 Regt	(Junior Bn)
42	HQ Arty Regt	
43	Arty	(25 Pdr Btys)
46	Arty	(A/Tk Bty)
47	Arty	(LAA Bty)
48	Engrs	(Senior Fd Coy)
49	Engrs	(Second Fd Coy)
50	Engrs	(Sigs Coy)
64	Regtl Mortar and A/Tk Coys in Senior Regt	
65	Regtl Mortar and A/Tk Coys in Second Regt	
74	S & T Coy (equivalent Div Tps Coy)	
76	Senior Fd Hospital	
77	Second Fd Hospital	
86	Mech Engrs Wksp	

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3. The sign of the Div (i.e. FOLGORE) from which the Gp originated will be painted on the LEFT side of the vehicle, and the unit no. on the RIGHT, both front (on the wings) and back, the unit no. being in WHITE on the background of the Div (Gp) colour/colours.
(Note: LEFT and RIGHT sides are as seen from the driver's seat.)

4. In effect, therefore,
(a) Each vehicle in the Gp will carry four signs ALL of the same background, i.e. Gp colour/colours.

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60	1/88 Regt	(Senior Bn)
61	11/88 Regt	(Second Bn)
62	111/88 Regt	(Junior Bn)
42	Hq Arty Regt	
43	Arty	(25 Pdr Btys)
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4. In effect, therefore,
(a) Each vehicle in the Gp will carry four signs ALL of the same background, i.e. Gp colour/colours,
(b) ALL vehicles (incl Gp etc. Hq vehs) will carry the same Gp sign on the LEFT side, front and rear,
(c) Unit (incl HQ) serial nos. will be carried on the RIGHT side as detailed in para 2 above. front and rear

5. These signs will be so placed as to be seen clearly from front and rear.

6. FULGORE Gp will submit, forthwith, design showing Gp colour/colours proposed to be used and also the Gp sign.

7. NO signs will meanwhile be painted on vehicles until design has been approved by A.M.I.A.

12 & 29 refd.

Major
GSO II

ORD : Requirements of paint will be notified in due course.

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Subject : Guards — 53 B.I.U.

To : 29 Combat Group Falgore — Ref. Q4 - 6

Ord ✓ — 27 Oct 44

1. At 2340hrs on 26 Oct 44 Lt.Col. Brooks and Major Tegetmeier visited the arms and ammunition depot at the Cinema, Falese, map ref 44905.

2. Seeing no signs of guards in the area they entered the building and considerable noise was made in making an entry. The noise, however, failed to wake the two guards who were found sleeping inside the building.

3. It is stressed that very valuable equipment is being issued to the Combat Group and it is essential that it is properly guarded.

4. Kindly arrange for a 24hr guard to be placed on all Ord depots containing equipment.

Lt.Col.

G.S.

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Subject :- Arrival of Rf[illegible] and units in area.

To :- H.Q. ;
H.Q. L.A.

Cmd. ✓

53 B.L.C.
Ref. G 4 - 4
25 Oct. 44.

1. The Cascle Bn of the San Marco Regt. has now arrived in this area, approximate strength 550 all ranks.

2. Owing to the condition in which they arrived their presence here is welcomed by no one and all that it has done is to further deteriorate the already grave administrative position of the Combat Group.

3. This Bn. arrived with no cooking equipment so they are now making shift-ofs' jerricans to cook their rations in. They have no water containers so that either they have to have a truck permanently attached to them or they cannot retain enough water for ordinary drinking and cooking purposes. The answer is found at present by them using well water but for how long will that be medically sound?.

4. Their clothing was of the poorest condition and when the CO of this H.Q. visited them immediately after their arrival some of them were in civilian clothes and more than one man marching in bare feet. Their blanket position is, as with the whole of the Combat Group on the average of one per man.

5. It is suspected that the reasoning followed by the units, depots, etc. from which these men and other rifts arrive, is that they're going to the British who have everything and they'll be all right.

6. Your H.Q. is fully conversant with the fallacy of this reasoning and though we will be able to provide "all things to all men" in time, that time is the unknown factor.

7. It is most strongly urged that all troops being sent to this Combat Group are adequately clothed and that all units come administratively self contained.

G. H. Brooks.
Lt. Col.
G. S.

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