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RECORD INSTRUCTION TO HQ FORMATIONS AND X/I LIST UNITS, CMP, MFSC,
RAFC, RAVC, AEC, FNR CORPS, INT CORPS, APTC AND ACC UNITS.

No. 6.

6 June 46.

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for

Brigadier.
D.A.G.,
G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon C.M.F.

RAR/WH

Sheet 1.

21 Mar 46

2nd Echelon CEF

RECORD INSTRUCTIONS TO HQ FORMATIONS AND A/1 LIST UNITS

No. 5

Note: All previous circulars of HQ Formations, etc., Records Instructions" will continue to be effective unless cancelled.

1. DESCRIPTION ON TRANSFER TO RESERVE OR DISCHARGE OF REGULAR SOLDIERS

In order that Officer i/c Records may be in a position to complete description of soldiers serving on Regular Army engagements on their transfer to the reserve, or discharge, the following information will be included in PS 730411/3042, notifying their despatch from the unit for release, or on terminal leave:-

- (A) Height
- (B) Complexion
- (C) Eyes
- (D) Hair
- (E) Marks or scars

It is emphasised that the description required is that at the time the soldier leaves the unit.

2. FAMILIES OF SERVING MILITARY PERSONNEL IN CEF

When an officer occupies H.D. Married quarters he ceases to be entitled to Field Allowance (if in issue) and Family Lodging Allowance. Mediterranean Allowance continues to be admissible (if in issue).

In these cases units will ensure that the following casualty is rendered without delay:-

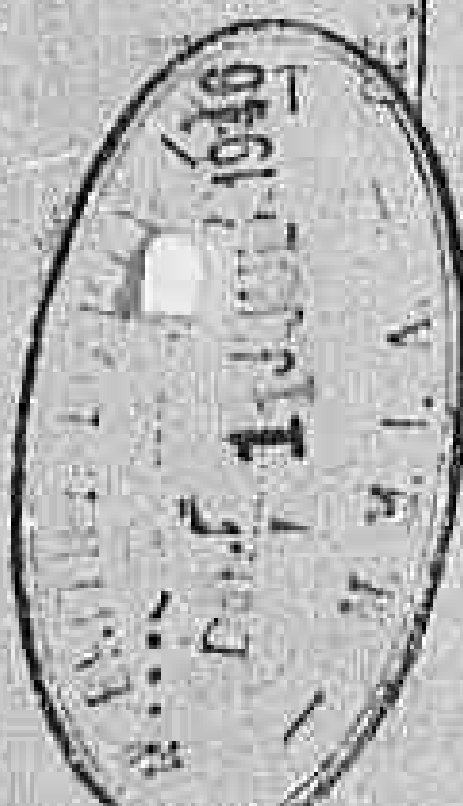
"Occupied Furnished/Unfurnished/Married Quarters wof
 CEF to (Field Allowance)(E) Family Lodging Allowance wof same data."

The fact that the family of an Other Rank occupies Married Quarters will also be reported. In these cases deduction for quarters is made automatically by the R.F. on receipt of the casualty.

3. MARRIAGES, BIRTHS & DEATHS - SOLDIERS' FAMILIES RESIDING IN CEF

Units are reminded that Marriages, Births and Deaths in respect of families of military personnel resident in CEF must be reported to this HQ.

KR para 1744 refers, but it is pointed out that this HQ alone is responsible for unknown of the



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"Occupied Furnished/Unfurnished/Married quarters wof
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4. ENLISTMENT - RECORDING OF THE G1 OF SOLDIERS FOUND TO BE UNDER AGE DECLINED AN ALLOWANCE

In all cases where soldiers other than those enlisted as boys, who, on production of a birth certificate, are found to be under the age stated on their attestation or Record of Service paper, the following action will be taken:-

- (1) Entry as shown below will be made on top of page 2 in B 24. Part I in RED INK and will be initialled by an Officer:-

"Actual age claimed on (date)
 Birth certificate shows date of birth (date)"

- (2) Full details will be reported to GHQ 2nd Echelon.

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Sheet 2.

4. ENLISTMENT - RECORDING OF THE AGE OF SOLDIERS FOUND TO BE UNDER AGE DECLARED ON ENLISTMENT (Continued)

It must be clearly understood that the age recorded on enlistment will NOT be amended and that this age will be regarded as the soldier's age for all Army purposes other than:-

- (1) Drafting overseas
- (2) Eligibility for admission to the married establishment and/or issue of family allowance under peace-time regulations.
- (3) Reckoning of .50/Service Group where, in the case of Army Class personnel only, obvious clerical errors in the year of birth, as entered in the Record of Service, may be ignored and the proven year of birth inserted.

5. UNLOCATED PERSONNEL

Information is sought in respect of the undermentioned soldier who is unlocated in records at this Headquarters. Any unit holding this man on strength or having knowledge of him will communicate IMMEDIATELY with this Headquarters:-

CU/12491 Dvr ST. VINOU N - Cyprus Regt.

6. PROCEDURE - APPLICATIONS FOR PROMOTIONS, POSITIONS, MUSKINGS ETC.

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Where a War Establishment has recently been amended and the amendment is the subject of requests for promotions etc., the full details should be quoted, including particulars of authority from GHQ which implements the change.
- (c) In connection with para 6 above, it should be noted that this HQ is NOT in a position to authorise promotions against anticipated vacancies.
Where authority is given for a promotion, the letter reference and date should invariably be shown in the "Remarks" column of RW3041a/RW3042.
- (d) Rank vacancies for tradesmen cannot normally be filled by non-tradesmen, and, conversely, non-tradesmen rank vacancies cannot normally be filled by promotion of tradesmen.
Authority for the mustering and demustering of personnel must be sought from this HQ.

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7. PROCEDURE - General (Continued)

In view of the amount of detail in respect of employment and rank laid down in War Establishments of A/1 units, applications for promotions, mustering and postings etc., should clearly state the specific vacancy or vacancies which it is proposed to fill.

C.H.E.
R.R.*R. High Capt*

1st Brigadier,
D.C.,
CHQ 2nd Echelon.

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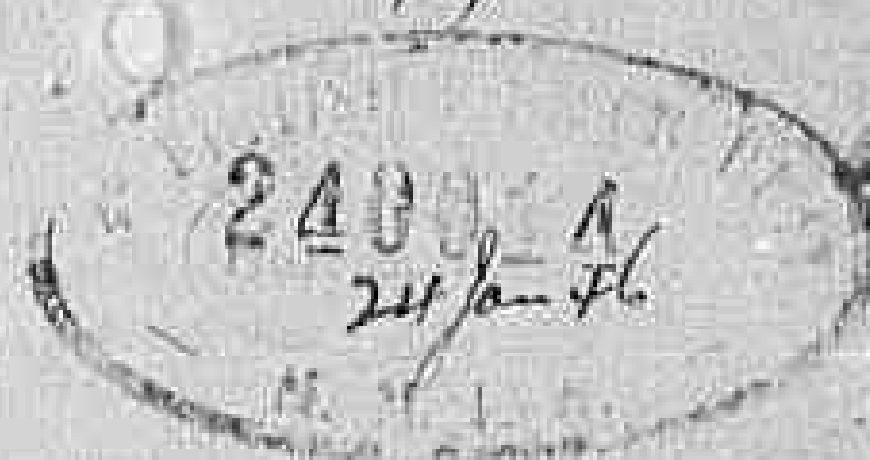
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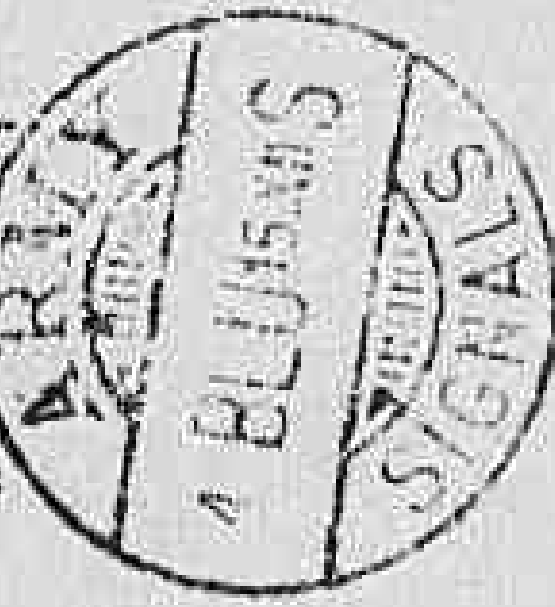
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yourself and Charles Harris
as ordered in appendix 2 by
CPT dated 7 Dec 75 @
these ensure that these
statements are submitted
promptly in future

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Location: 4 Training Center

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(W) For Information (INFO)

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Originator's No.

SD30910 Unclassified Please render forthwith

staff lists of AIR OFFERS as indicated

in appendix B to my G/7 dated

7 Dec 450 Please ensure that there

lists are rechecked presently

in future

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 lists are reprocessed practically
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Originator's No.

INT 223 D Lined O Please render forth-
with monthly intelligence report
as ordered in appendix B to
my 6/7 dated 7 Dec 45 O Please
ensure that this reports are
submitted punctually in future

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IMPORTANT

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INT 223 O llncl O Please sender forth-
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ARMY FORM 21-46 (Signal)

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For Action

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(W) For Information (INFO) ✓

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Originator's No.

GO/4154

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(W) For Information (INDU)

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Message Instructions.

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Originator's No.

GO/4137. CONFIDENTIAL.

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GROUPS COM AND R ITALIAN OPERATIONAL COMMAND GR IS NOV.
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AGREE AS THE MATTER CONCERNING CONFIDENTIAL COMPUCTION

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GROUPS COM AND R ITALIAN OPERATIONAL COMMAND OF 15 NOV.
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Address by Minister of War, Generalissimo, Chief of Staff, and
Commander, Italian Army, to the Conference of Senior
Italian Generals at the Ministry of War at Rome
on 29 October, 1945.

Gentlemen,

The Minister has kindly allowed me to come and address you today on this matter of the future organization and training of the Italian Army.

I apologize for reading my remarks, but my Italian is not good and I hope you will forgive errors in pronunciation.

You have all read my address stating the Allied views on this question. There are not only my own views, but also those of higher authority, with which, of course I discussed the matter fully.

Since my address of 14 September, I.M.I.A. and the War Ministry have had full, frank and candid discussions on the project, the solution of which has crystallized out considerably in our minds.

If I may say so, I think it is an excellent thing for all your senior experienced officers to be here to give your views. At the same time, you must be careful not to let anyone who will have a large share in the responsibility for carrying out the project.

I think I may fairly claim that I and my staff in I.M.I.A. have been good friends of the Italian Army. We look upon this very important Italian Army as our baby as you say. The title "German Army" is not correct. It has all eyes concentrated (and turned publicly) that Germany's army is leading in the new direction in the future. That has simplified our joint task, which is to produce the best new Italian Army possible within the limits of the Peace Treaty. Believe me when I say that my project for the Italian Army is dictated by a sincere desire to do my best for Italy in the future. In addition to that of the Allies.

I therefore feel that I am entitled to stress certain aspects to you, which I think are important.

Firstly, our project represents in many respects a considerable break with the past. I think that is all to the good. No progress is ever achieved without a break with the past - and we must progress. Tradition, of course, must be given its proper weight. But you will agree that tradition must not be given even weight at the expense of progress and efficiency. We old soldiers here, by our upbringing, to be conservative, I think. So we must, I suggest, be on our guard not to say "I have always done it that way and so I shall continue to do it that way".

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I think I may fairly claim that I am no slacker in this. I have been good friends of the Italian Army. We have been in the war, victorious Italian Army as our baby has been in yours. The little "German idea" is not shared. I have all eyes considered (and shared publicly) that "IMMEDIATE" was to follow in the same direction as the Allied army. That has changed our whole task, which is to produce the best law Italian Army possible within the limits of the Peace Treaty. Believe me when I say that my present job is to make your Army is directed by a sincere desire to do my best for Italy in Italy's own interest, in addition to that of the Allies.

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A friend of mine (an Italian General) said to me the other day "if on a military revolution". I said to him "yes, it is 1918". That is the attitude to have when meeting the problems that confront the new Italian Army today. Germany talks with most of you presently, I know you well as I do so regarding the situation.

Another Italian General (a Territorial Commander) told me that he has been in Germany (which I am sure is thought that they should make a little own revolution in Italy. He did not agree. Nor do I. It is not obvious, it is not what has been proved to be the proper solution in modern, specialized war. It is not progress.

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Certainly, the Army Commanders do not like sending their best instructions to GHQ, which is the cradle out of which the efficiency of your new Italian Army will be born. That's personal thinking. The Combat Groups rightly were the spearhead in the past war and took the Centre of the stage. But now it is the whole Italian Army that matters; and it is you senior officers who should dictate and control - not Combat Groups, despite their proud record.

The second point I want to make is that no project can really succeed unless there is the will to make it succeed. So, when we have got our agreed plan, I am sure you will all accept that and make it work, even though you may differ as regards certain aspects. I am sure also that you will insist on all your juniors doing the same.

Field Marshall SMYTH has an expressive phrase which he uses constantly. He says "once the plan is made, there must be no belly-aching!"

Thirdly, the matter of speed. We want to get the project working as soon as possible. No project can be 100% right straight off. By experience and trial and error we will find out the weaknesses and adjust these. The sooner we get the project working, the sooner we will get the right answer; the sooner we will get a really high class Army capable of fulfilling its very necessary functions, both from the point of view of Italy and of the world at large. Therefore I urge energetic action of this matter.

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My last point is morale. Surely, you will agree, is partly innate and partly a matter of what one does to foster it. A century ago not very much was done to foster morale. Often the soldiers were the dregs of the country and considered merely so much "exchangeable stores"! But nowadays soldiers are more educated. They read and hear more; they think more; they expect more. Therefore, one of the main elements is contentment, a feeling on the part of the soldier that he is "getting a square deal". This implies propaganda, i.e. telling the soldier what is being done for him and why certain things cannot be done.

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It implies all that is meant by our word "welfare", i.e., good housing, good feeding, clothes, entertainment, canteens, etc. - in fact making the soldier feel that his interests are being looked after as a human being. That is all part of democracy. We do NOT feel that it is hampering the soldier. We feel that it is a very early part of the necessary procedure in the democratic world of today. It need not cost much. By true camaraderie between officer and man, and by initiative on the part of commanders, much can be achieved.

A further more general aspect is the matter of pride in your own army. You know that Field Marshal SMELLIE thought of your new army. He praised it publicly. I have also, in a humble sphere. Lord, is rising and I think will continue to rise. The prestige of your army is growing in ITALY - and rightly. We must do everything in our power to raise its morale and prestige. And I think that if you would all stress throughout your troops that this is the new, victorious, Italian army, that will help. The deeds of your army in the last 18 months justify you in saying this.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMIA)
SD/39/2
9 Nov 1945

Minutes of a Conference on a suggested new lay-out for the ITALIAN
Inf Div, held by permission of GOC 2 DISTRICT at HQ 2 DISTRICT on
2 and 3 Nov 45

Chairman	Lt-Col. A.A.C. SOUTHEY	GSO1 (SD) MMIA
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		senior MMIA IO
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	Lt-Col. J.S.H. DOUGLAS	GSO1 52 BLU
	Lt-Col. C.C. MARCUS	GSO1 53 BLU
	Lt-Col. A.W. GIBSON	GSO1 56 BLU
	Major M.W. DAVIE	GSO II (Trg) 'F' BL & TU
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	Capt. J.H. GROVE R.Sigs	50 BLU
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3. The Chairman emphasised that the conference was purely exploratory, that no action could be expected until recommendations had been examined by AFHQ, and that in particular the suggestions of the Conference were on no account to be discussed with the ITALIANS or outside IMIA and the BLUs.

4. Certain limitations were explained, as imposed by:-

- (a) the AFHQ Directive on the handing over to the ITALIANS of the INTERIM Army.

(b) manpower.

(c) uncertainty as to availability of equipment.

5. The purposes for which the ITALIAN Inf Div was to be organised were discussed. These were:-

- (a) defence against minor frontier aggression.
- (b) duties in aid of the Civil Power.

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6. The comparative desirability was considered of producing:-

- (a) an organisation specialised to cope with 5(a) and (b) above.
- (b) a pocket, model, all-purpose organisation.
- (c) a full-scale organisation, on the most modern BRITISH or AMERICAN lines, realising the limitations imposed, and accepting the fact that in peace a large portion of the War Establishments and Equipment Tables could not possibly be implemented.

7. With GSO 1 56 BLH (Lt-Col. GIBBON) and GSO 2 (Trg) MIA dissenting, it was agreed that the Conference should investigate the model, pocket, all-purpose type of organisation.

Lt-Col. GIBBON requested that his protest be formally attached to the Minutes (Appendix 'A').

8. A layout submitted by MIA for discussion was considered in detail as follows and it was by agreement recommended:-

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- (ii) staff: that a CRA and suitable staff, to include a Bde Major, I.O. and Signal officer should be added, the present arrangement whereby the Comd of the Arty Regt acts as CRA having proved universally impossible to work in action.
- (iii) staff: that a Signals Staff Officer be added, in view of the complete present ignorance of ITALIAN comds and 'G' staff of all signals matters.
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- (v) staff: that a DAFM be added in order to co-ordinate traffic control etc. with the 'G' staff and discipline with the 'A' staff.
- (vi) services: that the duties of the Head of the Automobile Section be defined as equivalent to those of a BRITISH CME and that he be graded at least as a Lt-Col in order to cope with Regt Comds.
- (vii) services: that a junior staff officer be added to assist the CME above.

(b) Div Tps

With GSO1 56 BLU (Lt-Col. GIBSON) dissenting, it was agreed that a Recce Element be added to the Div.

Subject to expert RAC advice it was agreed that a small arm car bn of HQ (three arm cars) and three sqns each of HQ (two arm cars) and three tps (each of three arm cars), total thirty-six arm cars, would meet requirements.

Lt-Col. GIBSON considered that two or three full-scale arm car regts or recce bns, held as corps tps, would be more satisfactory.

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(c) Inf Regt HQ

- (i) staff: that the Lieut Col (Legal Duties) be deleted and the division of duties between officers of Regt HQ be revised.
- (ii) services: that an ME be added to advise the comd on all ME matters and coordinate ME work throughout the Regt.
- (iii) services: that a MOHO or equivalent be added to the Regt HQ to supervise all Ord matters in the Regt.

(d) Inf Regt

- (i) that the addition of a LMG coy was necessary.
- (ii) that the existing 6 pr 4/Tk coy be deleted complete, and that in compensation the arty 4/Tk be increased.
- (iii) the the existing 3" mortar coy be converted to Hy Mortar and shown as "Hy Mortar coy". It was felt that the British 4.2" mortar was not an entirely satisfactory weapon and that the Italians may have a better Hy mortar of their own. The need for a heavier mortar than the present 3" mortar was agreed.

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- (iv) that a small number of Bn (Regt) Police be added.
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- (ix) Op coy: that the existing Assault Pnr pl be retained as it is, and be transferred to the new HQ Wing.

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Inf Bn (Cont'd)

- (x) Rifle coys: that the coy comd be allotted a carrier as a recon veh.
- (xi) Rifle coys: that the present OC HQ pl be defined as second in comd of the coy, and used as such.
- (xii) Rifle coys: that one Sgt and one Cpl be deducted from coy HQ sig sec leaving one Cpl and two ptes to act as runners.
- (xiii) Rifle coys: that the present rifle secs (2 and 8) are unnecessarily large, and should be reduced to 2 and 6.
- (xiv) Rifle coys: that the present pl HQ is unnecessarily large, and should be reduced by two men.

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- (i) that the Div Arty requires an all round increase with the exception of Lt AA.
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- (ii) that a CRA and staff must be added to Div HQ (see 8 (a) (ii) above)
- (iii) 25 prs: that the 25 prs element must be increased to forty eight guns, from the existing thirty two, with a resultant division into two 25 pr regts each of three btys of eight guns, and a consequent provision of extra Regt and bty HQs.

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- (iv) Sappers: that an I.O. be added to Bn HQ.

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(g) Engineers (Cont'd)

- (v) Sappers: that two recon officers be added to each Rd coy.
- (vi) Sappers/
Sigs: that one subaltern be transferred from the present GENIO Bn HQ to Sigs coy HQ, the Engineer Bn HQ thereby being left one officer less.
- (vii) no RE rep being available at the conference, that expert advice be sought on the desirability of having one Rd Pk coy per Div.

(h) S and T Coy

- (i) that the present establishment had always been inadequate under war conditions.
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- (l) OWP: that addition of one Capt, one Chief Clerk and eleven other personnel was required to man the ADOS dump.
- (m) FSS: that a FSS composed as shown in Appdx 'D' is required, personnel to be found NOT from CC.RR. and if necessary by forming a new Italian Intelligence Corps.

(n) CC.RR.

- (i) that the two existing CC.RR secs be combined into one coy and a coy HQ be added.
- (ii) it was understood that under peace conditions only one sec would probably remain with the Div.

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CC.RR. (Cont'd)

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it was felt that CC.RR. attd to Divs must be taught to act as CMP: to this end it was suggested that a special Regt or Legion of CC.RR. should be earmarked for duties with combat tps and be given any suitable distinguishing sub-title.

(c) General

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that generally speaking scales of tpt provided by original WEs have proved inadequate, and must be increased for WE purposes, even if not implemented under peace conditions. It was suggested that expert advice be sought from G(SD) at GHQ.

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that all Lloyd carriers (tractors etc for 6 pr L/Tk guns) be replaced by portees.

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- (iv) the existing Tpt coy to carry everything and to man supply pts for rations, POL and amm as in the British system, and as they in fact do in the Divs at present.
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(c) all signal personnel

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over the extremely slender scale of tpt, and over the fact that no Italian increment for Adm purposes, nor civilians as in 'B' Type ELUs, appears to have been provided for the 'A' Type.

13. Comds of ELUs asked for earliest infan as to by whom they would be administered after redeployment and on what authy.

14. Comds of ELUs asked for instructions as to their future responsibilities for liaison between Italian Territorial Comds and British Districts or Areas.

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Senior MMIA LO c/o MMIA LO NW ITALY MILAN

INTERNAL:

MA to GOC

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Col 'A'

Col 'Q'

'G' (Three)

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Trg

'A' (Three)

'Q' (Five)

War Diary (Two)

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G- (unrec)

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Trg

'A' (Three)

'Q' (Five)

War Diary (Two)

Appendix 'A' to MHA
Conference Minutes (C/39/2)
dated 6 Nov 45.

The new Italian Division

1. It is recommended that the Italian Army should be organized so that it can mobilize with real divisions, with three regiments and a full div. arty., not with "pocket" divisions. This will require an approximate strength of 18,000 per division. Including reinforcements and Corps and Army troops, 50,000 per division will be required.
2. This involves for five divisions a combat ceiling of 90,000 and a total ceiling of 250,000. It is unlikely that this will be agreed to.
3. It is recommended that, rather than form pocket divisions, which are tactically unsound and administratively uneconomical, the divisions should be given a WE equivalent to that of a British or American division. To keep within the combat ceiling the peace establishment should be reduced by codirizing a proportion of units.
4. It is presumed that in the event of general mobilization the total ceiling would be raised by a "call up" of reservists.

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Appendix 'B' to MHA
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dated 9 Nov 45.

INCREASE OF SIGNALS PERSONNEL IN ITL. INF. DIV.

<u>Reason for increase</u>	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>Approx. increase QRs</u>
1. Divorce Signals Coy from Engr Bn	3	10
2. Provide Rear Link W/T and I/T from Div HQ and increase in Div HQ personnel		10
3. Increase in Arty	2	45
4. Inclusion of Armd Car Regt		20
5. Give small wireless layout to Engrs		15
6. Increase in Regt Plns		10
Approx. total increase	5	110
Approx. present total	7	327
Approx. proposed 7.2.	12	437

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<u>Ufficiali</u>	1					
Maggiori	2					
Capitani o Teneti						
<u>Sottufficiali e capitecnici</u>						
Scritturali	1					
Armaicli						
Meccanici D'artiglieria						
Magazzinieri	1					
Autieri	1					
di contabilita	1					
addetto alla cucina	1					
Motoristi	1					
Elettricisti						
Strumenti ottici etc						
Radiomontatori						
<u>Truppa</u>						
Scritturali	3					
Autieri ed autieri attendenti	10					
Motociclisti	2					
Servizi Generali	17					
<u>Specializzati</u>						
Meccanici d'artiglieria						
" strumenti						
ottici etc						
Armaicli						
Radiomontatori						
Fabbri						
Falegnami						
Carrozzieri						
Laminatori						
Saldatori						
Verniciatori						
Meccanici elettricisti						
Meccanici automobilisti						
Tornitori						

1 Majors					
5 Captains or					
Lieutenants					
WOS & SGTs					
2 Clerks					
1 Armourer					
2 Gun Fitters					
2 Storemen					
1 Driver					
1 Pay & Accnts					
1 Cook					
4 Motor Mechs					
1 Electrician					
1 Inst Mechs					
1 Telecomm					
Mechs (field)					
17					

OR					
5 Clerks					
20 Drs & Dvr					
Batmen					
5 Motor Cyclist					
24 General Duties					
(incl Cooks)					

TRADES MEN					
5 Gun Fitters					
4 Inst Mechs					
4 Armr.					
3 Telecomm					
Mechs (fa)					
3 Blacksmiths					
2 Carpenters					
2 Coachtrimmers					
3 Sheet Metal					
workers					
3 Welders					
1 Painter					
8 Electricians					
18 Veh Mechs					
3 Turners					

Appendix 'C' (Cont'd)

PERSONNEL

	Commando		Sec Off		Sec Rec		Sec Mat		Totals
	HA	W/S	Sec	Sec	Sec	Sec	Stores	Sec	
Autieriv meccanici		7			10				17 Driver Mecha
Meccanici motoristi	1	27			8		8		36 Motor Mecha
Magazzinieri	1								9 Storemen
Graduato di contabile	1								1 Pay Cpl
Assistenti (meccanici/Tabbri)		3							3 Assistant
									(hammerman)
									Total Rank and File... 179
									Total ORs ... 196
									Total ME Wksp ... 202

TRANSPORT

Detail	Descrizione	HQ		Wksp		Stores		Total
		Comm	Sec	Sec	Sec	Sec	Sec	
Motor Cycles Solo	Motociclette, monoposto	2						5
Cars 5 cwt 4 x 4	Auto 5 cwt 4 x 4	1						3
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	Autocarri 15 cwt 4x2 GS	6						11
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2 GS	" 3 ton "	4						17
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2	" 15 cwt 4x2(XL)							1
Type KL	tipo							
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2	(Generator 9 KW)							1
Generator 9 KW	Autocarri 15 cwt 4 x 2							1
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2	Autobotte "	1						1
Water								
Lorries 3 ton 4 x 2	Autocarri 3 ton 4 x 2							9
Binned Stores	Magazzini							
Lorries 3 ton 6 x 4	Autoficina 3 ton 6x4							1
Machy Type 'M'	type 'A' or 'X'							2004
" " 'I'	" 'I'							1
" " 'F'	" 'F'							1
" " 'D1'	" 'D1'							1
" " 'Z'	" 'Z'							1
Lorries 3 ton 6x4	Autocarri 3 ton 6 x 4							5
Flower	Flower							

TRANSPORT

Detail	Descrizione	HQ	Wksp Rec				Stores				Total
			Comm	Sec	Off	Sec	Sec	Sec	Sec	Motor	
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" " 'Z'	" 'Z'			1							1
Lorries 3 ton 6x4	Autocarri 3 ton 6 x 4			1							5
E/Down	ricuperi						4			2	2
Tractors B/Down 6x4											
Trailers	Rimerchi										
7 ton 6 whd 1t Rec	7 ton 6 route loggere									4	
15 cwt 2 whd Machy	15 cwt 2 route per										
	maldestori autog	1									1
10 cwt 2 whd GS	10 cwt 2 route GS									1	1

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Appendix 'D' to MIL
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dated 9 Nov 45.

1. THE PROPOSAL

The proposal is for the formation of an ITALIAN Field Security Section for attachment to HQ of an ITALIAN Combat Gruppo.

2. THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSAL

(a) personnel:-

Capt or Lt	1
Total Offrs	<u>1</u>
Maresciallo Capo	1
Sergenti Maggiori	4
Sergenti	6
Total NCOs	<u>11</u>

Attached :-

Batman/Driver 1

(b)

transport:-

Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2	2
Car 5 cwt 4 x 4	1
MCs	6

2003

SUBJECT : Combat GroupsSECRETHQ 2 District CMF
2015 G(O)

13 Nov 45

7 AGRA

59 Area

217 Area

60 Sub Area

Copy : CHQ CMF

MIA

MILANO NW ITALY

50 BLU

51 BLU

52 BLU

53 BLU

56 BLU

Further to this HQ signal CC/4116 of 8 Nov 45.

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MILAN	50	BOLOGNA
POLZANO	53	FLORENCE
UDINE	52	BARI
TRIESTE	56	PALERMO

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BOLZANO	53	FLORENCE
UDINE	52	BARI
NAPLES	56	PALESTRO

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2. (a) The function of the BLU's will be:-

- (a) To advise and assist Territorial Comds.
- (b) To be a link between IMLA and Territorial Comds.
- (c) To be a link between 2 District and Combat Gps.

- (b) The BLU's will no longer be attached to one specific Combat Gp, but will be concerned with all Combat Gps in the Territorial Comd to which they are attached.

3. (c) The Combat Groups, while in IMLA territory, will remain under operational command of HQ 2 District through HQ Areas/Sub Area.

- (b) This means that the only change in procedure will be that, whereas now an Area Comd gives orders to a Combat Group through the BLU attached to it, in future he will pass orders through the BLU attached to the Territorial Comd in which the Combat Gp is.

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4. The SAC, Med Theatre reserves the right to assume command at any time of the whole or any part of the Italian Army located in the theatre and to delegate his authority to command firms and units of the Italian Army to any Allied Command whom he may direct.
5. The attached map showing the distribution of Territorial Units is forwarded to action addressees of this letter.

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for Major General
Commanding 2 District

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ARMY FORM C4136 (Small)

MESSAGE FORM

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Sgt. No.

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Instructions

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FROM
(A)

Originator

Date - Time of Origin

OFFICE DATE STAMP

4 BLU (UX 53 BLU)

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For Action

TO

MMIA ROME

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

GR

2 DIST 60 SEC MESA

Originator's No.

6041-0 UNCLASSIFIED O L BLU LOCATED BOLZANO @
 DISTRICT ROME WITH POLICE DIV. ROMEA YONE WITH
 COMPTON OF ROME TOUT 24

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SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHERORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
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MBBE V LROF NR1141 IMPORTANT QVR 1/4

FROM MMIA 111245A

TO 50 51 52 53 56 BLUJS

MMIA LO MILAN

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SD/3050 CONFIDENTIAL

REF YOUR REQUEST AT GSO 1 CONFERENCE OF 3 NOV (.)

FIRST DIRECTIVE ON RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF BLUS AFTER REORGANISATION AND ALLOCATION TO ITALIAN TERRITORIAL CONDS IS BEING PREPARED (.)

IN CASE OF DELAY IN HANDING BACK TERRITORY TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AFTER 15 NOV TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED (.)

SECOND AFTER REORGANISATION BLUS WILL BE UNDER MMIA FOR OPERATION RE MATTERS AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION BUT DEPENDANT ON LOCAL AREAS FOR LOCAL ADMINISTRATION (.) TILL THEN BLUS REMAIN UNDER DISTRICT (.)

THIRD ITALIAN INCREMENT AND ITALIAN INTERPRETERS WILL BE ALLOTTED TO EACH BLU (.)

FOURTH AS SOON AS THE SITUATION IS SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE IS BEING ARRANGED POSSIBLY AT

MILAN ABOUT 17 NOV (.) NO MOVES OF MAIN BODIES OF BLUS TO TAKE PLACE TILL ORDERED

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File Directive

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NEBB V LROF NR 1621 P P QVR 1/4

FROM NMIA 131515A

TO 50 BLU : 51 BLU : 52 BLU : 53 BLU : 56 BLU

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REF AFNG FX 52428 DATED 08 NOT TO BLUS AND NMIA SD 3052

DATED 11 NOT TO DISTO (.) WEF 14 ²⁴⁰⁰ ~~2400~~ BLUS WILL NOWREDEPLOY AS DETAILED IN HY A 210/2 DATED 30 OCTOBER ²⁴⁰⁰ M.C.MOVEMENT TO BE COMPLETED BY 21 ²⁴⁰⁰ ~~2400~~ AND CHANGE OF LOCN

REPORTED TO THIS HQ COPY TO DISTO (.) WHILE ITALIAN

TPS REMAIN UNDER ALLIED OPERATIONAL COMD BLUS WILL

CONTINUE TO PERFORM LIAISON DUTIES WITH ALLIED AREAS AND

DISTO ON BEHALF OF INF DIVS FROM ITALIAN TERRITORIAL HQ

IN ADDITION TO THEIR OTHER DUTIES (.) (.) FULL DIRECTIVE WILL BEISSUED AT CONFERENCE ON 13

BT 131515A

SENT NR PJB

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LM RECD NR 1621 AT 2320 GV B1

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"IMMEDIATE" QVR *for* NR 2/4

FROM :- DISTWO 281956A

TO 7 AGRA : 59 AREA : 217 AREA : 62 SUB AREA

INFO GHQ CMF : MMIA : MMIA LONW ITALY

50 BLU : 51 BLU : 52 BLU : 53 BLU : 56 BLU

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SUBJECT IS FUTURE OF BLU ATTACHED TO COMBAT GROUPS. OBVIOUS THERE IS SOME MISUNDERSTANDING AND FOLLOWING BRIEF IS CORRECT AND ACCORDING TO GHQ CMF AND MMIA ORDERS.

ONE. EFFECTIVE 142400G NOV ITALIAN COMBAT TPS IN T/ ITALIAN GOVT

CONTROLLED TERRITORY REVERT TO CONTROL OF ITALIAN GOVT. ITALIAN COMBAT TPS IN AMG CONTROLLED TERRITORY REMAIN UNDER OPERATIONAL COMD THIS HQ AND UNDER ADMIN COMD OF THE ITALIAN TERRITORIAL COMD IN WHICH THEY ARE.

TWO. SAME DATE SAME TIME BLU'S NOW WITH GROUPS ATTACHED TO HQ OF CERTAIN TERRITORIAL COMDS WHERE THEY WILL CONTINUE TO LIAISE BETWEEN GROUPS AND AREA OR SUB AREA HQ'S.

THREE. THERE IS NO CHANGE OF TERRITORY FROM AMG TO ITALIAN GOVT CONTROL ON THIS DATE.

FOUR. REPRESENTATIVES BLU'S WILL STAY WITH COMBAT GROUPS UNTIL 14 NOV ALTHOUGH MANY OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL WILL MOVE

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FIVE. LETTER FOLLOWS.

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