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211 "G" 56 BLU WE ALTERATIONS+AMENDMENTS

MAR. -SEPT. 1945

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14 Mar. 45. From: M.M.19 - FIELD Coy - COMBAT GROUP. 52

11/ MAR. 45 - FROM - NMMA - FIELD SECURITY SECTIONS.

20 MAR 45 - TO: - HQ. COMBAT GR
MANTOVA - FIELD SECURITY SECTIONS. Y/A

22 MAR. 45 - FROM - HQ. COMB AT. GP. - ORGANISATION OF HQ.
MANTOVA 92

ORGANISATION OF HQ.

3 APRIL 45 - TO: DAD - OED. 24 N

DAD - ORD.
RA - MED.
RE - REME.
SIGS. - TRG INCR.
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26 SEPT. 45-70-! HQ & DIST: - WE OF '171' DIV. (COMBAT GROUP) Y5

Subject :- WE of Italian Div. (Combat Group).

56 RUJ
2/1 G

26 Sep 45

HQ. No. 2 District.

Reference your 2402/15 G(SD1) of 2 Sep 45 and MIAA letter SD/39/2 dated 11 Sep 45.

The following recommendations are forwarded :-

1. Combat Group Headquarters - WE CM/523/1.

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It is suggested that the WE should be amended to allow of an easy split into Main and Rear HQ. Additional officers being brought on to the establishment to provide heads of the G, A and Q branches. The Chief of Staff then co-ordinating the activities of these branches and being relieved of the detail connected with each.

This in fact has been done in Combat Group MANTOVA by employing officers on the headquarters surplus to WE and is agreed by the Combat Group to be a more efficient organisation.

A diagram of the organisation of the HQ is attached at Appx 'A'.

2. Divisional Reconnaissance Element.

It is considered that some form of unit on the lines of a squadron of a British Reconnaissance Regt is required for the future role envisaged for the Combat Group. Some of the personnel for this might come from the carrier platoons of the Infantry battalions.

3. Artillery - WE CM/525/1.

The present organisation is unworkable with one regt composed of 25 88 mm guns and 40 mm guns. Difficulty arises in artillery representation at infantry regimental HQ's which normally have two batteries in support which can only be co-ordinated at Arty Regt HQ. Co-ordination of A. tk defence is difficult with A. tk guns in the Artillery Regiments, Infantry Regiments and Infantry Battalions.

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- (a) The present Artillery Regiment HQ with some amendments to WE should become the Artillery HQ with the Combat Group HQ comprising the CRA and his staff.
- (b) The 25 pdrs should be organised into two separate regiments with separate commanders and HQ's.
- (c) An A.tk Regt should be formed consisting of one battery of 8 - 17 pdrs and three 12 gun 6 pdr batteries. The Infantry Regiment 6 pdr coys should then be abolished.
- (d) The 40 mm battery should be an independent unit.

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4. Engineers - WEs CM/528/1 - CM/529/2 - CM/530/1.

The present organisation consisting of two Field Coys and a Signal Coy is unwieldy as the tasks of the engineer coy and the signals are so diverse and yet are supposed to be controlled by one commander.

It is suggested that the Engineer battalion should retain command of the two Field Coys, the Engineer battalion HQ providing the CPE and his staff for Combat Group HQ. The Signal Coy should become a separate accounting unit, the HQ of the Signal Coy providing the OG Div Sigs and his staff.

5. Field Security Section.

A section organised on British lines is required. Personnel should not be taken from the Provost Sections for this task.

6. General.

In the role of resisting frontier aggression there is a case for providing the Combat Group with some medium machine guns as it is thought that they would be a useful addition to the fire power of the Group.

It is suggested that one coy of 12 guns should be included in the organisation of each infantry regiment.

7. Ord & ST.

The Commissariat Corps deals with nearly all articles both of permanent and consumable supply with the exception of ammunition, vehicles and weapons. From the experience gained with this Combat Group it would appear that this system is unsatisfactory and that the Commissariat Corps should be broken down into clearly defined sections in order to deal with the various commodities and stores handled. The old system of ammunition supply through the Artillery has been superseded in this Group, but only a temporary method is now in use which is not altogether satisfactory, and will obviously require amendment. The Ordnance Corps has had immense success and the British system of supply of vehicles and stores has both interested and been understood by the Italians.

As this matter is one that affects the whole organisation of the Italian Army it is impossible to enter into details until the principles have been agreed, but, whatever the decision, it is clear that the Combat Group does need brigades and personnel to be allotted to operate the Ordnance Dump. Two officers and 12 ORs are considered sufficient. Further two officers are required on the staff to carry out the duties of DADOS Vote 7 and 8, and DADOS Vote 9 stores.

8. Medical.

The only alteration in the WE suggested is that the Hygiene and Anti-Malarial platoon included in the Medical Section (WE CM/353/1) should be reformed as a separate unit commanded by a major and operating directly under the DADS at Group Headquarters.

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CAF
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Lt-Col.
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Subject :- Organization of HQ's.

56 BLU
2/1 G

3 Apr 45

Herewith agreed organization of HQ's within the Combat Group.

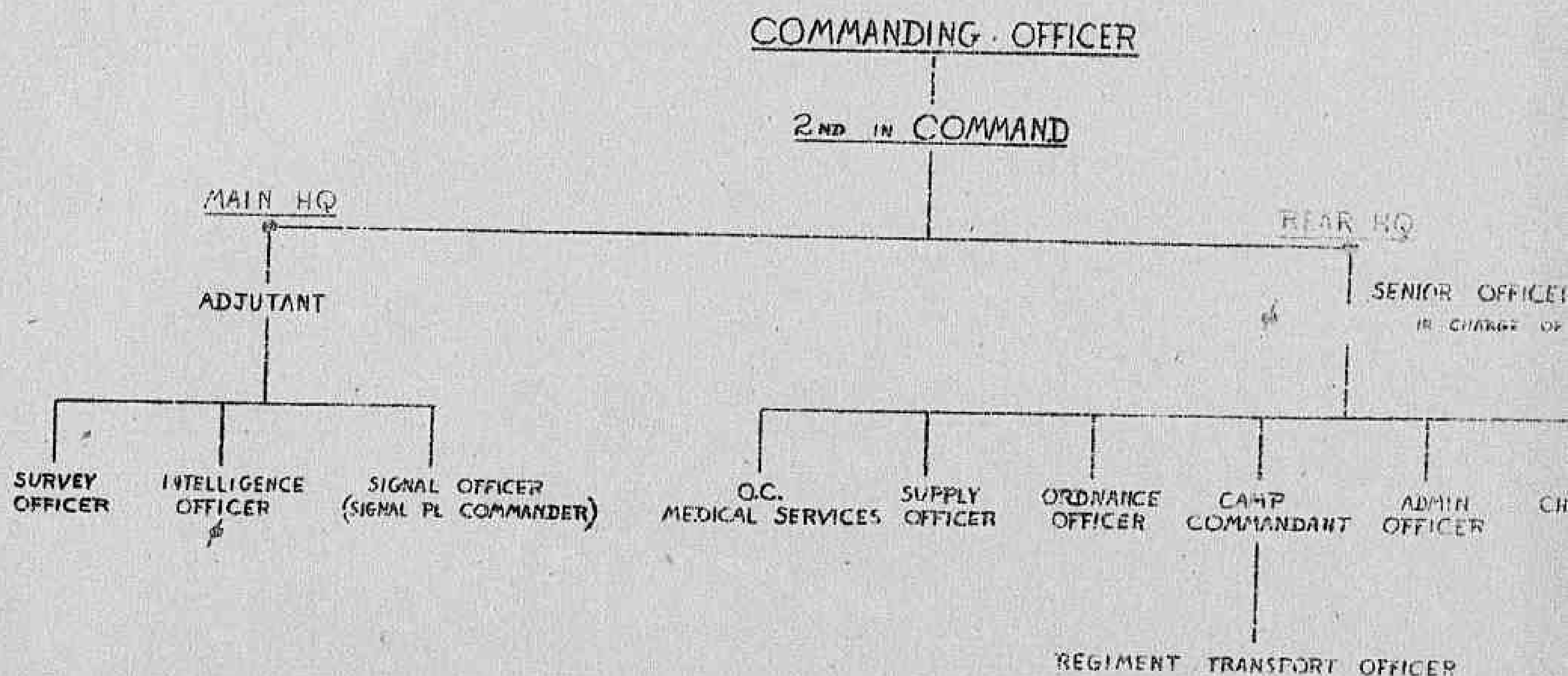
In the Field.
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H. G. Jackson
Lt-Col.
for CS.

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ORGANISATION OF THE ARTILLERY REGT. HQ.NOTES

OFFICERS NOT ON ESTABLISHMENT
ALSO NEEDED, 3 - WOS, AND 3 - NCOs FOR ADMINISTRATION
AND 3 - TYPISTS.

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ORGANISATION OF THE ARTILLERY REGT. HQ.COMMANDING OFFICER2ND IN COMMAND

REAR HQ

SENIOR OFFICER
IN CHARGE OF SERVICESSIGNAL OFFICER
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MEDICAL SERVICESSUPPLY
OFFICERORDNANCE
OFFICERCAMP
COMMANDANTADMIN
OFFICER

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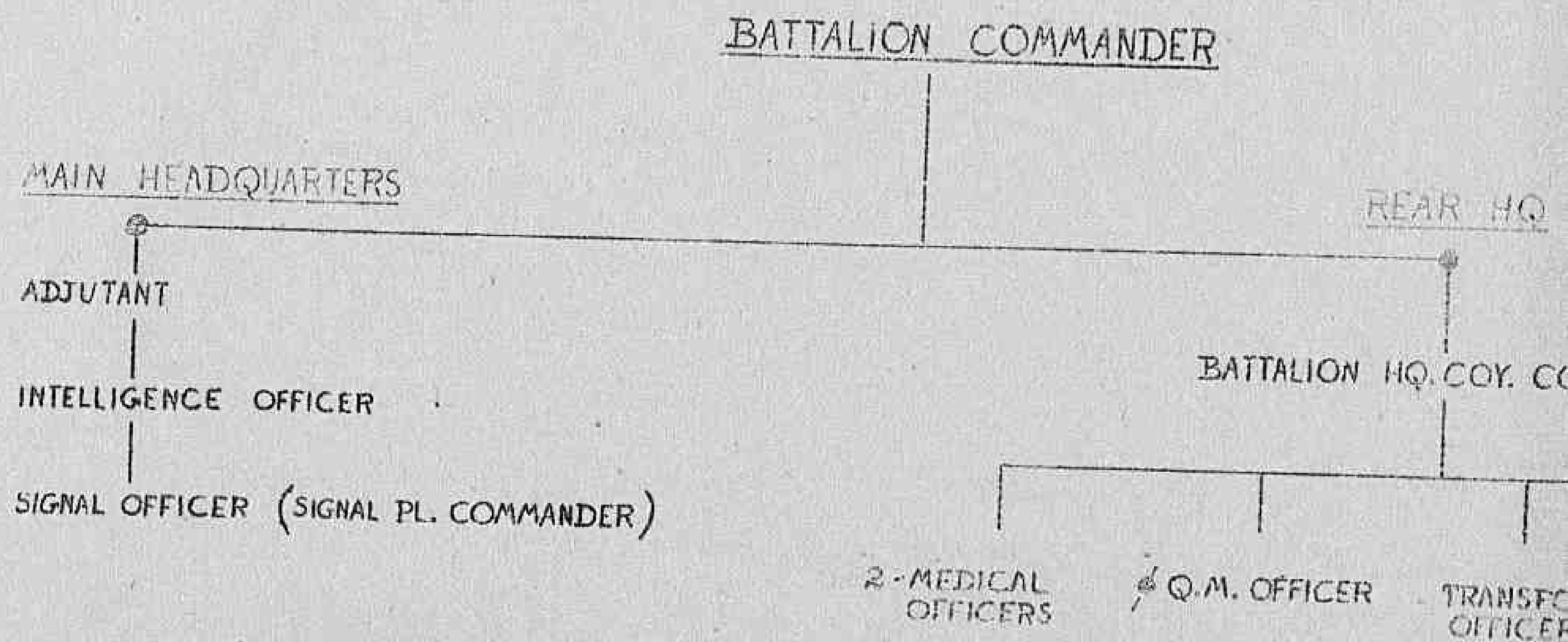
PERSONNEL
OFFICER

REGIMENT TRANSPORT OFFICER

ESTABLISHMENT

COs AND 3-ROs For ADMINISTRATION

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ORGANISATION OF THE INFANTRY BN. HQ.NOTE

/ OFFICER NOT ON ESTABLISHMENT

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ORGANISATION OF THE INFANTRY BN. HQ.BATTALION COMMANDERREAR HQ

BATTALION HQ. COY. COMMANDER

2-MEDICAL
OFFICERS

Q.M. OFFICER

TRANSPORT
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COMMANDER

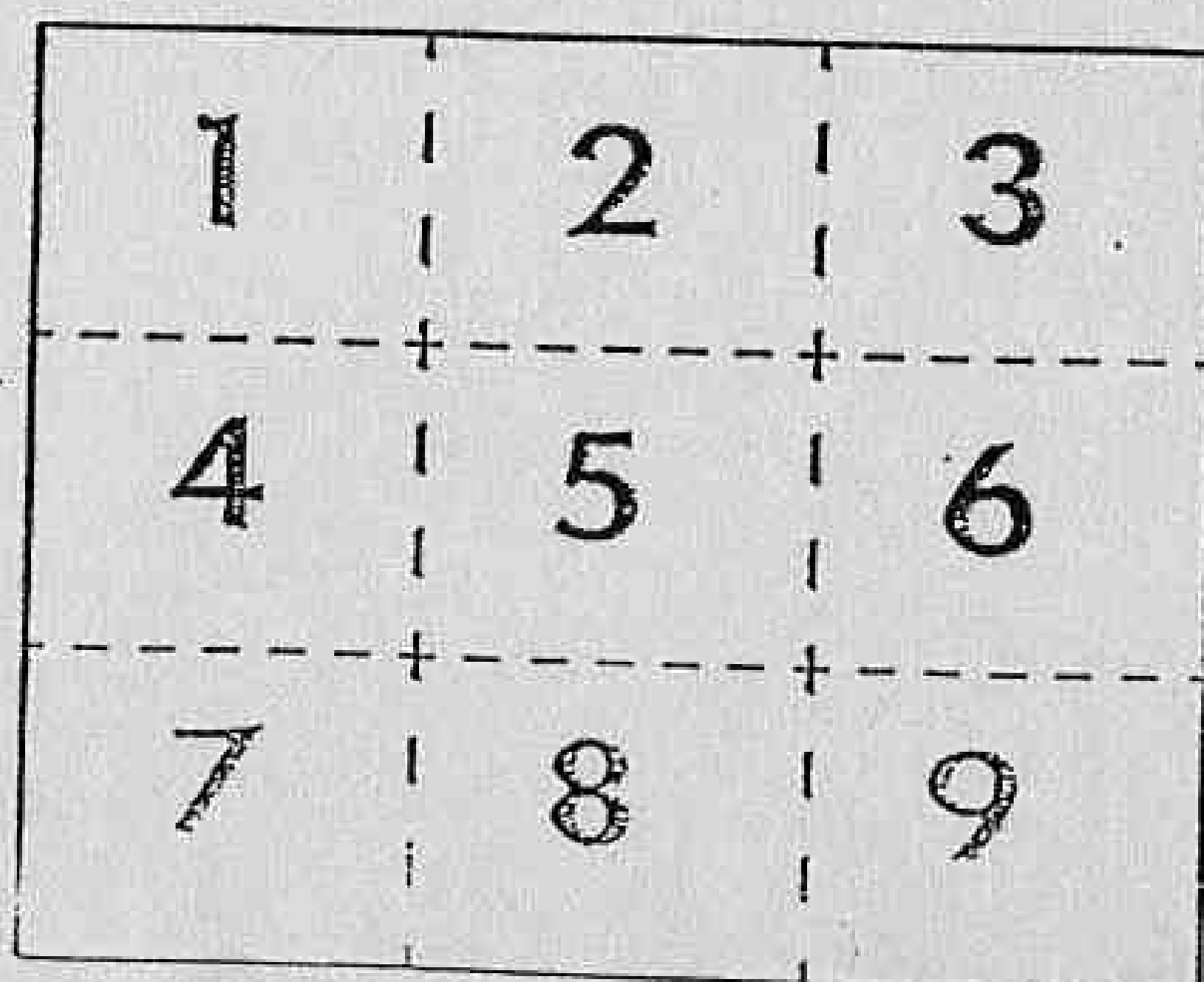
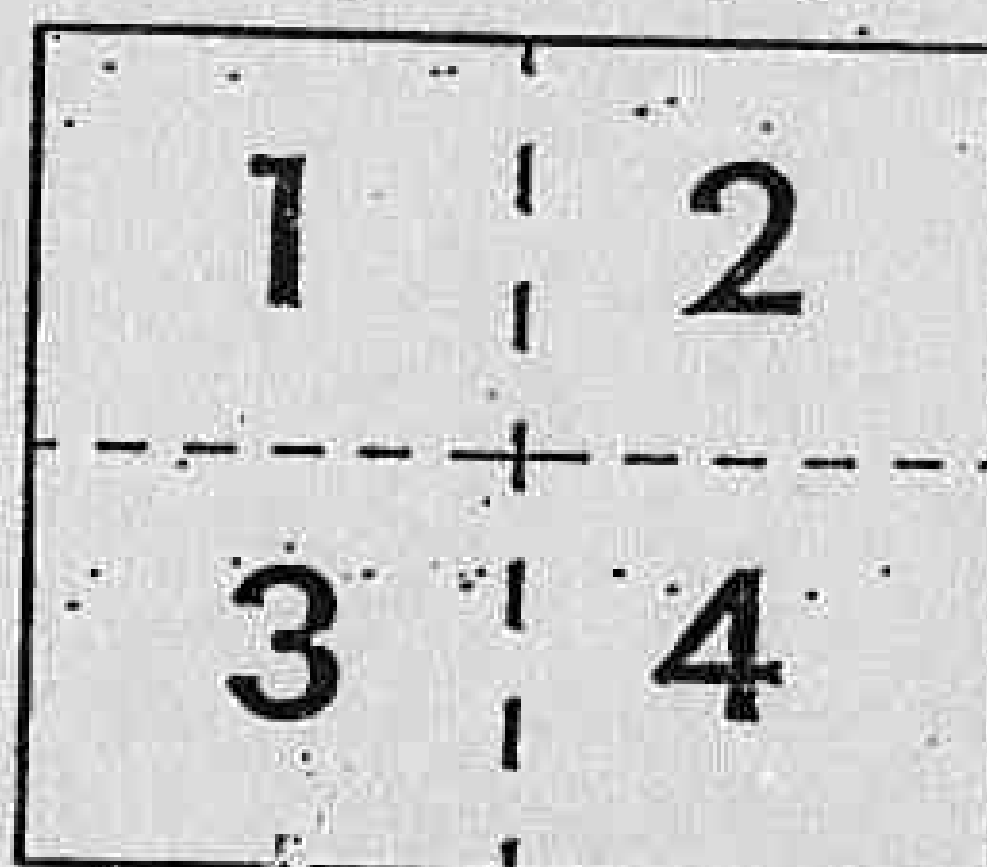
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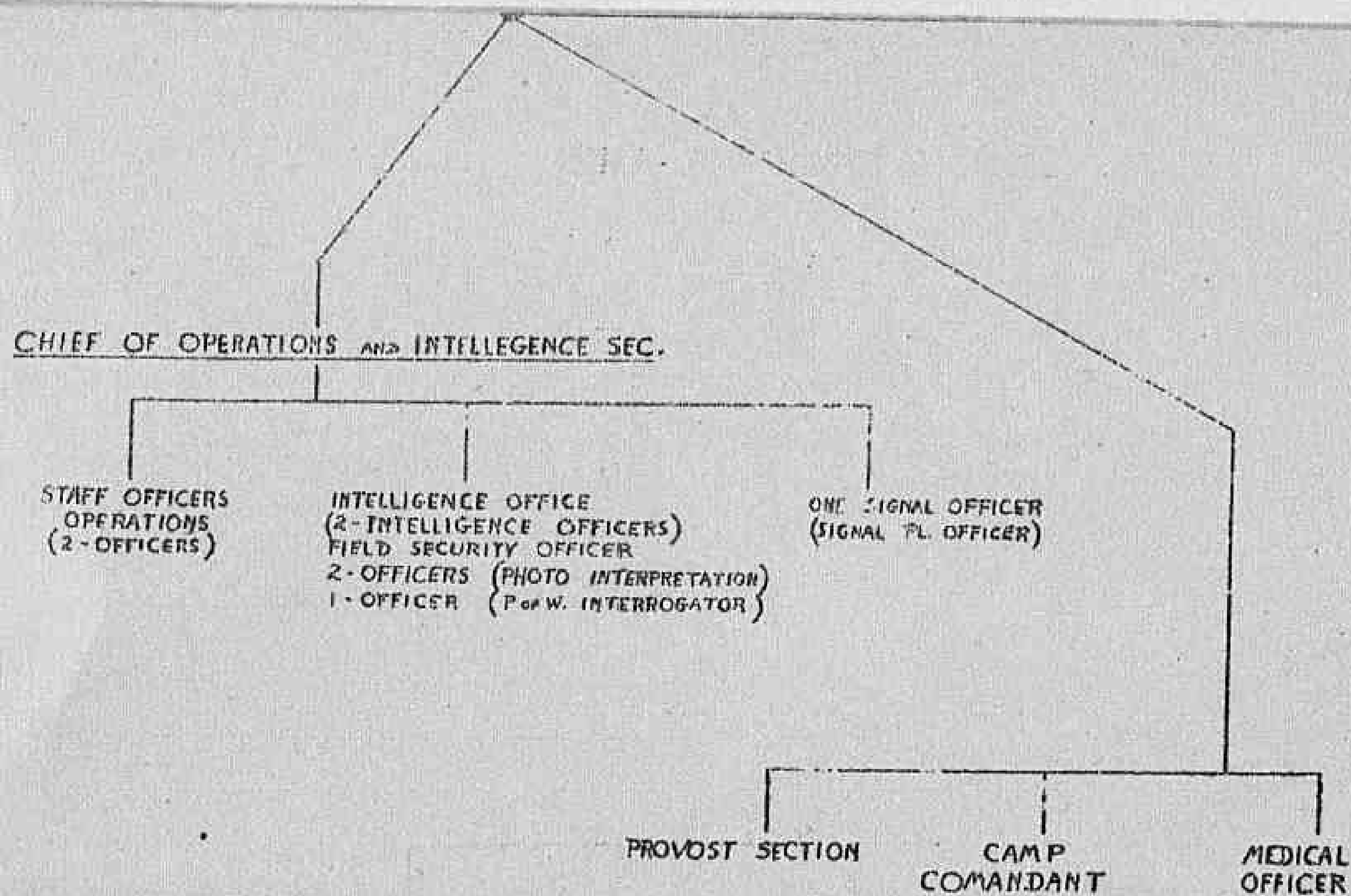
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GENERAL COMMANDINGARTILLERY COMMANDER
(RESIDING AT MAIN HQ)GENERAL 2ND IN COMMANDCHIEF OF STAFFMAIN HQCHIEF OF OPERATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE SEC.STAFF OFFICERS
OPERATIONS
(2-OFFICERS)INTELLIGENCE OFFICE
(2-INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS)
FIELD SECURITY OFFICER
2-OFFICERS (PHOTO INTERPRETATION)
1-OFFICER (P.O.W. INTERROGATOR)ONE SIGNAL OFFICER
(SIGNAL TL OFFICER)

PROVOST SECTION

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OFFICER3-OFFICERS
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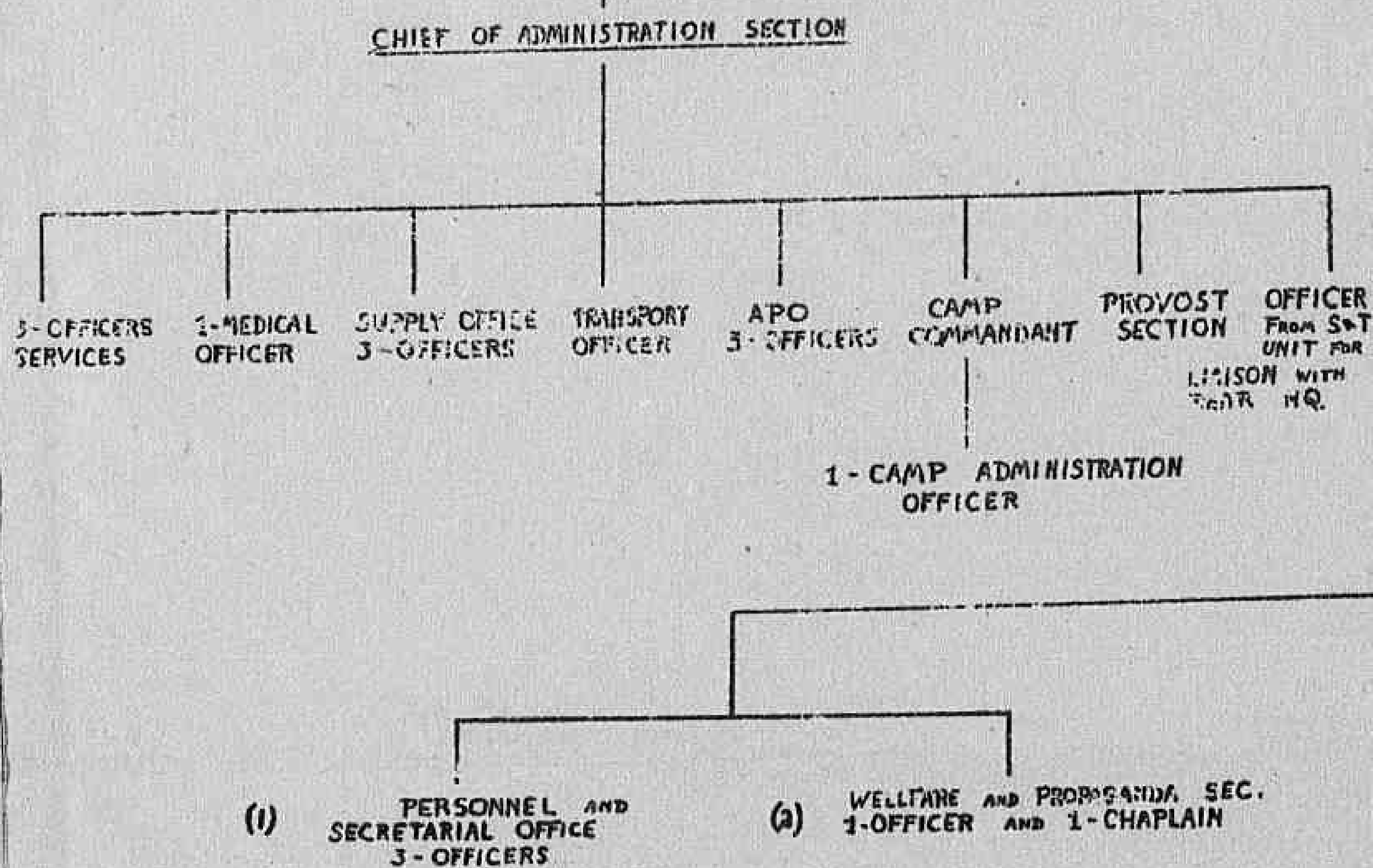
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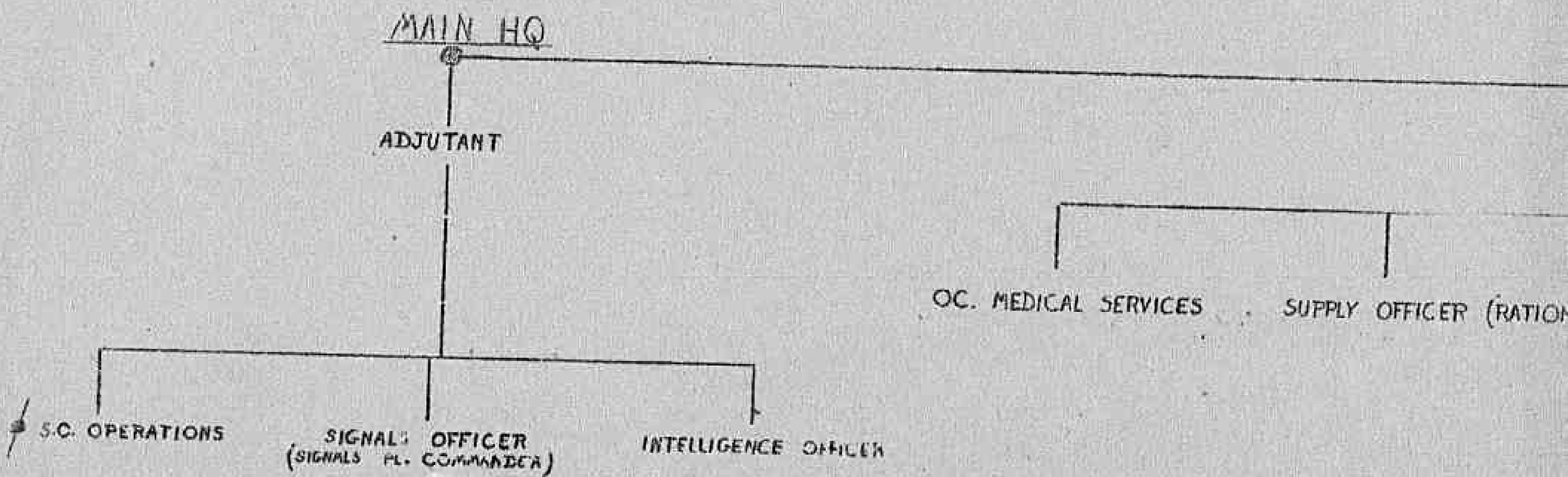
① LIVES AT REAR HQ TO FACILITATE THE WORK BUT COMES DIRECTLY UNDER THE CHIEF OF STAFF.

② HAVE NO FIXED LOCATION, LIVES ACCORDING TO CIRCUMSTANCES EITHER WITH REAR OR FRONT HQ.

(1) SECRET



MEDICAL
OFFICER



NOTES

OFFICERS NOT ON ESTABLISHMENT
ALSO NEEDED ADDITIONAL 11 - WO's and 2 - OR's

NEW ORGANISATION FOR 1ST REGT HQ COMBAT GROUPCOMMANDING OFFICER2ND IN COMMANDREAR HQ

SENIOR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SERVICES

SUPPLY OFFICER (RATIONS) ϕ Q.M.

SUPPLY OFFICER (POL)

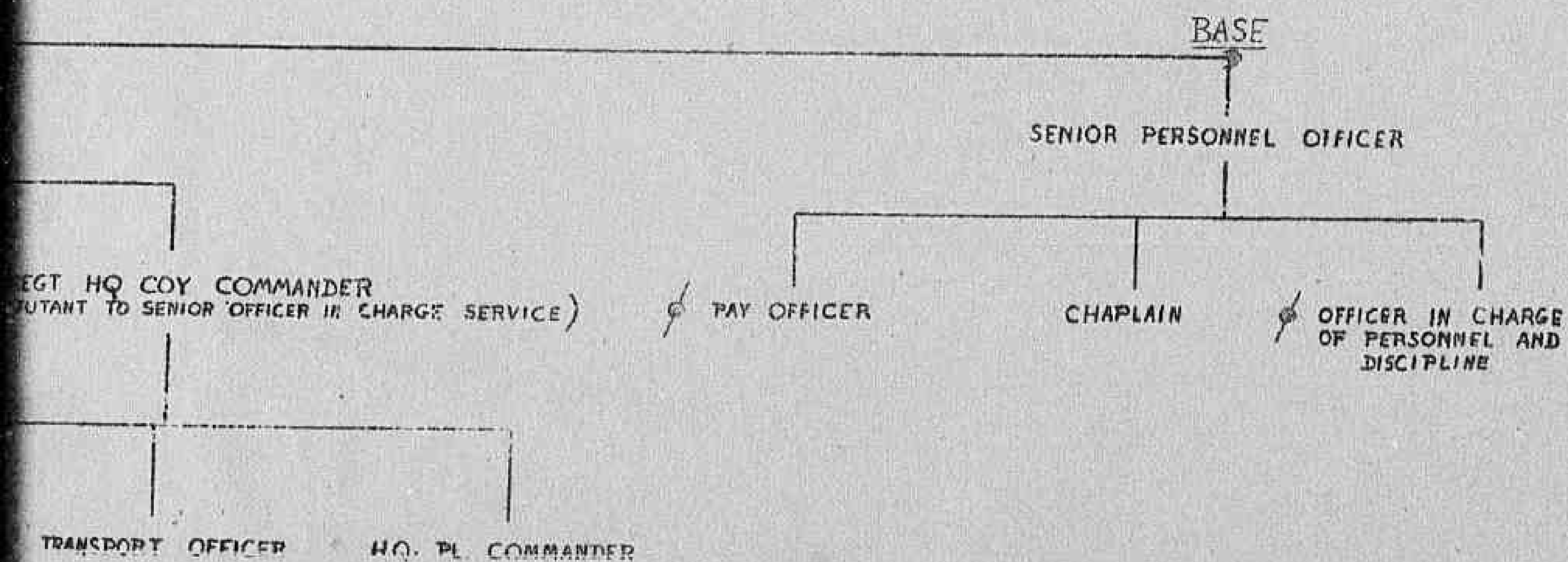
REGT HQ COY COMMANDER
(ADJUTANT TO SENIOR OFFICER IN CHARGE SERVICE)

SERVICES PL. COMMANDER

TRANSPORT OFFICER

HQ. PL. COMM.

GROUP



NUOVA

COMANDO TATTICO

Aiutante Maggiore in 1^a6
● Uffic. per
le operazioni7
Uff. Add. Collegam.
(Cte pl. teleradio)8
Uff. per le
informazioni11
Dirigente
servizio
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(viveri)● Uff.
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Mun.NOTE

- Ufficiali non esistenti in organico.
- Occorrono inoltre :
 - 11 sottufficiali
 - 2 militari di truppa.

NUOVA ORGANIZZAZIONE COMANDO RGT. ETR. PER GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO

COMANDANTE 2

VICE - COMANDANTE 3

COMANDO LOGISTICO 9

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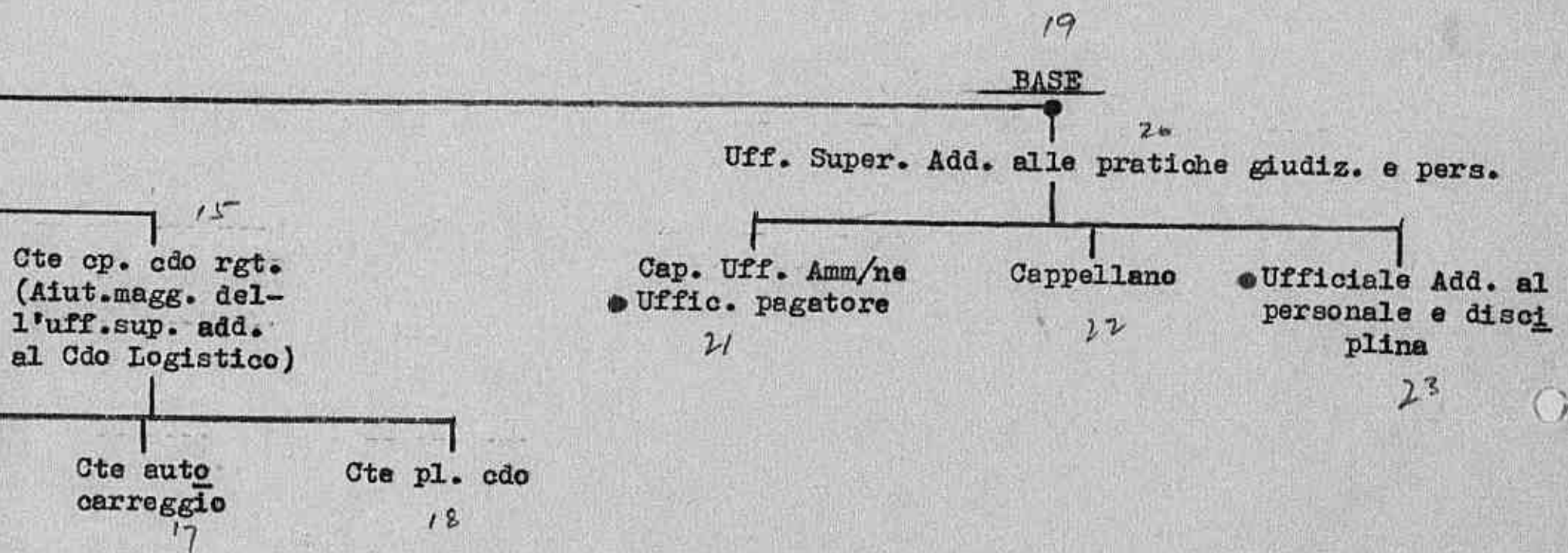
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Cte auto
carreggio

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Cte pl. cdo

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MENTO

ORGANIZZAZIONE DEL COMANDO
NEL BTG. DI FTR.

2. COMANDANTE DI BTG.

3. COMANDO TATTICO

4. Aiutante Magg. in 2°

5. Uff. "I" (quello della dif. chimica)

6. Uff. ai collegamenti (cte pl. colleg.)

7. COMANDO LOGISTICO

Cte cp. cdo btg.

2 uffic.
medici

• Uff. ai riforn.
(viveri - munizioni - carburanti)

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ORGANIZZAZIONE DEL COMANDO
NEL BTG. DI FTR.

2. COMANDANTE DI BTG.

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COMANDO LOGISTICO

8
Cte cp. odo btg.

9
2 uffic.
medici

10
Uff. ai riforn.
(viveri - muni-
zioni - carbu-
ranti)

11
Uff. Add.
agli auto
mezzi

12
Cte pl. odo
(autocarreggio
di btg.)

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ORGANIZZAZIONE DEL COMANDO NEL RGT. DI ART.

COMANDANTE

VICE-COMANDANTE

COMANDO TATTICO

Aiutante Maggiore in 1°

COMANDO LOGISTICO

Uff. Super. Add. ai Servizi

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viveriUff. ai
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Comando

Uff. Ammin.

Cte autocarreggio

NOTE

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Occorrono inoltre :

- 3 sottufficiali
- 3 graduati
- 3 dattilografi (maggiorità)

} per Uff. Mat. e Amm/ne.

ORGANIZZAZIONE DEL COMANDO
NEL RGT. DI ART.

2 COMANDANTE

3 VICE-COMANDANTE

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COMANDO LOGISTICO

10
• Uff. Super. Add. ai Servizi

8
Ufficiale ai
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(Cte pl. tele
radio)

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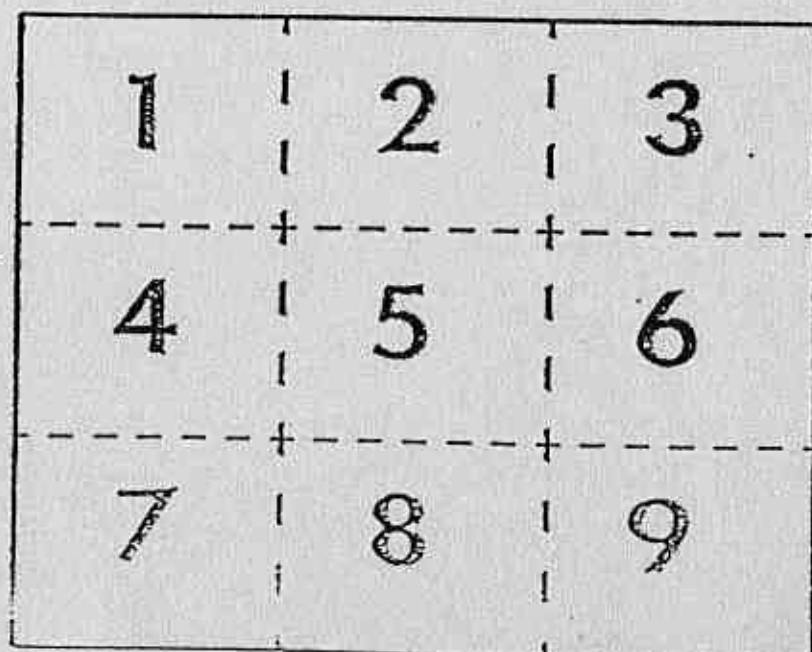
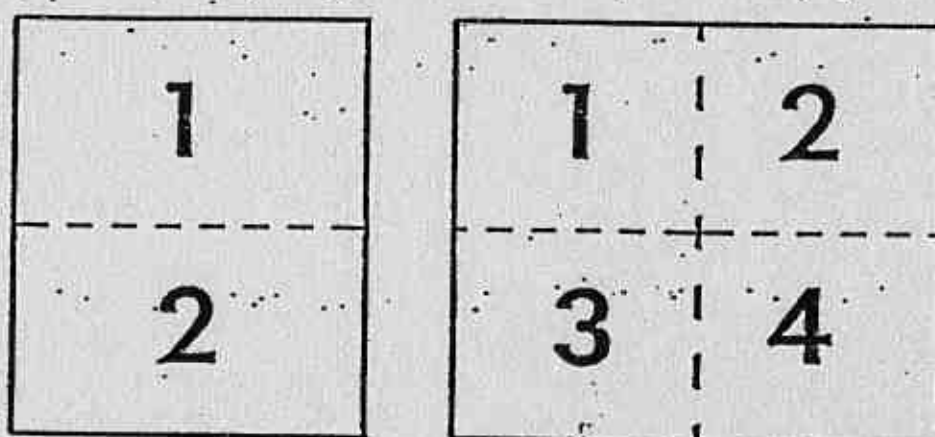
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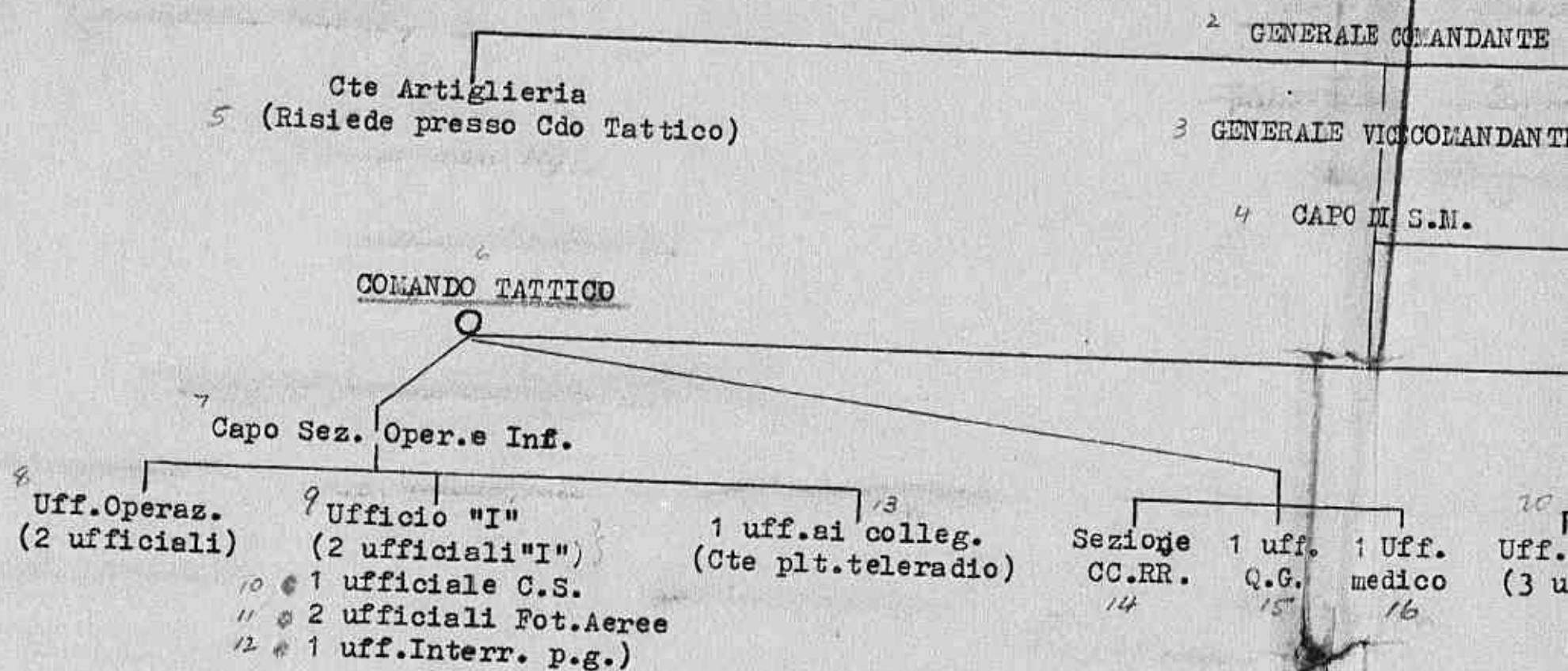
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- (2) - Non ha dislocazione fissa - Risiede presso il Cdo Tattico o logistico a seconda delle circostanze.

• Ufficiali non esistenti in organico

Occorrono inoltre : 15 militari di truppa (attendenti - dattilografi - scritturali - cuochi camerieri)

ORGANIZZAZIONE COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "MANTOVA"

2 GENERALE COMANDANTE

3 GENERALE VICECOMANDANTE

4 CAPO DI S.M.

Cte Genio
(Risiede presso Cdo Tattico)

COMANDO LOGISTICO

Capo Uff. Servizi

Sezione CC.RR. 14	1 uff. Q.G. 15	1 Uff. medico 16	20 Uff. Serv. (3 uff.)	21 Ufficio Sanità (1 uff. medico)	22 Uff. comm. (3 uff. fic.)	23 Uff. Auto (1 uff. fic.)	24 Uff. P.M. (3 uff. fic.)	25 Cte Q.G.	26 Uff. Ammi n. del QG (1 uff.)	27 Sezione CC.RR.	28 1 Uff. del rep. tr. e rif. di collegam. col Cdo Logist.
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Sezione Pers. e Segret. (1)
(3 ufficiali)30
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ed 1 cappellano)

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tamente dal Capo di S.M.
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HQ COMBAT GROUP MANTOVA

Office of the Chief of Staff - Ops & Int.

No. 01/2199

FM 104 22 Mar 45

Subject :- Organization of HQ.

To :- HQ 56 HLU.

Reference letter 241 G of 18 Mar and conference on the subject.

I agree that the CC.HR Section attached to Main HQ may be temporarily attached to Rear HQ for the exceptional necessity of controlling road traffic.

I do not think it opportune, however, that the change even though temporary should be total, considering Main HQ need police for the superintendence of HQ etc.

Guido BOLOGNA. Gen Commanding.

CBR/ec

3880

Subject :- Field Security Sections.

Inf. Combat Group, Mantova.

56 BLU
2/1 G

20 Mar 45

Reference our letter 2/1 G of 4 Mar 45.

The copy letter below is forwarded for your information.

In the Field.
AG/ec

Lt Col.
CS.

COMT

FROM : HQ 15 ARMY GROUP
TO : MITA
INFO : AFM

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SD 1345

YOUR SD/18 OF 9 MARCH (.) FORMATION OF FE SECS FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GPs
ON SIMILAR LINES TO SEC PROPOSED BY 56 BLU NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION BY
EIGHTH ARMY WDSN M 13680 SD2 OF 9 MARCH REFERS

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6A

Subject: Field Security Sections

Land Forces Sub Commission AC
(M.M.I.A.)

File No SD/18

17 March 45

56 BLU

Reference 2/1G of 4 March 45.

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Attached at Appendix "A" for your information is a copy of AFHQ signal SD 1345 of 13 March in reply to this HQ's SD/18 of 9 March.

W. H. M. Jr. 55
Major General
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: AFHQ for G3 Org(For) - less Appendix "A"

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19 MAR 1945

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Appendix "A" to MMIA Letter
SD/18 dated 17 March 45

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FROM : HQ 15 ARMY GROUP
TO : MMIA
INFO : AFHQ

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SD 1345

CONFIDENTIAL

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GPS ON SIMILAR LINES TO SEC PROPOSED BY 56 BLU NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION
BY EIGHTH ARMY WHOSE M 13680 SD2 OF 9 MARCH REFERS

PRECEDENCE _____

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Subject: Field Coy - Combat Group

Land Forces Sub Commission AC
(M.M. I.A.)

File No SD/103

17 March 45

War Ministry

1. Please confirm that you are in possession of WE CM/529/2 (NA) for a Field Coy, Combat Group.
2. This WE, which allows 6 offrs and 224 ORs, Total 230, has superseded NA/529/1 which allowed 5 offrs and 227 ORs, total 232.

GP Adelt Major 45
Major General
M.M. I.A.

Copy to: 50 BLU
51 BLU
52 BLU
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56 BLU
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