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56 BLU

INSPECTIONS + VISITS

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MAR. - Ap. 1945

54.

20 MAR 45 - FROM - GEN BOLOGNA - INSPECTION OF THE COMBAT GP BY GEN BLOMMING 540

23 MAR 45 - TO - MMIA. 55.

HQ COMBAT GP MANTOVA - VISIT - ITALIAN ROYALTY - 550
 56 BLU }
 18 TRG INC. }

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12 APRIL 45 - TO -

AFHQ - G 3.

AFHQ DMT.

COMBAT GP MANTOVA.

56 BLU }

18 TRG INC. }

CMTC.

MMIA.

VISIT - COMBAT GP MANTOVA 620

SECRET56 BLU
15 G

12 Apr 45

Subject :- Visits - Combat Group, MANTOVA.

AFHQ., G 3. Org (Foreign) (10)
 AFHQ., DEU. (2)
 Combat Group, MANTOVA. (3) plus 50 of Annex 'B'
 56 BLU.
 1st Trg Inc. } One per officer (4)
 CMC. (5)
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1. At Appx 'A' and 'B' is the proposed programme for the visit of the Supreme Allied Commander to Combat Group MANTOVA on 13 April.

2. It is requested that G 3. Org (foreign) will arrange distribution of this letter within AFHQ.

3. Spectators are advised to bring binoculars and sandwiches.

4. This programme supersedes the programme issued with 56 BLU letter 15 G dated 14 April 45 (not to all addressees)

In the Field.
JWC/oc

R. Will
Lt-Col.
GS.

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Appx 'A'

PROGRAMME OF VISIT

Ref ITALY Road Map 1:200,000 - Sheet 19.

Sketch at Appx 'B'

Serial numbers in Appx 'A' and 'B' are identical

Serial	Place	TIME		Particulars
		Arriv.	Depart	
1.	S. GIORRANO N 7175	1130		Drive through without stopping
2.	Area BONITO N 8177	1200	1300	Tactical exercises. Attack by 4/76 Inf Regt supported by 2 Co 155 Arty Bde (25 pr)
3.	"	1500	1530	LUNCH
4.	"	1630	1400	Address to representatives of all units in the Group (followed by march past in time uniforms)
5.	"	1700	1415	Visit medical units
6.	Area S. GIORRANO	1445	1500	Visit billets of 104 Arty Coy (and OVP if time permits)
7.			1500	Depart for BENTON (OVP) -

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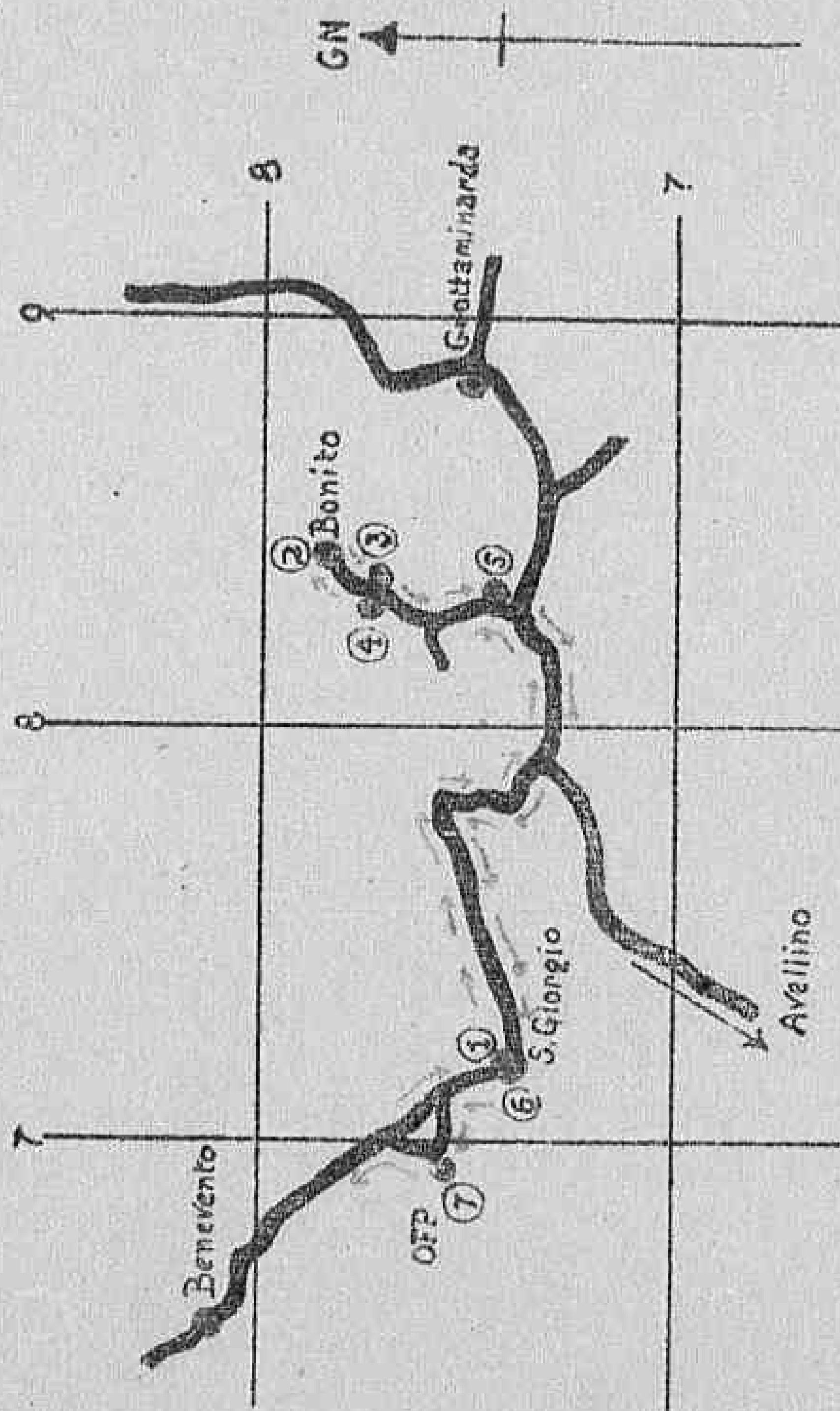
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SKETCH TO ILLUSTRATE APPX - 'A'

SERIAL NUMBERS IN APPX 'A' AND 'B' ARE IDENTICAL

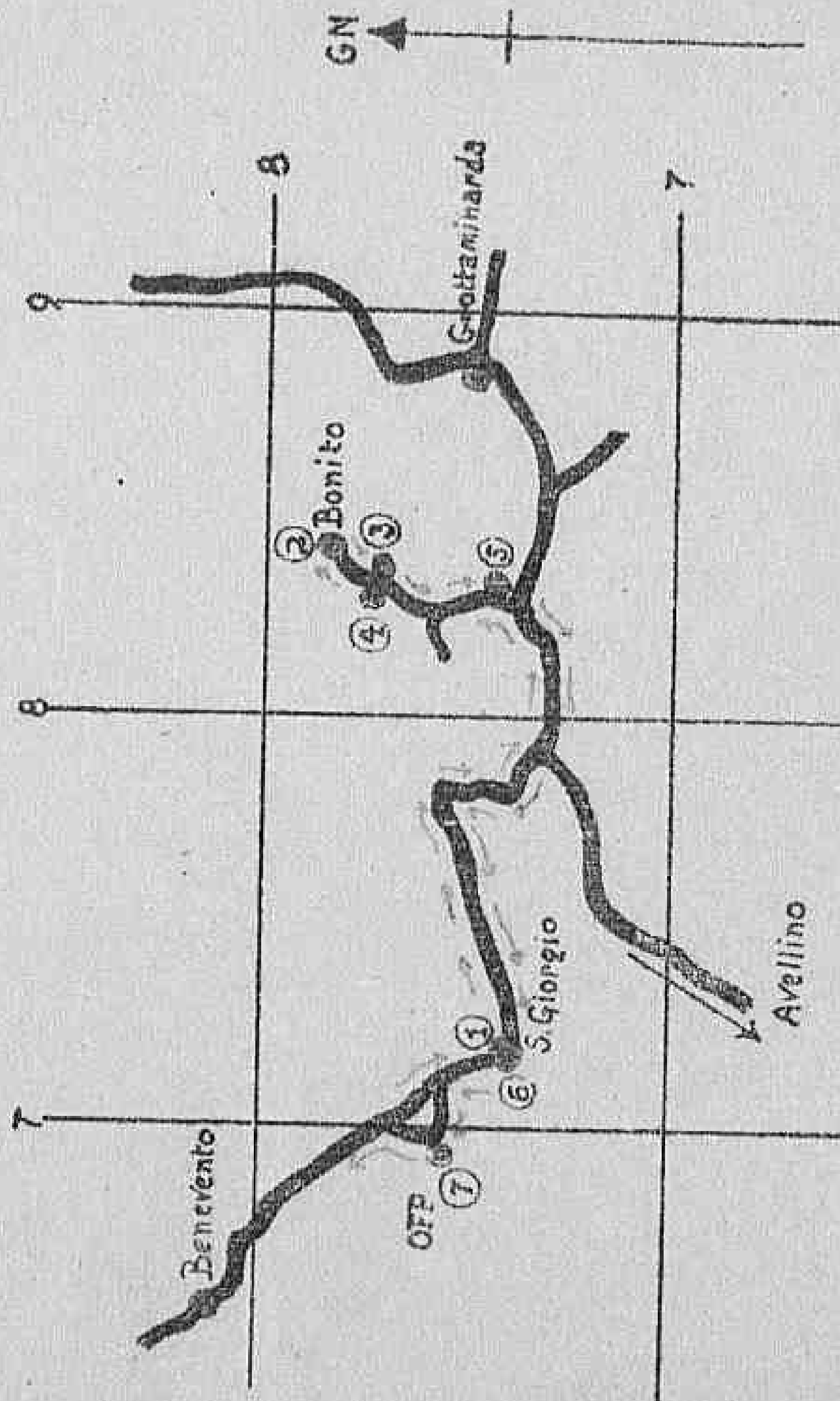
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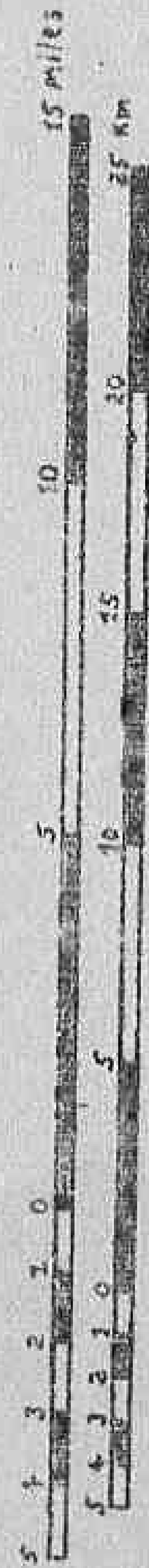


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SECRETSubject :- Visit - Italian Royalty.56 BLU
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23 Mar 45

MMIA. (10)

Copies to :- HQ. Combat Group, "MANTOVA". (2)
56 BLU.)
'E' Trg Inc.) One per officer.

1. Herewith proposed arrangements for the visit of S.A.R. Prince Umberto Di Savoia to Combat Group, "MANTOVA" on 27 March 45.
2. 20 additional copies of Appx 'B' are being sent to HQ. Combat Group, "MANTOVA".
3. MMIA will please acknowledge receipt by signal.

In the Field.
AWG/ecLt-Col.
GS.

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SECRETAPPX 'A'PROGRAMME OF VISIT

Reference ITALY ROAD MAP 1:200,000 Sheet 19.

SKETCH AT APPX 'B'

Serial numbers in Appx 'A' and 'B' are identical.

Serial	Place	TIME		Particulars	Officers to be Presented
		Arrive	Depart		
1.	Rd. June N 696778	0630	-	(a) Arrive in MONTORI Group area	<u>ITALIAN</u> Generale Bologna Ten Col Gualano Cap De Flaminio Magg Castiglione
				(b) Drive through OFF	
2.	S. GIORGIO	0850	0940	(a) Meet officers of Group HQ. Services and BLU.	<u>BRITISH</u> Lt-Col Gibbon
					<u>ITALIAN</u> Magg Ziga Cap Tolino Cap Viggiani Cap Calera Cap Argenti Magg Bernasconi Cap Mazzini Cap Cotti Ten Col Sabre Magg Bertocco Cap Zamboni Cap Vitale Magg Pavone Magg Monnielli Cap Bergherini Ten Lettauio Cap De Felice Cap Giovannini Cap Ghio Cap Morasco Cap Donagani Cap Frabini Ten Cap Pasetti and four captains

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		Arrive	Depart		
1.	Rd June N 696778	0850	-	(a) Arrive in MANTOVA Group area (b) Drive through OTF	<u>ITALIAN</u> General Bologna Ten Col Guellano Cap De Moninois Magg Castiglione <u>BRITISH</u> Lt-Col Gibson <u>ITALIAN</u> Magg Biga Cap Tolinoce Cap Viggiani Cap Genora Cap Argentiari Magg Tornigano Cap Mazzini Cap Cotti Ten Col Sabre Magg Bertocci Cap Zampieri Cap Vitale Magg Pavone Magg Mennicelli Cap Borgherini Ten Lettanzio Cap De Folio Cap Giovannini Cap Ghio Cap Morason Cap Donegani Cap Frattini Ten Cap Tossati and four captains captains S. Ten Borin <u>BRITISH</u> Gadsdon Magg Moore Magg Miles Magg Morgan Capt Wood Lt Bryne Lt Thomas Lt Voss
2.	S. GEORGIO	0850	0940	(c) Meet officers of Group HQ. Services and PLU.	

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		Arrive	Depart		
3.	MADONNA DELL CARLINE N 835736	1010	1050	(b) Inspection of 104 St Coy. (Normal work) Inspection of :- I, IV & V Gps 155 Arty Bgt. 107 Signal Coy. 1/76 Inf Bn. (Normal training)	Magg Severoni <u>ITALIAN</u> Col Leonardi - Cattolien Magg Schirelli Ten Col Pelombarini Ten Col Pasqualino Magg Pico Cap Marinelli Magg Silvestri
4.	Pt. on rd ARLINO - MONTE CALVO N 897885	1120	1230	Inspection of 76 Inf Regt (less one Bn) Fd firing exercise and normal trg.	Maj Chadgock - Healy AC Maj Duffy MC Capt Pilkington <u>BRITISH</u> Col Luciano Ten Col Donato Cap Terentino Ten Col Lombardi Magg Costa <u>ITALIAN</u> Magg Medley Magg Burn Magg Stinson MC Lt Carrione
5.	"	1230	1530	LUNCH	<u>ITALIAN</u> Gen Bologna Ten Col (unlabeled) Magg Pign <u>BRITISH</u> 4253 Lt-Col Gibbon Magg Gadsden <u>ITALIAN</u> Magg Penoglio Cap Sperti
6.	R. MEDANE N 870652	1420	1450	Inspection of 75 Inf Corps. Bailey bridge and road	

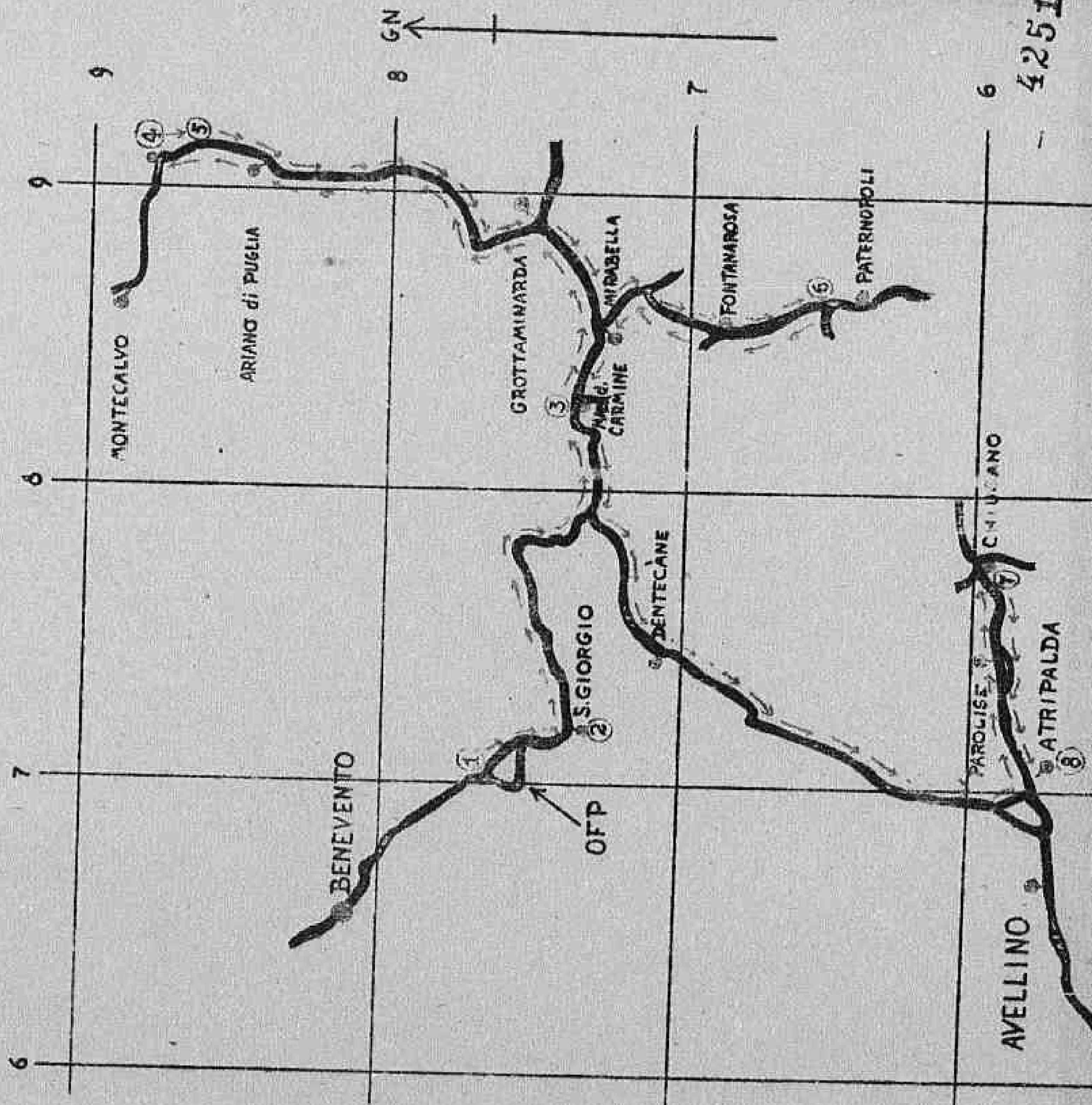
4.	Pt. on rd ARINO - MONTE CALVO N 897885	1120	1230	Inspection of 76 Inf Regt (less one Bn) Id firing exercise and normal trg.	Maj Ploc Cap Marinelli Maj Silvestri BRITISH Maj Chedwyck - Hesly MC Maj Duffy MC Capt Pillington ITALIAN Col Luciano Ten Col Donato Cap Terentino Ten Col Laubardi Maj Gasta BRITISH Maj Madlon Maj Burn Maj Saccum 193 Lt Garrione ITALIAN Gen Bologna Ten Col Guclano Maj Piga BRITISH Lic-Col Gibson Maj Gledson ITALIAN Maj Penoglio Cap Sperati Cap Leveroni Cap Marrone BRITISH Capt Gentile
5.	"	1230	1330	LUNCH	
6.	R. STEDMAN N 870652	1420	1450	Inspect 4 B 79 Inf Coy. Reiley bridge- ing and field- works.	

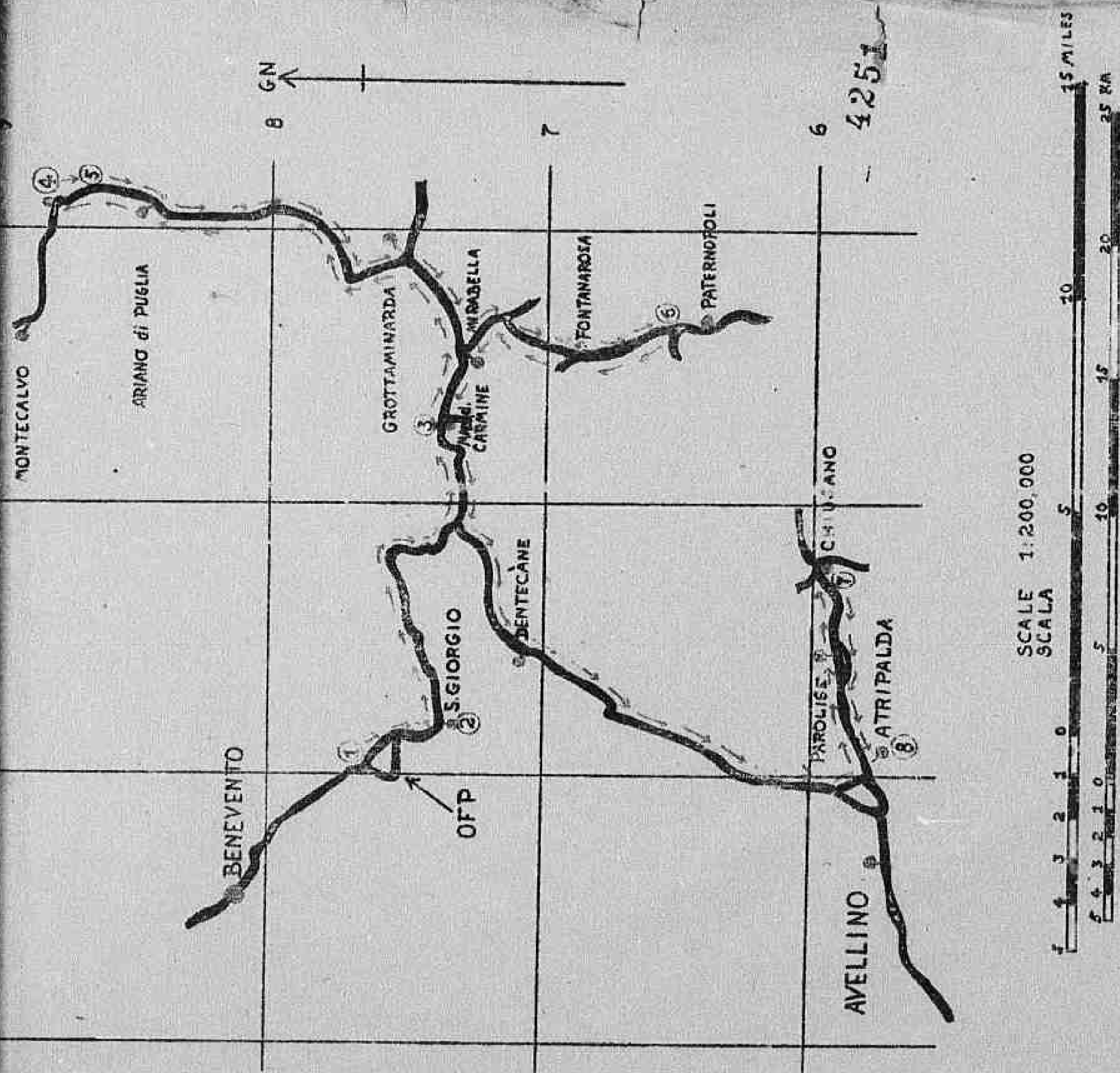
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Serial	Place	TIME		Particulars	Officers to be Presented
		Arrive	Depart		
7.	Road PAROLISE - CHIUSANO N 757592	1600	1700	Inspect 114 Inf Regt. Fd firing exercise and normal try	<u>ITALIAN</u> Col Giordano Ten Col Santieri Cap Daffra Ten Col Battaglini Maj Soria Maj De Sabato
8.	ATRIPALDA N 702578	1715	1730	Visit Group Mech Bgr Wksp.	<u>BRITISH</u> Maj Henry Maj Cox MC Maj Hudson MC Capt Podesta
					<u>ITALIAN</u> Cap Valletta
					<u>BRITISH</u> Capt Bell
			1730	Depart via AVELLINO	

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HQ COMBAT GROUP MANTOVA

Chief of Staff Office - Operations & Intelligence

No 01/2243

PM 104 20 Mar 45

Subject :- Inspection of the Combat Group by General Browning.

To :- ALL Units (and Auxiliary Units)

Infm :- 56 HLU.

During the period of the 25 - 30 March, General Browning, Chief of the MIA will pay an official visit to the Combat Group MANTOVA.

I attach, in the Appendix, the detailed programme of the visit.

IN DETAIL.

(a) The fire exercise interesting each of the two inf regts, will be carried out by a single rifle company of one battalion, helped by supporting fire.

The HQ's of the 76 & 114 Inf Regts, will send to me, by the 24th March, the detailed programme of the exercise combined with a tactical explanation, defining as well, with precision, the place where spectators are to stand.

The remaining units of the two battalions' regimental companies will train in an area immediately adjacent on suitable ground.

(b) The 1/76 will train in an area near to MADONNA DEL CARLONE (Prato Pantano), so as to be able to eventually rejoin quickly, when ordered, the artillery and engineers training there. OC's will liaise with the OC 155 Arty Regt.

The 1/114 can institute a march itinerary which will be fixed by the OC 114 Inf Regt in order that the battalions can be inspected by General Browning on the road leading to ATRIPALDA (route via CANDIDA or PAROLISE), before the General arrives at the Mobile Workshop in ATRIPALDA.

(c) The three batteries of 155 Arty Regt (I instead of IV) and the 107 Signal Coy will carry out their respective training in the area of MADONNA DEL CARLONE (PRATO PANTANO), training deemed most suitable by the OC's Arty Regt and Eng Bn.

The suitable area will be chosen by OC 155 Arty Regt and signalled quickly to this HQ.

For the signal coy, direct accord between the two OC's.

(d) The 4th & 79th Eng Fd Coys will carry out training as laid down in the programme of the inspection.

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(d) The 4th & 79th Eng Fd Coys will carry out training as laid down in the programme of the inspection.

(e) The various units training in the same area must be situated at a distance from each other to be able, on the first signal (pre-arranged by the senior officer present), to gather quickly at a suitable place, possibly central, in case the General would like to speak to everyone.

The rallying area in each area will be selected by the three OC's Regts & Engr Bn.

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(f) The 104 ST Coy and 104 OFP and Mechanical Engineer Wksps will carry on normal work.

(g) On the road leading to the area of each exercise, on a suitable point in the direction the General is expected, the highest ranking officer of those present will await the arrival of General Browning to accompany him to the area and give information required (strength of unit, type of training etc).

(h) The two sections of CC.RR will be used for organization of the road traffic and the discipline along the route that will be followed by the visitor.

Orders in detail will be given by the Chief of Staff directly to the two OC's.

(i) The training programme for the day must reach me two days before the date fixed for the visit.

The Rear HQ, will let me have by 0900 hrs on the day before the visit the programme of the work being carried out by the ST (for each mixed or transport platoon), the OFP and the Mechanical Engineers Wksps.

(1) By 0840 hrs on the day fixed, the following will be present at Group

Main HQ :-

All officers of HQ Group (HQ Main, HQ Rear and General Staff)
The OC 104 Medical Section with the two heads of departments
and officer i/c stretcher bearers.
The directors of the Fd Hospitals (including hospital
auxiliaries) with an officer for each hospital.
The various chaplains with the liaison chaplain of this HQ.
The officer i/c 318 Field Bakery.

(m) As soon as I know, I will inform you at once the day of the inspection, and prescribe that on the day before the inspection, all the chief instruction will stop at mid-day in order that the afternoon from 1200 hrs can be exclusively devoted to :-

Preparation for the exercise.
Complete clean up of the billet area, kitchens and latrines.
Cleaning of uniforms (gaiters, caps, uniformity of clothing)
Personal cleanliness (hair, shave etc)

I recall to you letter 135/2, 270/2 and 01/343 of the 14, 23 and 28 Jan respectively, re the way of presenting the units on the occasion of a visit by high personages, as being applicable to this occasion.

A Gualano.
Lt-Col

Guido Bologna General Commanding

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(1) By 0810 hrs on the day fixed, the following will be present at Group

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HQ COMBAT GROUP MANTOVA

Office of the Chief of Staff - Ops & Inr.

PROGRAMME FOR THE INSPECTION OF THE GROUP BY GENERAL BROWNING.

(Map ITALY 1: 50,000)

0800 0830 At road junction 696778, the General Commanding the Group and Lt-Col Gibbon will await for General Browning. Visit to OFP.

0830 Arrive at S. GIORGIO.

0830 - 0930 Group HQ - presentation of the officers of the HQ and of the service units in the General's office. X

0930 Leave for MADONNA DEL CARLONE (822733) by road No. 90.

1000 - 1030 Visit to IV, V & VI Batteries 155 Arty Regt & 107 Signal Coy training in the area.

1030 Leave for 897883 (area ARIANO - MONTE CALVO)

1100 - 1210 Visit to II & III/76 in training. A detachment of II/76 will carry out a fire exercise.

1210 - 1300 LUNCH

1300 Leave for the training ground of the Engineering Coy at T. FREDANO (870652) - area FONTANAROSA - PATENAPOLI.

1400 - 1420 Visit to the 4 & 79 Engineering Coys training on the training ground - work on the battle field and launching of a Bailey Bridge.

1420 Leave for PAROLISE - CHIUSANO area (757592). Route - FONTANAROSA - PASSO MIRABELLA - DEVEGANE - ATRIPALDA.

1530 - 1630 Visit II & III/114 Inf Regt in training. A detachment will carry out a fire exercise.

1630 Leave for ATRIPALDA (702578)

1645 - 1700 Visit to Group Mechanical Engineers Wkps.

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(All things forwarded by air)

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1210 - 1300	LUNCH
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1420	Leave for PAROLISE - CHIUSANO area (757592). Route - FONTANAROSA - PASSO MIRABELLA - DEUTECANE - ALTRIPALDA.
1530 - 1630	Visit II & III/114 Inf Regt in training. A detachment will carry out a fire exercise.
1630	Leave for ALTRIPALDA (702578)
1645 - 1700	Visit to Group Mechanical Engineers Wkps.

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(All things forward 1/2 hr)

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