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June - Aug. 1945

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General L.H. MEYER, G.D.F.
The British Liaison & Sig Unit,
F.O.C. I.C.F. C.A.F.

Copy to: Major E.H. KING.

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Appreciation of the Factors Involved in the Establishment of the Indian S.S.U. on a Permanent Basis.

1. Capacity of the Training Scheme.

It is assumed that the post-graduate establishment of the Indian Army will be 100,000 all ranks, of which one third is "regular", the remainder conscripted on a term of two - three year's service. Assuming the yearly intake of recruits for training as signallers as 1/3 of the total intake, some 1,500 students must pass through the Signal School yearly. Of this number one third will be invariably composed of infantry and artillery signallers. At any given moment there should therefore be in the school :-

- 400 recruits
- 50 officers - cadets
- 150 "conscript" courses' students.

To train this number a permanent staff of some 300 all ranks would be required. To obtain maximum training efficiency two principles must first be acknowledged :-

1. That the maximum complexity of Regiment and Signal work necessitates the formation of a separate "Signal Corps"
2. That the permanent staff of the school must include the largest possible proportion of regular soldiers. (At present the balance is reversed).

If all recruits pass first through a "General Services Corps" for basic training, the number of recruits under signal training will rise to 500 at a time.

2. Aim of the Scheme.

The school as planned will be divided into two branches :-

(a) Recruits

This will turn out not trained to approximately the "Colonial III" standard of the British equipment - the highest practical qualification. Higher proficiency may thereafter be attained by practical experience and "continuation training" in the Corps under the guidance of regimental instructors.

It is desired that the new establishment of the Indian Army will be 17,000 all ranks, of which one third is "regular", the remainder conscripted on a term of two - three year's service. Increasing the yearly intake of recruits for training as signallers to 1/3 of the total intake, some 1,500 signallers will pass through the Signal School yearly. Of this number one third will be invariably composed of infantry and artillery signallers. At any given moment there should therefore be in the school :-

- 400 recruits
- 50 officers - cadets
- 150 'submarine course' students.

To train this number a permanent staff of some 500 all ranks would be required. To obtain minimum training efficiency the principles must first be acknowledged :-

1. that the increasing complexity of Engineer and Signal work necessitates the formation of a separate "Signal Corps"
2. that the permanent staff of the school must include the largest possible proportion of regular soldiers. (At present the balance is reversed).

If all recruits pass first through a "General Service Corps" for basic training, the number of recruits under signal training will rise to 500 at a time.

2. Aims of the School.

The school as planned will be divided into 3 branches :-

(a) Recruits

This will turn out and trained to approximately the "class III" standard of the British tradesman - the minimum practical qualification. Higher proficiency may be attained by practical experience and 'continuation training' in the Coyd under the guidance of regimental instructors.

(b) Refresher Course.

The object of this may be twofold

- (i) to teach serving soldiers who will use the new procedure and equipment as it is introduced.
- (ii) to give intensive training on new procedure and equipment to selected personnel who will return to their units to "spread the gospel" to all who need to know it, whether they will perform the actual mechanical tasks or not.

(c) Technical Wing.

This will teach a man not merely to be an electrician or radio assembler, but will turn out selected personnel to be the equivalent of the British "Foreman of Signals" - the technical brain of the Italian Signal Coy. This will be a long course demanding considerably more advanced and testing equipment than is at present held.

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(1) Case Summary.

Like the 'Course of Signals' course, this must be a long course which is technical steps from the normal recruits' course, and must include a working knowledge of certain equipment not normally held by a G-999, but which may be introduced later (e.g. the field carrier telephone equipment now used by British Divisions, which allows two conversations on one pair of wires).

Knowledge of the calculus will be essential, but intense technical study will be merited for operating experience and technical use of equipment.

The organization for (a) is already working and will need little change. (b) presupposes the establishment of an experimental centre where equipment and methods may be tried before they are taught, otherwise should present no difficulty. (c) needs at least a proportion of (1) excellent instructors with university honours' degrees (ii) NCO instructors with considerable practical experience, preferably in a radio manufacturing concern, this may be obtained by the employment of ex-wards under contract. For (d) the retention of officers with technical knowledge as instructors should be provided for any, otherwise all will have been discharged by the time the course takes into operation.

NOTE:- No provision is to be made for the training of operators for mobile communication sections. These are invariably employed in divisional areas.

It would be of great value to procure for study the training syllabus of the School of Signals (Catterick) and the signals wing of the R.M.A. (Woolwich).

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3. Accommodation Requirements.

(a) Location.

- (i) Proximity to living quarters for permanent staff and families.
- (ii) Proximity to open recruiting country for training courses.
- (iii) ease of liaison with the General Staff and with other schools.
- (iv) Proximity from electrical interference.

(b) Buildings.

- (i) Class, night living accommodation for up to 1,000 all ranks with sanitation and messing facilities.
- (ii) 30 - 40 classrooms of varying sizes.
- (iii) Hall 144 worksheds.
- (iv) Workshops and land standing for 20 - 30 vehicles.

considerable reserve experience, preferably in a public manufacturing concern. This may be increased by the employment of civilians under contract. For (a) the retention of officers with technical knowledge as instructors should be provided for now, otherwise all will have been discharged by the time the scheme comes into operation.

NOTE:- No provision is to be made for the training of operators for similar interruption sections. These are invariably employed in divisional areas.

It would be of great value to provide for study the training syllabus of the School of Signals (Catholics) and the signals ring of the S.A.A. (Protestants).

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5. Accommodation Requirements.

(a) Location.

- (i) Proximity to living quarters for permanent staff and families.
- (ii) proximity to open training country for training purposes.
- (iii) ease of liaison with the General Staff and with other schools.
- (iv) Freedom from electrical interference.

(b) Buildings.

- (i) Clean, bright living accommodation for up to 1,200 all ranks with sanitation and messing facilities.
- (ii) 30 - 40 classrooms of varying sizes.
- (iii) Well lit workshops.
- (iv) Workshops and auto shedding for 20 - 30 vehicles.
- (v) Storerooms.
- (vi) administrative and instructors block.
- (vii) communal rooms and technical library.

The only barracks in the SLE area capable of fulfilling these requirements is the CASERIA PINCHI, VIA MERVINE. This was formerly HQ 5th Devon Regiment, and is at present largely unoccupied. The buildings are in quite good repair and are up-to-date, and there is space for erecting further buildings if required.

The barracks at present occupied by 56 Best Coy are well appointed but very large (capacity 1,000). Moreover they are not so adaptable.

Other possible sites are the former Balloon Training Centre at MERTON MARIE (locally too small) and CASERIA PUSSELLI (central and large enough, but 4.5 at present occupied by the Royal Artillery.) All these are in ROR.

Consideration of the CASERIA PINCHI is strongly recommended.

Fairly.

J. L. ...
S.A. E.D. ...

REF ID: A66666
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TO: Major General, I.C.S., Northway

FROM: Major General, I.C.S., I.C.S.

Date: 22/07/45

6 Aug 45

TO: Major General, I.C.S., I.C.S.

Copy to: Major General, I.C.S., I.C.S.

Reference by M/1/1032 dated 24 July and further to A.F.S.A. letter D115/M/1/1032 of 15 June and your letter of 25 May.

1. Two copies of the War Relinquishment for Vehicle Registry Instructions for I.C.S., I.C.S., have been received through the kind offices of M.A.A.A.
2. In your letter M/1/1032 (R) of 4 August the disbursement of 152 and 153 L.A.Ls 14, and 152 Mechanical Engineer Platoon (I.C.S.) has been ordered, and reference is made to 155 Vehicle Repair Workshops, I.C.S., I.C.S.
3. We have received no other communication regarding a disbursement to the Workshops for I.C.S., I.C.S., nor have we yet received a formation order, nor any copies (except as mentioned above) of the War Relinquishment. It is most earnestly requested that the formation order and copies of the War Relinquishment be supplied. The completion of this unit was approved by A.F.S.A. on 15 June 45, nearly two months ago.

It will be appreciated that until formation order for the new units shown above, no action can be taken on the disbursement of 152 and 153 L.A.Ls 14.

C. J. ...
 Colonel,
 Commander of British Liaison & Training Unit D115 1032

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Det Hqs.
Korea Area Allied Command

ONLY FOR Hqs.
Land Forces Sub Comm. (MILA)

Reference is made to your letter of 21 July and further to A.F.M.S. letter of 15 June and your letter of 25 July.

- 1. Two copies of the War Establishment for Vehicle Repair Workshops for I.F.F., I.F.F., have been received through the lead office of U.M.I.A.
- 2. In your letter of 4 August the disbursement of 150 and 150 I.F.F. and 150 I.F.F. (MILAN) has been ordered, and reference is made to 150 Vehicle Repair Workshops, I.F.F., I.F.F.
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 Colonel,
 Commander of British Liaison at
 Training Unit 200 200

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SUBJECT :- Demonstration Company at SIVA.

'P' British Liaison and Training Unit
R.T.G., I.C.N.

Ref : G/S. 7/655.

30 Jul '45.

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Commander,
'P' British Liaison & Training Unit.

Copy to :- DAA & QAC.

1. At a recent meeting at MIA it was decided to provide special Cavalry reinforcements for the ACSTA Cavalry Squadron which forms the demonstration company at SIVA.
2. This company is now considerably under strength and GSO II Schools asks for reinforcements to be sent at the earliest possible as they need to be trained in order to carry out their demonstrations correctly.
3. Please refer to MIA letter A110/7 of 12 July, attached "A", in which MIA advise the Ministry of War that they are authorized to select 70 suitable men. MIA letter of 16 July, attached "B", cancels this saying the movement of these personnel will not take place.
4. It would appear from the attached letter "C" from GSO II Schools that the reason for holding these urgently required reinforcements is due to reasons outside normal MIA channels and it is emphasized that as these men are urgently required at this Centre and have already in fact been promised the efficiency of SIVA is likely to be effected unless they are made available.

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Major GSO II,
Training,
'P' British Liaison &

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Major GSO II,
Training,
British Liaison &
Training Unit EVC IOP.

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AFHQ/11A/25(a)
Tel. Rm. 10000000

13 July 45

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SUBJECT:- No. 3 Italian General Transport Coy.

ADST,
11A Area Allied Command

1. The contents of your letter 11A dated 11 July 45 have been noted.
2. The status of 1, 2 and 3 Italian GE Coys is at the moment under review by the Staff.
3. It has been recommended by this Directorate that the above units should become a 11A responsibility, the British Army being relieved of all its responsibilities in this connection.
4. Therefore until the position is clarified, no action is being taken.

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Alm... Lt Col

Major General.
Director of Supplies and Transport.

COPY TO: ADST, 11A
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DADST, P. HQ

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22 July 1945

SUBJECT: Disbandment of Italian Army Units

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 804
FOR: Land Forces Sub Commission, (RMIA)

Reference is made to your SD.16/2 of 5 July 1945, not furnished Rome Area Allied Command. 2576

1. It is agreed that the disbandment of 1, 2 and 3 Italian OT Companies be postponed until the Administrative Tpt Companies (ITL-ITI) are organized and deployed.
2. With effect from 31 July 1945 1, 2 and 3 Italian OT Companies will, however, cease to be a British Service responsibility and become a wholly Italian responsibility including maintenance of vehicles and personnel under your supervision. They will continue to draw BR-ITI rations and clothing as there is no room for them within the ITL-ITI ceiling.
3. You will submit a report on the situation not later than 31 August 1945 with a view to the early disbandment of these companies.
4. Subject to the review mentioned in paragraph 3 above, 1, 2 and 3 Italian OT Companies are authorized to retain their present vehicle holdings.

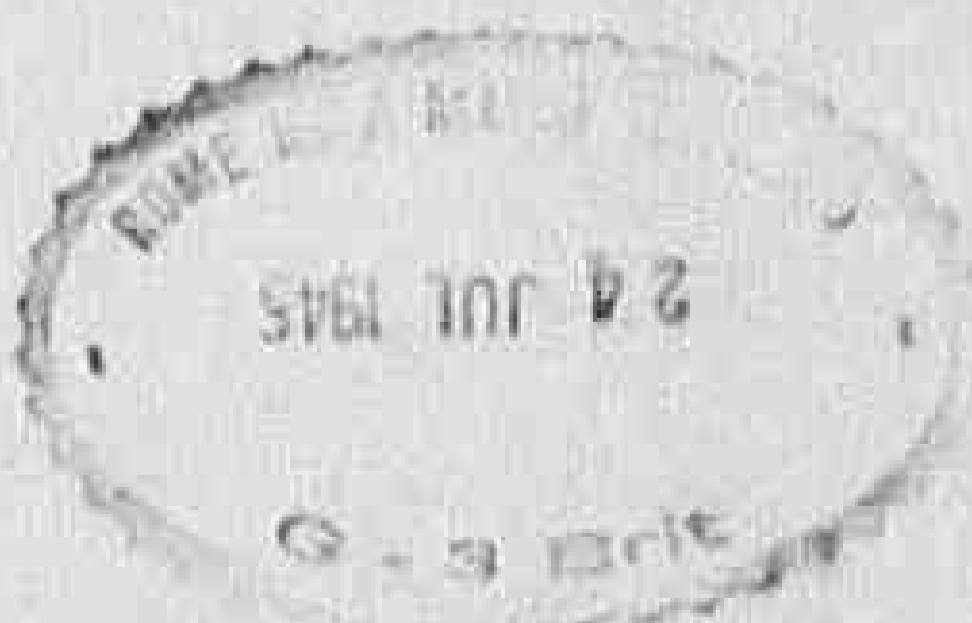
BY COMMAND OF FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER:

(Signed); R.L. FISHER
Major AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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G-3 (Br) Zone Area distribution:-

- Dep Comd
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SUBJECT: R.T.C., I.C.F. Workshops.

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F BRITISH LIAISON & TRAINING UNIT
R.T.C., I.C.F.

Ref: AG/6/1032

25 July 45.

To: H.Q.
Rome Area Allied Command.

Reference AME/B118/L/Q(13) of 15 June 45 in answer to
your Q.212/A of 25 May 45.

1. Procurement order and War Establishment of new Workshop
for R.T.C., I.C.F. are most urgently required to enable this to be
organised and equipped.
2. It is earnestly requested that the above be expedited.

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Colonel,
Commander *F* British Liaison
& Trg. Unit RCU UY

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SECRET: Reorganisation of units.

P British Liaison & Training Unit
R.A.F., I.C.F.

Ref: AQ/6/853

25 June 45

To: O.O.
10 Training Team, R.A.

1. In view of recent verbal arrangements regarding the transfer of transport, will you please voucher over to *P* British Liaison and Training Unit, R.A.F., I.C.F., the following, quoting A.F.H.Q. letter ref: G-1(Hr)/1027/A.1 (Serial 2444) dated 13 June 1945 as authority :-

1 Lorry 3-ton. G.3. 4234

1 15-cwt. 4 x 2 Ford, W.D. No. E.5313398.

2 Motor Cycles.

2. The remainder of 10 Training Team vehicles on loan will be disposed of under orders of R.A.A.C., and in the case of 10 Training Team, receipts will be forwarded to you in order that Part X Orders can be prepared.

Blk
Capt. R.A.
Staff Captain.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, US Army

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19 Jun 45

SUBJECT:- Vehicle Repairs - RTS ICE

TO 1- Land Forces Sub-Comdn, A.G. (BRIA)

Also to (1st Det)

Ref this HQ letter Q242/4 dated 23 May 45 addressed to AFHQ, copy to you.

1. Enclosed for your information is a copy of AFHQ/2118/4/Q(22) dated 15 Jan 45 which has been received in reply.

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Commander British Troops Rome

R. H. ...
S. F. ...
Brigadier

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SUBJECT: - Yeh Repairs RTC ICF

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TEL FREEDOM 124
AFHQ/8113/4/Q(AS)
15 Jun 45

R.A.A.C.

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Ref your 3242/4 dated 25 May 45.

1. The proposal from MAIA to form a static workshop for the RTC ICF has been favourably considered by the War Establishments Committee to-day.
2. You will be advised of the new War Establishment in due course.

(sgd) W.B.WEBBEN, Lt-Col
for Major General G-4(

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21 JULY 1945, ENP.

MEMORANDUM to Latham
AG/6/755
dated 14 June 1945.

RE-ORGANIZATION OF S.A.C., I.C.F.,
AT GENOVA.

1. A meeting was held at H.Q., M.H.I.A., on 12 June 45 to consider the problems caused by the termination of hostilities in connection with the re-organization of the Italian Army.
2. The chairman, Lieut-Col. S. Dybleton, gave as much information as was available, and it was finally decided that a specific proposal should be prepared to form a basis for discussion at a further meeting.
3. It is appreciated that any scheme of reorganization must be divided into two phases. The first phase will cover the period during which the Italian forces of all types, both combat and service troops, will be utilized by the S.A.C. to assist in the reorganization of Italy and in the control of enemy P.O.W. and concentration areas. This phase may last for any period up to a year. The second phase covers the period when the Italian Army will be gradually developed into an independent national entity, free of Allied control but assisted by Allied personnel, if such is the wish of the Italian Government.
4. The object of the present proposal is to evolve a scheme which will meet the requirements of the S.A.C. in all respects at present, but which can be merged into the second phase with the minimum of alteration or adjustment.
5. The ultimate object is to convert Commas and the associated Military Establishments at BRACCIANO, MANTOVA and probably CIVITAVECCHIA, into an Italian 'Allermost'.

2. The chairman, Lieut-Col. S. Trefler, gave us such information as was available, and it was finally decided that a specific proposal should be prepared to form a basis for discussion at a further meeting.

3. It is appreciated that any scheme of reorganisation must be divided into two phases. The first phase will cover the period during which the Italian forces of all types, both combat and service troops, will be utilised by the S.A.G. to assist in the reorganisation of Italy and in the control of enemy P.O.W. and concentration areas. This phase may last for any period up to a year. The second phase covers the period when the Italian Army will be gradually developed into an independent national entity, free of Allied control but assisted by Allied personnel, if such is the wish of the Italian Government.

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5. The ultimate object is to convert Casuso and the associated Military Establishments at MIAZZANO, MARILIA and probably CIVITAVECCHIA, into an Italian 'Alldambhot'.

6. Such being the case, it would appear that CASANO district (the term is intended to include all the associated establishments referred to above), should be assigned to have a dual function.

(a) The first of these functions is to provide a training centre corresponding to the British Army Depot, where recruits may be received, equipped and given the main essentials of elementary military training, regardless of the area of the service to which they will ultimately belong. To continue, however, to accepted Italian procedure, such recruits cannot be mixed together for this initial training, but the principle of separation of the

various areas must be introduced from the first day of their service. This introduces certain complications, but on the nature of the elementary training involved is, nevertheless, identical there is no insuperable difficulties.

The second function is to provide Schools and specialized training establishments where refresher and advanced courses in all Areas of the service may be provided. Pupils for these courses will be derived not from recruits but from trained personnel of the Ground or Service Divisions who are in need of advanced training or refresher courses. Hence, the pupils of these Schools will not be included on the strength of the R.T.C., but will merely be attached over establishment for the duration of the respective courses.

Facilities for both these functions already exist in OSSINGO and District and the question revolves itself into ascertaining how best to make use of existing facilities and, if necessary, to extend them in order to obtain the best possible results.

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In future, recruits from Cosmo District should not be posted to divisions until their standard of training reaches a certain definite level. In other words, the new factor will be substituted for the efficiency test.

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Facilities for both these functions already exist in OSSANO and District and the question resolves itself into ascertaining how best to make use of existing facilities and, if necessary, to extend them in order to obtain the best possible results.

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7. The cessation of hostilities has introduced a new and very important factor into my appreciation of the potentialities of Ossano District. Hitherto, every effort has been devoted to turning out a sufficient number of reinforcements with an adequate standard of training to meet the shortage in the forward echelon, caused by war and attrition. In most cases, such reinforcements were sent forward inadequately trained as the demand greatly exceeded the training facilities at Ossano. This problem no longer arises. In future, recruits from Ossano District should not be posted to Divisions until their standard of training reaches a certain definite level. In other words, the class factor will be subordinated to the efficiency test.

8. A further factor to be considered is that of accommodation. Serious during hostilities a relatively low standard of accommodation had necessarily to be accepted, in the post-hostilities and peace period, the personnel of the Italian Army are entitled to proper accommodation in permanent buildings, with adequate ventilation and sufficient space for recreation, etc. It is probable that the shortage at present on loan to the R.T.C. will be called in very shortly and so, allowance must be made for the accommodation of all those at present under arms. A revision of the war-time estimate of the capacity of buildings occupied by the R.T.C. must therefore be made.

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9. Although work is proceeding on the repair of all buildings an increase amount still remains to be done, and hence any estimate of accommodation must visualize not less than 33.1/3% of the total accommodation being useable for habitation for a considerable time to come, due to the presence of civilian workers now engaged on repairs.

10. The following estimates of available accommodation are therefore based on present standards and allowances has been included for the non-availability of at least one-third of the total living space. In these estimates, the first figure relates to accommodation for recruits, the figure in brackets to subsidiary accommodation required for personnel of the Garrison or Service Unit to which reference is made in paragraph 16. No reference has been made to the accommodation required for personnel of R.F.S. Headquarters or for the permanent training and administrative staff as it is considered that the accommodation at present occupied will prove to be adequate for the reduced establishment required for the smaller ceiling now envisaged.

OSBANE.

Buildings at present occupied by No.1 Regiment.

Capacity - 1,500
(300)

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Building at present occupied by No.2 Regiment.

Capacity - 1,500
(400)
(Incl. of Services Bn. HQ)

Buildings occupied by R. H. M. School and by

D. M. School. - 400

BRIDGEMAN.

Buildings occupied by Artillery Battalion.

600
(150)

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Buildings occupied by H. M. School and by

B. M. School. - 400

MANAGARA.

Barracks occupied by Artillery Battalion.

600
(150)

Barracks occupied by Engineers & Signallers Battalions.

600
(150)

CIVITAVOCCIA.

Eight Barracks 4 miles North of Civitavocchia, which it is hoped to make available to Osmano District.

3,000
(600)

TOTAL
7,600

The proposed ceiling for Osmano District is 7,500, so it would appear that adequate accommodation on a present-time basis is available if the barracks at Civitavocchia can be obtained.

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11. The recommendation at MANZIANA at present utilized by SIVA Schools has not been taken into account as it is assumed that these Schools will be utilized by personnel of the Divisions attached for instruction to SIVA and not therefore included in the ceiling of 7,500. It is probable, however, that additional accommodation will have to be found at MANZIANA to enable the fullest use of the available training resources to be made.

12. If therefore it is accepted that adequate accommodation for the R.T.O. is available in the Cassino District, it becomes a question of deciding what organization will best meet all the requirements to which reference has been made in the preceding paragraphs.

13. In submitting the following proposals it has been necessary to assume an arbitrary breakdown of the ceiling of 7,500. This breakdown is subject to consideration by the Italian authorities and is likely to be modified from time to time as the final form of the post-war Italian Army is gradually evolved. The following figures will, however, serve as a working hypothesis:

Infantry	—	4,500
Artillery	—	900
Engineers	—	450
Signallers	—	450
Workshops	—	400
Supply and Transport	—	400
Medical	—	100
Ordnance	—	100
General	—	200
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		TOTAL 7,500

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is available in the Osarno District, it becomes a question of deciding what organization will best meet all the requirements to which reference has been made in the preceding paragraphs.

U. In submitting the following proposals it has been necessary to assume an arbitrary levelness of the ceiling of 7,500. This levelness is subject to consideration by the Italian authorities and is likely to be modified from time to time as the final form of the peace-time Italian Army is gradually evolved. The following figures will, however, serve as a working hypothesis:

Infantry	--	4,500
Artillery	--	900
Engineers	--	450
Signallers	--	450
Workshops	--	400
Supply and Transport	400	
Medical	--	100
Ordnance	--	100
General	--	200
		<u>TOTAL 7,500</u>

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14. It is proposed that the whole period of training required to convert a raw recruit into the finished soldier ready to take his place in a Division of the Line, should be divided into two categories. The first category will cover all soldiers, regardless of what Arm of the Service he is destined for, and should occupy a period of eight weeks. During this time he will undergo basic training and on completion should have sufficient soldierly qualities to enable him to take full advantage of the specialised training of his own particular Arm.

The second category will include all soldiers who, having completed their basic training are undergoing the specialized training of their particular Arm. The duration will, of course, vary in accordance with the nature of the Arm. It is, for example, estimated that the minimum time required to make a signaller in sixteen weeks, while the Infantry soldier may become efficient in twelve weeks. However, for purposes of organization, it is assumed that the complete training period will occupy six months, of which two months are devoted to general basic training common to all Arms, and four months to specialized training in the particular Arm of the Service.

15. It becomes necessary to evolve a layout of the Centre which will make the maximum use of all the available resources of accommodation and training facilities to conform to the principles already given. A chart is given at Appendix 'A' which is submitted as one solution to the problem and which may well form a basis for discussion among those interested in obtaining the maximum value from the facilities available. Consideration of this chart will enable the actual location of all recruits in the 7,500 ceiling to be further broken down - - Thus :-

	<u>TOTAL</u>		
Infantry.	4,500	-	1,500 in No.1 Inf.Bn. Brig. Regt., CANTON
			3,000 in No.3 advanced Inf. Regt. Regt. CIVITAVECCHIA.
Artillery.	900	-	300 in No.2 Other Arms Basic Regt. Regt.
			600 in Arty. Bn. BRACCIANO.
Engineers.	450	-	150 in ditto.
			300 in Genia Ingegneria BRACCIANO.
Signallers.	450	-	150 in ditto.
Genia Ingegneria Telegrafici	400	-	200 in I & M School, GENOVA.
			200 in ditto

Genia Ingegneria
Telegrafici

training courses to all arms, and four months to specialized training in the particular arm of the Service.

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	<u>TOTAL.</u>		
Infantry.	4,500	-	1,500 in No.1 Inf. Bn. Basic Trg. Bn., OFFLAND
			3,000 in No.3 advanced Inf. Trg. Bn. CIVILAVENETIA.
Artillery.	900	-	300 in No.2 Other Arms Basic Trg. Bn.
Engineers.	450	-	150 in ditto.
Signallers.	450	-	150 in ditto.
Genie's Workshop.	400	-	X 200 in ditto.
Supply & Transport	400	-	X 200 in ditto.
Medical.	100	-	40 in ditto.
Ordnance.	100	-	40 in ditto.
General.	200	-	120 in ditto.
			120
TOTALS.	7,500		3,700
			4,800

Genie's Workshop
Supply & Transport

Medical
Ordnance

600 in Arty. Bn. BRACCIANO.
300 in Genie's Workshop BRACCIANO.
300 in ditto
200 in E & M School, GENOVA.
200 in D & M. School, GENOVA.
60 in Hospitals & Medical Trg. Centre
60 in Ordnance Trg. Centre. (?)
80 in Specialised Trg. Centres.

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SUMMARY:

No. 1 Regiment.	-	1500
No. 2 Regiment.	-	1200 (see Note)
No. 3 Regiment	-	3000
Artillery Barracks Kawakawa.	-	600
Garis Barracks, Nesociamo.	-	600
D & H. & H.M. Schools.		400
Various.		200
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TOTAL		7500
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(Note: It will be noted that No. 2 Regiment Block with an accommodation capacity of 1500 has only 1200 specifically allotted to it. The remaining space for 300 will be reserved for students in the Infantry School and Specialists Schools already in operation at USMAYO and for which pupils will be provided, in part, from No. 3 Regiment (at Christmas) and in part by students from the line divisions (attached and not included in the establishment).

16. No reference has yet been made to one essential requisite which, in the writer's opinion, is of the most vital importance. Training to be effective must be continuous and uninterrupted. One of the greatest hindrances of the present system has been the constant demand for guards, fatigues and other duty men, which has reached such a pitch that between 25% and 33% of the men who should be under training are employed for this purpose. This reduces the effectiveness of training by a much larger percentage and must be avoided at all costs. The writer suggests

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Reservists - 500

D & H. & H.M. Schools.	400
Various.	200

TOTAL 700

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(Note: It will be noted that No. 2 Regiment Block with an accommodation capacity of 1500 has only 1200 specifically allocated to it. The remaining space for 300 will be reserved for students in the Infantry School and Specialists Schools already in operation at CEHALO and for which regiments will be provided, in part, from No. 3 Regiment (at Chiviteveshala) and in part by students from the Line Divisions (attached and not included in the establishment).)

16. No reference has yet been made to one essential requisite which, in the writer's opinion, is ^{of} the most vital importance. Training to be effective must be continuous and uninterrupted. One of the gravest handicaps of the present system has been the constant demand for guards, fatigues and other duty men, which has reached such a pitch that between 25% and 30% of the men who should be under training are employed for this purpose. This reduces the effectiveness of training by a much higher percentage and must be avoided at all costs. The writer suggests that the Coxsone District should have a permanent Garrison Battalion of at least 1,500 men, i.e. 5 Companies of 300 each and a Headquarters of 100, attached to the Centre and who will carry out all fatigues and duties. This unit will not be on the establishment of the R.I.C., I.C.B. but will be attached to it for duty in the same way as a Battalion of the Gwalior Regiment is attached to R.A.A.F. for similar duties. The importance of this provision cannot be over emphasized and hence in the accommodation schedule provision for their accommodation has been included in the figures shown in brackets.

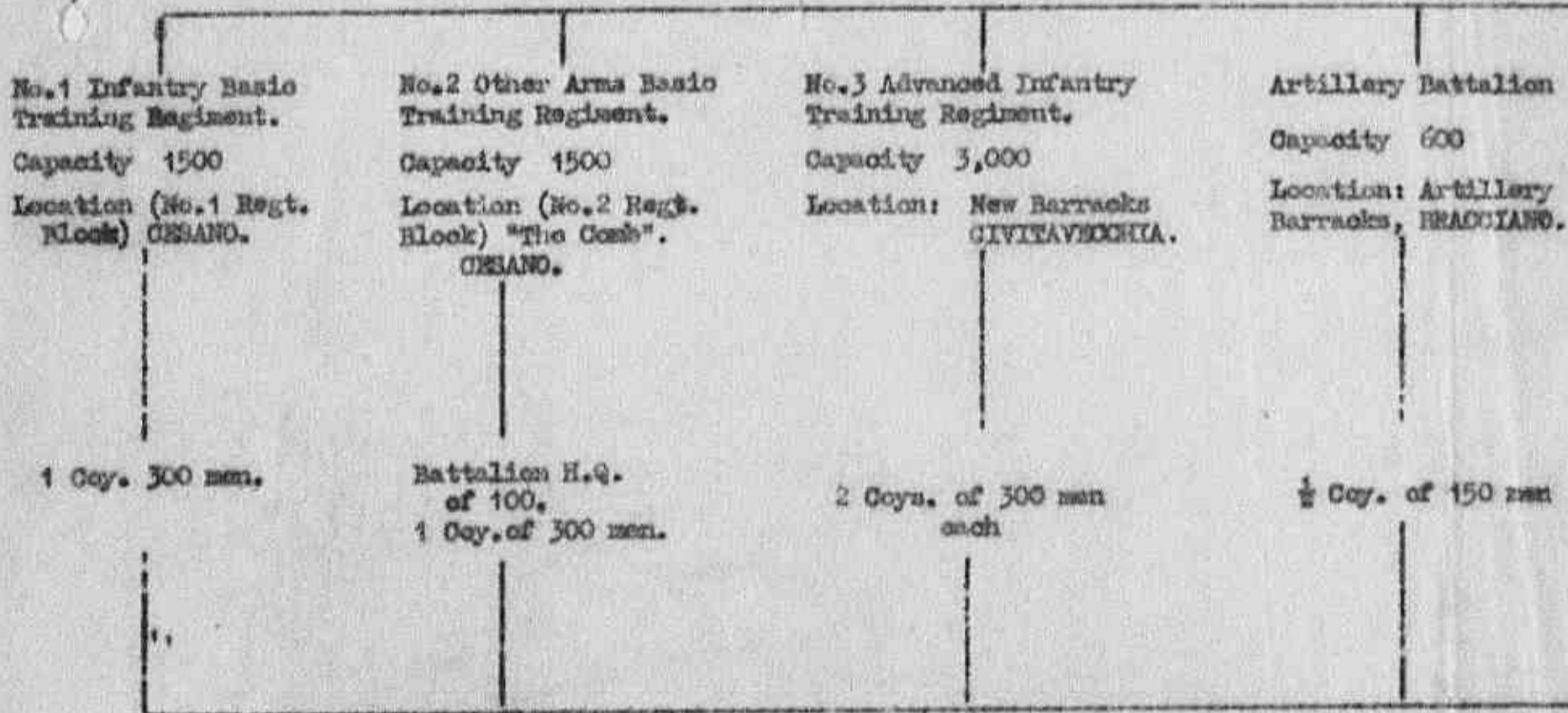
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16. The foregoing covers the general principles of training for all Arms, but the Comando District is to fulfill its function as the Administrative of the Italian Army it will be necessary to limit to a number of other School and Instructional Courses. No attempt is made here to enumerate these subjects, particularly as many subjects are already included in the curriculum of SIVA Schools at MARIANO and some are dealt with (or are in process of being organized) at CREMONA. Obviously, some considerable reorganization of the Schools' plan will be required, but it is considered such matters are beyond the scope of this paper, which is primarily intended to indicate a scheme which will provide a sound foundation on which the new Italian Army may be built.

17. It is suggested that this memorandum may be considered by M.M.I.A. and if it is thought to be of value, a further meeting should be called to obtain the views of branches and departments.

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R. T. C., I. C. F.
COMMAND.

Artillery Battalion
Capacity: 600
Location: Artillery
Barracks, BRACCIANO.

Engineers Battalion
Capacity: 300
Location: Genie
Barracks, BRACCIANO.

Signallers Battalion
Capacity: 300
Location: Genie Barracks
BRACCIANO.

1/2 Coy. of 150 men

1/2 Coy of 150 men.

SERVICE OR DUTY BATTALION.
Strength: 1600.
Net on strength of R.T.C., I.C.F.

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Battalion

D. & M. School

E.M. School.

Carabinieri

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Barracks
MACCIANO.

Capacity: 200

Capacity: 200

Extra to W. E.

Location: D. & M.
School
CESANO.

Location: E.M.School
CESANO.

Location: CESANO,
Carabinieri School

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