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SUBJECT : War Establishments.

12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME : 489081 Ext : 545)

AQ/6/B/3039.

3 September 1946.

To : Major Price.
Captain Trevelyan.
Major Sampson.
Major Berridge.

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Reference attached translation of Comando Scuole Centrali
letter 02/131/Ord dated 7 August 1946.

Please pass in the above order. Officers will make
manuscript notes on the proposals for the Schools for which they are
responsible.

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Lt. Colonel,
G.S.

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COMANDO EN JEFE FUERZAS ARMADAS
Unidad de Asesoramiento
Servicio de Asesoramiento y Estadística

TRANSMISSION

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Rome, 7 August 1946

N. 02/131/Ord.

SUBJECT: War Establishments

TO : 12 E.L.U. for information

Ref. 5266/Ord/I of the 29/6/46.

All the proposals dealing with the improvement of the W.E. forwarded to that S.M. with letter 02/1044/Ord. of the 14/4/46, had been previously discussed and agreed upon between this H.Q., the Commanders of the different Schools and the Liaison Officers of the I.L.U., after having taken into consideration the necessities and the tasks of the dependent Schools.

The question having been now newly reexamined - as requested by that S.M. - it is still impossible to suggest any new internal displacement or diminution of personnel owing to the present tasks of the Schools, to their actual dislocation and to the number of men to be trained.

To solve the problem without augmenting the W.E. a new organization should be given to the School and its tasks reduced. I suggest therefore that the advanced training of the recruits should not be done anywhere by the School with the exception of those Courses that require special training materials or such a particular training that for technical reasons can not be successfully done by the Units.

In this case the tasks of the School would remain the following:

- Improvement and professional perfecting of Officers and NCOs.
- Courses for potential Officers and NCOs.
- Courses for Instructors
- Specialization Courses for a certain number of recruits.

If the School, freed from all the disciplinary and administrative tasks deriving from the training of a large number of recruits could deal only with the above tasks it is certain that a better efficiency of method and of teaching would be obtained.

In case that the S.M. should agree with the above suggestions a new W.E. could be worked out by this H.Q. in collaboration with the Schools and the 12 E.L.U.

Independently from the above suggestions the following attached requests

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To solve the problem without augmenting the S.S. a new organization should be given to the School and its tasks reworked. I suggest therefore that the advanced training of the recruits should not be done anymore by the School with the exception of those Courses that require special training materials or such a particular training that for technical reasons can not be successfully done by the Units.

In this case the tasks of the School would remain the following:

- Improvement and professional perfecting of Officers and NCOs.
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Independently from the above suggestions the following attached requests should be taken into consideration as essential.

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SCHOOL COOPERATIVE VARIOUS (S.I.V.A.)

No request to be made.

TRAINING SCHOOL

Requests:

1) - Machine-Gunners Coy.

As the number of students appointed to attend the next course will be of 500 instead of 400 (According to the modification of the Infantry Regiments the former number will be always the same in the future). I suggest that the M.G. Coys should be 4 instead of 3; each one of them with 143 students instead of 133.

If so, the necessary increase of the M.G. should be of 5 Officers, 18 MCOs and 13 O.R.

2) - School H.Q.

10 Officers instead of 7 with the following tasks.

- 1 Senior Officer (Lt. Col.)
- 1 " " 2nd in Comm.
- 1 Captain Confidential Files
- 1 " " Services Office
- 1 " " Legal Service
- 1 " " A & B Stores
- 1 " " C Stores
- 1 " " General Duties
- 1 " " Welfare
- 1 " " Training and recreation files
- 1 " " Supplies

It is also necessary to increase from 1 to 2 Administration Officers; 1 Captain for the Accounts and a Junior Officer as Pay-Master.

3) - Sappers

1 MCO, 1 Corporal, 11 soldiers

4) - Personnel for the canteens

6 soldiers (1 Captain - see para 2 above)

5) - Personnel for Training Files

2 soldiers (1 Captain - see para 2 above)

6) - Training Battalion H.Q.

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If so, the necessary increase of the W.S. should be of 5 Officers, 18 HCOs and 13 O.S.

2) - School H.A.

- 10 Officers instead of 7 with the following tasks.
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| - 1 Senior Officer (Lt. Col.) | 2nd in Com. |
| - 1 " " | Confidential Files |
| - 1 Captain | Services Office |
| - 1 " " | Legal Service |
| - 1 " " | A & B Stores |
| - 1 " " | C Stores |
| - 1 " " | General Duties |
| - 1 " " | Welfare |
| - 1 " " | Training and recreation films |
| - 1 " " | Supplies |

It is also necessary to increase from 1 to 2 ^{the} Administration Officers; 1 Captain for the accountant and a junior Officer as Pay-Master.

3) - Barracks

1 HCO, 1 Corporal, 11 soldiers

4) - Personnel for the canteens

6 soldiers (1 Captain - see para 2 above)

5) - Personnel for Training Films

2 soldiers (1 Captain - see para 2 above)

6) - Training Battalion H.A.

1 HCO for general duties

7) - HCOs Instructors of 1st Gr. Battalion

They can be reduced from 12 to 6 in the H.Q. Platoon.

8) - Tailors and Cobblers

As the repair service is done by civilians, 10 tailor soldiers and 10 cobblers can be reduced.

9) - M.T.

For difficulties of training, for economical reasons and for better use it is advisable that the carriers should be given totally to the Mixed Coy instead of dividing them between the above Coy and the M.T. Section.

With exception of the Mach. Gun Coy increase of the W.S. would be equalled by the suggested diminutions.

SERVICE AND ASSISTANCE SCHOOL

1. Courses for "Hygiene, Service and Welfare" should not be run in the same period of time as the "Office Personnel" Courses and between the different Courses a convenient period for rest and preparatory work should be granted.

Courses for Officers and NCOs to be run at different periods so that for each Course all the Instructors would be available and moreover a better use could be made of the General Services.

ARMORED-CAR SCHOOLS

1. Courses for Officers, NCOs and O.R. to be run at different periods so that for each Course all the Instructors would be available and moreover a better use could be made of the General Services.

2. It is essential that W.E. should be increased as follows:

H.Q. Staff

- 1 Subaltern Officer in charge of the POL Dep.

H.Q. Platoon

Increase of 1 NCO for the General Office

" " 1 NCO for the Administration Office (The School having obtained to be self-administrated)

" " 1 NCO (Sapper) for General Maintenance

" " 1 NCO for the Equipment Office

" " 2 NCO Storekeepers; 1 for A & B Stores; 1 for C Stores

" " 2 Clerks - Typists (1 for the Administration Office; 1 for the Equipment Office and Pol. Dep.)

" " 3 Corporals Storekeepers (1 for A & B Stores; 1 for C Stores and 1 for the Pol. Dep.)

" " 24 Drivers to take in charge the Armored-Cars (According to THE E.E. only 1 driver is assigned for each Arm-Car but independently from the fact that the driver in charge of the vehicle might be absent for various reasons (hospital, leave etc.) it must be considered that owing to the fact that an Armored-Car is a very complex vehicle having got on board so many different instruments, arms, etc. it is impossible for a single man to drive, maintain and do the cleaning of all the different parts.

" " 1 Cook for the O.R. Kitchen,

Total of personnel required (Increase)

- 1 Officer

- 6 NCOs

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- " " 1 Cook for the O.R. Kitchen,

Total of personnel required (Increase)

- 1 Officer
- 6 NCOs
- 5 Corporals
- 25 O.R.

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P.E. SCHOOL

1. Courses for Officers, NCOs and O.R. to be run at different periods so that for each Course all the Instructors would be available and moreover a better use could be made of the general Services.

2. It is essential that the W.E. should be increased as follows.

H.Q.

- Increase of 2 Officers Instructors - Gymnastics.
- " " 2 NCOs - Assistant Instructors
- " " 1 NCO for the Training and Documentation Section
- " " 1 NCO for the Filing and Archive Office

Confidential.

Increase of 1 NCO in charge of the Kitchen
" 1 NCO for the U.S.
" 1 NCO for the General Maintenance
" 1 NCO for Regimental Duties
" 1 Corporal Clerk
" 1 Assistant Accountant
" 1 General Maintenance
" 1 Telephone Operator for the H.Q.
" 2 Orderlies (1 Russian)
" 1 Mason
" 1 Carpenter
" 1 Electrician - Telephone op.
" 2 Orderlies (Pilots)
" 1 Barber
" 10 Men for general services (watch, cleaning etc).

Total 44 personnel required (increase)

-2 Officers
-3 NCOs
-22 O.S.

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ARTILLERY SCHOOL

- No suggestions to be made.

FIELD ARTILLERY SCHOOL

- No suggestions to be made.

SIGNAL SCHOOL

1) - According to the U.S. the Wireless Battalion comprehends the Infantry and Artillery recruits to be specialized as wireless, telegraph and telephone operators for the use of the Inf. and Art. Regiments.

Owing to the above particular kind of training I suggest that the "II Battaglione Marconisti" should be called instead "Battaglione Teleradio".

In this way at X section 12/3/1 instead of saying "2nd Wireless Battalion" it should be said 1st "Battalion marconisti" and 1st "Battalion teleradio".

2) - The "Battaglione telegrafisti" with 5 Coys is too heavy; 4 Coys would be better of which; 1 "Compagnia telegrafisti" with 150 telegraph and telephones, operators for the Engineers and 50 Telog. and telecom. instrument mechanics for the Engineers; 3 Coys telegraphists; each with 50 students exchange operators to be trained for 4 months and 180 students Linemen to be trained during two months.

In total the above Battalion would have only 630 students belonging to the Engineers. The "Battaglione teleradio" (Actually "II Battaglione Marconisti") would have instead 306 Telog. operators students for Infantry and 220 for the Artillery.

3) - The 3 Coys of the "I Battaglione Marconisti" with 132 students each are too heavy. I suggest that the above Battalion should have 4 Coys;

- 3 Coys, each with 150 wireless operators - Engineers
- 1 Coy, wireless specialists with 60 students wireless-mechanics and 66 Wireless-motorists-Engineers.

The "Battaglione Teleradio" - 3 Coys- should have only Infantry and Art. students to be trained during 2 months periods alternately;

- 1st Coy with 170 artillery wireless operators during 2 months alternated with 153 Infantry telephone operators.
- 2nd Coy with 170 artillery wireless operators alternated with 205 Infantry wireless operators. (2 months)
- 3rd Coy 220 Artillery telephone operators during 2 months alternated with 153 Infantry telephone operators.

In total the "Battaglione Teleradio" would train 560 Artillery wireless operators alternated with 511 Infantry wireless operators.

MOTORIZATION SCHOOL

According to the actual P.R. it is necessary:
- To reduce from 4 to 3 the Coys of both the Driver training Battalions.

In this way at X section 12/9/1 instead of saying "2nd Wireless Battalion" it should be said "1st Battalion Marconisti" and 1st "Battalion Telegrafisti".

2) - The "Battaglione telegrafisti" with 5 Coys is too heavy; 4 Coys would be better of which; 1 "Compagnia telegrafisti" with 150 telegraph and 4 telecomm. operators for the Engineers and 50 Teleg. and telecomm. instrument mechanics for the Engineers; 3 Coys Telegraphists; each with 50 students exchange operators to be trained for 4 months and 180 students Linemen to be trained during two months.

In total the above Battalion would have only 830 students belonging to the Engineers. The "Battaglione Teleradio" (actually "II Battaglione Marconisti") would have instead 306 Teleph. operators students for Infantry and 220 for the Artillery.

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- 2nd Coy with 170 artillery wireless operators alternating with 205 Infantry wireless operators. (2 months)
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MOTORIZATION SCHOOL

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According to the actual R.R. it is necessary:

- To reduce from 4 to 3 the Coys of both the Driver Training Battalions.
- In this way the number of recruits that can be trained by the School would be of 1200 instead of 1600 men. The difference should be trained by the Military Territorial Commands.

TO: **SEP 29 1941**

1. Herewith Italian War Establishments as follows:

- (a) Folio (N. 4500/ORD/1) containing WEA (UR/1/1 to UR/19/1, UR/21/1 to UR/23/1, OR/5/1, SS/30/1 to SS/32/1 and SS/69/1) of Italian Infantry Division
- (b) Internal Security Bdes, Comando Brigata di Fanteria (UR/30/1), Gruppo Misti di Art. (Brig di Fanteria) (UR/31/1).

DISTRIBUTION	Folio (N. 4500/ORD/1)	WE UR/30/1	WE UR/31/1
War Office, MI 4	1	1	1
GHQ, CMO (for G(SD))	3	3	3
HQ MTOUSA	6	2	2
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2. Please acknowledge on attached slip.

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Major General
M. M. L. A.

Subject : Italian Agreement to 12 M.M.I.A.

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AG/68/3064

/C September 1946

To : Comando Scuole Controlli.

Reference Ministry of War letter 4311/2nd/1 dated 21 August 1946.

1. It is noted that nine men have been allocated to Nucleo C at Civitavecchia under the new War Establishment 42/13/3/1.
2. Since all these men are not at present required at Civitavecchia, it is requested that two may be temporarily detached and put on the paper strength of Nucleo R at Rome. They will be allotted duties in accordance with para 2(c) of the above letter.
3. H.Q. M.M.I.A. has given authority for this detachment.

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Capt. R.A.
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SUBJECT : Inf Establishments.

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12 SWISS MILITARY UNIT
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3 September 1946.

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CENTRAL MILITARY P.T. SCHOOLS

H.Q.

N.31

Cesano di Roma-19 July 1946

Subject: -W.E. of the School - Pub. 42/S

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Ref. to Appendix No.02/1146/Ord. of the 5 inst. of your H.Q. and further to letter No.3266/Ord.M.G. - S.M.R.E. / Off.Ord. & Mobil. of the 29 June 46.

Considering that there is scarcely any difference between the new W.E. for the P.T. School and the previous one - only addition is the Equitation Section, that in reality has never been disbanded - I insist that my previous suggestions (see letter 03/746/2/1. of the 9th June last) be considered, as essential. Moreover because all the general and particular questions had been already elaborated taking into consideration a possible reduction of the present and future Courses and of the tasks assigned to the School.

However as the previous proposals have not been sufficiently discussed before and because during this period new experiences have been made, I will try now my best to make clear the point of view of this H.Q. about those most essential questions supposed to give this School a minimum of possibilities to carry on in the best way.

Any-how the question is not to increase the W.E. but to give the School an adequate W.E.

For instance, the fact that not even a very small number of specialised personnel is allotted to the P.T.School by the W.E. for the general services as the Maintenance of the Gymnasium, sport-fields, gym.materials etc., seems to suppose in Cesano the existence of a general organisation by which all the necessary services may be supplied to the School. In reality it is not so (especially now) so that it is absolutely impossible to meet the most urgent necessities and all the necessary works have not been yet initiated. While all the other Units and sub-Units of the Army have been allotted by their W.E. a Barber, a Tailor, a Shoemaker etc. this School instead has been deprived of such most necessary services.

It is well known to H.Q. that the general organisation in Cesano, especially now, is very deficient and that the specialised personnel for the general services is very scarce, while, owing to the military character of the place, it is quite impossible to make use of civilians.

Considering what above it is clear that the necessity of having adequate General Services remains even if the Courses and the tasks assigned to the School will be reduced.

In particular and with reference to the previous proposals *412 809* please note that:

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- a) - Commander and Staff Officers : i.e. (School H.Q. and Comm. Office, Staff Capt. Office, Training Section, Administration, Registration and M. Service)

Contrarily to the penultimate parag. of the W.E. is not administered by the Infantry School but is autonomous and depends directly from the 84 Infant. Regim. Center with regard to its Administration and Documentation (see letter No. 05/1405 of the 5.4.1946 Comando Scuole). Such being the case it is necessary for the School to have an Administrative Section with 1 Officer and 1 NCO. (The Officer besides is in charge of the General Services, collaborates with the Comm. of the H.Q. Section and is Mess President as well).

Anyhow it is not the question of being more or less autonomous that requires a certain number of administration personnel, and even if the Admin. Section should be abolished there must be always somebody to help the Staff Capt. with his administrative job that is particularly heavy during the Courses.

The same happens with the Documentation Section for which at least a NCO is needed. It is a question of 50 Officers and 75 NCOs coming from different Units and belonging to different Arms to be dealt with and this kind of work never stops but goes on even during the periods of rest.

A lot of work is also required for the Training Section if one considers the compilation of Programs, the printing of pamphlets and other documents to be distributed to the Students and the daily notes to be done for the psychophysical classification of each Student, etc. As all this cannot be practically done by a single NCO, some kind of collaboration had to be asked from the Instructors who have willingly agreed notwithstanding the fact that after 7 hours of Training they should have the right to some rest.

It is superfluous to discuss about the work done by the School Commander who is responsible for everything and about the work concerning the Staff Capt. if one considers all the daily returns that must be prepared and all the work required for the personal Documents of the Officers and the NCOs.

Considering what above it is obvious that two Office-orderlies at least are necessary as well as 1 Cyclist and 1 telephonist. No H.Q. could possibly function with less personnel than this even if the number of Students and the duration of the Courses should be reduced.

b) - Instructors - When the previous proposals were discussed the necessity was taken into consideration to have several Training Sections (20-22) with 1 Officer as Chief Instructor and 1 NCO each.

The question of the Training personnel is essential for the existence of the School because if the Instructors are scarce in number and not up to their job, at the end of each course the result will be evidently bad and the Students that have attended it inefficient. Now this is certainly not the scope of the School considering that the same students are supposed to be in the future Instructors themselves for the training of the new Italian Army.

The proposal of increasing of 2 Junior Officers and 2 NCOs the number of the Instructors was sent considering the possibility of having a larger number of personnel attending the Courses. For instance the number of Students appointed to follow the IV Course (S.M.R.E. & Comando Scuole) was of 122, of same only 84 have arrived and only 51 have finished the Course.

The request is justified because according to the M.E. (last para.) the number of Instructors required is proportional to a total of 60 Units to be trained. (Officers and NCOs)

Anyhow the above number of 60 Students is so small that it does scarcely justify the existence of the School considering that the sport-arrangements - Open and cov. Gymnasium, sport-fields etc. - are sufficient for a much bigger number of Students (220-250). In any case the number of Instructors cannot be reckoned on a basis of 60-120 or 200 Students but only according to the various subjects dealt with during the Training.

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The quantity and the quality of the present Instructors (excepting a few: see Maj.s Price report) are quite insufficient so that to carry on with the Program of the IV Course it has been necessary to apply for civilian Instructors who have been gratuitously and kindly supplied by C.O.N.I. and other National Sport Associations.

I hope that this will be possible for the next Course also but it cannot go on for ever so that if the necessary number of military Instructors will not be available in the future, civilian personnel could be permanently employed instead as already foreseen by the R.A. and by the old W.E., in number of 12.

The Teachers of the Fencing Section could be reduced from two to one considering that during the 12 weeks of training very little can be obtained; no Teacher would be quite sufficient to coach and improve those Students that have got already some good notions of Fencing.

Considering moreover that the Fencing is only a question of tradition in the Italian Army but not absolutely necessary in this particular moment, the teaching could be postponed until better times. In this way the 2 Fencing Instructors could be spared.

It must be said besides that the work done by the Instructors of this School is something different from that done by the Instructors of the other Units. Our Instructors in fact after a heavy work of 7 hours of instruction have many more tasks to fulfill as the various inspections for the maintenance of the Gymnasium, implements etc., the regimental discipline of their Section and the preparation of the lessons for the day after. Moreover the Instructors are even more liable than the Students to those injuries deriving from their normal work.

c) - H.Q. Platoon. (Rather Service Platoon)

1)- Application was made for one Junior Officer in addition, a clerk Corporal, an assistant accountant, an Office orderly.

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Besides the very few vehicles available are often off the road owing to their bad conditions. I insist therefore that an adequate number of vehicle should be given to the School enough at least to allow the regular supply of food etc. that must be drawn from ROME. (In CESSANO only the bread is obtainable).

Instead of the two motor cycles that could never be used because both of them are HLR one motor cycle could be sufficient if in good condition.

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3)- Personnel for General duties

This most important question has not been taken into consideration by the new War Establishment contrary to what has been done for the other Schools.

The six men assigned for the general duties are quite insufficient if one considers the following necessities:

- maintenance of 2 covered and 1 open Gymnasium, of one sport-field and relative implements. (6 men).
- barber, tailor, cobbler and saddler (4 men).
- general maintenance: 2 Masons, 1 carpenter, 1 electrician.
- 6 orderlies and batmen for the students (Officers and NCOs)-1 for every 5 Students (18 to 20 men).

At least one senior NCO and a few corporals are required besides for the discipline of the above personnel (the above could be granted by the Units of origin together with the Students).

Moreover a certain number of men are indispensable for guarding the offices and billets. Lately owing to the lack of same a theft has occurred in the QM's SAFE (fortunately the money was recovered), and several more thefts occurred in the Officer's billets.

Logically the fact that only 6 men have been assigned by the War Establishment for the general duties must be considered as an error.

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Subject:- 11er School Establishment.

To: Major Alexander.

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The remarks made by Colonel Palma are scarcely sufficiently clear and definite to justify any recommendations by this H.Q.

The following, it is suggested, should be the line of action to be taken

1. Number of Guns.

Colonel Palma should be told he is to get the 54 guns and need pay no attention to the number of guns on the W.E. submitted.

2. M.O.A.

I suggest Major Twine might advise on the organisation of this direct with Colonel Palma. My own opinion is that if it is to be administratively self contained it might as well be detached from the School.

1. The terms battery, Gruppo etc lead one to suspect a ⁴²⁵⁸ ~~Regimental~~ rather than technical school organisation.

4. The suggestions however will be held for Colonel Ascka's return

W.L. Price

Major, E. Staffe

Command 12 British Liaison Unit for
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SECRET - War Establishment

12 BIRTH RECORDS
for the
ITALIAN CRIMINAL RECORDS
(Vol. 1: 1941-47/1948)

Vol. 1: 10/19/46

27 May 1946

See Captain Landis,
Italian Document.

The War Establishment of the Italian Document has been reviewed as follows. At the earliest opportunity the strength of the document must be reviewed, to be within the limits now authorized.

NOTE:

Officer's Name

1. 1940
1. 1941
3. 1942

Rank

2. 1940

Officer's Name

2. 1940

Officer's Name

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Rank

1. 1940

5. 1940

Officer's Name

1. 1940

6. 1940

1. 1940

Officer's Name

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Rank

3. 1940

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MANUAL

<u>OFFICERS' Mess.</u>	
1 MSG	
1 Cpl.	
3 O.N's	
<u>Signal Mess.</u>	
2 Cooks	
<u>O.N's Mess.</u>	
2 Cooks	
<u>Polychrome Operation</u>	
3	
<u>Intercom.</u>	
1 Cpl.	
5 O.N's	
<u>Intercom.</u>	
1 MSG	
6 O.N's	
1 Mechanic	
<u>Officer's Quarters</u>	
2	
<u>QO Mess.</u>	
3 O.N's	
<u>S. MORGENTHAU</u>	
3 O.N's	
<u>ANTHONY MORTA</u>	
3 O.N's	
<u>GRAND</u>	
1 Garrison	
<u>Reinforcement Office</u>	
1 Officer	
2 MSG's	
1 Clerk	
<u>Intercom.</u>	
1 Officer	
<u>Reinforcement Quarters</u>	
1 MSG	
2 Cooks	

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<u>Increment HQ's Ballots</u>	
1	1
<u>Increment Q.R's Ballots</u>	
2	2
<u>Increment Storms</u>	
1	1
	<u>55</u>
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