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n.02/4162/Ord. di prot. P.M.92 - 6 settembre 1945

OGGETTO : scioglimento e costituzione reparti riparazioni automobilistiche.

AL COMANDO 152° PLOTONE OFFICINA

e,per conoscenza :

A TUTTI GLI ENTI DIPENDENTI
ALL'UFFICIO SERVIZI - Sez.S.M.
ALL'UFFICIO PERSONALE
ALL'UFFICIO ASSISTENZA

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Lo S.M.R.E. col foglio 15927/Ord/I del 20 corrente ha disposto :

1°)- lo scioglimento in data 31.7.1945 dei sottonotati enti :
- 152° Plotone Officina
- 152° Distaccamento leggero soccorso autoveicoli
- 153° Distaccamento leggero soccorso autoveicoli

2°)- la costituzione in data 1 agosto 1945 della 155° Officina riparazioni automobilistiche con organico CM/891,di cui si allega copia, complessivamente su 3 ufficiali e 96 truppa utilizzando il personale e materiale degli enti disciolti.

Prego comunicare entro il 10 corrente eventuali deficienze.

IL COMANDANTE
F/to Gen.Ezio Vegni

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No.

n.05/7828/S/SM di prot. P.M.92 - 11 settembre 1945

AL COMANDO "F" B.I.T.U. - R.T.C. - I.C.F. - sede
- D.A.D.O.S. -

e,per conoscenza :

ALLA SEZIONE AUTOMOBILISTICA

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.....per notizia e per le eventuali disposizioni circa la compilazione del "Census Forms".-

d'ordine
IL CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZI
T.Col.S.Cempa -

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- D.A.D.O.S. -

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IL CAPO UFFICIO SERVIZI
- T.Col.S.Cappa -

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COMANDO DIVISIONE "PICENO"
S.A.P.F.I.C.
Ufficio Serv.-Sez.Comm.to

N.07/2307/S/Comm. di prot. P.M.92, 4 agosto 1945

O G G E T T O: Gestione materiali gruppo "C".=

AL MAGAZZINO MATERIALI GRUPPO "C" - Sez. Artiglieria SEDE
" Genio SEDE
" Auto SEDE

e, per conoscenza:
AL "F" BRITISH LIAISON & TRAINING UNIT NTO ICE SEDE
AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE- Ufficio Servizi ROMA
AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE- Direzione Amministr.- ROMA
ALL'UFFICIO SERVIZI - SEZIONE S.E. SEDE

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A parziale modifica del foglio n.07/2197/S/Comm. del 21 corrente mese, dispongo che, con effetto immediato, tutti i materiali del gruppo "C" vengano da ora innanzi gestiti da un solo ufficiale: S. Tenente Artiglieria DALE'.=

Detto ufficiale terrà un unico mod. 547 - suddiviso per specie del materiale da gestire e per categoria - e renderà i conti alla Direzione di Amministrazione del Comando Militare Territoriale di Roma.

Gli attuali consegnatari dei materiali del servizio genio e del servizio automobilistico sono pregati di passare la loro contabilità al predetto ufficiale, il quale la includerà nella propria.

Allo scopo di accelerare le operazioni d'impianto del registro mod. 547, dispongo che il Sottotenente CAPUTO ed il Sottotenente MARTELLUCCI coadiuvino il Sottotenente DALE', rimanendo essi a disposizione della dipendente Sezione di Commissariato sino a tutto il 20 agosto, per il servizio di cui sopra.

Il 21 stesso mese, i predetti due ufficiali - previa assicurazione scritta a questo Comando da parte del Sottotenente DALE', circa l'avvenuta sistemazione della contabilità, sono autorizzati a rientrare ai reparti cui appartengono.=

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IL COMANDANTE
(Generale Aldo Vegni)

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AL MAGAZZINO MATERIALI GRUPPO "G" - Sez. Artiglieria — S E D E
" Genio — S E D E
" Auto — S E D E

e, per conoscenza:

AL 'F' BRITISH LIAISON & TRAINING UNIT REC ICP — S E D E
AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE - Ufficio Servizi — R O M A
AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE - Direzione Amministr. — R O M A
ALL'UFFICIO SERVIZI - SEZIONE S.I. — S E D E

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IL COMANDANTE
(Generale Gio Vegni)

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Subject:- Stores for Artillery, M.T., and other Technical Equipment.

To: HQ. RTC. ICF.

"F" British Liaison & Training Unit, RTC, ICF.

Ref: ORD/14/28
July 24th 1945.

Reference your G7/2 U7/S/Comm dated 21st July 1945.

1. As stated in the last paragraph of your letter, the "Maggazzino Gruppo C" is in fact the Transit Shed.

2. I am not aware that it functions as anything else but a post office for unit and training stores, and the fact that these are mostly for Armaments, Vehicles and other Technical Equipment is more or less incidental.

3. Consequently it would be preferable to regard it as a "Transit Shed" and not as Gruppo C sub divided into sezioni Artiglieria, Genio and Automobilistico.

4. It has relatively little work to do and needs a very small staff indeed.

5. There has been very little call for artillery spares, and it is not likely that much will be handled in the future. Artillery spares have so far consisted mainly of the equipment issued for training purposes.

6. The same may be said of Signal Stores.

7. As regards vehicle spares, these have been issued mostly to the Workshops and Mechanics School who have undertaken most of the store work in that respect.

8. In all cases the Transit Shed has done little more than hand over stores addressed to units. There has been no question of holding any stocks.

9. The real Maggazzino Gruppo C would exist if the recommendation made by DAA & QMG, "F" BL & TU in his letter AQ/6a/989 of 14th July 1945 were implemented, and an Ordnance Stores Section put into existence.

10. Its personnel could be drawn from some of those working now in "Transit Shed", but mostly and preferably from officers and other ranks who have attended a course at RAOC Training Establishment, for Clerks, Armaments Storemen and M.T. Storemen.

11. The purpose of this Stores Section would be to hold a stock of Vehicle Spares, and other spares for armaments and technical equipment and be the source of supply for all Units of RTC, ICF.

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L.W. JEFFERY.
Major

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A.W. JEFFREY.
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[illegible] DIVISIONE "PIOMBINO"

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Ufficio Serv.-Sez.Comm.to

14/27

N. 07/2157/5/Comm. di prot. [illegible] 24 luglio 194[illegible]

OGG. NO: Contabilità materiali di artiglieria e del servizio chimico e materiali del genio e del servizio automobilistico.=

AL COMANDO GENERALE
AL COMANDO 1° REGGIMENTO ARTIGLIERIA CONTRAEREA
AL COMANDO 2° REGGIMENTO ARTIGLIERIA CONTRAEREA
AL COMANDO 3° REGGIMENTO ARTIGLIERIA CONTRAEREA
AL COMANDO 4° REGGIMENTO ARTIGLIERIA CONTRAEREA
AL COMANDO 5° REGGIMENTO ARTIGLIERIA CONTRAEREA
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AL COMANDO 10° REGGIMENTO ARTIGLIERIA CONTRAEREA
ALLA DIVISIONE 8° ARTIGLIERIA CONTRAEREA "PIOMBINO"
AL COMANDO 110° REGGIMENTO ARTIGLIERIA CONTRAEREA

e, per conoscenza:

AL "PRESIDIO MILITARE DI TORRE A MARE (NAPOLI)" — SEDE
ALL'UFFICIO SERVIZI - SEZIONE [illegible] — SEDE
AL MAGAZZINO V.A. DEL CENTRO — SEDE
AL MAGAZZINO MATERIALI GRUPPO "A" - Sez.Art.e Serv.Chimico — SEDE
AL MAGAZZINO MATERIALI GRUPPO "B" - Sezione Genio — SEDE
AL MAGAZZINO MATERIALI GRUPPO "C" - Sezione Automobili. — SEDE

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Per recente disposizione ministeriale, il dipendente Magazzino V.A. è stato scisso in :

1°)- Magazzino Materiali Gruppo "A" e "B"
2°)- Magazzino Materiali Gruppo "C".=

Il Magazzino materiali gruppo "C", a sua volta, è stato distinto in 3 sezioni :

a) Sezione artiglieria e servizio chimico
b) Sezione Genio
c) Sezione automobilistico.=

Ogni Sezione, che ha il proprio consegnatario, ha il registro di carico Mod. 347, essa è tenuta alla resa dei conti direttamente alla Direzione di Amministrazione del Comando Militare Territoriale di Roma.=

Quanto sopra, per conoscenza dei Corpi e Reparti dipendenti e perchè ognuno, di volta in volta, possa regolarsi nella compilazione dei vari buoni di prelevamento o versamento e nella richiesta dei materiali.=

Attualmente, il Magazzino Gruppo "C" ha sede nella nota "tettoia di transito.=

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AL COMANDO [illegible]
AL COMANDO 1° RAGGR. NTO ARTIGLIERIA CO MPAGNIA
AL COMANDO 4° RAGGR. NTO ARTIGLIERIA CAMPAGNIA
AL COMANDO RAGGR. NTO ARTIGLIERIA
AL COMANDO RAGGR. NTO GENIO
AL COMANDO CAPO [illegible] NTO VITERBO
AL COMANDO 9° BATTAGLIONE [illegible] NTO ALTO
AL COMANDO [illegible] SERVIZI
AL COMANDO 1° [illegible] SERVIZI
AL COMANDO 152° COMPAGNIA C.C.
AREA CIR. [illegible] 8.° [illegible] COMANDO [illegible]
AL COMANDO 3.° [illegible] SERVIZI

e, per conoscenza:

AL "TI" [illegible] SEDE
AL UFFICIO A [illegible] SEDE
AL MAGAZZINO V.I. DEL CENTRO SEDE
AL MAGAZZINO MATERIALI GRUPPO C.- Sez.Art.e Serv.Chimico SEDE
AL MAGAZZINO MATERIALI GRUPPO C.- Sezione Genio SEDE
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IL G. [illegible] COMANDANTE
F.to (Emio Vagni)

C. C.
IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
(Colonnello Lodovico Malavasi)

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SUBJECT: Ordnance Technical Store Section.

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'F' BRITISH LIAISON & TRAINING UNIT
R.T.C., I.C.F.

Ref: AQ/64/980

14 July 45.

To: H.Q.
R.T.C., I.C.F.

1. In order to ensure that a proper system of supply of M.T. and Technical Stores to units and workshop of R.T.C., I.C.F. is established, it is recommended that an Ordnance Technical Store Unit be formed forthwith. Personnel for this unit are shown at Appendix 'A'.

2. This unit will be under the direct command of Officio Servini and work closely in with the Workshops. It should be located preferably near the Workshops.

3. This unit will obtain all necessary technical stores through D.A.D.O.S. 'F' B.L. & T.U. All units of R.T.C., I.C.F. will submit their demands for M.T. and other Technical Stores to the Technical Stores Section, who will consolidate them before passing the demand on to D.A.D.O.S. On arrival of the stores, Units will be informed and collect from the Technical Store Section. Details of instructions for indenting procedure will be prepared and issued by D.A.D.O.S. 'F' B.L. & T.U.

4. It is recommended that the personnel required for this Technical Stores Section should be supplied from the Officers and O.Rs. who have attended Courses on R.A.O.C. procedure.

5. An establishment for this Technical Stores Section will be included when submitting proposed War Establishments for the whole of R.T.C., I.C.F., but in order not to delay matters it is strongly recommended that this Section be formed forthwith.

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Major R.A.
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

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APPENDIX 'A' (To 'P' B.L. & T.U. letter A0/6A/989 dated 14 July 45).

PERSONNEL FOR PROPOSED TECHNICAL STORES SECTION.

OFFICERS.

Officer Commanding	-	Captain.
Second-in-Command.	-	Subaltern.

O.Rs.

Clerk.	-	1 Warrant Officer.	
"	-	1 Corporal.	
"	-	2 Privates.	
Storeman.	-	1 Sergeant.	(M.T.)
"	-	1 Corporal	(Armaments)
"	-	3 Privates	(M.T.)
"	-	1 Private.	(Armaments)
Interpreters.	-	2 Sergeants.	

Subject:- Ordnance Technical Stores Section.

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To: Commandant,
"F" British Liaison &
Training Unit. RTC, ICF.

"F" British Liaison &
Training Unit, RTC, ICF.
Ref: RCMS/A/1/41
26th June 1945

1. Following a conference between D.A.D.M.T., AMIA, D.A.D.O.S. and D.A.D.M.E. of this Centre in which we discussed the problems regarding the supplying of M.T. and Technical Stores to Units and Workshops, we decided upon the following recommendations herewith submitted for your approval:-

(a) That an Ordnance technical stores Unit should be formed, (proposed W.E. attached) App "A".)

(b) That all units of RTC, ICF should submit their demands for M.T. and other technical stores to this Stores Section.

(c) That all such demands should then be consolidated and submitted to D.A.D.O.S.

2. Owing to the difficulty of supplying M.T. manuals technical handbooks and suitable trained personnel to all units, this Stores Section would form the link between Units and the D.A.D.O.S.

3. It is also recommended that two interpreters preferably N.C.O. be attached to this Section. These two interpreters would translate the Units requirements into the correct English designation and part numbers, as long as British materials are in use by the Italian Army.

4. This Stores Section should be attached and work closely under the administration of O.C. Workshops.

5. It was also suggested by Major Hall that this recommendation be submitted through service channels.

6. Details of instructions for indenting procedure will be prepared and issued by D.A.D.O.S. later.

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7. In addition to the stores personnel already in the workshops there are sufficient Officers and O.R's who have attended Courses on RAOC

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(b) That all units of MTC, ICS should submit their demands for M.T. and other technical spares to this Stores Section.

(c) That all such demands should then be consolidated and submitted to D.A.D.O.S.

2. Owing to the difficulty of supplying L.E. manuals technical handbooks and suitable trained personnel to all units, this Stores Section would form the link between Units and the D.A.D.O.S.

3. It is also recommended that two interpreters preferably N.C.O. be attached to this Section. These two interpreters would translate the Units requirements into the correct English designation and part numbers, as long as British Materials are in use by the Italian Army.

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6. Details of instructions for indenting procedure will be prepared and issued by D.A.D.O.S. later.

7. In addition to the stores personnel already in the workshops there are sufficient Officers and O.R's who have attended Courses on NAOO procedure to complete the suggested establishment.

C.H.C. MILTON.
Major D.A.D.M.E.

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APPENDIX "A"

O.C.	Captain.	
2nd i/c	Subaltern.	
Clerk	1 Warrant Officer.	
"	1 Corporal.	
"	1 Private.	
Storemen	1 Sergeant	(N.T.)
"	1 Corporal	(Armenta)
"	3 Privates	(N.T.)
"	1 Private	(Armenta)
Interpreters	2 Sergeants.	

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Subject:- 3 Italian G.T.Company.

To: A.D.C.,
R.A.F.C., Rome.

For information for
DAQMT, "F" SL & PL.

"F" British Liaison &
Training Unit, MTO, TCF.

Ref: ORD/14/24
June 24th 1945.

Further to my ORD/14/23 of 21rd June and ORD/14/22 of 19th June.

1. Enclosed indents represent balance of stores required to make up Workshops Platoon Equipment from SBL/127/1 to SBL/127/2.

2. Demand for these has been held up as I have not been certain what can be expected against ADOI (P)/Gen/ISB/1996. From vouchers so far received from 597 ROD it does not seem that any provision has been taken by ADOI (P) against SBL/127/2, but that the stores are related to some other schedule. (DAQMT of this HQ has mentioned ADOI 1992/124/1 for a certain 3 tonneau). 3. I feel sure that if necessary the unit can collect stores available against Sections Indents.

[illegible] Major. D.A.D.O.S.
for Col. Comd.
"F" British Liaison &
Training Unit.

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Subject;- 3 Ita lan G.T. Company.

"F" British Liaison &
Training Unit, RTC, ICF.

To: A.D.O.S.,
M.A.A.G., Rome.

Ref: ORD/14/23
June 23rd 1945.

Further to my ORD/14/22 dated 19th June 1945.

1. It now appears that 3 Italian G.T. Company should be completely equipped as soon as possible.

2. The information requested in para 10 of above mentioned letter would be appreciated if received as soon as possible.

R.W.JEFFERY. Major
for Col., Comd.
"F" British Liaison &
Training Unit.

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Subject:- 3 Italian G.T. Company, Unit Mobilisation.

To: A.D.O.S.,
R.A.A.O., Rome.
For information to:
D.D.O.S., 3 District.

"P" D.E.U.
I.R.T.O., I.O.M.,
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm,
AC (MMIA) Rome.

Ref : OHD/14/22
June 29th 1945.

Reference your OS/1000/954/Ia dated 16th June 1945.

1. It is confirmed that I passed Indents for 3 G.T. Company on 15th April 1945 which included stores for the Workshop Platoon of this company against SEL/127/2.

2. Subsequently I received a copy of SEL/127/2, together with NEL Schedule No 96. I immediately advised the unit that their Workshop Platoon entitlement of special equipment was altered and explained that NEL Schedule 96 comprised stores wherewith to equip two stores lorries.

3. On 7th June 1945 I passed Indent 3 GTU/24 for various tool kits as per schedule 96. Other indents, to make up deficiencies between the old and the new scale, were in course of preparation when I began receiving No 4 copies of Depot Vouchers for issues to the Workshop Platoon of 3 G.T. Company under authority ADOS (P) SIB JUB 1996.

4. I cannot recognise the stores issued as appertaining particularly to either SEL/127/2 or Schedule 96.

5. A G.I.M.T. representative from AFHQ called here on 16th June 1945. I understand from him that Schedule 96 is not applicable and that some other schedule is the basis for equipping the two Stores Lorries of this Workshop Platoon.

6. As I do not possess this other schedule I am completely in the dark, nor can I understand why ADOS (P) has initiated demands, or at least why I have not been notified.

7. I have been working under instructions from DAA & QMG "P" DLO quoting AFHQ/CR/1116/G.1(Br) Serial 1391 of 13th Jan 1945, appendix F as authority for the equipping of 3 G.T.Company, the unit submitting Indents through me for Ordnance Stores.

8. Availabilities against the original indents passed by me have already been received, and the stores handed over to the unit. It is therefore too late to cancel such indents.

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9. I have not received copies of any Issue Orders from ADOS (P), and the vouchers so far received from 557 BOD cannot be the complete series

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June 19th 1945.

Reference your DS/1020/054/Qm dated 18th June 1945.

1. It is confirmed that I passed indents for 3 G.T. Company on 18th April 1945 which included stores for the Workshop Platoon of this company against SNL/127/2.

2. Subsequently I received a copy of SNL/127/2, together with NZL Schedule No 96. I immediately advised the unit that their Workshop Platoon entitlement of special equipment was altered and explained that NZL Schedule 96 comprised stores wherewith to equip two stores lorries.

3. On 7th June 1945 I passed indent 3 GTC/34 for various tool kits as per schedule 96. Other indents, to make up deficiencies between the old and the new scale, were in course of preparation when I began receiving No 4 copies of Depot Vouchers for issues to the Workshop Platoon of 3 G.T. Company under authority ADOS (F) SIB JOB 1996.

4. I cannot recognise the stores issued as appertaining particularly to either SNL/127/2 or Schedule 96.

5. A C.I.M.T. representative from AFHQ called here on 16th June 1945. I understand from him that Schedule 96 is not applicable and that some other schedule is the basis for equipping the two Stores Lorries of this Workshop Platoon.

6. As I do not possess this other schedule I am completely in the dark, nor can I understand why ADOS (F) has initiated demands, or at least why I have not been notified.

7. I have been working under instructions from DAA & QMG "F" SLD quoting AFHQ/CR/1116/G.1(Dr) Serial 1391 of 13th Jan 1945, appendix F as authority for the equipping of 3 G.T.Company, the unit submitting Indents through me for Ordnance Stores.

8. Availabilities against the original indents passed by me have already been received, and the stores handed over to the unit. It is therefore too late to cancel such indents.

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9. I have not received copies of any Issue Orders from ADOS (F), and the vouchers so far received from 557 BOD cannot be the complete series as there are several serial nos missing.

10. If I am informed (1) What ADOS (F) has demanded. (2) On what Schedule the Stores Lorries are to be equipped, and (3) if I can be sent a copy of this Schedule, it would be possible for me to sort out the stores as they arrive and issue the unit with its proper entitlement and return surplus equipment.

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M.W.JEFFERY. Major DADOS

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

Subject:- Unit Mobilisation 3 GT Coy.

Ref : OS/1000/954/1A
Tel : Rome 66588
Date: 16 June 1945.

TO :- D.A.D.O.S.
'F' B.L.U.
R.E.S. L.R.

Reference visit of C.I.M.T. representative from A.F.H.Q. yesterday 15th. June 1945.

1. It is noted that indents based on S.E.L. 127/1 in respect of mobilisation of the above unit were passed to this office under cover of your ORD/14/14 dated 15 April '45. These indents were passed to base for issue in the normal way.

S.E.L. 127/1 was subsequently superceded by S.E.L. 127/2 but it is not known whether you are in possession of this later edition. Please confirm.

2. A.D.O.S. (P) has already initiated Issue Orders based on S.E.L. 127/2 Job No. 1996. Issue Orders 147674 - 147737 refer. Copy of ADOS (P) letter is reported to be held by unit.

This office is unable to understand why A.D.O.S. (P) initiated these Issue Orders and from what sources a request to do so originated. At the moment a duplicate issue based on S.E.L. 127/1 and S.E.L. 127/2 has probably commenced.

Will you please investigate and forward an early report on the matter.

3. On receipt of A.D.O.S. (P) Issue Orders, referred to above, action will have to be taken to cancel initial Issues Order prepared by your office. Please inform this office as soon as you are in possession of all ADOS (P) Issue Orders.

Lt. Col.
A.D.O.S.

Copy to:- D.D.O.S. No. 3 District.

B/F 27 June

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SUBJECT: Formation of New Units - Italian Army.

'F' MEU. RTC. ICF.

Ref: AQ/GB/515

8 May 1945.

To: H.Q.
R.T.C., I.C.F.

With further reference to this H.Q. letter AQ/GB/430 dated 4 May 45, herewith please find War Establishment for 153 Italian L.A.D. (MA/540/1). (To R.T.C., I.C.F., and D.A.D.M.E. only).

Major R.A.
D.A. & Q.M.G.

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Subject:- Formati n of 153 Italian L.A.D.

"P" B.L.U.
I.R.T.D., I.C.F.

To: DAASEMG,
"P" B.L.U.

For information to:
HQ. RTC, ICF.

Ref : ORD/14/19
May 7th 1945.

Reference your AQ/6b/488 dated 4th May 1945.

In order to facilitate the equiping of this L.A.D. stores to cover the requirements as per Special Equipment List will be demanded direct by this office.

M.W.JEFFERY.
Major
D.A.D.O.

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SUBJECT:- Formation of New Units - Italian Army

'F' BLU ERTO ICP

Ref: AG/63/488

HQ ERTO ICP

4 May 1945

1. The following units will be formed in accordance with the attached AFHQ OR/1116/G-1(BR)(Ser.2106) dated 27 April 1945.

152 Italian Driving and Maintenance School.

153 Italian LAD

2. Copies of WE will be forwarded as soon as received.

3. Indents for and enquiries regarding clothing, equipment and transport will be submitted to DADOS, 'F' BLU.

4. Progress Reports in duplicate :-

(a) deficiencies - personnel (by ranks and trades) against WE will be submitted by HQ ERTO ICP on 13 May 1945

(b) deficiencies of equipment and transport will be submitted by DADOS 13 May 1945.

Major RA,
DAA & QMG

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SUBJECT:- Formation of New Units - Italian Army.

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ALLIED FORCE HEAD QUARTERS
CE/1116/G-1(ER)(Ser.2105)
27 Apr 45.

ITALIAN ARMY UNITS - VARIOUS.

1 (a) The Units detailed in Appx 'A' to this letter will be formed as shown.

(b) Copies of the W.Es will be distributed automatically by Supervisory Authorities. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from No.10 Publications Depot. Indents should state that these copies are in addition to those received from supervisory authorities.

2. PERSONNEL

Personnel will be provided under arrangements to be made by Land Forces Sub Commission, AC (MMLA).

3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by supervisory authorities:-

(i) Replacements of clothing, necessaries and personal equipment to scale.
(ii) Unit equipment to Basic Scales as in Appx 'A' (Coln (iv)) and Special Equipment Lists to be issued by Q.(AE), AFHQ.
(iii) Anti-gas stores in accordance with AFHQ Operation Memorandum No.48
(iv) Transport to complete to W.E. in accordance with existing priorities.

4. STATIONERY

Demands, based on two months' estimated requirements, will be submitted as indicated below:-

(i) Army Forms, Books and Stationery (indent form A.F.L.1393) to the nearest Stationery Depot (see GRO 337/44).
(ii) Publications (indent form A.F.L.1394) to No.10 Publications Depot (indents to be endorsed "Initial Demand")
(iii) Office Machinery (indent form A.F.L.1392) to ADPSS, AFHQ.

5. POSTAL

Units will use the Posta Militare number of the Italian Adm HQ of the formation of which they form a part.

6. COMPLETION

Supervisory authorities will report to G.1.(B), AFHQ, copy to G.3.(Org.A) Foreign, AFHQ, when formations are complete.

7. ACK

Field Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

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DISTRIBUTION:-

The Under Secretary of State, The War Office (S.D.2.)	4	G.1.(B) A.9/10	(10)
CG 15 Army Group	6	G.2	
CG Fifth (US) Army (for Br Incr)	9 X	+++ G.3.(Org.2)(Manpower)	(2)
HQ Eighth Army	15 X	G.3.(Org.2)(ORBAT)	
HQ No.1 District	3	G.3.(Org.A) Foreign	(2)
HQ No.2 District	12 X	Q.(Maint)	
HQ No.3 District	14 X	Q.(A.E.)	(3)
HQ RAC	14 X	Liaison Sec	(3)
CMD and Pub[illegible]		S.I.	(2)

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Personnel will be provided under arrangements to be made by Land Forces Sub Commission, ... (AMIL).

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CG Fifth (US) Army (for Br Incr)	9 *	G.3.(Org.2)(ORBAT)	
HQ Eighth Army	13 *	G.3.(Org.A) Foreign	(2)
HQ No.1 District	3	Q.(Maint)	
HQ No.2 District	12 *	Q.(A.E.)	(3)
HQ No.3 District	14 *	Liaison Sec	(3)
HQ RAAC	14 *	S.T.	(2)
GHQ 2nd Echelon	28	Ord.(Br)	
GHQ 2nd Echelon (STATS)		R.E.M.E.	(2)
HQ Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (AMIL).	3	H. Infantry	(2)
		F.A.	
HQ Allied Commission		D.P.I.C.	
No. 9 Publications Depot, RASC		A.D.P.S.S.	
No.10 Publications Depot, RASC		D.D.A.P.S.	
No.8 Command Pay Office		Historical Sec	
Signalmaster, CASERTA		War Diary	(2)
* Incl copy for new units and distribution as necessary.		M & D	

+++ ASD/922.8(B)1 dated 21 Apr 45, 22 Apr 45, 23 Apr 45 & 24 Apr 45 refer. (7 letters).

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APPENDIX 'A' TO CR/1116/G-1(BR)(Serial 2106) dated 27 Apr 45.

Unit (i)	W.E. (ii)	Serial No Allotted (iii)	Basic Scale (iv)	Effective Date (v)	Supervisory Authority (vi)	Locat (vi
1651 Italian Air Interpretation Det	CM/988/1	93290	6508/2	25 Apr 45	HQ Eighth Army	Eigh
1652 -do-	-do-	93291	-do-	"	-do-	"
1653 -do-	-do-	93292	-do-	"	-do-	"
1654 -do-	-do-	93293	-do-	"	-do-	"
1655 -do-	-do-	93294	-do-	"	Br Incr HQ Fifth (US) Army	Fift
HQ 1 Italian Guard Regt	CM/989/1	93295	6508/2 (a)	"	HQ No.2 District	SIEN
502 Bn Italian Guard Regt	CM/990/1	93296	-do- (a)	"	-do-	"
503 -do-	-do-	93297	-do- (a)	"	-do-	"
519 -do-	-do-	93298	-do- (a)	"	-do-	"
152 Italian Driving and Maint School	CM/991/1	93299	6508/2	"	HQ RAAC	CESA
HQ GARIBALDI Italian Inf Regt	CM/526/1	93300	6508/2 (b)	"	HQ RAAC & 'F' ILU	VITE
1 Bn GARIBALDI Italian Inf Regt	CM/527/1	93301	-do- (b)	"	-do-	"
2 Bn -do-	-do-	93302	-do- (b)	"	-do-	"
3 Bn -do-	-do-	93303	-do- (b)	"	-do-	"
MAIELLA Patriot Bn	CM/931/1	93304	6508/2	19 Mar 45	HQ Eighth Army	Eigh
461 Italian LAD (AC) att 221 Italian Tpt Coy AC	CM/675/1	93353	6056/7 (c)	25 Apr 45	HQ No.3 District	TRAN
462 Italian LAD (AC) att 222 Italian Tpt Coy AC	-do-	93359	-do- (c)	"	-do-	"
463 Italian LAD (AC) att 223 Italian Tpt Coy AC	-do-	93575	-do- (c)	"	-do-	"
464 Italian LAD (AC) att 224 Italian Tpt Coy AC	-do-	93612	-do- (c)	15 May 45	-do-	"
465 Italian LAD (AC) att 225 Italian Tpt Coy AC	-do-	93613	-do- (c)	"	-do-	"
466 Italian LAD (AC) att 226 Italian Tpt Coy AC	-do-	93614	-do- (c)	1 Jun 45	-do-	"
153 Italian LAD	CM/540/1	93615	6503/2	25 Apr 45	HQ RAAC	CESA

(a) Arms will be Italian and will be provided under arrangements to be made by Land Forces Sub Commission AC

(b) Personnel will be provided from GARIBALDI Div. Basic Scale 6508/2 will be less 2" & 3" Mortars and ship 81mm and 45mm Mortars. Special Equipment Lists will be 135/1 for CM/526/1 and 136/1 for CM/527/1

(c) Wksp vehicles will be provided from Wksp Pls attached 1000, 1001, 1002 & 1004 Italian Gen Tpt Coys unde by G.(AE) and ST, AFHQ and HQ Allied Commission. Load carrying vehicles for stores etc will be provide Personnel will be provided from AC Mech School.

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E N D I X 'A' TO CR/1116/G-1(HR)(Serial 2106) dated 27 Apr 45.

	W.E. (ii)	Serial No Allotted (iii)	Basic Scale (iv)	Effective Date (v)	Supervisory Authority (vi)	Location (vii)
	CM/988/1	93290	6508/2	25 Apr 45	HQ Eighth Army	Eighth Army
	-do-	93291	-do-	"	-do-	"
	-do-	93292	-do-	"	-do-	"
	-do-	93293	-do-	"	-do-	"
	-do-	93294	-do-	"	Hr Incr HQ Fifth (US) Army	Fifth Army
	CM/989/1	93295	6508/2 (a)	"	HQ No.2 District	SIENA.
	CM/990/1	93296	-do- (a)	"	-do-	"
	-do-	93297	-do- (a)	"	-do-	"
	-do-	93298	-do- (a)	"	-do-	"
	CM/991/1	93299	6508/2	"	HQ RAAC	CESANO
Dept	CM/526/1	93300	6508/2 (b)	"	HQ RAAC & 'F' ILU	VITERBO
Dept	CM/527/1	93301	-do- (b)	"	-do-	"
	-do-	93302	-do- (b)	"	-do-	"
	-do-	93303	-do- (b)	"	-do-	"
	CM/931/1	93304	6508/2	19 Mar 45	HQ Eighth Army	Eighth Army
	CM/875/1	93353	6050/7 (c)	25 Apr 45	HQ No.3 District	TRANI
	-do-	93359	-do- (c)	"	-do-	"
	-do-	93575	-do- (c)	"	-do-	"
	-do-	93612	-do- (c)	15 May 45	-do-	"
	-do-	93613	-do- (c)	"	-do-	"
	-do-	93614	-do- (c)	1 Jun 45	-do-	"
	CM/540/1	93615	6508/2	25 Apr 45	HQ RAAC	CESANO

lion and will be provided under arrangements to be made by Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMLA) & HQ No.2 District.
e provided from GARIBALDI Div. Basic Scale 6508/2 will be less 2" & 3" Mortars and snipers rifles, plus Italian
rtars. Special Equipment lists will be 135/1 for CM/526/1 and 136/1 for CM/527/1
ll be provided from Wksp Pls attached 1000, 1001, 1002 & 1004 Italian Gen Tpt Coys under arrangements to be made
, APHq and HQ Allied Commission. Load carrying vehicles for stores etc will be provided from AC Stocks.
e provided from AC Mech School.

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RAAC MESSAGE FORM

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CALL	CIRCUIT No.	PRIORITY	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS
	NR		

SPACES WITHIN RED LINES FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

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DATE-TIME OF ORIGIN 27 09.00

FROM (A) ORDNANCE (BRITISH) ROME AREA

TO (FOR ACTION) D.A.D.O.S. "F" B.L.U. R.T.C. I.C.F.

MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS GR

TO (FOR INFORMATION)

(REF. No.) OS/ 2021 /954/1A (SECURITY CLASSIFICATION) RESTRICTED

AVAILABILITIES G 1098 EQUIPMENT INDENTS FOR 3 GT COY (ITALIAN)
AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM 557 B.O.D. AFTER 30 APRIL 45

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Reply.

C.O.O. 557 B.O.D.
ORD (BR) Rome area.

Request Rail G1098 stores for 3 ITALIAN GT COY

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LOCAL DISTRIBUTION	PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE	TIME OR TOR	OPR.
ORD (BR)	ORIGINATING SECTION: ORD (BRIT)	271430B	
	A. G. AUTHENTICATION:	TIME CLEARED	
	ORIGINATOR'S AUTHENTICATION:		

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FROM: M M I A

TO(FOR ACTION): C G 5 ARMY

TO(FOR INFO): F B L U FOR D A D O S

Q/OS/133

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FOR M M I A L C (.) ARRANGE TO COLLECT FROM SECOND ADDRESSEE 130 BRITISH PATTERN BEDS AND MATTRESSES FOR 470 EVACUATION HOSPITAL (.) THAT HOSPITAL WILL FORWARD AN EQUIVALENT NUMBER OF ITALIAN PATTERN BEDS AND MATTRESSES TO MEDICAL DEPOT S A W G A L L O HOSPITAL F L O R E N C E (.) ADVISE A D M S M M I A OF COMPLETION

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refers.

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ect:- Unit Mobilization, 3(Italian G.T.Coy)

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A.D.O.S.,
R.A.A.C.,
Rome.

or information to :
DAA & QMG "F" BLU RTC ICF.
HQ RTC ICF.

"F" B.L.U.,
I.R.T.C., I.C.F.,
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm,
AC (MMIA) Rome.

Ref : ORD/14/15
April 18th 1945.

Herewith indents Nos 3GTC/27 - 33 for vehicles and weapons based on S.E.L's for 1 Company HQ, 4 Transport Platoons, 4 Relief Driver increments, and 1 Mechanical Engineers Platoon, to make up No 3 Italian General Transport Company, inaccordance with APHQ GR/1116/01 (BR) serial 1391 of 13th Jan 1945, appendix F.

It would be greatly appreciated if a request were forwarded for prompt release of vehicles.

Regarding weapons I have omitted rifles, which can be supplied as and when required from the pool held at RTC ICF.

M.W. JEFFERY.
Major
D.A.D.O.S.

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Subject:- Mobilization of Unit - No 3 G.T.Company.

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To: A.D.O.S.,
A.A.A.O.,
Rome.

"F" S.L.U.,
I.R.T.C., I.O.T.,
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.,
AC (SCIA) Rome.

Ref ORD/14/14
April 15th 1945.

Enclosed are Indents in respect of No 3 Italian General Transport Company, which is being mobilized under authority of AFHQ GR/1110/G1 (Br) (Serial 1391) 13th Jan 1945, App "F".

JA/WES

W.W.JEFFERY.
Major
D.A.D.O.S.

Issue Order Nos :- 3GTC/ 3?6?8,10,22,24,25, — Controlled Store No 1 S/D.
:- 3GTC/ 11,12,13,14,15,16, — No 2 S/D.
:- 3GTC/ 1,2,4,5,7,17,20,21,23, — No 3 S/D.
:- 3GTC/ 9,18,19,26,

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SUBJECT :- 5 Italian General Transport Company

'F' BLU MRAC TGT
AQ/GS/287

11 Apr 45

HQ RTC TGT (5) (1 For Commander No 5 Italian GT Coy)

1. 5 Italian General Transport Company will be formed by RTC TGT under supervision of 'F' BLU for Combat Force.

2. Authority for formation of this Unit is AFHQ CR/1116/61(Dr) (Serial 1591) of 15 Jan 45 Appendix 'B'.

3. Composition of 5 Italian General Transport Company will be :-

Unit	WE	Special Equipment List
HQ Transport and Supply Company	MA/551/1	123/1
Four Tpt Pls	MA/553/1	125/1
Four Reserve Driver Increment	MA/552/1	124/1
Mechanical Engineer Platoons	MA/555/1	127/1

4. Indents will be submitted to DADOS 'F' BLU for Ordnance Stores and to Staff Capt 'F' BLU for Stationery Equipment forthwith.

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DAA & QMG

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Staff Capt
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M.I. [illegible], M.I.6., I.D.2.
c/o Lord Privy Seal's Office.
S.W. 1. (C.I.L.) [illegible].

Ref: S.1/1/39.

10 March 1939.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT A CONFERENCE ROOM AT M.I.5. ON FRIDAY 10 MARCH 1939 AT 10.00 HOURS.

Present: Col. W. Stanley, D.S.O., M.C. - M.I.5.
Lt.Col. [illegible], R.A. - M.I.6.
Major J. Dodds, R.A. - [illegible]
Major [illegible] Edwards, R.A. - M.I.[illegible]

Minutes.

A number of suggestions and proposals have been submitted to M.I.5. during the course of the last ten days and these were considered in Appendix 'A' to S.1/1/39 of 17 March 39.

(1) These were carefully considered and it was agreed that any alterations should be based on the following requirements :-

(a) That the machine simplification should be adopted.

(b) That overheads (i.e. administration and training staff) should be kept to the absolute minimum.

(c) That organisation and training should be primarily an M.I.5. responsibility and that M.I.5. should not lose sight of this fact by endeavouring to assume the functions of the Indian command. M.I.5.'s direction is to advise and not to assume responsibility for executive decisions.

(d) That as from possible the approved war establishment should be adhered to, although additional staff will probably be required generally as called for in M.I.5. Memorandum, MI5/75/35 of 6 March, which envisages the formation of a 4th Regiment, should be applied for to meet the increased demands of the R.I.C.

(2) It was decided that the general outline of the R.I.C. should follow the form indicated in the chart at Appendix 'A' hereto. This allows for :-

(a) A Reception Regiment (with no number) at SELVEMEGG (transferred from CHITOL) with a normal holding capacity of, (including permanent staff). - - - - 2,500

(b) No.1 Training Regiment of 2 Bns., each with 4 Companies, (one R.A. or Specialist Cap'ture Wing Infantry Coys.) with normal strength of, (including permanent staff) - 3,500

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(c) No.2 Infantry Regiment, identical in every respect with No.1 Infantry Regiment, with a normal holding capacity of, (including permanent staff) - - - - 3,500

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Present: Col. W. Hanley, D.S.O., [illegible] R.A.
Lt.Col. [illegible], [illegible] - [illegible] R.A.
Major G. Doble, R.A. - [illegible] R.A.
Major [illegible] Colbert, R.A. - [illegible] R.A.

Minutes

A number of proposals and programmes have been submitted to [illegible] during the course of the draft but these were considered in Appendix 'B' to G.1/1/39 of 17 March 39.

(1) These were carefully considered and it was agreed that the alternative should be based on the following requirements :-

(a) That the medium establishment should be [illegible].

(b) That cyclecraft (i.e. all information can be [illegible] staff) should be kept to the minimum [illegible].

(c) That [illegible] and to [illegible] be [illegible] and that the R.A.O. should not lose sight of this fact by [illegible] to keep the [illegible] of the Medium [illegible]. The R.A.O.'s attention is to be [illegible] not to [illegible] responsibility for executive functions.

(d) That as soon as possible the approved for establishment should be adhered to, [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] as called for in [illegible] Memorandum, [illegible]/39 of 6 March, which envisages the expansion of [illegible] to [illegible], should be [illegible] to meet the increased calling of the R.A.O.

(2) It was decided that the general set-up at the R.A.O. should follow the form indicated in the chart at Appendix 'B' hereto. This allows for :-

(a) A Reception Depot and (with no [illegible]) at [illegible] (transferred from [illegible]) with a total holding capacity of, (including permanent staff). - - - - 2,500

(b) No.1 Infantry Depot of 5 Bns., each with 4 Companies, (one R.A. or Specialist Coy and three Infantry Coys.) with a maximum strength of, (including permanent staff) - 2606 5,500

(c) No.2 Infantry Depot, identical in every respect with No.1 Infantry Depot, with a maximum holding capacity of, (including permanent staff) - - - 5,500

Note 1. No.2 Depot is not present provided on a five day basis for training and it has been found that this plan has proved a success in the Northern Command, in reality and, in fact, does not conflict with the approved for Establishment [illegible]. By adding the number of Coys. and holding this Depot identical with No.1 Depot, the problems of the two Depots will be identical and the standard of training and progress in the both should not vary.

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Para 3. The establishment of a separate and independent Specialist Co. is NOT approved. It was decided that a specialists should always form an integral part of the regiment to which they belong, and should be withdrawn from all regiments by the Div Pioneer Bn. They will, however, be concentrated in a headquarters (or specialists) depot, corresponding to the practice in the British Army and in accordance with the proposed Establishment of Infantry Corps.

The depot will, however, be combined with a Central School (the Specialists' School), which will be established with the Officers and Division Specialists in the all ranks battalion, and be concentrated in Sydney building. The school will have no administrative function other than the training and maintenance of the specialist training component. The Specialist School staff will be found from the additional personnel named for each the heading "Specialists" in the above mentioned G.O.C. Memorandum MM/3/3/35. Authority for the required increase of establishment under this heading will be sought by separate minute. Separate minutes will submit the requirements for training and training therefor Signal, Engineer, etc. etc.

(3) The artillery pool, which will be a source to entirely controlled by G.O.C. 4th Div. Bde. This will be directly responsible to General Headquarters, Director of Training and the A.M.C.

The maximum strength will not exceed (including permanent staff) - 1,000

- behind each in the district of PARKES Artillery Brigade is being created to hold the surplus personnel for which accommodation is not available in the brigade, and this pool will be administered in all respects by the command of the Artillery Bde.

(4) The Engineer Pool will comprise the Sappers only, and will be created by G.O.C. 4th Div. The Cavalry Bn. will consist of Engineers (Sappers) only and will be underpaid at the present establishment. The maximum strength (excluding permanent staff) will not exceed - - - 500

The Cavalry Bn. will consist of Sappers only and it will be commanded and administered by personnel of the regiment of this school, supplemented by those expected to arrive from NSW at the beginning of April. It is not anticipated that any additional staff will be required. The maximum strength (excluding permanent staff) will not exceed - - 500

If, due to an excess of intake, the numbers of either the Engineers or Sappers Bn. exceed the maximum authorised strength and hence accommodation in the barracks is not available, G.O.C. 4th Div will organise a temporary camp on the area lines in that being organised by the Artillery Bn. to hold surplus personnel, until it is possible to move them into the training schools. While in this camp they will receive elementary instruction in their respective

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(5) The Armor Training Bn. which will be fully formed part of the Infantry Regiment will be re-designated the "Armoured" Bn. and will be organised to a normal unit battalion only in the [illegible] of operation. The Commander of the Bn. will

[illegible]

(b) The artillery [illegible] will be [illegible] to utility [illegible] Gen. [illegible], and will be directly responsible to General [illegible], Director of Engineers at the H.Q.
The [illegible] will not exceed (including [illegible]) - 1,000

(c) The Engineer Regiment will [illegible] the [illegible] only and will be [illegible] Gen. [illegible]. The [illegible] will consist of Engineers (Regular) only and will be [illegible] from the present establishment. The maximum strength (including [illegible] staff) will not exceed - - - 500

The [illegible] will consist of three [illegible] and it will be [illegible] by [illegible] of the present [illegible] [illegible] to be [illegible] from [illegible] at the beginning of April. It is not anticipated that any additional staff will be required. The maximum strength (including [illegible] staff) will not exceed - - 500

If, due to [illegible] of [illegible], the numbers of either the Engineers or Artillery [illegible] exceed the [illegible] authorized [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] is not available, Gen. [illegible] will [illegible] a [illegible] on the [illegible] [illegible] by the Artillery [illegible]. To hold our [illegible], [illegible] it is possible to [illegible] them into the Training Schools. While in this capacity they will receive [illegible] instruction in their own subjects.

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(d) The former [illegible] [illegible] which [illegible] part of the [illegible] will be re-[illegible] the [illegible] [illegible], and will be [illegible] to a [illegible] and [illegible] camp in the vicinity of [illegible] Station. The Commander of the [illegible] will be [illegible], responsible to the [illegible] of [illegible]. The maximum strength (including [illegible] staff) will not exceed - - - - - 1,000

(e) The problem of the [illegible] of further reinforcements prior to [illegible] has been [illegible] by [illegible] for some considerable time. It is agreed that when the time comes [illegible], it will probably be necessary to establish the equivalent of a [illegible] in the forward area. In the meantime, a [illegible] building to house (this [illegible]) will be established at [illegible] with a maximum holding capacity of - - - - - 2,000

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Its administrative staff and training equipment will be furnished by implementing the application contained in MTI/25/35 in so far as it relates to the original First or 'Patrioti' Bn. Authority will be sought for this by M.M.I.A.

At a later date the whole Reinforcement Holding Regiment, complete with its staff and equipment, will be transferred to the forward zone as soon as circumstances warrant.

Major LEAHY will be responsible for providing supervision in the establishment of both the camps for the SERVIZIO Bn. and the Reinforcement Holding Regt.

3. Thus the total strength of the R.T.C. for which accommodation will be provided will amount, (inclusive of permanent staff) to 15,000, which is considerably in excess of the paper ceiling, but it should be borne in mind that :-

(a) It is improbable that the Reception Camp will be at its full capacity of 2,500, and

(b) The Reinforcement Holding Regt., although administered and commanded by the R.T.C., is definitely surplus to Establishment and was not contemplated in the original ceiling of 11,250 (plus administration and training staff).

4. By this means the grave problems of accommodation which have hitherto seriously hampered training, appear to be overcome and every effort will be made to put these decisions into effect as soon as possible. Requirements of tentage and hutting and accommodation stores will be prepared by the D.A.A. & Q.M.G. and the necessary indents submitted through the proper channels.

5. It is understood that the personnel of the Garibaldi Division, the subject of proposal No.3, sub-paras. c and d of Appendix 'B' to G.1/1/39, will be diverted elsewhere and that no provision for their accommodation at CESANO need be made.

6. The foregoing clears up all the points raised in Memorandum G.1/1/39 of 17 March with the exception of Proposal No.4 (f) - (Assessment of holding capacity) which it is understood to be a purely Italian matter and the final authorisation of the new War Establishment for the B.L.U. at CESANO, which is being held in abeyance until after the 23 March, when the new War Establishment of M.M.I.A. is being considered.

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3. Thus the total strength of the A.T.C. for which accommodation will be provided will amount, (inclusive of permanent staff) to 15,000, which is considerably in excess of the paper ceiling, but it should be borne in mind that :-

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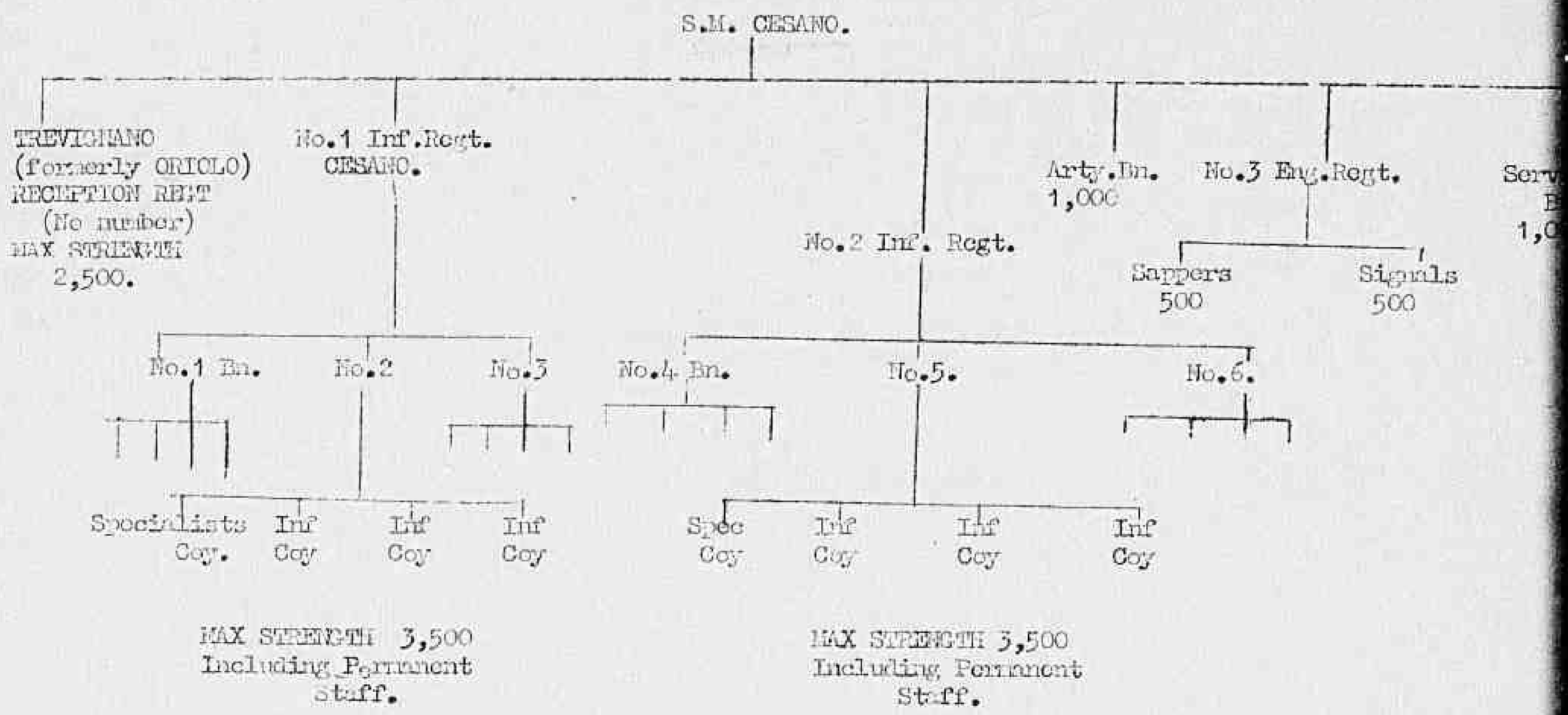

Note: Each Bn. comprises approx 1,000 men under training and each of the Inf Coys approx 300 men, whilst the specialist coy has a strength of approx. 100 men.

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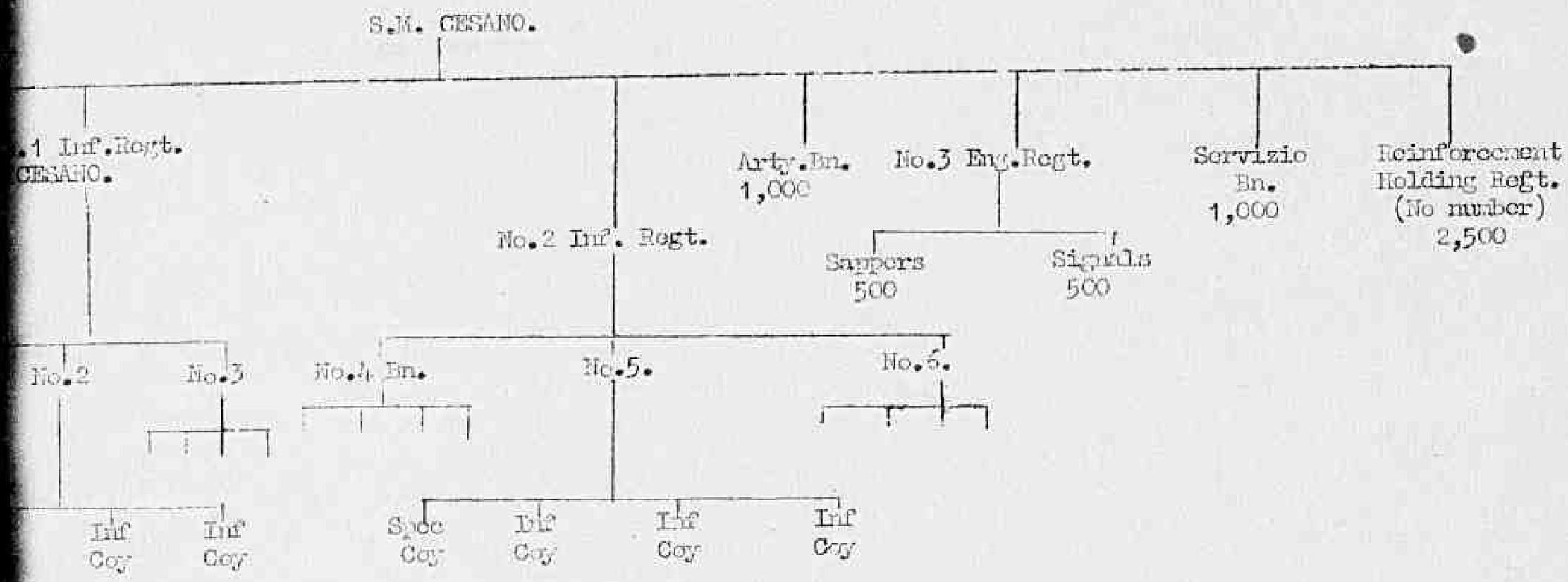

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SUBJECT: Re-organisation of Units in GRAGNANO and MOGGIANO.

SECRET.

To: D.D.M., R.A.C., M.C.E.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.
AF (MEAF) M.C.E.

Ref: G.1/4/M.

18 March 1945.

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NOTES OF CONFERENCE HELD AT GRAGNANO, 09.30 hrs. 18 MARCH 1945.

Present: Lt.Col. D.A.Dalzey, R.A.
Lt.Col. Dohn, R.A.
Maj.Gen. U. Sivo.
Major W.J.Price, N.Z.E.F.
Major Dedy.
Major Blackland, R.E.

1. On 17 March R.T.O., I.C.F. ordered the following transfers from No.1 Regiment (Infantry) to :-

(a)	The Artillery Bn.	- 352.
(b)	The Engineer Bn.	- 261.
(c)	The 'Minto' Bn.	- 265.
	TOTAL.	878.

As, however, accommodation for these transfers is not available at BRACCIANO, this order was cancelled and the following decisions were made :-

(i) Under M.M.F.A. authority S/G/29/45 of 17 March 45, the Artillery Bn. at BRACCIANO becomes an independent entity and is commanded by Col. de Blasio, formerly commander of No.3 Regiment. Col. Dalzey and Lt.Col. Dohn, R.A., were requested to find a suitable site in the vicinity of the Artillery barracks to form a tented camp to accommodate the 352 Artillerymen from No.1 Regiment. They were requested to report as soon as possible on a suitable location and the number of tents and huts required.

The principle was established that all Artillerymen from whatever source shall invariably be administered and trained by the Artillery Bn. Col. Sivo informed the meeting that Col. BLAZZY had arrived at BRACCIANO to assume command of the Engineer Regiment (now consisting only of Sappers and Signallers).

Major Blackland was instructed to make arrangements for the accommodation of 261 Genio, at No.1 Regiment, in not more than 2 blocks of the Genio Barracks. Major Blackland estimated that the total of Engineers at BRACCIANO would then amount to approximately 750.

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(ii) Major Blackland pointed out that there were already 250 signallers at BRACCIANO barracks, and on April 1st it was anticipated that a further 500 would arrive from NOCERA. He emphasised that there was no accommodation for as many as 750 Signallers in addition to Genio proper, and asked that urgent consideration should be given to this matter. He suggested that the transfer of the 500 Signallers from NOCERA to BRACCIANO should be post-

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Present: Lt.Col. [illegible], R.A.
Lt.Col. Dohn, R.A.
Lt.Col. L. Rive.
Major W.L.Price, R.Sappers.
Major Leahy.
Major Blackland, R.E.

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1. On 17 March R.I.C., I.O.F. ordered the following transfers from No.1 Regiment (Infantry) to :-

(a) The Artillery Bn. - 352.
(b) The Engineer Bn. - 251.
(c) The 'Misto' Bn. - 266.
TOTAL - 879.

As, however, accommodation for these transfers is not available at BRACCIANO, this order has been modified and the following decisions were made :-

(i) Under R.I.C.A. Authority S/C/29/45 of 17 March 45, the Artillery Bn. at BRACCIANO becomes an independent entity and is commanded by Col. de Blank, formerly commander of No.1 Regiment. Col. Rive and Lt.Col. Dohn, R.A., were requested to find a suitable site in the vicinity of the Artillery barracks to form a tented camp to accommodate the 352 Artillerymen from No.1 Regiment. They were requested to report as soon as possible on a suitable location and the number of tents and huts required.

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(iii) Pending official approval of the formation of the 4th Regiment, it was decided to transfer personnel of the 'Misto' Bn., together with its administrative Headquarters, to a tented Camp in the vicinity of Stazzano, Lecce. Major Leahy was instructed to make a survey and to commence organising the Camp immediately. The first stage would be to receive the 200 'Misto' personnel and its Headquarters from BRACCIANO, and the second to receive the 266 'Misto' personnel drafted from No.1 Regiment. It was emphasised that these transfers should be completed as rapidly as possible.

(iv) It was agreed that as the transfers from No.1 Regiment progressed, following recruits should be drawn from the "ORIOLO" Camp to replace them and transferred to No.1 Regiment. It was anticipated that a total of not less than 1,000 from the Oriolo Camp could be so transferred and absorbed into No.1 Regt.

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(v) In view of the anticipated arrival of personnel of the Garibaldi Battalion, it was decided to commence the organisation of a further Camp in the area between Lake MACCHINO and Lake MARTINAMO, and Col. Dove and Major Price agreed to recce the territory and take initial steps to commence the formation of the Camp.

The other problem connected with the formation of these Camps is tentage and lighting. Although it is unfortunate, the maximum number of men (not less than 8) must be accommodated in each tent. Major Ward will use as few tents as possible for the GUARDS Camp in its new site. Major Lochy will make an estimate of the number of tents required for the 'Black' Inf. Camp and will draw these forthwith from Major Ward. Col. Dove will make an estimate of the number of tents required for the Artillery Camp and will draw these forthwith from Major Ward. It is anticipated that this will absorb the present stock of tents. Major Price will estimate the number of tents he requires for the Garibaldi Battalion's Camp. Application has been made for an additional 200 180-lb. tents and 50 Mason, or equivalent, huts, and it is thought this will meet all requirements.

(vi) It was finally agreed that Lt.Col. L.H.Mackay R.A. would discuss the provision of permanent staff, training and other equipment at a meeting with Col. Yidsley which is to be held at 10.00 hrs. on the 19th March.

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Major Ward will use as few tents as possible for the Ordnance Corps in its new site. Major Lody will make an estimate of the number of tents required for the 'Static' Gn. Corps and will draw these forthwith from Major Ward. Col. Dohm will make an estimate of the number of tents required for the Artillery Corps and will draw these forthwith from Major Ward. It is anticipated that this will absorb the present stock of tents. Major Price will estimate the number of tents he requires for the Cavalry & Battalion's Corps. Application has been made for an additional 200 180-lb. Tents and 52 Mason, or equivalent, huts, and it is thought this will meet all requirements.

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SUBJECT: Re-organization of units in CESANO and MACCARESE.

'E' D.S.D., R.E.C., K.C.R.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (MMIA) MGIB.

Ref: ad/1/5?.

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1. The object of the present Memorandum is to indicate a means by which certain unsatisfactory factors which at present impede training and efficiency can be overcome, and to indicate the best means of absorbing and training new elements which it is anticipated may arrive in the near future.

2. The whole proposal is built on the framework contained in this office memorandum ref: MMI/85/55 of 6 March, under heading "Proposed Increase of the Establishment at CESANO".

3. To enable these proposals to be put into effect, definite authorisation on a number of points is required and it is therefore suggested that a meeting should be called at the earliest possible date, that these proposals can be discussed and a reply given to the specific questions mentioned at the end of each paragraph. It is submitted that this meeting might be held at the M.M.I.A. Office in Rome, to enable the responsible authority on each point to attend with the minimum of inconvenience.

4. The following gives a list of the main problems :-

(a) The reception camp at CHIOLO is too close to the Central Schools at MANZIANA, as turbulent, untrained recruits are inclined to create a disturbance and thus interfere with the concentration of the students. To overcome this, the camp is being moved during the course of the next ten days to a new location on the North shore of Lake Bracciano, in the vicinity of TRAVICHIANO ROMANO, map ref: 5596. The requisite facilities for the formation of the camp, water, etc., are available. The camp is being formed to accommodate 2,500 recruits and the long-term policy envisages its disbandment by mid-summer, as it is hoped that the whole of the personnel will then have been absorbed into one or other of the training regiments.

(b) The present set-up at CESANO - MACCARESE is briefly as follows :-

No.1 Regiment of 3 Battalions, at CESANO, on Infantry training.
There are no insuperable problems connected with this Regiment for which no solution can be found.

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(b) The present set-up at CESANO - BRACCIANO is broadly as follows :-

No.1 Regiment of 3 Battalions, at CESANO, on Infantry training. There are no insuperable problems connected with this Regiment for which no solution can be found.

No.2 Regiment of 3 Battalions, at CESANO, on Infantry Training, to which the same remarks apply.

No.3 Regiment at BRACCIANO, comprising 1 Battalion of Artillery, 1 Battalion of Engineers (including Signallers) and 1 Mixed Bn. It is the problems connected with this Regiment which are the main subject of this Memorandum.

In addition, there are the various schools (D. & M. School, E.& M. School, C.C.R.E.School, etc.) located at CESANO, which deal with specialists. No serious problems other than those dealing with constructional delays in repair work are presented by any of these and this problem is being energetically handled.

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5. Proposal No. 1 :-

(a) That the Artillery Bn. be made a separate, independent battalion. (Ref G/1/1/11 of 13 March refers), and that it should sever all connection with No.3 Regiment.
Is this approved?

(b) That Col. HAMM, now commanding No.3 Regiment, should be given command of the Independent Artillery Bn., and that L/Col. SANTWOOD, at present commanding, be transferred to a Forward Groupe, where he is anxious to go and where it is understood a vacancy exists.
May these transfers be approved and put into effect forthwith?

(c) That authority should be granted by M.M.I.A. to S.M.R.E. to post the necessary staff additional staff to the Independent Artillery Bn., to enable it to function efficiently as an independent unit.
Can this be done?

6. Proposal No. 2 :-

(a) That the present No.3 Regiment be re-organised on a two-battalion basis. This involves :

(i) The separation of the Artillery Bn. in the manner already suggested.

(ii) The removal of the 'Misto' Bn. in the manner discussed in a later paragraph (6).

(iii) The division of the present composite Engineer Bn., into two separate battalions, one of which will be confined entirely to Engineers, i.e. Sappers proper, and the other to Signals personnel, i.e. equivalent to R.C.S., and specialist signallers for other arms.

(b) The present Battalion H.Q. staff of the composite Engineer Bn. will form the Bn. H.Q. of the 'Sapper' Bn.
Is this approved?

(c) A new Battalion H.Q. staff under a new Lieut-Col. be formed to command and administer a new 'Signals' Battalion. It is thought that the majority of the personnel and equipment required will become available when the school at NOORRA is transferred to BRAGOLINO. May authority be granted for this re-organisation and permission be granted to S.M.R.E. to post the requisite personnel (if any are required), not provided by the NOORRA staff?

7. Proposal No.3 : (Reference G STI/05/35 of 6 March).

(a) Application was made in the above mentioned memorandum for permission to form a 4th Regiment for certain specific purposes.
Is this proposal approved in principle?
As circumstances now render its formation, at any rate as a nucleus, essential, may this proposal be formally implemented forthwith and authority granted for the provision of the War Establishment equipment and training stores referred to in Appendix 'D' and 'C' of the above mentioned memorandum.

(b) The above mentioned memorandum visualised No.4 Regiment to comprise Two Battalions, the first of which was to be devoted exclusively to 'Patriotti', and the second to Specialists.

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May these matters be approved in principle and authorised?

(c) That authority should be granted by M.M.I.A. to S.M.R.E. to post the necessary small additional staff to the Independent Artillery Bn., to enable it to function efficiently as an independent unit.
Can this be done?

6. Proposal No. 2 :-

(a) That the present No.3 Regiment be re-organised on a two-battalion basis.
This involves :

(i) The separation of the Artillery Bn. in the manner already suggested.

(ii) The removal of the 'Minto' Bn. in the manner discussed in a later paragraph (8).

(iii) The division of the present composite Engineer Bn., into two separate battalions, one of which will be confined entirely to Engineers, i.e. Sappers proper, and the other to Signals personnel, i.e. equivalent to R.C.S., and specialist signallers for other arms.

(b) The present Battalion H.Q. staff of the composite Engineer Bn. will form the Bn. H.Q. of the 'Sapper' Bn.
Is this approved?

(c) A new Battalion H.Q. staff under a new Lieut-Col. be formed to command and administer a new 'Signals' Battalion. It is thought that the majority of the personnel and equipment required will become available when the school at HOGERA is transferred to MAGGIANO. May authority be granted for this re-organisation and permission be granted to S.M.R.E. to post the requisite personnel (if sappers required), not provided by the HOGERA staff?

7. Proposal No.3 : (Reference my BTI/35/35 of 6 March).

(a) Application was made in the above mentioned memorandum for permission to form a 4th Regiment for certain specific purposes.
Is this proposal approved in principle?
As circumstances may render its formation, at any rate as a nucleus, essential, may this proposal be formally implemented forthwith and authority granted for the provision of the War Establishment equipment and training stores referred to in Appendix 'D' and 'C' of the above mentioned memorandum.

(b) The above mentioned memorandum visualised No.4 Regiment to comprise Two Battalions, the first of which was to be devoted exclusively to 'Patrioti', and the second to Specialists.
It now appears that the intention to train 'Patrioti' as a unit to be sent forward, ultimately as a Peace Unit, to one of the Gruppi is not likely to be required, as the 8th Army have different ideas as to the constitution of the Peace groups. Hence, arrangements have already been made to post the great majority of the patriots as normal reinforcements in the drafts going forward during the weeks ending March 17th and 24th respectively.
Such patriots as remain will be a negligible factor.
It is presumed that this principle meets with the approval of M.M.I.A.

(c) It is anticipated that within the next five to six weeks, from 800 to 1,500 soldiers of the disbanded Garibaldi Division, will be arriving at CESANO.
It is understood that it is the intention of M.M.I.A. that :-

(i) These men shall retain their individuality as members of the Garibaldi formation.

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(ii) That they will be trained as a unit, or, if the numbers exceed 600, as two units; each unit to be regarded as a battalion.

(iii) That they will have their own officers.

(iv) That, after training and equipping, they will be posted to a forward troop as complete additional Battalions.

(v) That a formation letter authorising the issue of the necessary stores and equipment will be issued in the near future.

(vi) That in the meantime these men will require clothing and training.

(4) It is therefore proposed :-

(i) To form Nos. 1 and 2 Battalions of No.4 Regiment with the personnel of the Garibaldi Division.
Is this agreed?

(ii) That the equipment asked for in Appendix 'F' of D.T.I. letter (originally destined for Patriotti Road Training Bn.) shall be devoted to the two new Garibaldi Battalions.
Is this approved and may authority be granted for the issue of the necessary War Establishment equipment?

(iii) It is believed that this equipment will be adequate for the training of the maximum number of 1500 Garibaldi personnel, but it is hoped that permission may be granted for the issue of further equipment, if required, when the exact details of the type of personnel in the Garibaldi Division into the are known.

(c) The Specialist Bn. as detailed in the above mentioned D.T.I. letter is essential and in view of the great demand for specialists, no time should be lost in forming it.
Is this agreed in principle and may the War Establishment equipment asked for in Appendix 'E' to D.T.I. letter be authorised forthwith?

5. There remains the question of the 'Misto' Bn., to which reference is made in paragraph 6 above. This Battalion is at present located at BRACCIANO and administered by the H.Q. of No.3 Regiment. Nevertheless, the majority of the training of the personnel of the Misto Bn. is carried out either at CESANO, in the various schools located there, or in Specialist locations such as Hospitals, Ordnance Depots, etc. There are no facilities for training this class of Specialist in BRACCIANO and it is felt very strongly that the Misto Bn. should be located at CESANO. Further, owing to the nature of the training, only a very small proportion of the Battalion are actually serving with it, the majority being away on attachment under instruction.

Proposal No. 4 :-

(a) That the Misto Bn. be detached from No.3 Regiment at BRACCIANO and become an integral part of the Specialist Bn. of No.4 Regiment at CESANO.
Is this approved?

(b) That the Bn. H.Q. staff and administrative staff of the Misto Bn. be absorbed into the new Specialist Bn., and form the nucleus with the additional staff asked for in Appendix 'E' of D.T.I. letter of the Administrative and Command staff of the Specialist Bn.
May authority for this be granted?

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(b) [illegible]

(i) To form the 1 and 2 Battalions of No.4 Regiment with the personnel of the Garibaldi Division.
Is this agreed?

(ii) That the equipment asked for in Appendix 'B' of D.T.I. letter (originally destined for Patriotic Recce Training Bn.) shall be issued to the two new Garibaldi Battalions.
Is this approved and may authority be granted for the issue of the necessary War Establishment equipment?

(iii) It is believed that this equipment will be adequate for the training of the maximum number of 1500 Garibaldi personnel, but it is hoped that permission may be granted for the issue of further equipment, if required, when the exact details of the type of personnel in the Garibaldi Division intake are known.

(c) The Specialist Bn. as detailed in the above mentioned D.T.I. letter is essential and in view of the great demand for specialists, no time should be lost in forming it.
Is this agreed in principle and may the War Establishment equipment asked for in Appendix 'B' to D.T.I. letter be authorised forthwith?

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Is this approved?

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May authority for this be granted?

9. The new No.4 Regiment (i.e. Garibaldi Group and Specialist cum Misto Bn.) will be located in a tented or hutted camp in the area to the East of Lake Bracciano, in the vicinity of Lake Martignano. A suitable site is now being recced. At Appendix 'A' hereto is given the total requirements of additional tentage and hutting required to implement this proposal. May authority be granted for the release of the additional tentage and hutting at the earliest possible moment?

10. In my "Recapitulation" of 13 March, paragraph 1, I asked for four Administrative officers for attachment, to supervise administrative training. Incidents are still occurring which render the presence of these officers most essential. Can permission be obtained for the attachment of these officers, and can they be sent here as soon as possible?

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11. There seems to be some doubt as to the holding capacity of the buildings at CESANO and FRASCATANO. I think it would be a great advantage if an expert in quartering could make a survey of the available accommodation and settle, once and for all, how many Italian soldiers can reasonably be accommodated in the space available.

Can such an expert be provided?

12. A summary of the requests made in this memorandum is attached at Appendix 'B' and it is hoped that the meeting asked for may be called at the earliest date, in order to provide an answer to these problems, many of which are very pressing.

13. Proposals for the new War Establishment for the D.I.U. at CESANO are contained in this office letter ref: A/60/9 of 14 March. In view of the greatly increased responsibility of the D.I.U., which now handles training as well as administration, it is felt that the additional personnel and vehicles asked for will be very urgently required, and it is hoped that energetic steps may be taken to obtain authority for their provision.

Lieut-Col. R.A.

LRH/ah.

Internal:

DAA & QMG.
Staff Capt.
G.II Training.
G.II Infantry Trg.
G.III D.I.U.
G.II Signals.
S.O.R.E.
D.A.D.M.D.
D.A.D.S.T.
D.A.D.O.S. ✓
Provost.
File.
Fleet.
War Diary (4)

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APPENDIX "A".
No: G.1/1/22
Dtd. 17 Nov. 40.

HUTS AND TENTS REQUIRED FOR TRAINED PROTECTION CORPS
AND FOR No. 4 REGIMENT.

	Hinson Huts (a)	100-lb. Tents (b)
(1) Trained Protection Corps.		
Strength - 2,500, all ranks.		
Camp H.Q. 5 Bns.	26	375
(2) No. 4 Regiment.		
Strength - 2,500, all ranks.		
H.Q. No. 4 Regiment. 5 Battalions.	26	375
TOTAL	52	750
Less 300 Tents in hand, of which 40 are permanently allotted.		460
TOTAL required.	52	290

Notes:

(a) Huts will be used for :- Messes.
Cookhouses,
Lecture Rooms.
Offices.

(b) Tents are calculated on :- 1 Tent per Lieut-Col. and above.
1 " " 2 Officers.
1 " " 4 Warrant Officers.
1 " " 6 Sergeants.
1 " " 8 Rank & File.

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APPENDIX 'D'
[illegible]
dtd.17 Nov.45.

S U M M A R Y.

Proposal No.1.

(a) May the Artillery Bn. of No.3 Regiment be formed into an independent unit?
(b) May Col. Palma, C.O. No.3 Regiment, be transferred to command the independent Artillery Bn., and T/Col. Santucci posted as a forward Group?
(c) May the requisite additional staff for the independent Artillery Bn. be authorised?

Proposal No.2.

(a) May the present Engineer (No.3) Regiment be re-organised on a two-Bn. basis; one Sapper and the other Signals, and a new Sapper Colonel be placed in command vice Col. Palma?
(b) May the present staff of the combined Engineer Bn. be allotted to the new Sapper Bn.?
(c) May a new Battalion H.Q. staff, recruited from the personnel coming from NOCERA, and augmented as necessary, be formed to command the new Signals Battalion?

Proposal No.3.

(a) May the formation of No.4 Regiment be approved forthwith and the necessary War Establishment equipment asked for be authorised?
(b) May approval be given and the necessary instructions issued, for the posting of 'patriots' to forward Groups as vacancies become available?
(c) Is the appreciation of the intentions of M.M.I.A. with regard to personnel of the Garibaldi Division correct?
(d) May Nos. 1 and 2 Bns. of No.4 Regiment be formed from personnel of the Garibaldi Division as they arrive at CESANO?

(i) May the War Establishment equipment asked for in Appendix 'D' of M.M.I. letter be authorised and devoted to the training of the Garibaldi personnel in lieu of the 'patriots' for which it was originally designed?

(ii) May further equipment be authorised if the numbers of the Garibaldi personnel exceed those originally catered for in 'patriots'?

(e) May No.3 Bn. - the Specialist Bn. - of No.4 Regiment be formed forthwith and may the War Establishment equipment asked for in Appendix 'D' be authorised?

Proposal No.4.

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(a) May the 'MISTO' Bn. be detached from No.3 Regiment and transferred to CESANO to form part of No.3 Bn. (Specialists) of No.4 Regiment?
(b) May the Bn. H.Q. of the 'MISTO' Bn. be transferred to No.4 Regiment to form the nucleus of the Bn. H.Q. staff of No.3 (Specialist) Bn.?
(c) May such additional staff as are required and asked for in Appendix 'E', be authorised for No.3 Bn., of No.4 Regiment?

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Groups?

(b) May the requisite additional staff for the Independent Artillery Bn. be authorised?

Proposal No.2.

(a) May the present Engineer (No.2) Regiment be re-organised on a two-Bn. basis; one Engrs and the other Signals, and a new Sapper Colonel be placed in command vice Col. Palmer?

(b) May the present staff of the combined Engineer Bn. be allotted to the new Sapper Bn.?

(c) May a new Battalion H.Q. staff, recruited from the personnel coming from NOVIL, and augmented as necessary, be formed to command the new Signals Battalion?

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(b) May approval be given and the necessary instructions issued, for the posting of 'patriots' to formed units as vehicles become available?

(c) Is the appreciation of the intentions of B.L.E.A. with regard to personnel of the Garibaldi Division correct?

(d) May Nos. 1 and 2 Bns. of No.4 Regiment be formed from personnel of the Garibaldi Division as they arrive at CERANO?

(i) May the War Establishment equipment asked for in appendix 'F' of B.L.E. letter be authorised and diverted to the training of the Garibaldi personnel in lieu of the 'patriots' for which it was originally designed?

(ii) May further equipment be authorised if the numbers of the Garibaldi personnel exceed those originally entered for in 'patriots'?

(e) May No.3 Bn. - the Specialist Bn. - of No.4 Regiment be formed forthwith and may the War Establishment equipment asked for in Appendix 'E' be authorised?

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(c) May such additional staff as are required and asked for in Appendix 'E', be authorised for No.3 Bn., of No.4 Regiment?

(d) May additional tentage and huts asked for in Appendix 'A' hereto, be authorised?

(e) May the four officers required for administrative training be attached immediately?

(f) Can the holding capacity of the Centre be assessed by an expert?

FINALLY:

May the new War Establishment for the B.L.U. at CERANO, contained in this office letter ref: A/63/9 of 14 March be authorised and implemented at the earliest possible date?

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PART II

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT.

Cat or Part No.	Designation.		Quantity.
	Section A.1		3 times
AA 0611	Cases, binocular, W.E. patt '37		1
1441	Pockets, compass, W.E. patt '37		1
	Section F		
FA 10740	* Brushes, Stencil		2
14247	* Hammers, sledge, straight pane, 14-lb		1
15015	* Irons, soldering, straight, 1-lb 12-oz		1
	* Needles -		
	Sailmakers, triangular, sewing -		
15290	2½-in		1
15292	2¾-in		1
15295	3-in		1
	Upholsterers, circular -		
15320	2-in		1
15322	4-in		1
15476	* Palms, sailmakers, sewing		1
16619	* Saws, backed, tenon, 14-in		2
16986	* Shears, tinmans, snip, 7-in		3
	Section G.1		
GA 1069	* Rivets, steel, boshead, ½-in x 1-in	lbs	1
	Section G.2		
GB 0383	* Solder, tinmans, soft	lbs	1
	Section H.1		
~~Very urgent~~ ~~Paint~~ - Permit			
HA 0276	P.F.U. red, bright, quick drying	lbs	2
0293	White lead	"	42
0356	Varnish, black tar	pints	16
	Section J.1		
JA 5257	* Flags, red, 1 ft x 1 ft	2594	20
5286	* Poles		20
0995	* Lamps, pressure, hurricane, petrol		3
0996	Mantles	(spare)	12
2260	* Mallets, tent, Mk.II		3
~~Very urgent~~ Traffic control equipment -			
	Discs direction -		
18 2310	White on red		50

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AA 0611		Cases, binocular, W.E. patt '37		1
1441		Pockets, compass, W.E. patt '37		1

Section F

FA 10740	*	Brushes, Stencil		2
14247	*	Hammers, sledge, straight pane, 14-lb		1
15015	*	Irons, soldering, straight, 1-lb 12-oz		1
	*	Needles -		
		Sailmakers, triangular, sewing -		
15290		2½-in		1
15292		2¾-in		1
15295		3-in		1
		Upholsterers, circular -		
15320		2-in		1
15322		4-in		1
15476	*	Palms, sailmakers, sewing		1
16619	*	Saws, backed, tenon, 14-in		2
16886	*	Shears, tinmans, snip, 7-in		3

Section G.1

GA 1069	*	Rivets, steel, boosshead, ¼-in x 1-in	lbs	1

Section G.2

GB 0363	*	Solder, tinmans, soft	lbs	1

Section H.1

~~Very urgent~~ Paints Paint

HA 0275		P.F.U. red, bright, quick drying	lbs	2
0293		White lead	"	42
0296		Varnish, black tar	pints	16

Section J.1

JA 5287	*	Flags, red, 1 ft x 1 ft	2594	20
5286	*	Poles		20
0295	*	Lamps, pressure, hurricane, petrol		3
0296		Mantles	(spare)	12
2260	*	Mallets, tent, Mk.II		3
~~Very urgent~~		Traffic control equipment		
		Discs direction -		
2340		White on red		50
2341		Black on white		150
2350		Carriers		10
2342		Pegs supporting		250
2345	*	Lamps		50
2367		Brackets, carrying, Mk.I		32
	**	Outfits, stencil -		
2354		Paint remover	pints	50
2346	**	Plaques, metal		100
2347		Frames, supporting		18

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PART II

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT

Cat or Part No.	Designation.	Quantity.
	N.1.V.	
	** Traffic control equipment -	
	Discs, direction -	
	Pegs, supporting -	
5976	Clips, metal	40
	* Lamps -	
5971	Masks, direction	50
	* Night guides -	
JA 5970	Indicators, arrows, luminous, 10-in	2400
5972	Pins, stake, 18-in	1200
5973	Pyramids, wire, collapsible	250
5976	Outfits, stencil, complete (a)	6
	Section KE	
KE 3512	* Matchets, 15-in blade	2
3513	Sheaths	2
	Section V.2	
	Compasses, prismatic -	
	Liquid -	
VC 5630	Mk.III (or))	1
0710	Mk.II)	
	Watches -	
	G.S. -	
2512	Mk.II (or))	22
2510	Mk.I (or))	
7392	T.P. (or))	
7471	W/T T.P.)	
	Section V.6	
OS 308GA	Binoculars, prismatic, No.2 Mk.II	1
	Section W.1	
WA 10122	Sandbags	20
	Section CB	
Very urgent.		
CB 086G	* Sleeves, traffic control	27

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	Discs, direction -	
	Pegs, supporting -	
5976	Clips, metal	40
	* Lamps -	
5971	Masks, direction	50
	* Night guides -	
JA 5970	Indicators, arrows, luminous, 10-in	2400
5972	Pins, stake, 18-in	1200
5973	Pyramids, wire, collapsible	250
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Section KE

KE 3512	* Matchets, 15-in blade	2
3513	Sheaths	2

Section V.2

	Compasses, prismatic -	
	Liquid -	
VC 5630	Mk.III (or))	1
0710	Mk.II)	
	Watches -	
	G.S. -	
2512	Mk.II (or))	22
2510	Mk.I (or))	
7392	T.P. (or))	
7471	W/T T.P.)	

Section V.6

CS 308GA	Binoculars, prismatic, No.2 Mk.II	1

Section W.1

WA 10122	Sandbags	20

Section CB

Very urgent.

CB 0866	* Sleeves, traffic control	27

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NOTE: (a) For detail see Normal Equipment List, Schedule No.32

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Subject: Surplus personnel at forward depot.

[illegible] Div. HQ.
G.S. Int. Branch HQ Corps.
G (Ops.) Div.
DCGS. 1/2/14.

4 March 1943.

To: G. [illegible]

[illegible]

Copy to: Lieut. Colonel [illegible] (MGO).

Colonel [illegible].

1. Reference is made to this H.Q. letter 1/2/13 of even date.

2. Further to the anticipated surplus of surplus personnel from forward depot, it is contemplated to implement the orders of General [illegible] that approximately 400 soldiers of artillery formations shall be transferred to infantry, as their presence is seriously interfering with the artillery training.

3. It is felt that these men are entitled to certain special treatment, and it is therefore suggested they will, in the initial stages, form the nucleus of No.3 Battalion of the new Reception Regiment stationed at the [illegible] Camp.

4. If this is done, No.1 Battalion will comprise untrained recruits direct from call-up. No.2 Battalion will comprise surplus personnel from forward depot. No.3 Battalion will comprise personnel transferred from other Arms to the Infantry. (Lieut. Colonel [illegible] Corps HQ. Letter G/5/20/4) dated 3 March 43 refers).

5. As in the case of surplus personnel, it is essential that the administrative staff should be adequate to deal with these artillery personnel, who bitterly resent the necessity of transfer from their own Arm of the Service, and in consequence require a strong hand to deal with them.

6. Any energetic steps be taken, please, to ensure that the necessary staff becomes immediately available.

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[illegible]

GHQ/mb.

Internal.

Sec. A. [illegible].

Major [illegible].

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4 March 1945.

To: G. . .

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Dear Mr Lord (Colonel Forbes) (G3).

Colonel etc.

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1. Reference is made to this G. . letter 1/2/13 of even date.

2. Further to the anticipated influx of surplus personnel from forward areas, it is essential to implement the scheme of General Lord that approximately 400 soldiers on artillery battalion shall be transferred to Infantry, as their presence is seriously interfering with the artillery training.

3. It is felt that these men are entitled to certain special treatment, and it is therefore suggested they will, in the initial stages, form the nucleus of No.3 Battalion of the new reception regiment stationed at the [illegible] Camp.

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5. As to the case of surplus personnel, it is essential that the administrative staff should be adequate to deal with these artillery personnel, who bitterly resent the necessity of transfer from their own arm of the service, and in consequence require a strong hand to deal with them.

6. My energetic steps be taken, please, to ensure that the necessary staff become immediately available.

[illegible]
Brigadier, G. . .

GSO/Sh.

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Major Gen.
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SUBJECT: Surplus Personnel of Forward Group.

[illegible] INF.
c/o Land Forces Sub-Comm.
LC (MAL) [illegible].

Ref: [illegible]/2/45.

4 March 1946.

To: [illegible]
[illegible].

Copy to: Land Forces Sub-Comm.
LC (MAL).

1. It is noted that in the near future personnel in excess of the authorised 5 per cent over the establishment will be returned to this Centre.

2. Careful consideration has been given to the points raised in your letter ref: 02/575/Trg.(1) (pre) dated 2 March 46, and the following proposal is suggested as the most satisfactory solution of this problem.

3. A special battalion will be formed at [illegible] Camp to accommodate these soldiers returned from Forward Group. This will comprise five Companies, each of which will be known by the name of the parent Group, and as far as possible, esprit de corps will be maintained in this battalion. Though no details are available, it is understood that the approximate number likely to be returned is of the order of 1,500, and hence each Company will be approximately 300.

4. Authority has already been granted by the [illegible], and approved by M.A.L.[illegible], for the allocation of 63 officers and 245 under-officers for the administration and organisation of this Group. In the meantime the Command Pioneer Division has placed at the disposal of the British Officer in charge of the Camp a certain number of officers and other ranks from [illegible]. These are, however, quite inadequate to deal with anything like the influx which is anticipated, and in fact are really inadequate to deal with those that are already in the Camp. It would be much appreciated if most energetic steps could be taken to impress upon [illegible] the importance of the early arrival of these much needed officers and under-officers.

5. Immediately this staff becomes available there is no reason whatever why the surplus to establishment of Forward Group should not be accepted, as tentage is already available, but a very grave risk is taken of the events which might arise if these personnel arrive prior to the arrival of the administrative staff.

[signature]

Lieut-Col. [illegible]

LRL/ch.

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Ref: 1/2/13.
4 Dec: 1945.

To: . . .
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Copy to: Land Forces Sub Comm.
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1. It is noted that of the 1000 future personnel in excess of the authorised 5 per cent over for establishment, will be returned to this Centre.

2. Careful consideration has been given to the points raised in your letter ref: 02/575/Gen.A1 post dated 5 March 45, and the following proposal is suggested as the most satisfactory solution of this problem.

3. A special battalion will be formed as quickly as possible to accommodate these soldiers returned from Forward Depot. This will comprise five Companies, each of which will be known by the name of its parent Corps, and as far as possible, equal do corps will be maintained in this battalion. Though no details are available, it is understood that the approximate number likely to be returned is of the order of 1,500, and hence each Company will be approximately 300.

4. Authority has already been granted by the . . . . . and approval by M.D.A., for the allocation of 65 officers and 185 under-officers for the administration and organisation of this Corps. In the meantime the Canada Pioneer Division has placed at the disposal of the British Officer in charge of the Corps a certain number of officers and other ranks from Canada. These are, however, quite inadequate to deal with anything like the influx which is anticipated, and in fact are really inadequate to deal with those that are already in the Corps. It would be much appreciated if most energetic steps could be taken to impress upon . . . . . the importance of the early arrival of these much needed officers and under-officers.

5. Immediately this staff becomes available there is no reason whatever why the surplus to establishment of Forward Depot should not be accepted, as tonnage is already available, but a very grave risk is taken of the events which might arise if these personnel arrive prior to the arrival of the administrative staff.

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Major Price.
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SUBJECT :- Formation RTC ICF

'F' BLU RTC ICF
Ref G/61/34

3 Mar 45

HQ RTC ICF

1. The Units shown at Appendix 'A' of the attached AFHQ CR/1116/G-1 (Br) (Serial 1663) of 22 Feb 43 will be formed with effect from 9 Feb 45.

2. Only the War Establishments and Special Equipment Lists shown at Appendix 'B' have been received and copies have been forwarded as shown. Copies of the remaining War Establishments and Special Equipment Lists will be forwarded as soon as received.

PERSONNEL

3. General Officer Commanding RTC ICF will be responsible for completing Units to War Establishment in personnel.

CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT AND TRANSPORT

4. DADOS 'F' BLU will be responsible for submitting indents in accordance with paragraph 3 of the attached AFHQ letter to ADOS RA

STATIONERY

5. Staff Capt (A and Q) will send consolidated demands for all Units for stationery in accordance with paragraph 4 of AFHQ letter.

6. General Officer Commanding RTC ICF will ensure that separate Unit indents or demands in respect of material set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 for all Units listed in Appendix 'A' are sent to 'F' BLU.

7. Action will be taken forthwith to complete the Units for which War Establishments and Special Equipment Lists have been received (as shown in Appendix 'B') with personnel and equipment. All indents for these Units should be sent to 'F' BLU by 10 Mar 45.

PROGRESS REPORTS

8. General Officer Commanding RTC ICF will submit Progress Reports in quadruplicate to this HQ on 10 Mar 45 and thereafter at fortnightly intervals until Units are complete.

Progress Reports will show :-

(a) Deficiencies of personnel by rank and trades against War Establishment,

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The War Establishments and Special Equipment Lists for the following Units have been received and are dis

	UNIT.	WAR ESTAB-LISHMENT.	DISTRIBUTION.	SPECIAL EQUIP-MENT LIST.
(a)	152 Italian Increment to British Liaison Unit.	CE/509/1.	RTC ICF. O.C. Italian Increment. War Establishment File.	
(b)	1500 Independent Italian Transport Platoon.	CE/533/1.	RTC ICF. D.A.D.S.T. War Establishment File.	125/1.
(c)	152 Italian Mechanical Engineers Platoon.	CE/539/1.	RTC ICF. D.A.D.M.E. War Establishment File.	127/1.
(d)	152 Italian Light Aid Detachment.	CE/540/1.	RTC ICF. D.A.D.M.E. War Establishment File.	130/1.
(e)	155 Italian Provost Section (CCRR) (duty). 319 " " (training) 198 " " (Holding)	CE/524/1. " "(less transport)	RTC ICF. Provost. War Establishment File. "	133/1. " "(less Transport)

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APPENDIX 'B' to G/64/34
dated 3 March 1945

Establishments and Special Equipment Lists for the following Units have been received and are distributed as follows :-

UNIT.	WAR ESTABLISHMENT.	DISTRIBUTION.	SPECIAL EQUIPMENT LIST.	DISTRIBUTION.
Increment to Liaison Unit.	CM/509/1.	RTC ICF. O.C. Italian Increment. War Establishment File.		
ndent Italian ort Platoon.	CM/533/1.	RTC ICF. D.A.D.S.T. War Establishment File.	125/1.	RTC ICF. D.A.D.O.S. D.A.D.S.T.
Mechanical rs Platoon.	CM/539/1.	RTC ICF. D.A.D.M.E. War Establishment File.	127/1.	RTC ICF. D.A.D.O.S. D.A.D.M.E.
Light Aid ent.	CM/540/1.	RTC ICF. D.A.D.M.E. War Establishment File.	130/1.	RTC ICF. D.A.D.O.S. D.A.D.M.E.
Provost Section CCRR) (duty). " (training) " (Holding)	CM/524/1. " "(less transport)	RTC ICF. Provost. War Establishment File. "	133/1. " "(less Transport)	RTC ICF. D.A.D.O.S. Provost. "

File.

SECRET

SUBJECT:- Formation of New Units - Italian Army.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
GR/1116/G-1(BR)(Ser.1663)
22 Feb 45.

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ITALIAN ARMY UNITS.

1. (a) The Units listed in Appendix 'A' to this letter will be formed as shewn, with effect from 9 Feb 45 under the supervision of HQ Rome Area Allied Comd., in conjunction with the BLO attached to the Italian Rfts Trg Centre.
(b) Copies of the W.E. will be distributed automatically by HQ Rome Area Allied Comd. Additional copies, if required, may be obtained from No.10 Publications Depot. Indents should state that these copies are in addition to those received from HQ Rome Area Allied Comd.

2. PERSONNEL
Personnel will be provided by Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission, (MMIA) from the Italian Rfts Trg Centre, CESANO, at which the Units will be formed.

3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT
Indents for the following will be submitted in accordance with instructions to be issued by HQ Rome Area Allied Comd:-
(a) Replacements of clothing, necessaries and personal equipment to scale.
(b) Unit equipment to Normal Equipment List for Italian Combat Tps.
(c) Any other special or technical equipment, in accordance with scales as in Appx 'A' column (iii) to be issued by Q.(A.E.), AFHQ.
(d) Transport to complete to W.E. in accordance with existing priorities.

4. STATIONERY
Demands, based on two months' estimated requirements will be submitted as indicated below:-
(a) Army Forms, Books and Stationery (indent form A.F.L.1393) to the nearest Stationery Depot (see GRO 337/44).
(b) Publications (indent form A.F.L.1394) to No.10 Publications Depot, (indents to be endorsed "Initial Demand").
(c) Office Machinery (indent form A.F.L.1392) to AFPSS, AFHQ.

5. POSTAL
Units will use the "Posta Militare" number of the Italian Admin of the formation of which they form a part.

6. COMPLETION
HQ Rome Area Allied Comd. will report to G.1.(B) a.1. Section, AFHQ, when formations are complete.

7. ACK

Field-Marshal.
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

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DISTRIBUTION:-

The Under Secretary of State, The War Office (S.D.2.)	4		G.1.(B) a.9.
CG 15 Army Group	6		G.1.(B) a.10.
CG Fifth (US) Army (for Br. Incr)	2		G.3.(Org.2)(Manpower) (2)
HQ Eighth Army	3		G.3.(Org.2)(ORBAT)
HQ No.1 District	3	+++	G.3.(Org.a)(Foreign (2)

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Depot. Indents should state [illegible] received from HQ Rome Area Allied Comd.

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HQ No.2 District	3	Q.(Maint)		
HQ No.3 District	3	Q.(A.E.)		(3)
GHQ 2nd Echelon		S.T.		
GHQ 2nd Echelon (STATS)		G-5(Trg)		
HQ Rome Area Allied Comd.	40 *	D.M.T.		
No. 9 Publications Depot, RASC		Medical (Br.)		
No.10 Publications Depot, RASC		Engrs.		
No. 8 Command Pay Office		Sigs.(Br.)	D.F.L.C.	
Land Forces Sub Commission,		Fd Arty Sec	A.D.P.S.S.	
Allied Commission (MMIA)	3	Ord.(Br.)	D.D.A.P.S.	
Signalmaster, CASERTA		R.E.M.E.	Historical Sec	(2)
		F.A.		
		M & D	War Diary	(2)

* Incl copy for units concerned and distribution as necessary.

+++ ASD/922.8 (B) of 18 Feb 45 refers.

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Unit (i)	W.E. (ii)	SEL (iii)	Serial No. Allotted (iv)
152 Italian Incr to ELU for Italian Combat Force Rft Trg Centre.	CM/509/1	To be allotted	93867
HQ PICENO Italian Combat Force Rft Trg Centre	CM/734/1	-do-	93868
152 Italian Ration & POL Depot and 152 Clothing Stores	CM/735/1	-do-	93869
152 Italian Fd Hygiene Sec	CM/736/1	-do-	93870
1500 Indep Italian Tpt Pl	CM/533/1	125/1	93871
152 Italian Mech Engr Pl	CM/539/1	127/1	93872
152 Italian LAD	CM/540/1	130/1	93873
HQ 152 Italian Provost Coy (CC.RR)	CM/737/1	To be allotted	93874
155 Italian Provost Sec (CC.RR)(duty)	CM/524/1	133/1	93875
319 Italian Provost Sec (CC.RR)(Trg)	CM/524/1	133/1	93876
198 Italian Provost Sec (CC.RR)(Holding) (Less Tpt)	CM/524/1	133/1	93877
HQ 1 Italian Reception Regt	CM/738/1	To be allotted	93878
HQ 1 Italian Reception Bn	CM/739/1	-do-	93879
HQ 2 Italian Reception Bn	CM/739/1	-do-	93880
HQ 3 Italian Reception Bn	CM/739/1	-do-	93881
HQ 2 Italian Inf Rfts Regt	CM/740/1	-do-	93882
HQ 1 Italian Inf Rfts Trg Bn	CM/741/1	-do-	93883
HQ 2 Italian Inf Rfts Trg Bn	CM/741/1	-do-	93884
HQ 3 Italian Inf Rfts Trg Bn	CM/741/1	-do-	93885
HQ 3 Italian Composite Rft Regt	CM/742/1	-do-	93886
4 Italian Arty Rfts Depot & 152 Arty School	CM/743/1	-do-	93887
HQ 6 Italian Mixed Rfts Bn	CM/744/1	-do-	93888
HQ 5 Italian Engr Rft Bn	CM/745/1	-do-	93889
152 Italian Fd Engineering School	CM/746/1	-do-	93890
152 Italian Combat Force Signal Trg Centre	CM/747/1	-do-	93891
HQ 6 Italian Mech Engrs Rft Coy	CM/748/1	-do-	93892
HQ 152 Italian Trg Schools	CM/749/1	-do-	93893
152 Italian Inf School	CM/750/1	-do-	2587
152 Italian Instructors School, All Arms	CM/751/1	-do-	93895
152 Italian Mechs School	CM/752/1	-do-	93896

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SUBJECT: Formation of New Units.

BLU RTC ICF.

Ref: 64/31.

28 Feb.45.

1. The formation order for the formation of 'F' BLU, 'G' Training Unit and 'H' British Training Increment has been received.

2. Copies of A.F.H.Q. letter will be forwarded shortly by H.Q. Rome Allied Area Command.

3. The following are points of interest from the letter :-

" Unit. (i)	W.E. (ii)	Serial No. Allotted. (iii)	Effective Date. (iv)
'F' BLU, Italian Rft Trg Centre, Italian Combat Force.	CM/732/1	93909	9 Feb.45.
'G' Trg Unit to the Italian Army	CM/700/1	93910	5 Jan.45.
'H' British Trg Incr, Italian Rft Trg Centre, Italian Combat Force.	CM/733/1	93911	9 Feb.45.

" 3. CLOTHING, EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT.

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(d) (i) Transport to complete to W.E. (subject to restrictions in (ii) and (iii) below).

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4. STATIONERY.

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5. PAY.

(a) Application for the allotment of Imprest Numbers for 'F' BLU and 'G' Trg Unit will be made to the nearest Area or Fd Cashier.

(b) [illegible] will be paid by the unit or formation to

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6. POSTAL.

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'F' BLU, Italian Rft.Trg Centre, Italian Combat Force, C.M.F.

'G' Trg Unit to Italian Army, C.M.F.

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'H' Br.Trg.Incr., Italian Rft.Trg.Centre,
Italian Combat Force,
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PADOS.

SUBJECT :- Reception Camp

SECRET.

BLU RTC ICF.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm
AC (MMIA) RGHE.
Ref 6/A/

Feb 45.

RTC ICF.
Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MMIA) (Please allot vehicles as arranged with Lieut-Col INGLEDEW in accordance with para 8A).

Copy to :- B.T.U.

Reference map Scale 1/50,000 Sheet 143.

1. In order to implement the decision of AFHQ that under no circumstances will the number of men under training in CESANO and BRACCIANO exceed the ceiling of 7,800, it is proposed to open a reception camp in the area between BRACCIANO and MANZIANA. The administrative HQ will be located at CASA DELLA GRAZIA MR 454921, and the camp will be erected in the immediate vicinity.

2. The officer representing the BLU in the Camp will be Major T.G.C. WARD Reconnaissance Corps. While the camp is being prepared, Major WARD will be living with the Mayor of MANZIANA at MR 452937.

3. The camp will be organised on the lines of a normal Italian Regiment and for this purpose SHAPE are furnishing the following personnel :-

HQ Cadre	8 officers	35 OR's
No 1 Battalion	25 "	80 "
No 2 "	25 "	80 "
No 3 "	25 "	80 "
	83 "	275 "

These personnel will arrive by train on 23 February. Steps have been taken to divert this train to BRACCIANO Station.

4. Electric Light and Water are available on the site, but as a considerable amount of engineering work is required, GOC RTC ICF is requested to arrange for 1 Officer and 1 Section of Engineers to be placed at Major WARD'S disposal forthwith.

5. Accommodation Stores. It is understood that 48 Italian lorries are proceeding to NAPLES forthwith to collect tentage and stores. They are expected to reach BRACCIANO some time on 24 February. In the meantime, GOC RTC ICF is requested to arrange to furnish all available tentage (bivouacs) and accommodation stores to enable Major WARD to prepare accomodation for the camp staff who are due to arrive on 23 February.

6. Rations. Rations for 1800 will be required with effect from 23 February and this number is likely to be increased to 3000 within the next three days. A supply point should be established in the immediate vicinity of the camp.

7. Petrol. RTC ICF will please arrange for a petrol point to be opened in the same locality.

8. Transport. The shortage of transport is fully appreciated. However,

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8. Transport. The shortage of transport is fully appreciated. However, the minimum requirements to enable the camp to operate are :-

20 x 3 ton lorries.
2 Water Trucks
1 Motor Cycle with rider

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These are being provided as follows :-

(a) By MMIA.
I 10 x 3 Ton lorries ex 1 GT Company.
II 2 Water Trucks ex ST MMIA

(b) by RTC ICF.
10 x 3 Ton lorries ex 2 GT Company.

(c) By BLU
1 Motor cycle.

Please arrange for the above vehicles to report to Major WARD on 22 February 45 at New Camp site.

In view of the vital urgency of ensuring that the camp is fit to accommodate the anticipated arrivals, the provision of this transport must have first priority.

9. Communications. Immediate steps should be taken to provide telephone communication with the Administration HQ at CASA DELLA GRAZIA.

10. Anticipated Arrivals.

23 Feb.	Camp Staff	83 Officers	275 OR's
23 Feb.	APULIA Call up		1000 recruits.
24 Feb.	ROME Patriots		500
26 Feb	APULIA Call up		700 recruits
	Total	83	2475.

To this must be added the normal daily input from various sources which may average 50 per day. On the other hand, drafts from CESANO will reduce the holdings in No's 1 and 2 Regiments and at least 500 patriots and 500 recruits will be transferred to CESANO within the next ten days.

11. Equipment policy.
First call on all available equipment will remain with the Regiments at CESANO and with No 3 Regiment at BRACCIANO. Only after their demands have been met will clothing be allocated to the Reception Camp. It is probable, however, that it will be necessary to provide boots at a very early stage, as many recruits arrive without footwear.

12. Blankets. As the majority of the personnel in the Reception Camp will be under canvas, three blankets per man should be issued - in this case priority may be given to the Reception Camp.

13. Medical. A First Aid Post will be required immediately with sufficient medical equipment to provide emergency treatment.

14. General Policy. The object of establishing the Reception Camp is to enable the training in CESANO and BRACCIANO to proceed without interference by the constant influx of uncontrolled bodies of recruits.

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Please arrange for the above vehicles to report to Major WARD on 22 February 45 at New Camp site.

In view of the vital urgency of ensuring that the camp is fit to accommodate the anticipated arrivals, the provision of this transport must have first priority.

9. Communications. Immediate steps should be taken to provide telephone communication with the Administration HQ at CASA DELLA GRAZIA.

10. Anticipated Arrivals.

23 Feb.	Camp Staff	83 Officers	275 OR's
23 Feb.	APULIA Call up		1000 recruits.
24 Feb.	RGME Patriots		500
26 Feb	APULIA Call up		700 recruits
	Total	83	2475.

To this must be added the normal daily input from various sources which may average 50 per day. On the other hand, drafts from CESANO will reduce the holdings in No's 1 and 2 Regiments and at least 500 patriots and 500 recruits will be transferred to CESANO within the next ten days.

11. Equipment policy.
First call on all available equipment will remain with the Regiments at CESANO and with No 3 Regiment at BRACCIANO. Only after their demands have been met will clothing be allocated to the Reception Camp. It is probable, however, that it will be necessary to provide boots at a very early stage, as many recruits arrive without footwear.

12. Blankets. As the majority of the personnel in the Reception Camp will be under canvas, three blankets per man should be issued - in this case priority may be given to the Reception Camp.

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14. General Policy. The object of establishing the Reception Camp is to enable the training in CESANO, and BRACCIANO to proceed without interference by the constant influx of uncontrolled bodies of recruits.

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SUBJECT:- Formation of new unit - Italian Army.

M.M.I.A. R.T.C. I.C.F.
Ref 6A/11.
10 Feb 45.

TO:- H.Q.R.T.C. I.C.F.
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D.A.A. & Q.M.G. (Br).

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