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SUBJECT: Duties

171 PLU IRTC ICF
Ref 10/1/1/296

12 Apr 45

ATTN: CAPT AND B2114

It is probably known that application has been made for a revised ITC containing the functions of the PLU and IRT in a single Unit. This proposal is now under consideration and it is anticipated that it is likely to be pulled down and in any case there will be some considerable delay before it is authorized.

Since it is deemed advisable to set out as briefly as possible the functions of the PLU and IRT in a single Unit to enable the to proceed as quickly as possible.

MEMO

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A new branch is now in process of being formed. When complete it is anticipated it will consist of the following officers :-

ASQ I	-	Lt-Col SCOTT
ASQ II	-	Maj H.W. KING
ASQ III	-	Maj NEWMAN or
		Maj BRAD-KING
ASQ IV	-	Capt G.H. SUMMERS
ASQ V	-	Capt A.V. GRASSET

Of these Maj KING and Capt SUMMERS will be att to 171 PLU as 171 PLU representatives but will not be incl in the IRT of 171 PLU or 171 IRT.

171 PLU

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Comd	-	Lt-Col H.H. MACRAY RA
PLU & IRT	-	Maj A.M.G. GILBERT RA
Staff Capt	-	Capt E.S. HOWARD RA
ASQ I	-	Maj K.W. JEFFERY RAC
ASQ II	-	Maj C.H.C. HILTON RAC
ASQ III	-	Maj E.Y. ADAMS RAC

171 PLU ROBERTS WILKIN

It is anticipated it will consist of the following units:-

GSO I	-	Lt-Col SCOTT
GSO II	-	Maj H.W. KING
GSO III	-	Maj MINNIE OR
		Maj HEND-KIRK
GSC III	-	Capt A.R. NEWTON
GNO III	-	Capt A.V. GRASSET

Of these Maj KING and Capt NEWTON will be att to 'F' BLU as
 main permanent representatives but will not be incl in the WE of 'F' BLU
 or 'H' IPI.

UNIT BLU
4.

Comd	-	Lt-Col E.H. MACGARY RA
MA & QM	-	Maj A.M.G. STARDI RA
Staff Capt	-	Capt E.S. HOARE RA
PAUSE	-	Maj L.W. JEWELL RAOC
PAUSE	-	Maj C.H.C. HILTON PINE
PAUSE	-	Maj E.Y. AMERS PASO
att	-	Lt J.M. ROBERTS WILMS
Assistant	-	ERN McPACHIE D.

UNIT BLU
5.

GSO III (Schools)	-	Maj E. HUNTERDON KINGS ONT
GSO II (Br)	-	Maj W.L. PRICE N SEATTE
GSO II RH	-	Maj J.O. MADLAND RE
GSC III RM	-	Capt E.G. LE NOOQ RE
GSO II RMS	-	Maj J.W. SWINERTON RCS
TRC	-	Capt C.T.R. GORDON PRO
PA	-	Lt-Col R.A. DELL RA and
RE	-	No 10 RA TFC Team
	-	Lt E.A. CLARKE RE

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MAJ R. H. C. B. BENTON	-	Assistant to GSO III (Schools) HAWAII
MAJ BERNARD	-	GTO Service in GUNNO
MAJ BROWN	-	GIC A&S Trg No 1 Regt Assistant INM JUDGE
MAJ BERNARD	-	GIC A&S Trg No 2 Regt Assistant INM JUDGE
MAJ BERNARD	-	GIC A&S Trg No 3 Regt Assistant INM JUDGE

MAJ BROWN

A conference is being held at 0900 hrs on 13 Apr 45 to explain and discuss the duties included in the extension of the AGO. A copy of the AGO is at the AGO. It is anticipated that further Maj's may arrive. In this event they will be allocated as follows on the basis given:-

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| A | - | Man of Rft Holding Regt. | |
| 1 | - | Assistant to Maj R. H. C. B. BENTON GSO III (SCHOOL) Trg. | 6326 |
| 2 | - | Assistant to Maj R. H. C. B. BENTON GSO III (SCHOOL) Regt. | |
| 2 | - | Second Assistant to Maj R. H. C. B. BENTON, each Maj then being responsible for one Regt. | |

RFT HOLDING REGT

Approval for the form of this Regt which is virtually a GSO has not been officially obtained, but is approved in principle. It is the intention to use this GSO at HAWAII. In the time at present occupied by the recruits reception to it and to transfer the latter to tents or buildings when available at GUNNO. This transfer depends on the availability of tents and it is probable as an interim measure that one of the IN GUNNO areas at GUNNO will have to be surrendered by the Reception Regt and handed over to the Rft Holding Regt. Thus for a short time both Regts - i.e. Reception and Rft Holding Regt may be located at GUNNO.

MAJ BROWN

MAJ BROWN
Lt-Col Rft

Annex 'A' to
 IRI IRI IRI IRI
 Letter No. 1/1/196
 Dated 12 Apr 45

ADM VING

The object of all try at the IRI IRI 2 is to make the Italian Army a self contained unit capable of being so.

In organizing the Group and the IRI, some Brit exp has been superimposed on and in some cases has replaced accepted Italian methods. The welding together of the two systems in the prime duty of all officers associated with the IRI, but at all times it must be borne in mind that we are advisors and not executives.

Now the Italian Army is now well in hand, but this is being very seriously hampered by the difficulty the Italians are experiencing in appreciating that Army which has been tried out and found essential in the Brit Army is of vital importance to the whole machine is to work smoothly.

I consider try in detail to be of equal importance to each of the IRI IRI in a Centre which is the basic foundation of the whole of the Italian Combat Force.

It should not require a very long period for the Italian Staff to assimilate the essentials of proper Army and to put them into practice, hence it is hoped that by the time the Office and IRI detailed for this type of try are ready to be released after the end of the war, the whole Army of the Centre will be on a sound basis and their services can be readily dispersed with.

The duties of the ADM VING will be very similar to those of the IRI and will include the IRI or Army Regt, although it must again be emphasized that these duties are advisory and not executive.

The following subjects will be studied and every effort will be made to set a properly organized system in each category :-

(a) Documentation

(b) Returns

These must tally with facts and stops must be taken to institute physical checks to ensure they are correct :-

(1) Selection of suitable gifts for going to IRI IRI.

(c) Hygiene and health - Sanitary dairies.

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It should not require a very long period for the Italian staff to assimilate the essentials of cipher code and to put them into practice, hence it is hoped that by the time the officers and men detailed for this type of work are ready to be released after the end of the war, the whole arm of the Guitano will be on a sound basis and their services can be readily dispersed with.

The following subjects will be studied and every effort will be made to test a variety of systems in each category :-

- These must tally with facts and stops must be taken to institute physical checks to ensure they are correct :-

(4) collection of suitable rfts for going into the exampl.

- Task System of units
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 Work tickets

- (f) Printing of Vols and the signs
- (g) Weaving of Uniform.
- (h) Welfare provision :-

Games Entertainments Care and Conduct of Cartoons

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Dated 12 Apr 45
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- (j) Leave Passes, Day Passes and Liberty Trucks
 - (k) Org of Fatigues
 - (m) Man Management
 - (n) Veh Discipline
 - (o) Turnout of Gds
 - (p) Duties of Orderly Officer
 - (r) VD
 - (s) Care and Custody of Arms
 - (t) Accounting for POW etc etc.

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28. APR 1945

Wojan King

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SUBJECT: Holding of surplus personnel against
Demobilization - BR-121 Units.

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LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R G ME

A 017
26 April 45

TO : Ministry of War.

1. The proposals contained in your 208150/II of 11 April are being carefully considered with the Allied authorities concerned. This letter is limited to the steps which may be taken to provide trained reinforcements for BR-121 units in preparation for the demobilization of the first four months of the 1944 class and of older classes, as soon as their homes are accessible.
2. It is not possible, without exceeding the authorized ceiling, to post to units, surplus to W.E., as many reinforcements as are required to replace demobilizable personnel. The most that can be done, if enough personnel are to be left in depots to meet normal wastage and to form new units, is to send to units sufficient reinforcements to bring them up to W.E. plus 5%.
3. Administrative divisions and Combat Groups are therefore authorized to demand on BRD's or LTC ICF for reinforcements to bring units up to W.E. plus 5%, and to keep them at this figure as losses occur. This will enable Service units to give a certain amount of apprenticeship training in the various trades to their reinforcements which could not be adequately carried at BRD in present circumstances.
4. Requirements of personnel for the surplus 5% will be shown on returns to BRD's and LTC ICF separately from normal requirements to complete W.E. BRD's and LTC ICF will give the following priority in allotting personnel :-

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(a) bring existing units up to W.E.

(b) form new units as required

(c) supply reinforcements for 5% surplus

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5. Units need not necessarily ask for the 5% surplus to be posted. They will only do so when they are capable of receiving them and if authorized by the employing British formation.

6. The above procedure is a temporary expedient only and may be discontinued at any time if considered desirable.

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for Major General
H.M.I.A.

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COPY TO: AFHQ for G-1 (Br)

C.G. 15 Army Group

C.G. 5 Army for Br Iner (your 64 A of 11 Apr refers)

H.Q. 8 Army

1 District (your ID/120/A of 10 Apr refers)

2 District

3 District (your 390/7A of 14 April refers)

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All BLU's

British Cadre 802 BRD

British Cadre 803 BRD

British Cadre 804 BRD

MMIA LO Rear 8 Army

MMIA LO British Increment FIFTH Army

MMIA LO 1 District

MMIA LO 2 District

MMIA LO 3 District

MMIA LO PBS

MMIA LO Eastern ITALY

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24 APR 1945

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SUBJECT :-

Revision of War Establishment of the RTO ICF

1P: ELM INTO ICF
Ref AD/62/405

24 April 45

LAND FORCES SUB COM AC (MIA)

1. War Establishments contained in Appendix 'A' 5 to MIA S/C/29/45 of 13 Jan 45 "Summary of War Establishments" covers a Total Staff of 2,030 and a holding of Reinforcements of 7,104 (exclusive of Serials 22 and 23 which were not included).

2. It is now proposed to revise the War Establishment to a new ceiling and a modified set up of the various Units.

3. Before this can be done, some clear definition of the final ceiling figure must be given.

The ceiling was at one stage raised to 11,250 Reinforcements (exclusive of permanent staff). At a meeting on Wednesday 18 April Brigadier HINDLY O3 Oms stated that the ceiling was to be further revised to 15,000.

4. A great deal of work will be involved in the preparation of revised War Establishment and it is useless to do this for a ceiling of 11,250, if in the near future the ceiling is to be raised to 15,000. My confirmation of Brigadier HINDLY's statement be obtained from AFHQ please. The main alterations in set-up which it is understood are approved in principle and on which the revised War Establishment will be based are as follows :-

(a) The present No 1 Reinforcement Reception Regiment will be redesignated the Reception Regiment. Its holding capacity will be increased to 2,500 all ranks Reinforcements from the original figure of 1,360 all ranks. It is not anticipated that any major increase of staff will be required, and the suggested figures are shown in the final summary.

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- (c) No 3 Composite Regiment will be revised and will consist of :-

- (i) HQ Composite Regiment
- (ii) HQ Engineer Battalion
- (iii) Field Engineering School
- (iv) HQ Signals Battalion
- (v) Signals Depot and School

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Of these the only new introduction is the HQ Signals Battalion, which will be similar to HQ Engineer Battalion. Owing to the increase in capacity of both Schools, a proportionate increase in Permanent Staff will be asked for.

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- (d) The Artillery Depot and School will be removed from the former No 3 Composite Regiment and will become an independent Unit under direct control of the Director of Training.
A new Artillery Battalion HQ will be required comparative to that of Engineer Battalion.
- (e) The Mixed Reinforcements Battalion will be removed from the former No 3 Composite Regiment and will become an independent entity under direct control of the Director of Training.
In this case the HQ is already in existence and the increases asked for are in proportion to the increased ceiling of Reinforcements.
- (f) At this stage, no attempt has been made to modify the War Establishment of the many smaller Units and Sub-Units. These will be dealt with in due course when the main essentials have been agreed.
- (g) In the following summary an attempt has been made to show how the revisions will work out and how they compare with the original figures.
It must be emphasised, however, that these figures are given as an illustration only and are NOT to be considered as the result of careful consideration of actual requirements.

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Lieut-Col RA

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ORIGINAL WAR ESTABLISHMENT

Serial	Unit	Training & Administrative Staff		Reinforcements		Some have been worked on
		Offrs	O.R.s	Offrs	O.R.s	
1 - 7	H.Q. Units	31	361	2	102	To be increased
8 & 9	No. 1 Reception Rgt.	35	206	70	1290	To be increased
10 & 11	No. 2 Inf. Reinforcement Rgt.	66	436	90	1110	To be increased
12	Hq Composite Rgt.	8	42	-	-	To be increased only, only
13	Arty Depot & School	23	163	15	625	To have books
14	Mixed Rfts. Bn.	10	39	10	270	To be increased to be called
15	Hq Engineer Bn.	5	33	-	-	To be increased only.
16	Field Eng School	10	24	10	270	To be part of
17	Signals Dep & School	28	132	5	155	To be increased in No. 3
18	Mech Engineers Trg Coy	3	21	5	75	To be increased
19 - 23	Schools	65 +	225 +	-	-	To be increased
GRAND TOTAL (excl Serial 22)		284	1746	207	6897	To be increased

Proportion staff to Rfts 1 to 3.5

ORIGINAL WAR ESTABLISHMENT

App'A' to A/63/405
dated 24 Apr. 45

Training & Administrative Staff		Reinforcements		Remarks.
Offrs	O.R.s	Offrs	O.R.s	
21	361	2	102	Some changes are contemplated here but no details have been worked out yet.
35	206	70	1290	To be converted to "A" Reception Regt."
66	136	90	1310	To be cancelled and converted into No. 1 & 2 Inf. Trg. Btys.
8	42	-	-	To be reduced to a two bn Regt only, called the Engineer Regt.
23	163	15	625	To have a 1st Bn added and to become an independent Bn
10	39	10	270	To be made an independent Bn and to be called the SIGNAL Bn and to be increased in size
5	28			To be No 1 Bn of No 3 Regt and to be confined to Engineers (Supporters) only.
10	24	10	270	To be increased in size and to be part of the Engineer Bn.
28	152	5	155	To be increased in size - to have a 1st Bn added and to become No 2 Bn of No. 3 Regt.
3	21	5	75	To be incorporated into the SIGNAL Bn. This Bn. to be cancelled
65 +	224 +			Some changes are contemplated here but these have not yet been worked out.
394	1746	207	6897	The total of 7104 + Rfts to be increased to 13,000 and the staff increased proportionately.

Proportion Staff to Rfts 1 to 3.5

REVISED WAR ESTABLISHMENT

FOR SAMPLE ONLY - THE FIGURES ARE ARBITRARY

Serial	Unit	STAFF All Ranks	REINFORCEMENTS All Ranks	Remarks
1 - 7	HQ Units	392	104	Unchanged
8 - 9	A Reception Regt	241	2500	The staff of this increased but rep of LHO reinforced
10-11	No 1 Inf. Brg. Regt.	502	3000	These two Regts are former No 2 Inf. Brg. identical. The staff of the school which are the number of staff from 149 to 1000 from 27 to 516. The Composite Bgt while and Mixed Bns.
10a-11a	No 2 Inf Brg Regt.	502	3000	
12,15,16, 17a & 17	No 3 Engineer Regt.	516	1000	These are increased permanent staff. The in functions Bns are increased the fact that the trained at other only increased in
13a - 15	Arty Bn, Depot and School	216	1000	Changes in the 3 worked out
17a - 18	ARMED Bn	70	1000	
19 - 21	SCHOOLS	65	224	This establishment approved.
22	Driver Mechanics School	39	269	
23	R & H School	123	400	The capacity of time the R. & H. facilities point being the main
Minor increases and sub units not included in the A.S.		say 50	say 503	No details for worked out.
GRAND TOTAL		2704	13,000	Proportion of 3 which compares of
		Total increase 750	Total increase 5,896	

APP 'D' to A/00/105
dated 24 Jul 45

REVISED WAR ESTABLISHMENT

TABLE ONLY - THE FIGURES ARE ARBITRARY

STAFF All Ranks	REINFORCEMENTS All Ranks	Remarks.
392	104	Unchanged
231	2500	The staff of the original Reception Regt not increased but required to deal with an increase of 1140 reinforcements
502	3000	These two Regts carry out the duties of the former No 2 Inf. Bt Regt and are in all respects identical. The establishment shown includes the staff of the Infantry School and the Special School which are used jointly by both Regts.
502	3000	
516	1000	The number of Rfts under training is increased from 440 to 1000 while the staff is increased from 37 to 516. This comprises the whole of the Composite Bt which has thrown off the Arty and Mixed Bns.
216	1000	Rfts are increased from 440 to 1000 while Permanent staff are increased from 186 to 216 The in functions independently
78	1000	Rfts are increased from 300 to 1000 but owing to the fact that the majority of personnel are trained at other centres and depots, the staff is only increased from 73 to 78
65	224	Changes in the School establishment are being worked out
99	269	This establishment has been revised and is approved.
123	400	The capacity of this school was not fixed at the time the W.S. was submitted but existing facilities point to a figure of approx 400 as being the maximum able to be accommodated.
any 50	any 503	No details for this balance have yet been worked out.
2784 Total Increase 754	13,100 Total Increase 5,396	Proportion of Staff to Rfts = 1 to 4.9 which compares with a proportion of 1 to 5.5

SUBJECT :-

Nomenclature - ITC ICF

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'F' DEN ITC ICF
Ref AQ/65/321

14 Apr 45

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Attached at Appendix 'A' is a list showing titles of Units of ITC ICF in Italian and English as authorized by AFHQ and agreed by the Ministero della Guerra. Please ensure that only these designations are used in all orders and correspondence.

MAJ ICF
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Serial No	War Establishment No	British Title	
(a)	(b)	(c)	
1	CM/734/1	Headquarters Reinforcements Training Centre	Centro A
2	CM/735/1	Ration and POL Depot and Clothing Store	Magazzino
3	CM/736/1	An Italian Field Hygiene Section	Sezione
4	CM/737/1	Headquarters CCR Company	Comando
5	CM/738/1	Headquarters A Reception Regiment	Reggione
6	CM/739/1	Battalion Headquarters A Reception Regiment	Battaglia
7	CM/740/1	Headquarters An Infantry Reinforcement Training Regiment	Reggione
8	CM/741/1	Battalion Headquarters An Infantry Reinforcement Training Regiment	Battaglia
9	CM/742/1	Headquarters A Composite Reinforcement Regiment	Reggione
10	CM/743/1	An Artillery Reinforcements Depot and School	Deposito
11	CM/744/1	Headquarters A Mixed Reinforcement Battalion	Battaglia
12	CM/745/1	Headquarters An Engineer Reinforcement Battalion	Battaglia
13	CM/746/1	A Field Engineering School	Scuola A
14	CM/747/1	Signals Training Centre	Centro A
15	CM/748/1	Headquarters A Mechanical Engineers Reinforcement Company	Compagnia
16	CM/749/1	Headquarters Training Schools	Scuola A
17	CM/750/1	An Infantry School	Scuola A
18	CM/751/1	An Instructors School (All Arms)	Scuola A
19	CM/752/1	A Mechanics School	Scuola M
20	CM/732/1	British Liaison Unit for the Reinforcement Training Centre	Nucleo B
21	CM/733/1	British Training Increment for the Reinforcement Training Centre	Nucleo B
22	CM/510/1	'B' Training Team RA	Nucleo A

NOMENCLATURE - REG EGS

Appendix 'A' to 'B' BLU
 ITC ICF letter
 AQ/6B/321 Dated
 11 Apr 45

British Title (c)	Italian Title (d)
Elements Training Centre and Clothing Store and Section Company Reinforcement Regiment and Reception Regiment Infantry Reinforcement Training Regiment and An Infantry Reinforcement Training Regiment Reinforcement Regiment Elements Depot and School Reinforcement Battalion Reinforcement Battalion School School School Engineers Reinforcement Company Schools (All Arms) For the Reinforcement Training Centre and for the Reinforcement Training Centre	Centro Addestramento Complementi - Comando Magazzini Viveri Vestiario e Lubrificanti Sezione Igienica Italiana Comando Compagnia OSS Reggimento Raccolta e Sostentamento - Comando Battaglione Raccolta e Sostentamento - Comando Reggimento Addestramento Complementi Fanteria - Comando Battaglione Addestramento Complementi Fanteria - Comando Reggimento Misto Complementi - Comando Deposito Complementi e Scuola di Artiglieria Battaglione Misto Complementi - Comando Battaglione Complementi Genio - Comando Scuola Artieri Centro Addestramento Collegamenti Compagnia Complementi Meccanici Genio - Comando Scuola Addestramento - Comando Scuola Applicazione di Fanteria Scuola Addestramento Istruttori (per tutte le armi) Scuola Meccanici Nucleo Britannico di Collegamento per il Centro Addestr. Compl. Nucleo Britannico di Addestramento per il Centro Addestramento Complementi Nucleo Addestramento 'E' Artiglieria Britannica

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