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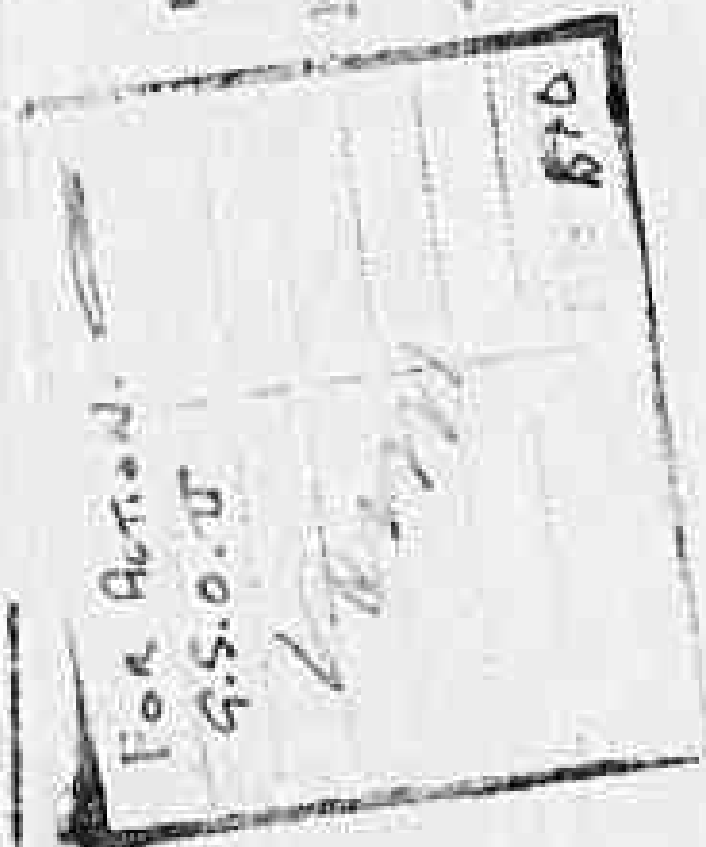
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Apr. 1, 1945 - June 17, 1945

SUBJECT: RE-ORG ITC ICF CESAME.

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Ref: AG/6/773

17 June 45.

To: Commander 'Y' BIL.

Copy to: GSO II
DAGS
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Reference your AG/6/755 of 14 June 45.

1. The re-organization outlined in your memo, as an interim measure before policy is established, presents no difficulty from the A & Q side. One or two points, however, are not quite clear and do affect greatly my appreciation of ITC ICF organization.

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Personally I do not think that six months can be allotted to training the soldier at KVO ICF. I am of the opinion that the soldier should spend eight weeks in the Basic Training Regiment and then be posted to his unit, returning to KVO ICF later for courses, as necessary.

This would mean that the layout of units at KVO ICF would be modified to be:-

1500 No.1 Infantry Basic Training Regiment	-	CESANO.
3000 No.2 " " "	-	CIVITAVECCHIA.
2000 No.3 Other Arms Training Regiment	-	CESANO.
300 Artillery School Specialists	-	BRACCIANO. 6560
250 Engineer School Specialists	-	BRACCIANO. 8338
250 Signal School Specialists	-	BRACCIANO.
200 D & M School Arts Corps	-	CESANO
--- H & M School	-	CESANO.

TOTAL 7500

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The only personnel to stay at ETO are after the first two months' preliminary training would be :-

Artillery Specialists
 Sapper "
 Signal "
 Drivers of Auto Corps.

So much for my outline solution.

3. Second.

To comment on proposed layout :-

(a) Infantry and Genio. No comments from A & Q angle.

(b) Workshops. There is no Workshop (NAME) Corps in the Italian Army - the nearest thing is Genio (Meccanici). Personnel trained at S & M School come from:

Genio
 Artillery
 Infantry

So there would be no "Workshop" personnel in basic training Regts. To start training a fitter from scratch takes literally years. NAME advises that in a fitters life the first six months are spent "chipping and filing". NAME is of the opinion that only basically trained fitters or apprentices can be accepted for courses at S & M School. These courses must be available only for personnel that are on long military engagements and will take from 6 - 8 weeks.

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- (c) D.A.M. - There is no S & T in the Italian Army. Drivers are supplied by Corpo Automobilistico.

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The figures in your memo of 200 at Basic Training Regt and 200 at School refer, no doubt, to Corpo Auto.

The remaining 200 vacancies can be allotted to units for courses.

- (d) Ordinance. Ordinance personnel must too be on long engagements. Training of Ordinance personnel on short engagements of 18 months or so is not worth while.

Ordinance in peacetime is an extremely small affair. 40 at basic training is adequate. Advance training must be at the Ordinance Depots and therefore not on strength of INO ICF.

4. Accommodation.

Your comments are fully agreed. It is recommended strongly that, once the basic layout of Regiments is agreed, a standing Accommodation Committee be formed.

This Committee to be composed of representatives from :-

HQ RIC ICF
Genio Militare
Ministero della Guerra
R. E. B.L.U.

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130	(HQ 2 FLS).
130	(HQ 2 FLS).
<u>1200</u>	

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Major R.A.
DAA & QMC.

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Arty	150
Genio	150
<u>Total.</u>	<u>1600</u>

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SUBJECT: Reorganisation of R.T.C., I.C.F., CESSANO.

DRAFT ONLY.

(Not to be published or circulated).

'F' RLB. INFO. ICF.

Ref: AA/6/755.

14 June 1945.

To: Col.L.H.Maclay, CBE (2 copies)
 Major H.W.King, Foresters (1 copy)
 Major A.M.G.Gelardi, R.A. (1 ")
 D.M.T. (personal). (1 ")

1. The attached draft memorandum is an attempt to indicate a plan for the re-organisation of Cessano.
2. It is not to be expected that you will agree in all respects, though I hope some part will be acceptable to you.
3. Will Major King please obtain the views of the various heads of training branches - - Majors Price, Blaxland, Swinerton and Grant, and will Major Gelardi consider it from an administrative point of view, in conjunction with Majors Hilton, Jeffery and Andrews.
4. Thereafter we might get together and decide between ourselves what essential modifications are required before submitting the finished article for consideration of M.M.I.A.
5. I have little doubt that either of you could produce an entirely different scheme with equal merits or demerits, but I contend we must develop some definite cock-sly to be considered by M.M.I.A. or we will get nowhere.

HM/ah.

For Action/For Inm.	
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Date	8.10

John
 Colonel.
 AA & QMG.

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Handy 1730 hrs 18/6/45

1. BLJ. IROC. ICF.

MEMORANDUM to letter

AQ/6/755

dtd. 14 June 1945.

RE-ORGANISATION OF R.T.C., I.C.F.
AT CIESANO.

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

6. Such being the case, it would appear that COSMO ~~is~~^{is} term is intended to include all the associated establishments referred to above), should be designed to have a dual function.

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

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

(b) The second function is to provide Schools and specialised training establishments where refresher and advanced courses in all Arms of the service may be provided. Pupils for these courses will be derived not from recruits but from trained personnel of the Gruppi or Service Division who are in need of advanced training or refresher Courses. Hence, the pupils of these Schools will not be included on the strength of the R.F.C. but will merely be attached over establishment for the duration of the respective courses.

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

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8. A further factor to be considered is that of accommodation. ~~6554~~ ⁶⁵⁵⁴ whereas during hostilities a relatively low standard of accommodation had necessarily to be accepted, in the post-hostilities and peace period, the personnel of the Italian Army are entitled to proper accommodation in permanent buildings, with adequate amenities and sufficient space for recreation, etc. It is probable that the tentage at present on loan to the R.T.C. will be called in very shortly and so, allowance must be made for the accommodation of all those at present under canvas. A revision of the war-time estimate of the capacity of buildings occupied by the R.T.C. must therefore be made.

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

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

CESANO.

Buildings at present occupied by No.1 Regiment.

Capacity	-	1,500
		(300)

Building at present occupied by No.2 Regiment.

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

Buildings occupied by E. M. School and by

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BRACCIANO.

Barracks occupied by Artillery Battalion.	600 (150)
Barracks occupied by Engineers & Signallers Battalions.	600 (150)

CIVITAVECCHIA.

Empty Barracks 4 miles North of Civitavecchia, which it is hoped to make available to Cesano District	-	3,000 (600)
TOTAL		<u>7,600</u>

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

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11. The accommodation at MANZIANA at present utilised by SIYA Schools has not been taken into account as it is presumed that these Schools will be utilized by personnel of the Divisions attached for instruction to SIYA and not therefore included in the ceiling of 7,500. It is probable, however, that additional accommodation will have to be found at MANZIANA to enable the fullest use of the available training resources to be made.
12. If therefore it is accepted that adequate accommodation for the R.T.C. is available in the Osimo District, it becomes a question of deciding what organisation will best meet all the requirements to which reference has been made in the preceding paragraphs.
13. In submitting the following proposals it has been necessary to assume an arbitrary breakdown of the ceiling of 7,500. This breakdown is subject to consideration by the Italian authorities and is likely to be modified from time to time as the final form of the peace-time Italian Army is gradually evolved. The following figures will, however, serve as a working hypothesis:
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Medical	--	100
Ordnance	--	100
General	--	200
TOTAL		<u>7,500</u>

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

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15. It is necessary to evolve a system of the United States will under the maximum use of all the available resources of transportation and handling facilities to conform to the principles already given. A chart is given at Appendix 11 which is submitted as one solution to the problem and which may well form a basis for discussion among those interested in obtaining the maximum value from the facilities available. Consideration of this chart will enable the total location of all receipts in the 7,500 ceiling to be further broken

Caenorhabditis elegans is a free-living nematode

TOTAL.			
Infantry.	4,500	1,500 in No. 4 Inf. Bn. Reg. 30th, CANTON	3,000 in No. 3 advanced Inf. Reg. 20th. CANTON.
Artillery.	600	300 in No. 2 0.9 in Art. Bn. 30th, Reg.	600 in Art. Bn. CANTON.
Engineers.	450	150 in ditto.	300 in Genl. Bn. 30th CANTON.

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		TOTAL	
Infantry.	4,500	-	1,500 in No. 1 Inf. Bde Trg. Regt., GUMBO
Artillery.	900	-	300 in No. 2 Other Arms Battal Trg. Regt.
Engineers.	450	-	150 in ditto.
Signalers.	450	-	150 in ditto.
Workshops.	400	-	200 in ditto.
Supply & Transport.	400	-	200 in ditto.
Medical.	100	-	40 in ditto.
Ordnance.	100	-	40 in ditto.
General.	200	-	120 in ditto.
TOTALS.	7,500		7,700
			4,000

3,000 in No. 3 advanced
Trg. Regt. Regt.
CIVILIAN RESERVE.

600 in Art. Bn.
PERACOTIAO.

300 in Gen. Barracks
PERACOTIAO.

300 in ditto

200 in 2nd Lt. School,
GUMBO

200 in D & M. School,
GUMBO.

60 in Hospitals &
Medical Trg. Centre

60 in Ordnance Trg.
Centres.

80 in Specialised
Trg. Centres.

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SUMMARY:

No. 1 Regiment.	-	1500
No. 2 Regiment.	-	1200 (see Note)
No. 3 Regiment	-	3000
Artillery Batteries Indochina.	-	600
Sanitary Batteries, Indochina.	-	600
D & M. & M. Schools.		400
Various.		200
TOTAL		7500

(Note: It will be noted that No. 2 Regiment Block with an accommodation capacity of 1500 has only 1200 specifically allocated to it. The remaining space for 300 will be reserved for students in the Infantry School and Specialist Schools already in operation at U2240 and for which pupils will be provided, in part, from No. 3 Regiment (at Civitavecchia) and in part by students from the line Divisions (attached and not included in the establishment).

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17. The foregoing covers the general principles of training for all arms, but if German practice is to fulfill its function as the alternative of the Italian Army it will be necessary to institute a number of other School and Instructional Courses. No attempt is made here to enumerate these subjects, particularly as many subjects are already included in the curriculum of UIVA Schools at MUSEJUNA and some are dealt with (or are in process of being organized) at GENOVA. Obvious some considerable reorganization of the schools' plan will be required, but it is considered such matters are beyond the scope of this paper, which is primarily intended to indicate a course which will provide a sound foundation on which the new Italian Army may be built.

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

No.1 Infantry Basic
Training Regiment.
Capacity 1500
Location (No.1 Regt.
Block) GEFANO.

1 Coy. 300 men.

No.2 Other Arms Basic
Training Regiment.
Capacity 1500
Location (No.2 Regt.
Block) "The Comb".
GEFANO.

Battalion H.Q.
of 100.
1 Coy. of 300 men.

No.3 Advanced Infantry
Training Regiment.
Capacity 3,000
Location: New Barracks
CIVITAVECCHIA.

2 Coys. of 300 men
each

Artillery Battalion
Capacity 600
Location: Artillery
Barracks, BRACCIANO.

$\frac{1}{2}$ Coy. of 150 men

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

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

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

Signallers Battalion
Capacity: 300
Location: Genio Barracks
BRACCIANO.

$\frac{1}{2}$ Coy. of 150 men

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SERVICE OR DUTY BATTALION.
Strength: 1600.
Not on strength of R.T.A., I.C.F.

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D. & M. School

Capacity: 200

Location: D. & M.
School
CESANO.

E.M. School.

Capacity: 200

Location: E.M. School
CESANO.

Carabinieri

Extra to W. H.

Location: CESANO,
Carabinieri School

SUMMARY OF RELEASE OF 'A' VEHICLES.

Items No 1, 2, 3, and 4 of Appx 'A' to DMT/88/4/MT.1 dated 2 Feb 45.

1. A/VR/8364 dated 8 Feb (not passed to you).

23 Carriers Universal Cl II, III or IV (Runners)
 16 " " 3 " Mortar " "
 9 " " Universal (non runners)
 15 " " T.P.C. Lloyd Cl II or III (runners)

Ex 15 RVP NAPLES. To be collected by unit.

2. Release in para 1 above cancelled by :-

(a) A/VR/8364 dated 11 Feb (DMT/88/4/MT.1 dated 17 Feb refers)

23 Carriers Universal Cl II, III or IV (runners)
 9 " " non runners.
 15 " " Lloyd Tracked Towing Cl II, III or IV (runners)

Ex 408 RVP ROME.

(b) A/VR/8364(X) dated 11 Feb (DMT/88/4/MT.1 dated 18 Feb refers)

✓ 16 Carriers 3" Mortars Cl II, III or IV (runners)

Ex 15 RVP NAPLES - delivery instructions being issued by AFHQ.

3. Release No A/VR/8364 dated 11 Feb (para 2 (a) above) amended by A/VR/8405 dated 23 Feb (release details not passed to you, DCS release has not yet been received by this Directorate).

✓ 18 Carriers Universal Cl II, III or IV (runners)
 15 " " Lloyd Tracked Towing Cl II, III or IV (runners)

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 These being balance of vehicles released under A/VR/6364 and not available ex 408 RVP.

Ex 15 RVP NAPLES. Rail lift is being arranged to TOR SAPIENZA.

4. Release A/VR/8405 dated 23 Feb (para 3 above) amended by A/VR/8436 dated 5 Mar (DMT/88/4/MT.1 dated 8 Mar refers).

✓ 8 Carriers Lloyd Tracked Towing Cl II, III or IV (runners)

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Ex 11 RVP. Rail lift is being arranged to TOR SAPIENZA.

5. It will be seen therefore that the required vehicles are being supplied from Vehicle Parks shown below :-

Carriers Universal (runners)	qty 5 from 408 RVP ROMA.
" " "	✓ 18 " 15 RVP NAPLES.
" 3" Mortar (")	✓ 16 " 15 RVP NAPLES.
" Universal (non runners)	✓ 9 " 408 RVP ROE.
" Lloyd Towing	7 " 15 RVP NAPLES.
	✓ 8 " 11 RVP.

Rail lift is being arranged to TOR SAPIENZA for all vehicles released ex 11 or 15 RVPs.

1 Universal.

7 Lloyds.

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Bri.G.,
D.M.T.

L. B. King Capt. A

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Q (AE) BRANCH

VEHICLE RELEASE NOTE

A 0436
Ref. VR/ Mar 45
Date 4

To: ~~RAF for Reinforcement Centre,~~
~~Italian Combat Force,~~
R.C.T. I.C.F. C.M.F.

Release of the undermentioned vehicles is authorized.

Quantity	Description of Vehicles
8	CARRIERS LOYD TRACKED TOWING - Class II, III or IV MEDIUMS.

(Being balance of Carriers Tracked Towing not available as RUNNERS ex 15 RVP, released under serial AVR 0435).

Remarks: Ex 11 RVP SAN GIOVANNI. All vehs to be runners with minimum kit nearest equivalent to training scale Pts I, II and III. Rail lift to TOR SAPIENZA.

RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS

1. On receipt of this release authority, the unit or formation will await release instructions from ORD (Br).
2. AFHQ Q (AE) release and ORD (Br) release will both be handed to Vehicle Park at the time of collection. The Vehicle Company have been instructed that release will not be made unless both copies of release voucher are presented.

DISTRIBUTION :

✓ (Br)
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for *Porter Capt*
Brigadier,
Q (AE)

6 MAR 1945

OS/A/VR/0436

Dated 5 Mar 45

8 Carriers Lloyd Tracked Towing Class II, III or IV runners.

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or 15 RVP; released under serial A/VR/8405.

2. Rail lift will be arranged to TOR SAPIENZA.

3. It is brought to your notice that Part I Orders will be published in accordance with GPO 165 of 44 and Monthly Census Returns submitted in accordance with GPOs 174 of 45 and 192 of 44.

4. RTO ICT please find attached summary of releases concerning 'A' vehicles as at Appx 'A' to DMT/68/4/MT.1 dated 2 Feb 45, for your information.

THB/hj

for B. M. Ward
Cap. J. R. A.

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SUBJECT : Vehicle Releases.

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING
ATHQ CMT.

Ref. 11656.

BTU PTC ICF c/o Land Forces Sub
Commission AC(MTA) Rome.

DMT/88/4/MT.1

18 Feb '45

Copy to :- 15 RVP 38 Vehicle Coy RAOC CMT

Ref ~~para~~ this Directorate's DMT/88/4/MT.1

Dated 2 Feb '45

1. The following vehicle (s) ~~is~~ (are) released to you under authority ORDNANCE ATHQ Release No.

LOS/A/VR/8364(x)

Dated 12 Feb '45

Carriers 3" Mortar Class II, III or IV Runners Qty 16

With minimum kit nearest equivalent to Pts I, II and III Trg Scale

2. For Rail Lift, Delivery Instructions will be advised earliest.

3.

3. It is apparent to your notice that Part A Orders will be published in accordance with GPO 455 of 44 and Monthly Census Returns submitted in accordance with GPOs 474 of 43 and 192 of 44.

1. The following vehicle (s) ~~is~~ (are) released to you under authority ORDNANCE AFHQ Release No.

DOG/A/VR/8364(x)

dated 12 Feb '45

Carriers 3" Mortar Class II, III or IV Runners Qty 16

With minimum kit nearest equivalent to Pts I, II and III Trg Scale

2. For Rail Lift, Delivery Instructions will be advised earliest.

3. ~~It is brought to your notice that Part X Orders will be published in accordance with GPO 465 of 44 and Monthly Census Returns submitted in accordance with GPOs 474 of 45 and 192 of 44.~~

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JMB/MS

Afternoon.

FJ
Bris.
D.M.T.

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TEL. 11656.

DATE/88/4/MT.1

BTU RTC ICE c/o Land Forces Sub
Commission AC (MILIA) ROME.

17 Feb 45

Copy to : 408 RVP 27 Veh Coy RAOC CTF.

100-443888-100
this Directorate's DET/88/4/MT.1

dated 2 Feb 45

1. The following vehicle (s) ~~is~~ (are) released to you under authority ORDINANCE 1270 Release No. 100-1470/8361.

DOS/A/VR/8364

dated 12 Feb 45

Carriers Universal Class II, III or IV Runners qty 23
 " " (Non Runners) 9
 " Lloyd Tracked Towing Cl II, III or IV Runners qty 15 } trg scale pts
 I, II and III } with minimum
 kit nearest
 equivalent to

2. You will be informed by this Directorate when vehicles are available for collection from 408 HVP TOR SAPIENZA (ROME).

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

It is brought to your notice that Part X Orders will be

1. The following vehicle(s) is (are) released to you under authority ORDNANCE APHQ Release No.

DDO/A/VR/8364

Dated 12 Feb 45

X Carriers Universal Class II, III or IV Runners qty 23 ⁽¹⁾ with minimum
 " " (Non Runners) 9 } kit nearest
 " Lloyd Tracked Towing Cl II, III or IV Runners qty 15 } equivalent to
 I, II and III } trg scale Pts

2. You will be informed by this Directorate when vehicles are available for collection from 408 RVP TOR SAPIENZA (ROME).

3. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

It is brought to your notice that Part X Orders will be published in accordance with GPO 465 of 44 and Monthly Census Returns submitted in accordance with GPOs 471 of 43 and 192 of 44.

4. This release will be produced as authority to draw from the Vehicle Park.

JTB/hj

R. / ERIC,
D.M.T.

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NOTE :- Two Capt. Carriers Lloyd Tracked Towling.

10. Pending Unit to the Italian Army
C. M. F.

Ref HXU/103/334

3 May 45.

REF.

Ref your HXU/300 of 30 Apr 45.

1. A total number of 47 carriers (Runners) are held at this Centre, and were received as under :-

From 408 HVR - Carriers Universal qty 5

By Road at TOSKANTANA Railway Station.

Carriers Universal	qty 18
" 5-in Mortar	" 16
" Lloyd Tracked	" 8
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2. Capt SUMNER personally received the carriers at TOSKANTANA and there is no doubt that only eight Carriers Lloyd Tracked were received or despatched at that time. No information has subsequently been received that a further 7 Carriers were released or despatched.

3. Ref your HXU/103/441.1 of 8 March 45 - HXU/174/456 released 8 Carriers Lloyd Tracked Towling only.

6/1/45

By Mail at TORRENTIA Railway Station.

Carriers Universal	qty	13
" 5-in Mortar	"	16
" Lloyd Towing	"	8
		<u>47</u>

2. Capt SEMMIST personally received the Carriers at TORRENTIA and there is no doubt that only eight Carriers Lloyd Towing were received or despatched at that time. No information has subsequently been received that a further 7 Carriers were released or despatched.

3. Ref your LHM/OS/4/48.1 of 8 March 45 - DKS/A/TR/8436 releases 8 Carriers Lloyd Towing only.

CRS/rmw

for OS
CRS

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