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July 12, 1945 - July 16, 1945

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SUBJECT: Pack Tpt

D.M.T. A.P.H.Q.
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Tel: 16282

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HQ 'F' BL & IV, R.T.C., I.C.P.

Herewith brief particulars of the Pack Tpt Wing of the I.R.T.D.
It may not be possible to gather this together again in exactly this form, but there would appear to be no difficulty about sales and pack saddlery.

Could grooms be found from personnel at present at CESMIO?

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S.N. STOSMITH,
Brigadier,
D.M.T.

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2363 TRAINING

not wanted.

PACK TPT WING - I.R.T.D.Org

Capt	1
Sjts	2
Cpls	2
Storeman	1
Iti stable boys	6 or 7

A local farrier was also used and a saddler in addition considered necessary.

Mules	24
Horses	7 (only 3 were used for trg)

Eqpt

Mule pack saddlery	24 sets
Horse saddlery	7 sets

Essential eqpt such as feeding bags was also held.

No man pack eqpt was held.

Courses

The course was of 14 days duration including a 3 day bivouac exercise.

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SUBJECT:- Pack Transport'F' BRITISH LIAISON AND TRAINING UNIT
RTC ICF

Ref: C/G.22/602

12 July 1945

Col L.B. Mackay, GRE
Commander,
'F' British Liaison and
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A pack transport Wing would be a useful asset to the Centre, particularly for demonstration purposes at SIVA and for use at CESANO in lieu of Mech Tpt. The Italian Army has always used pack tpt in Alpine Divisions and are keen on again considering its tactical use.

I don't know the size of the "Wing" referred to but accommodation and feeding of the animals should not present much difficulty provided we can have a week or two's notice. Any horses available would be useful for British Training Officers to get round and see training (particularly as no suitable vehicles seem to be forthcoming). Further saddles will be required.

We have a number of Alpine Officers who understand the subject and I still have all the Mule Loading tables and literature issued from CMTC.

Provided the Wing is not too large I am sure it would benefit training (particularly SIVA). May we have more details of roughly what it is composed of.

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Float/s/ H.W. KING.
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