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SUBJECT: Unit Serial Numbers.

'F' British Liaison & Training Unit
REC ICF.

ST/5/94.

28 July 45.

To: HQ IICICF.

1.
allotted :-

The following Unit Serial Numbers have been

152 D and M School	1362
No 3 Italian G.T. Company	1317

2. The serial number of No 3 G.T. Company will NOT be painted on the unit vehicles while the unit remains at REC ICF.

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'F' British Liaison & Training Unit.

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 SUBJECT: Unit Serial Numbers.

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

Ref: AG/GB/096

1 July 15.

To: H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Home AG (LHIA).

My application please be made to A.P.H.Q. for
 Unit Serial numbers for the following units :-

152 Driving & Maintenance School	-	W.N. CM/591/1.
Re.3 (Italian) C.F. Company.	-	W.B. CM/531/1.
		CM/533/1.
		CM/532/1.
		CM/539/1.

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Colonel
 Command 'F' British Liaison &
 Training Unit RVC ICF

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"PICANO" DIVISION. CAC ETC.

02/2361/ Ord.

25 May 45.

SUBJECT : Request for Sgt. Instructors.

To replace deficiencies of personnel actually existing, and increasing due to men being discharged, the u/m personnel are urgently requested as Instructors, as no such personnel are available from the Centre.

Driving School :-	16 Driver Sgts.
School of Mechanics and	
Gun Fitters :-	15 Driver Mechs. Sgts.
	15 Motor Mechs. "
	1 Armourer "

It would be desirable if these Sgts. are Regular Soldiers.

Lt-Col. SIVO

Ministry of War.

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Ministry of War.

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4 June 45

SUBJECT : Personnel for Driver Mech. and Gunfitters School.

Ref, 02/2361/ord. of 25 May 45.

1. It is not possible, for the moment, to allot the Specialist Personnel requested in the above mentioned letter, as none are available.
2. Orders for closing the School at Polignano are pending, and as soon as possible the personnel from this School will be used to fulfil this request.

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02/2650/ord.

6 June 45

'F' BU ; For information.

Lt.Col.SIVO.

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SUBJECT:-- Visit to BR-141 Distribution Depot,
OCSANO, on 25/4/45.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AD.
(M.M.I.A.).
99/53/14

131 B.M. RUC, ICF
(for Attention DADST)

25 April 45.

1. Ref ADST's visit to your Distribution Depot at OCSANO the following report is forwarded:--

(a) Several sacks of Preserved Meat, unfit for consumption and very smelly were stacked in the main depot close to other supplies including nuts. The Depot Commander was told to transfer the sacks immediately to a place where supplies were not housed and to arrange for a Contamination Board at an early date.

(b) Although there was some damage i.e. thin boards under sacked commodities, better damage should be found. Old ammunition cases and petrol tins make excellent damage, or old packing cases. An effort should be made to improve the position.

(c) Stacking was irregular and in some cases to high. Bags and sacked goods should not exceed 15 high. Fibre cartons " " " 15 high. Wood cases without bottom " " 15 high. In some cases cartons were stacked the wrong way and consequently the flaps (top and bottom) were bulging and falling open.

(d) In the main Depot Stack Boards were not being used. These should be introduced forthwith.

(e) The Depot was clean and reasonably tidy.

(f) The Depot Commander stated that there were still about 100 tons of supplies left at the old depot at Palidoro on account of lack transport. These should be transferred to OCSANO at the earliest date.

2. The points needing attention were pointed out at the time of visit to the Depot Commander. It would, however, be appreciated if your DADST would check to see that action has been taken on para 1.(a) to (d) and (f) above.

AA & QMG
DAW & QMG
SC-A' A-Q'

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Subject:- War Establishments.

D.A.D.S.T.
P. B.L.U. R.T.C. I.C.F.
C. H. F.

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Reference your ST/5/414, dated 24th. April 45.

Copies of War Establishments as stated in your letter received with thanks.

April 27th. 45.

C. W. C.

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Major. D.A.D.M.E.

SUBJECT :- Work Tickets

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'F' BLU ITIC IOW
Ref ST/5/367

19 April 45

REC IOW

Will you please ensure that all vehicle work tickets (AF # 3518) submitted to this HQ for counter-signing and stamping are completed as to columns 1 to 7 inclusive showing :-

1. Date of Journey
2. For whom journey is performed
3. Details of load
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6.) } Route
7. Signature of Italian Officer authorising journey.

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Maj HASC
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HQ ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO No 794 US ARMY.

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SUBJECT:- WEs and SELs.

"F" BLU IRTC ICF.

Reference your ST/5/288 dated 11 Apr 45.

Please make your application direct to No 10 Publications
Depot.

DGW/eg.

Ref: 72A.
13 Apr 45.

B. V. WOOD,
Staff Captain,
for Lt Col,
AA & QMG.

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REFERENCE: THE AREA

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Reference your letter dated 11 Apr 51.

Please make your application direct to the

Director.

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SUBJECT :- Wes and Gile - Printed English and Italian

17' NEW INFO ICF
DATE 07/5/88

11 Apr 46

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May the following WEs please be supplied :-

<u>Designation</u>	<u>RE</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
RA Tpt & Sup Coy for Italian Combat Force	RA/531/1	3
Tpt Pl for Italian Combat Force	RA/533/1	3
HDI for Italian Combat Force	RA/534/1	3
Mech Bn Pl for Italian Combat Force	RA/539/1	3

also :-

Parts I and II Mech Bn Pl for Italian Combat Force	127/1	3
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Hq Tpt & Sup Coy for Italian Combat } RA/534/1
Tpt Pl for Italian Combat Force
NDI for Italian Combat Force
Med Pl for Italian Combat Force }

also :-
SMH
127/1
Parts I and II Mech Bn for
Italian Combat Force }

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TRANSPORT PLATOON FOR AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

(Platone trasporti di un Gruppo Combattente Italiano)

(Italian Army personnel)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT (ORGANICO DI GUERRA)

(i) Personnel (Personale)

DETAIL (Descrizione)	Headquarters (Comando)	1 - 5 sections (each) (Gruppi 1 - 5)	Total, transport plat- con for an Italian combat group. (Totale, platone trasporti di un gruppo combattente Italiano)
Subaltern (subalterno)	1		1
Total, officers (Totale, ufficiali)	1		1
Sergeants (sergenti) (a)	2		2
Corporals (caporali)		1	5
Privates (soldati)	7		7
Drivers (autisti)	5	6	35
Total, rank and file (Totale, graduati e truppa)	12	7	17
Total, other ranks (Totale, incluso i sott'ufficiali)	12	7	49
Total, transport platoon for an Italian combat group	15	7	50
(Totale, platone trasporti di un gruppo combattente Italiano)			
(ii) Distribution of rank and file by duties (Distribuzione di lavori e servizi dei graduati e truppa)			
Corporals i/c sections (caporali gruppi i/c)		1	5
Privates for duty as (servizi truppa) -			
Clerk (scrivano)	1		1
L.M.G. detachment (gruppo L.M.G.) (b)	3		3
Cooks (cucini)	2		2
Mechanics (meccanici)	1		1
Drivers for duty as (servizio autisti) -			
Engine-driver (attendente-autista)	1		1
Motorcyclists (motoriciclisti)	2		2
Driver-mechanics (meccanici-autisti)		1	5
Drivers, I.C., vehicles (conducenti veicoli)	2		27

DETAIL
(Descrizione)

Subaltern (subalterno)	Headquarters (Comando)	1 - 5 sections (each) (Gruppi 1-5 (ciascuno))	Total, transport group for an Italian combat group (Totale, gruppo combattente italiano)
Total, officers (Totale, ufficiali)	1		1
Serjeants (sergenti) (a)	1		1
Corporals (corporali)	2		2
Privates (soldati)	7	1	5
Drivers (autisti)	5	6	7
Total, rank and file (Totale, graduati e truppa)	12	7	17
Total, other ranks (Totale, incluso i sott'ufficiali)	11	7	49
Total, transport platoon for an Italian combat group (Totale, plotone trasporti di un gruppo combattente italiano)	15	7	50

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by duties
(Distribuzione di lavori e servizi dei graduati e truppa)

Corporals i/c sections (corporali gruppi i/c)		1	5
Privates for duty as (servizi truppa) -			
Clerk (secretariale)	1		1
L.M.G. detachment (gruppo L.M.G.) (b)	3		3
Cook (cucini)	2		2
Mechanic (meccanico)	1		1
Drivers for duty as (servizio autisti) -			
Battalion driver (attendente-autista)	1		1
Motorcyclists (motociclisti)	2	1	2
Driver-mechanics (meccanici-autisti)		5	5
Drivers, I.C., vehicles (conducenti veicoli)	2		27
Total, rank and file (Totale, graduati e truppa)	12	7	47

(iii) Transport (Trasporti)

Motor-cycles, solo (motociclisti, monopoisto)	3		3
Car, 2-seater, 4 x 2 (auto, 2 posti, 4 x 2)	1		1
Truck, 15-c-t, 4 x 2, GS, for IMG detachment (Autocarro, 15-c-t, 4 x 2, GS, per gruppo IMG)	1		1
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 2, GS, task (Autocarri, 3-ton, 4 x 2, GS, servizi)		6	30
Lorry, 3-ton, 4 x 2, GS, for cooks and baggage (Autocarri, 3-ton, 4 x 2, GS, per cuochi e bagaglio)	1		1
(Autocarro, 3-ton, 4 x 2, per i cuochi e il bagaglio)			
Total, vehicles (Totale, veicoli)	3	6	33
Trailer, 15-c-t, 2-wheeled, water, 180-gallons (carrela, 15-c-t, 2 ruote, autobotto, 180-galli)	1		1

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SHEET NO. 2.

TRANSPORT ELEMENT FOR AN ITALIAN COBAT GROUP

(Platone trasporti di un gruppo combattente italiano)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT - continued
(ORGANICO DI GUERRA - continue)

- (a) One for administration, one to be i/c platoon.
(Uno per il comando, uno per il platone i/c.)
- (b) Includes one man trained in water duties.
(Incluso un uomo adetto al servizio idraulico.)

This establishment will NOT be implemented without A.D.H.Q. authority.

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Effective date 4 September 1944

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TRANSPORT PLATOON FOR AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

(Platone trasporti di un Gruppo Combattente Italiano)

(Italian Army personnel)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT (ORGANICO DI GUERRA)

(i) Personnel (Personale)

DETAIL (Descrizione)	Headquarters (Capoquarto)	1 - 5 sections (each) (Gruppi 1 - 5 (ciascuno))	Total, transport platoon for an Italian combat group (Totale, plotone combat group per un italiano combattente)
Subaltern (subalterno)	1		1
Total, officers (Totale, ufficiali)	1		1
Sergeants (sergenti) (a)	2		2
Corporals (caporali)		1	5
Privates (soldati)	7		7
Drivers (autisti)	5	6	35
Total, rank and file (Totale, graduati e truppa)	12	7	17
Total, other ranks (Totale, incluso i sott'ufficiali)	14	7	49
Total, transport platoon for an Italian combat group	15	7	50
(Totale, plotone trasporti di un gruppo combattente italiano)			
(ii) Distribution of rank and file by duties (Distribuzione di lavori e servizi dei graduati e truppa)			
Corporals i/c sections (caporali gruppi i/c)		1	5
Privates for duty as (servizi truppa) -			
Clerk (scrivania)	1		1
L.M.G. detachment (gruppo L.M.G.) (b)	3		3
Cooks (cuochi)	2		2
Mechanic (Meccanico)	1		1
Drivers for duty as (servizio autisti) -			
Batman-driver (attendente-autista)	1		1
Motor-cyclists (motociclisti)	2		2
Driver-mechanics (meccanici-autisti)		1	5
Drivers, I.C., vehicles (conducenti veicoli)	2		27
Total, rank and file	12	7	4526

(Descrizione)	Headquarters (Comando)	1 - 5 sec (each) (Gruppi)	Total, by combat group (Totale, da combattimento)	(Total, by combat group) (Totale, da combattimento)
Subaltern (subalterno)	1		1	
Total, officers (Totale, ufficiali)	1		1	
Serjants (sergenti) (a)	2		2	
Corporals (caporali)	7	1	5	
Privates (soldati)	5	6	35	
Drivers (autisti)	12	7	17	
Total, rank and file (Totale, graduati e truppa)	15	7	49	
Total, other ranks (Totale, incluso i sott'ufficiali)		7		
Total, transport platoon for an Italian combat group (Totale, platone trasporti di un gruppo combattente Italiano)	15	7	50	
(ii) Distribution of rank and file by duties (Distribuzione di lavori e servizi dei graduati e truppa)				
Corporals i/c sections (caporali gruppi i/c)		1	5	
Privates for duty as (servizi truppa) -				
Clerk (scrivania)	1		1	
L.M.G. detachment (gruppo L.M.G.) (b)	3		3	
Cooks (cuochi)	2		2	
Mechanic (Meccanico)	1		1	
Drivers for duty as (servizio autisti) -				
Batman-driver (attendente-autista)	1		1	
Motor-cyclists (motociclisti)	2	1	2	
Driver-mechanics (meccanici-autisti)	2	5	5	
Drivers, I.C., vehicles (conducenti veicoli)			27	
Total, rank and file (Totale, graduati e truppa)	12	7	4526	
(iii) Transport (Trasporti)				
Motor-cycles, solo (motociclisti, monoposto)	3		3	
Car, 2-seater, 4 x 2 (auto, 2 posti, 4 x 2)	1		1	
Truck, 15-c-t, 4 x 2, GS, for IMG detachment (Autocarro, 15-c-t, 4 x 2, GS, per gruppo IMG)	1		1	
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 2, GS, task (Autocarri, 3-ton, 4 x 2, GS, servizi)		6	30	
Lorry, 3-ton, 4 x 2, GS, for cooks and baggage (Autocarri, 3-ton, 4 x 2, GS, per cuochi e il bagaglio)	1		1	
Total, vehicles (Totale, veicoli)	3	6	33	
Trailer, 15-c-t, 2-wheeled, water, 180-gallons (carrela, 15-c-t, 2 ruote, autobotto, 180-gall)	1		1	

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SHEET NO. 2.

TRANSPORT PLATOON FOR AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
(Platone trasporti di un gruppo combattente italiano)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT - continued
(OPERA TCO DI GUERRA - continue)

- (a) One for administration, one to be i/c platoon.
(Uno per il comando, uno per il platone i/c)
- (b) Includes one man trained in water duties.
(Incluso un uomo adetto al servizio idraulico.)

This establishment will NOT be implemented without A.F.H.Q. authority.

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TRANSPORT PLATOON FOR AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

(Platone trasporti di un Gruppo Combattente Italiano) ...

(Italian Army personnel)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT (ORGANICO DI GUERRA)

(i) Personnel (Personale)

DETAIL (Descrizione)	Headquarters (Comando)	1 - 5 sections (each) (Gruppi 1 - 5 (ciascuno))	Total, transport plat- oon for an Italian combat group (Totale, platone trasporti di un gruppo combattente Italiano)
Subaltern (subalterno)	1		1
Total, officers (Totale, ufficiali)	1		1
Serjeants (sergenti) (a)	2		2
Corporals (caporali)		1	5
Privates (soldati)	7		7
Drivers (autisti)	5	6	35
Total, rank and file (Totale, graduati e truppa)	12	7	17
Total, other ranks (Totale, incluso i sott'ufficiali)	14	7	49
Total, transport platoon for an Italian combat group (Totale, platone trasporti di un gruppo combattente Italiano)	15	7	50

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by duties
(Distribuzione di lavori e servizi dei graduati e truppa)

Corporals i/c sections (caporali gruppi i/c)	1	5
Privates for duty as (servizi truppa) -		
Clerk (segretariale)	1	1
L.M.G. detachment (gruppo L.M.G.) (b)	3	3
Cooks (cucchi)	2	2
Mechanics (meccanici)	1	1
Drivers for duty as (servizio autisti) -		
Battalion driver (attendente-autista)	1	1
Motorcyclists (motociclisti)	2	2
Driver-mechanics (meccanici-autisti)		5
Drivers, I.C., vehicles (conducenti veicoli)	2	27
Total, rank and file		45

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(Descrizione)

Subaltern (subalterno)	Headquarters (Comando)	1 - 5 sections (gruppi 1 - 5)	Total, transport group (Totale, gruppo trasporti)	combat group (gruppo combattente)
Total, officers (Totale, ufficiali)	1		1	
Serjeants (sergenti) (a)	1		1	
Corporals (caporali)	2		2	
Privates (soldati)	7	1	5	
Drivers (autisti)	5	6	35	
Total, rank and file (Totale, graduati e truppa)	12	7	17	
Total, other ranks (Totale, incluso i sott'ufficiali)	15	7	49	
Total, transport platoon for an Italian combat group (Totale, plotone trasporti di un gruppo combattente Italiano)	15	7	50	

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by duties (Distribuzione di lavori e servizi dei graduati e truppa)

Corporals i/c sections (caporali gruppi i/c)	1	5
Privates for duty as (servizi truppa) -		
Clerk (scritturale)	1	1
L.M.G. detachment (gruppo L.M.G.) (b)	3	3
Cook (cuochi)	2	2
Mechanics (meccanici)	1	1
Drivers for duty as (servizio autisti) -		
Engine-driver (attendente-autista)	1	1
Motor-cyclists (motociclisti)	2	2
Driver-mechanics (meccanici-autisti)		5
Drivers, I.C., vehicles (conducenti veicoli)	2	27
Total, rank and file (Totale, graduati e truppa)	12	45

(iii) Transport (Trasporti)

Motor-cycles, solo (motociclisti, monoposto)	3	3
Car, 2-seater, 4 x 2 (auto, 2 posti, 4 x 2)	1	1
Truck, 15-c-t, 4 x 2, GS, for IMG detachment (Autocarro, 15-c-t, 4 x 2, GS, per gruppo IMG)	1	1
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 2, GS, task (Autocarri, 3-ton, 4 x 2, GS, servizi)		30
Lorry, 3-ton, 4 x 2, GS, for cooks and baggage (Autocarro, 3-ton, 4 x 2, GS, per cuochi e bagaglio)	1	1
Total, vehicles (Totale, veicoli)	3	33
Trailer, 15-c-t, 2-wheel, water, 180-gallons (carrela, 15-c-t, 2 ruota, autobotte, 180-gall)	1	1

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EXHIBIT NO. 2.

TRANSPORT PLATOON FOR AN ITALIAN CO BATT GROUP
(Platone trasporti di un gruppo combattente Italiano)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT - continued
(OPERA TIPO DI GUERRA - continue)

- (a) One for administration, one to be i/c platoon.
(Uno per il comando, uno per il platone i/c)
- (b) Includes one man trained in water duties.
(Incluso un uomo addeito al servizio idraulico.)

This establishment will NOT be implemented without A.F.H.O. authority.

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SPECIAL EQUIPMENT LISTRESTRICTEDSHEET 1 of 2.

for

A TRANSPORT PLATOON, SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT COMPANY FOR
ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

on

14/555/1

A.P.H.Q.
Q(AE)S.E.L. No. 125/1
SEPTEMBER, 1944

NOTE: - The personal weapons, unit weapons and vehicle entitlement are shown in Part 1 of this list, other personal and common unit equipment will be in accordance with the Normal Equipment List for an Italian Combat Group.

The Special Equipment not covered by the Normal Equipment List will be in accordance with Part II of this list.

PART IVEHICLES

DETAIL	QUANTITY
Motor-cycles, solo	3
Cars, 2-seater, 4 x 2	1
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4 x 4, G.S.	1
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 2, G.S.	31
Total, vehicles	35
Trailer, 15-cwt, 2-wheeled, water, 180-gallons	1

PERSONAL WEAPONS

Pistols, .38-in. 1

Rifles, .303-in. 8

on
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S.S.M. No. 125/L
SEPTEMBER, 1944

A.F.H.G.
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NOTE:- The personal weapons, unit weapons and vehicle equipment are shown in Part I of this list, other personal and common unit equipment will be in accordance with the Normal Equipment List for An Italian Combat Group.

The Special Equipment not covered by the Normal Equipment List will be in accordance with Part II of this list.

PART I.

VEHICLES

DETAIL	QUANTITY
Motor-cycles, solo	5
Cars, 2-seater, 4 x 2	1
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4 x 2, G.S.	1
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 2, G.S.	31
Total, vehicles	35
Trailer, 15-cwt, 2-wheeled, water, 180-gallons	1

PERSONAL WEAPONS

Pistols, .38-in.....	1
Rifles, .303-in.....	8
Carbines, machine, Thompson, .45-in.....	35

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UNIT WEAPONS

Guns, machine, Bren, .303-in.....	6
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S.E.L. No. 125/L. SHEET 2 of 2

PART II.SPECIAL EQUIPMENT

Ent. or Part No.	Designation	Quantity
	<u>SECTION A.L.</u>	
AA 0611	Gases, binocular, W.Z. patt. 137	1
1441	Pockets, compass, W.E. patt. 137	1
	<u>SECTION H.2.</u>	
HB 0551	Cotton waste, coloured	2 lbs
	<u>SECTION J.L.</u>	
JA 0225	Boxes, stationary, field, small, Mt. V	1
	<u>SECTION K.C.</u>	
KC 5025	Stretchers, ambulance, Mt. II (a)	1
	<u>SECTION K.E.</u>	
KE 5512	Matches, 15-in, blade	12
5513	Shards	12
	<u>SECTION K.F.</u>	
KF 4400	Saws, butchers, bow	1
	<u>SECTION V.2.</u>	
VC 5630	Compasses, prismatic, liquid -	
0710	Mt. III (or)	
0702	Mt. II (or)	
0700	Mt. IX (or)	
	Mt. VIII	
2512	Watches, G.S. -	
2510	Mt. II (or)	
7592	Mt. I (or)	
7471	T.P. (or)	
	W.T., T.P.	
	<u>SECTION V.6.</u>	
VF 0028	Binoculars, Prismatic, No. 2 -	
0027	Mt. II (or)	
	Mt. I	
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4- 0611 144d	Cases, binocular, W.E. patt. '57 Pockets, compass, W.E. patt. '57	SECTION L.2.	2	lbs
HB 0551	Cotton waste, colored	SECTION J.1.	1	
JA 0226	Boxes, stationary, field, small, Mk. V	SECTION K.0.	1	
KC 5025	Stretchers, ambulance, Mk. II (a)	SECTION K.1.	12 42	
KE 3512 3513	Matchets, 15-in, blade Sheaths	SECTION K.2.	1	
KF 4400	Saws, butchers, bow	SECTION V.2.	1	
VC 5630 0710 0702 0700	Compasses, prismatic, liquid - Mk. III (or) Mk. II (or) Mk. IX (or) Mk. VIII		1	
2512 2510 7392 7471	Watchos, G.S. - Mk. II (or) Mk. I (or) T.P. (or) W.T., T.P.	SECTION V.6.	1	
VF 0028 0027	Binoculars, prismatic, No. 2 - Mk. II (or) Mk. I	SECTION W.1.	4523 1	
WA10122	Sandbags		80	

NOTE:- (a) For detail see Normal Equipment List - Table No. 13.

Effective date - 1 September 1944

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MECHANICAL ENGINEERS PLATOON FOR AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
(Plotone meccanizzato del genio per un Gruppo Combattente Italiano)

(Italian army personnel)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT (ORGANICO DI GUERRA)

(i) Personnel (Personale)

DETAIL (Descrizione)	Headquarters (Comando)	Workshop (Officina)	Total (Totale)
Captain (Capitano)	1		1
Total, officers (Totale, ufficiali)	1		1
Mechanist sergeant-major (Maresciallo meccanista)	1		1
Mechanist staff-sergeant (Sergente maggiore meccanista)		2	2
Total, warrant officers and staff sergeants (Totale, marescialli e sergenti maggiori)	1	2	3
Administrative corporal (Caporale amministrativo)	1		1
Blacksmiths (Fabbri)	2	2	2
Clerks for M.T. stores (corporals) (Scritturali per il magazzino M.T. (caporali))	2		2
Cooks (Cuechi)		2	2
Carpenters (Carpentieri)		1	1
Coach painter (Pittore autocarri)			
Drivers, I.C. for duty as - (Servizio per autisti I.C.) -			
Battalion driver (Attendente-autisti)	1		1
Drivers of vehicles (Conducente veicoli)	1	4	5
Motor-cyclist (Motociclista)	1		1
Electricians (Elettricisti)		3	3
Sheet metal workers (Meccanici idraulici)		2	2
Storemen (M.T. stores) (Magazziniere (magazzini M.T.))		2	2
Trimmer (Assostatore)		1	1
Vehicle-mechanics (Meccanici autieri)		11	11
Total, rank and file (Totale, graduati e truppe)	8	28	36
Total, other ranks (Totale, compresi i sott'ufficiali)	9	30	39
Total, mechanical engineers platoon for an Italian combat group. (Totale, plotone meccanizzato del genio per un gruppo combattente Italiano)	10	30	40

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Captain (Capitano)	1		1	
Total, officers (Totale, ufficiali)	1		1	
Mechanist sergeant-major (Maresciallo meccanista)	1	2	1	2
Mechanist staff-sergeant (Sergente maggiore meccanista)	1	2	3	
Total, warrant officers and staff sergeants (Totale, marescialli e sergenti maggiori)	1	2		
Administrative corporal (Caporale amministrativo)	1	2	1	2
Blacksmiths (Fabbri)	2		2	2
Clerks for M.T. stores (corporals) (Scritturali per il magazzino M.T. (caporali)	2	2	2	1
Cooks (Cuochi)				
Carpenters (Carpentieri)				
Coach painter (Pittore autocarri)				
Drivers, I.C. for duty as -				
(Servizio per autisti I.C.) -				
Battun-driver (Attendente-autisti)	1	4	1	5
Drivers of vehicles (Conducento veicoli)	1			1
Motor-cyclist (Motociclista)	1	3	3	3
Electricians (Elettricisti)		2	2	2
Sheet metal workers (Meccanici idraulici)		2	2	2
Storeman (M.T. stores) (Magazziniere (magazzini M.T.))		1	1	1
Trimmer (Assesatore)		11	11	11
Vehicle-mechanics (Meccanici autieri)				
Total, rank and file (Totale, graduati e truppe)	8	28	36	
Total, other ranks (Totale, compresi i sott'ufficiali)	9	30	39	
Total, mechanical engineers platoon for an Italian combat group.				
(Totale, plotone meccanizzato del genio per un gruppo combattente Italiano)	10	30	40	522

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SHEET NO. 2

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS PLATOON FOR AN ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP
(Plotone meccanizzato del genio per un Gruppo Combattente Italiano)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT (ORGANICO DI GUERRA) - continued

(ii) Transport (Trasporto)

DETAIL (Descrizione)	Headquarters (Comando)	Workshop (Officina)	Total (Totale)
Motor cycles, solo (Motociclette, monoposto)	2		2
Car, 2 seater, 4 x 2 (Auto, 2 posti, 4 x 2)	1	2	1 2
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4 x 2, G.S. (for maintenance duties) (Autocarri, 15-cwt, 4 x 2, G.S. (per servizio mantenimento))	1	4	5
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 2, G.S. (Autocarri, 3-ton, 4 x 2, G.S.)		2	2
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 2 (breakdown) (Autocarri, 3-ton, 4 x 2, (assistenza))		2	2
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 2 (workshop) (Autocarri, 3-ton, 4 x 2, (officina))	1		1
Trailer, 15-cwt, 2-wheeled, water, 180 gallons (Carrella, 15-cwt, 2-ruote, autobotte, 180 galls)			

NOTE

This unit will be used with the transport and supply company for an Italian combat group.
(Questo gruppo veria usato insieme alla Compagnia di trasporti e viveri per un gruppo combattente Italiano).

This establishment will NOT be implemented without A.F.H.O. authority.

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RESTRICTEDSHEET 1 of 1.SPECIAL EQUIPMENT LIST

for

A MECHANICAL ENGINEERS PLATOON, FOR ITALIAN COMBAT GROUP

on

NA/559/1

A.F.H.Q.
Q(AE)S.E.L. No. 127/1.
SEPTEMBER, 1944.

NOTE:- The personal weapons, unit weapons and vehicle entitlement are shown in Part I of this list, other personal and common unit equipment will be in accordance with the Normal Equipment List for an Italian Combat Group.

The Special Equipment not covered by the Normal Equipment List will be in accordance with Part II of this list.

PART I.VEHICLES.

DETAIL	QUANTITY
Motor-cycles, solo	2
Cars, 2-seater, 4 x 2	1
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4 x 2, G.S.	2
Lorries, 5-ton, 4 x 2, G.S.	5
Lorries, 5-ton, 4 x 2, breakdown	2
Lorries, 5-ton, 4 x 2, workshops	2
Total, vehicles	12
Trailer, 15-cwt, 2-wheeled, water, 180-gallons	1
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PERSONAL WEAPONS

Pistols, .38-in.....1

3.E.I. No. 127/1.
SEPTEMBER, 1944.

A.F.I.C.
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PART I.
VEHICLES.

DETAIL	QUANTITY
Motor-cycles, solo	2
Cars, 2-seater, 4 x 2	1
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4 x 2, G.S.	2
Lorries, 5-ton, 4 x 2, G.S.	5
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 2, breakdown	2
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 2, workshops	2
Total, vehicles	12
Trailer, 15-cwt, 2-wheeled, water, 180-gallons	1
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PERSONAL WEAPONS

Pistols, .38-in.....1
Rifles, .303-in.....30
Carbines, machine, Thompson, .45-in.....7

UNIT WEAPONS

Guns, machine, Bren, .503-in.....2
Ps. I. A. T.....1

S.E.L. No. 127/L

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PART II

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT

Qut. or Part No.	Designation	Quantity
<u>SECTION A.1.</u>		
Ad 0611	Gases, binocular, W.E. patt. '37	1
11441	Pockets, compass, W.E. patt. '37	1
<u>SECTION A.</u>		
Blocks -		
PA 0230	Scribing	1
0256	1/4" large	1
449 1	Saws, tenon, 14-in	1
5193	Stamps, steel, for metal, 1/4-in -	1
5195	Figures, 0 - 8	1
	Letters	1
<u>SECTION B.1.</u>		
Ha 0362	Soap, yellow	9
0535	Containers, tin, 2-gallon	14
<u>SECTION B.2.</u>		
HB 0551	Cotton waste, coloured	2
	N.I.V.	
8888	Rags, cotton, white	3
<u>SECTION J.1.</u>		
J4/JF	Sheets, ground, unserviceable	1
2872	Spades, 1k. 111	1
J4 1340	<u>SECTION K.E.</u>	
<u>SECTION K.E.</u>		
KE 8025	Brooms -	1
0827	Pass -	1
	Handles	
0835	24-oz	1
0836	Sweeping, 11-in -	1
0891	Bristle	1
2524	Handles	1
	Brushes, water carriage, 1k. 1	
8025	Funnels, oil, 6-in	1
3203	Leaps, murrions -	1
3512	Without globes	1
3513	Globes, clear	1
	Matchets, 15-in blade	1
	Sheaths	1
<u>SECTION K.F.</u>		
		30
		4520
		30
		3
		3

(2) Includes 24 for breakdown work, parking, etc.

S.E.L. No. 1271,
PART II.

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SPECIAL EQUIPMENT.

Cat. or Part No.	Description	Quantity
<u>SECTION LVC/MT2, H.I.V.</u>		
34843	Extractors, screw, 'EZMOUT' size, 1 to 6, complete with drills	1
26822	Rollers, (cage wheel), 1 1/2-in x 1/2-in, milled, Dunlop, No. 4	1
31597	Spanners, ring, S.E.L. -	1
33246	(Set of 6) 12-point, 1/2-in to 1-in sets	1
26800	(Set of 5) 3/2-in to 1 1/16-in sets	1
26815	Tools -	1
26809	Removing damaged cone, Schrader, No. 4320	1
26810	Valve fishing, complete with 12-in chain Schrader, No. 8104.	1
	Wrenches -	1
	(Sets of 2) for tyre valve nuts, Schrader, No. 6974, sets	1
	Star, for tyre valve base nuts, Schrader, No. 5567	1
	<u>SECTION LVC/MT6.</u>	
26807	Material, tyre repair -	
	Compound, vulcanizing, rubber, (sheet) 1/16-in	
	gauge (in 1-lb tins) this	1
	<u>SECTION LVC/MT11.</u>	
25435	Ropes, towing -	
17376	Light, 12, 11/1, 15-ft	1
	Medium, 12, 11 1/2, 11 1/4	5
	<u>SECTION LVC/MT14.</u>	
14234	Valves, tyre, Schrader -	
19416	Tools, No. 7799	1
	Tool, valve, converting, No. 7260E	1

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ABSTRACT: Re-organization of District 44 Council and Commission.

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Model: 4345

17 March 1945.

To: H.Q.
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Copy for information, to:
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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 assimilating new elements when it is anticipated they arrive in the near future.
2. The whole proposal is built on the framework contained in this office memorandum ref: DM/15/55 of 6 March, under heading "Proposed Expansion of War Establishment at ONIAGO".
3. To enable these proposals to be put into effect, definite authorization on a number of points is required and it is therefore suggested that a meeting should be called at the earliest possible date, when these proposals can be discussed and a policy given to the specific questions mentioned at the end of each paragraph. It is submitted that this meeting might be held at the R.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 ONIAGO is too close to the Central Schools at MANZIANA, so turbulent, undisciplined 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 TRAVERTINO ROMANO, map ref: 5536. 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 envisaged its displacement 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.

2. The whole proposal is built on the Treasury contained in this office memorandum ref: DAI/15/35 of 6 March, under heading: "Proposed Increase of War Detachments at CINCANO".

5. To enable these proposals to be put into effect, definite authorization on a number of points is required and it is therefore suggested that a meeting should be called at the earliest possible date, when 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 I.N.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 OMICHO is too close to the Central Schools at MANZANA, so 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 MANZANARO ROMANO, map ref: 5386. 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 envisaged on 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 CERANO - BRACCIANO is broadly as follows:- \$517
- No.1 Regiment of 3 Battalions, at CERANO, on Infantry training.
- There are no insuperable problems connected with this Regiment for which no solution can be found.

No. 2 Ordinance of 3 Battalion, 1st Airborne, on Tenthredinidae, 1910.

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 when it is anticipated they arrive in the near future.
2. The whole proposal is built on the foundation contained in the earlier Memorandum of 6 March, under heading "Proposed Movement of War Establishment at CERNIO".
3. To enable these proposals to be put into effect, definite authorization in number of points is required and it is therefore suggested that a meeting should be called at the earliest possible date, when these proposals can be discussed and a reply given to the specific questions mentioned in the call of such paragraph. It is suggested that this meeting might be held at the K.S.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 CERNIO is too close to the Central Schools at MARZANO, as turbulent, undisciplined recruits are inclined to create disturbances 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 MARZANO MAREO, lat 42° 53' 36". The requisite facilities for the formation of the camp, water, etc., are available. The camp is being planned to accommodate 2,500 recruits and the long-term policy envisages its abandonment 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 CERNIO - BRACCIANO is broadly as follows:- 4517

No.1 Regiment of 3 Battalions, at CERNIO, 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 CERNIO, 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 Misto 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.O.R.R. School, etc.) located at CERNIO, 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/1/11 of 13 March 1965), and that it should sever all connection with No. 3 Regiment. Is this approved?
- (b) That Col. PALLI, now commanding No. 3 Regiment, should be given command of the Independent Artillery Bn., and that I/COL. SANKUOL, at present commanding, be transferred to a forward Group, 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.A.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 'Histo' 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. Bazooka proper, and the other to Signals personnel, i.e. equivalent to I.C.S., and specialist signallers for other arms.
- (b) The present Battalion I.C. staff of the composite Engineer Bn. will form the Bn. I.C. of the 'Sapper' Bn. Is this approved?

- (c) A new Battalion I.C. 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 signal at MOOERA is transferred to BRIGOLING. May authority be granted for this re-organisation and permission be granted to S.M.A.E. to post the requisite personnel (if any are required), not provided by the MOOERA staff?

7. Proposal No. 3 : (Reference is DTI/P5/55 of 6 March).

- (a) A modification 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 'E' of the above mentioned memorandum.
- (b) The above mentioned memorandum visualised No. 4 Regiment to comprise 1st Battalion, the first of which was to be devoted exclusively to 'Patrols', and the second to Specialists.

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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 'Pisto' 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' work, and the other to Mine warfare, i.e. equivalent to M.C.S., and specialist signallers for other arms.
- (b) The present Battalion H.Q. staff of the composite Engineer Bn. will form the H.Q. of the 'Sapper' Bn. Is this approved?

- (c) A new Battalion H.Q. staff under a new Lieut-Col. be formed to control 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 MOOMA is transformed to MUOGLANO. Ify authority be granted for this re-organisation and permission be granted to S.M.I.A. to post the requisite personnel (if any are required), not provided by the MOOMA staff?

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Proposal No. 3 : (Reference is DTI/25/55 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, my 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 'E' of the above mentioned memorandum.
- (b) The above mentioned memorandum visualised No. 4 Regiment to comprise 2 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 Recce 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 Recce 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 ex the disbanded Gariboldi 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 Gariboldi formation.

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- (ii) That they will be trained as a unit, on, in the matters except GOC, in the unit; 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 Group as complete additional Battalions.
- (v) That a formation letter authorizing the issue of the necessary armor and equipment will be issued in the near future.
- (vi) That in the meantime these men will require clothing and training.

(a) 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 B.T.I. letter (originally destined for Petrosi House Training Bn.) shall be devoted to the two new Garibaldi Battalions.
Is this approved and any authority be wanted 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 B.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 'F' to B.T.I. letter be authorized forthwith?

8. 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 becomes 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 'F' of B.T.I. letter of the Administrative and General staff of the Specialist Bn.
Any authority for this be granted?

personnel of the Garibaldi Division, is this proposed?

- (ii) That the equipment asked for in Appendix 'E' of B.T.I. Letter (originally destined for Patriotic Force Training Bn.) shall be devoted to the new Garibaldi Battalions.
Is this approved and my 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 B.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 B.T.I. Letter be authorized forthwith?
8. 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. 5 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 Hospitalo, Orbanco, Zozeto, 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. 5 Regiment at BRACCIANO and becomes 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 B.T.I. Letter of the Administrative and Command staff of the Specialist Bn.
May authority for this be granted?
9. The new No. 4 Regiment (i.e. Garibaldi Group and Specialist own 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 Montignone. 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 "Reorganization" of 15 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 CERSINO and BRACCIONE. 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 III 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 B.L.U. at CERSINO are contained in this office letter ref: 4/61/9 of 14 March. In view of the greatly increased responsibility of the B.L.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.

LMH/sb.

Internal:

DM & QF.
Staff Capt.
G.II Training.
G.II Infantry Tro.
G.III D.T.U.
G.II Signals.
S.O.R.E.
D.A.D.M.E.
D.A.D.S.T. ✓
D.A.D.O.S.
Provost.
File.
Float.
War Diary (2)

Lt Col. R.A.

4514

ATTACHED 12.
 No: 3.1/1/59
 Attn: 17 Jan. 45.

TENTS AND HUTS REQUIRED FOR THE RECEPTION CAMP
AND FOR No. 4 REGIMENT.

(1) Tent Reception Camp.

Strength - 2,500, all ranks.

Camp H.Q.
 3 Bns.

Nissen
 Huts (a) 100-1b.
 Tents (b)

26 375

(2) No. 4 Regiment.

Strength - 2,500, all ranks.

H.Q. No. 4 Regiment.
 3 Battalions.

26 375

TOTAL 52 750

Less 500 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 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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ATTACHMENT 'B'
 Date: 10/14/59
 At: 11:00 AM

STANDARD

Proposal No. 1.

- (a) May the Artillery Bn. of No. 3 Regiment be formed into an independent unit?
- (b) May Col. Talar, C.O. No. 3 Regiment, be transferred to command the independent Artillery Bn. and W/O.L. mentioned postal to a forward Group?
- (c) May the requisite additional staff for the independent Artillery Bn. be authorized?

Proposal No. 2.

- (a) May the present Engineer (No. 3) Regiment be re-organized as a two-Bn. basis; one Sappers 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 WOCHRA, 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 authorized?
- (b) May approval be given and the necessary instructions issued, for the posting of 'patriots' to forward Group as vacancies become available?
- (c) Is the appreciation of the intentions of M.H.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 GEMINO?
- (ii) May the War Establishment equipment asked for in Appendix 'E' of B.T.I. letter be authorized and devoted to the training of the Garibaldi personnel in lieu of the 'patriots' for which it was originally designed?
- (iii) May further equipment be authorized 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 authorized?

Proposal No. 4.

- (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 authorized for No. 3 Bn., of No. 4 Regiment?

(-) May additional equipment and infrastructure be asked for in Appendix 'E' to be authorized?

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Independent Artillery Bn., and W/O/L. Returned posted to a Forward Group?

(c) May the requisite additional staff for the Independent Artillery Bn. be authorized?

Proposal No. 2.

- (a) May the present Engineer (No. 3) Regiment be re-organized on a two-Bn. basis; one Sappers and the other Signals; and a new Sapper Colonel be placed in command vice Col. Fildes?
- (b) May the present staff of the combined Engineer Bn. be allotted to the new Sapper Bn.?
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- (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?
- (e) May the War Establishment equipment asked for in Appendix 'H' of I.T.I. letter be authorized and devoted to the training of the Garibaldi personnel in lieu of the 'patriots' for which it was originally designed?
- (f) May further equipment be authorized if the numbers of the Garibaldi personnel exceed those originally entered for in 'patriots'?
- (c) 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 authorized?

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- (c) May such additional staff as are required and asked for in Appendix 'E', be authorized for No. 3 Bn., of No. 4 Regiment?
- (d) May additional tentage and huts asked for in Appendix 'A' hereto, be authorized?
- (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?

REPLY:

May the new War Establishment for the B.L.J. at CESANO, contained in this office letter ref: A/GB/9 of 14 March be authorized and implemented at the earliest possible date?

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SUBJECT: Formation RTO ICF

RESTRICTED

'F' BLU RTO ICF
Ref G/6A/34

3 Mar 45

HQ RTO ICF

1. The Units shown at Appendix 'A' of the attached AFHQ CR/11116/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 RTO 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 BL.

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 RTO ICF will ensure that separate Unit indents or demands in respect of material set out in paragraph 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 RTO 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, - 4511

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

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- (a) Deficiencies of personnel by rank and trades against War Establishment, 4511
- (b) Deficiencies in equipment and transport.

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Internal

191 BTU RTC ICF

DADOS
DADME
A/ADMSY

STAFF G/PT
PRO

FILE
FLOAT

A. H. J. Philips
Maj RA
D.A. & QMG

17-11-45
16/1/45 of 3mm
SECRET
ALLIED - ORCE HEADQUARTERS
CR/1116/C-1(BR) (Ser. 1663)
22 Feb 45.

7/04/45
SUBJECT:- Formation of new units - Italian Army.

ITALIAN ARMY UNITS.

1. (a) The Units listed in Appendix 'A' to this letter will be formed as shown, with effect from 9 Feb 45 under the supervision of HQ Rome Area Allied Comd., in conjunction with the MIA attached to the Italian Rpts 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 Force Sub Commission, Allied Commission, (MIA) from the Italian Rpts Trg Centre, CESMO, 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, necessities and personal equipment to scale.
(b) Unit equipment to Normal Equipment List for Italian Combat T.E.
(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. 1593) to the nearest Stationery Depot (see CR 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 ADPS, 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
HQ Rome Area Allied Comd. will report to C.1.(B) A.1. Section, AFHQ, when formations are complete.

7. ACK

Re Rome to AFHQ
Field-Marshal,
Supreme Allied Commander,
Mediterranean Theatre.

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- (c) Office Machinery (indent form A.F.L.1392) to ADPCS, 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

HQ Rome Area Allied Comd. will report to C.1.(B) A.1. Section, AFHQ, when formations are complete.

7. ACK

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Supreme Allied Commander,
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APPENDIX 'A' to CR/1116/C-1(BR)(Ser.1663) of 22 Feb 45.

Unit	W.E.	SEL	Serial No. Allotted
(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
152 Italian Incr to BLU for Italian Combat Force Rft Trg Centre.	CM/509/1	To be allotted	93867
HQ PICEVO 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) (Loss 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-	93894
152 Italian Instructors School, All Arms	CM/751/1	-do-	93895
152 Italian Mechs School	CM/752/1	-do-	93896

APPENDIX

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

UNIT.	WAR ESTAB- LISHMENT.	DISTRIBUTION.	SPECIAL EQUIP- MENT LIST.	
(a) 152 Italian Increment to British Division Unit.	CM/500/1.	RTC ICF. O.C. Italian Increment. War Establishment File.		
(b) 1500 Independent Italian Transport Platoon.	CM/555/1.	RTC ICF. D.A.D.M.S. War Establishment File.	125/1.	RT D. D.
(c) 152 Italian Mechanical Engineers Platoon.	CM/559/1.	RTC ICF. D.A.D.M.S. War Establishment File.	127/1.	RT D. D.
(d) 152 Italian Light Aid Detachment.	CM/540/1.	RTC ICF. D.A.D.M.S. War Establishment File.	130/1.	RT D. D.
(e) 155 Italian Provost Section (CORR) (duty).	CM/524/1.	RTC ICF. Provost. War Establishment File.	133/1.	RT D. D.
319 " " (training)	"	"	"	
198 " " (Holding)	"(less transport)	"	"(less Transport)	

RESTRICTED.

APPENDIX 'B' to G/61/34
dated 5 March 1945

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

	WAR ESTAB- LISHMENT.	DISTRIBUTION.	SPECIAL EQUIP- MENT LIST.	DISTRIBUTION.
Increment to Iron Unit.	CM/509/1.	RTC ICF. O.G. Italian Increment. War Establishment File.		
Italian Baton.	CM/535/1.	RTC ICF. D.A.D.S.E. War Establishment File.	125/1.	RTC ICF. D.A.D.O.S. D.A.D.S.T.
Technical Baton.	CM/536/1.	RTC ICF. D.A.D.M.E. War Establishment File.	127/1.	RTC ICF. D.A.D.O.S. D.A.D.M.E.
at Aid	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.
Post Section (duty).	CM/524/1.	RTC ICF. Provost. War Establishment File.	133/1.	RTC ICF. D.A.D.O.S. Provost.
" (training)	"	"	"	"
" (Holding)	" (less transport)	"	" (less transport)	"

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SECRET

1st Lt. J. J. ...
 a/o ...
 A.C. (CHIEF) ...

Ref: ...

30 March 1965.

REPORT ON THE DECISIONS MADE AT A CONFERENCE HELD AT
 A.I.I.A. ON MONDAY 19 MARCH 1965 AT 10.00 HOURS.

Present: Col. W. ...
 Lt. Col. ...
 Major J. ...
 Major ...

GENERAL.

A number of suggestions and proposals have been submitted to A.I.I.A. during the course of the last ten days and these were discussed in Appendix 13 to G.1/1/39 on 17 March 65.

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

- (a) That the minimum simplification should be aimed at.
- (b) That overheads (A.C. administration and training staff) should be kept to the absolute minimum.
- (c) That organization and training is primarily an Italian responsibility and that the R.A.U. should not lose sight of this fact by endeavouring to usurp the functions of the Italian command.
- (d) That the retention of a 4th Regiment should not to ensure responsibility for executive decisions.

(2) That as far as possible the approved war establishment should be adhered to, although additional staff and training equipment generally as called for in A.I.I.A. Memorandum, G.1/55/35 of 6 March, which envisaged the formation of a 4th Regiment, should be applied for to meet the increased ceiling of the R.A.U.

(2) It was decided that the general set-up at the R.A.U. should follow the form indicated in the chart at Appendix 14 hereto. This allows for :-

- (a) A Reception Regiment (with no number) at BARRACLOUGH (transferred from G.1/1010) with a minimum holding capacity of, (including permanent staff). 2,500
- (b) No. 1 Infantry Regiment of 3 Bns., each with 4 Companies, (each Bn. 3 or Specialist Coy and three Infantry Coys.) with a minimum strength of, (including permanent staff). 3,500
- (c) No. 2 Infantry Regiment, identified in over-see with No. 1 Infantry Regiment, with a minimum holding capacity of, (including permanent staff). 4,500

It. Col. ...
Major J. ...
Major ...

General.

A number of my options and proposals have been submitted to ... during the course of the last ten days and these were discussed in Appendix 'D' to G.1/1/59 at 17 March 59.

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

- (a) That the maximum simplification should be aimed at.
- (b) That overheads (A.C. administration and training staff) should be kept to the absolute minimum.
- (c) That organization and training be primarily to Italian responsibility and that the B.I.U. should have no right of veto in this matter.
- (d) That the functions of the B.I.U. should be to ensure that the Italian command has the necessary facilities to ensure that it can exercise its responsibility for executive decisions.
- (e) That as far as possible the command for the establishment should be adhered to, although additional staff and facilities, equivalent generally as called for in B.I.U. Memorandum, 10/1/59 of 6 March, which envisaged the formation of a 4th Regiment, should be applied for to meet the increased costs of the B.I.U.

(2) It was decided that the general set-up of the B.I.U. should follow the principles set in the above at Appendix 'A' above. This allows for :-

- (a) A Recce Reconnaissance (Reconnaissance) at ... (including permanent staff), 2,500
- (b) No. 1 Infantry Regiment of 3 Bns., each with 4 Companies, (and B.I.U. or Specialist Coy and three Infantry Coy.) with maximum strength of, (including permanent staff) 3,500
- (c) No. 2 Infantry Regiment, identical in every respect with No. 1 Infantry Regiment, with a maximum holding capacity of, (including permanent staff) 4,500

Note 1.

No. 2 Regiment is at present organized on a five Coy. basis per Battalion and it has been found that this places too great a strain on the Regiment organization, is unduly and, in fact, does not comply with the approved War Establishment for ... by reducing the number of Coys. and adding more Regimental Headquarters with No. 1 Regiment, the problems of the two Regiments will be identical and the standard of training and weapons in the two Regts should not vary.

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Its administrative staff and training equipment will be furnished by implementing the application contained in JMW/15/35 in so far as it relates to the original First or 'Patrioti' Bn. Authority will be sought for this by H.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 LEAH will be responsible for providing supervision in the establishment of both the camps for the SERVIZIO IN. 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.H.C. 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-para. c and d of Appendix 'B' to G.1/1/39, will be diverted elsewhere and that no provision for their accommodation at CERSANO 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 D.L.U. at CERSANO, which is being held in abeyance until after the 23 March, when the new War Establishment of H.M.I.A. is being considered.

LEAH/ah.

Lieut-Col. R.A.

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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 I.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. & C.I.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-para. 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.

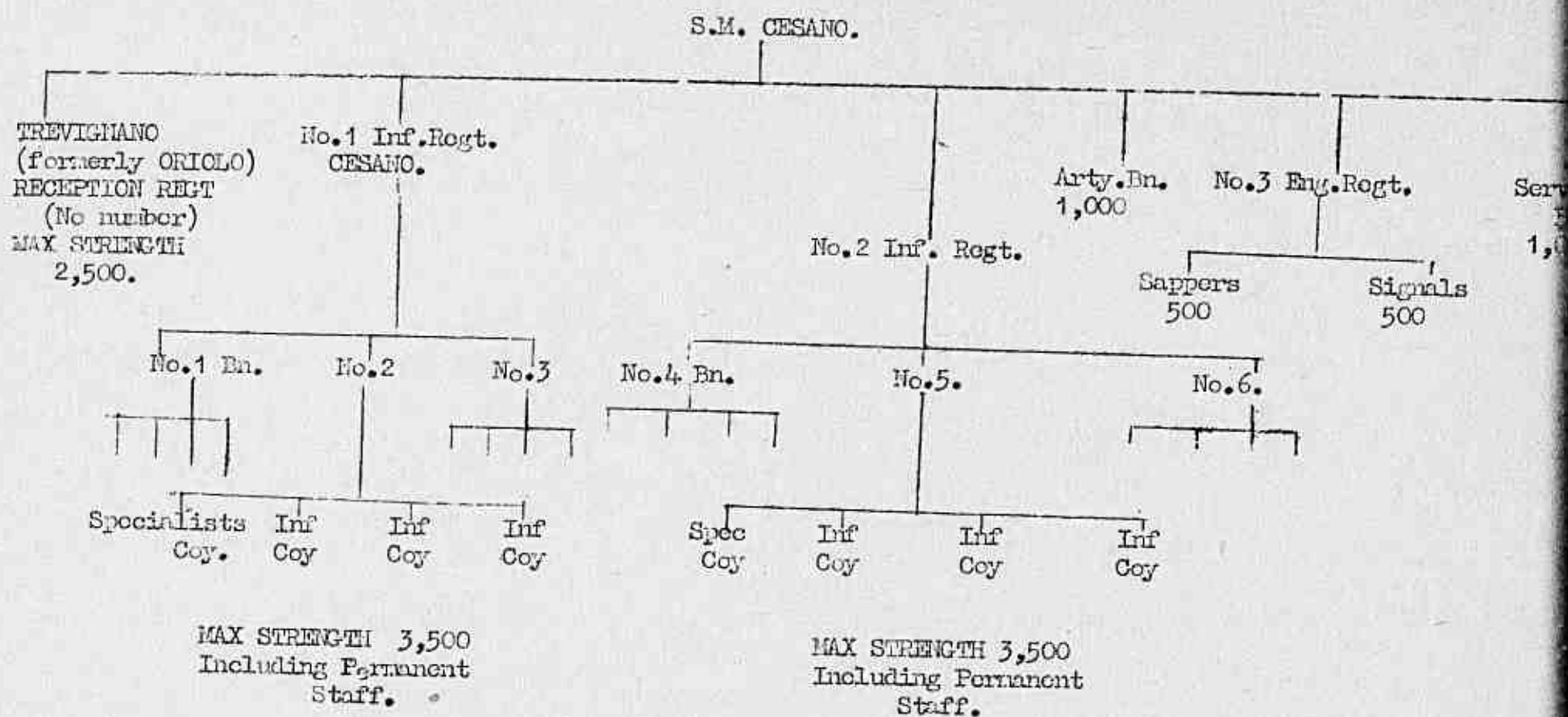
6. The foregoing clears up all the points raised in Memorandum G.1/1/39 of 17 March with the exception of Proposal No.4 (f) - (Assessment of holding capacity) which it is understood to be a purely Italian matter and the final authorisation of the new War Establishment for the B.I.U. at CESANO, which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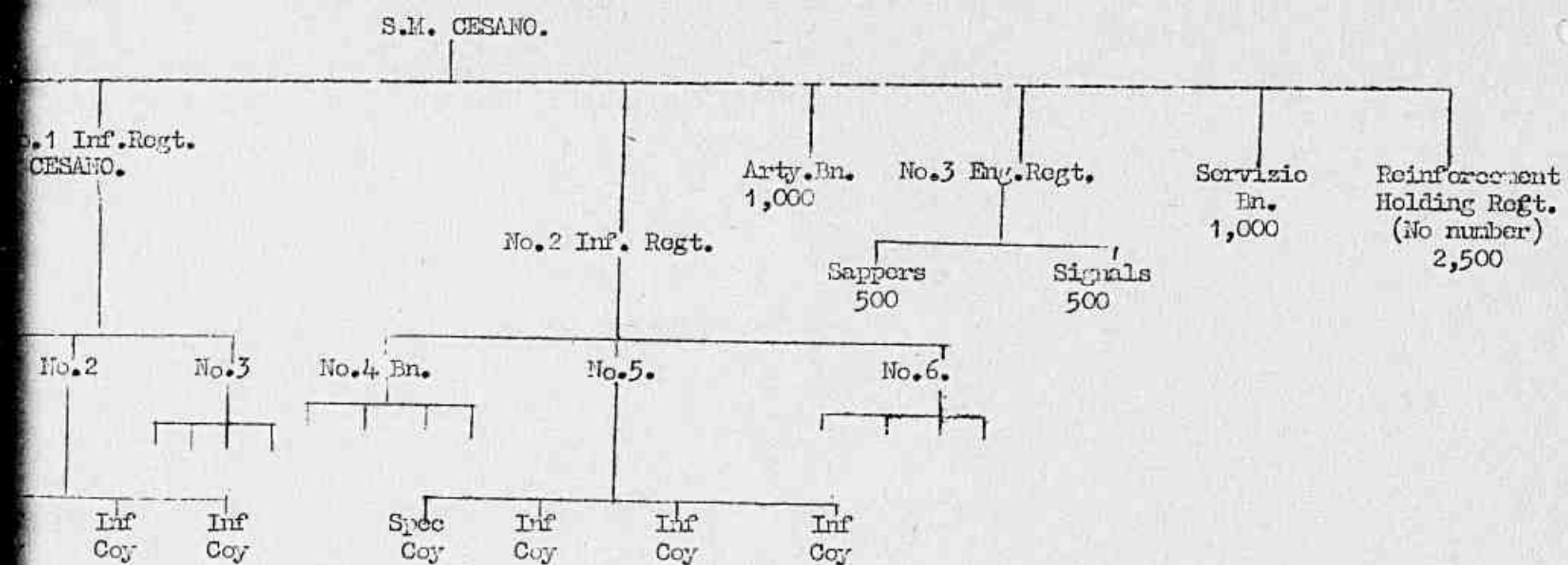
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Established

Specialists
School.

To be established



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SUBJECT: War Establishment Vehicles RFC ICF.

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'P' B.L.U., R.T.C., I.C.F.

Ref: G/G/72.

19 March 1945.

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

Further to my G/G/B/37 dated 16 March 45.

Herewith Vehicle Releases DDC/1731 - 1750 as mentioned
in paragraph 2 of the above quoted letter. Please arrange
collection.

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Major R.A.
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SECRET: Vehicle Maintenance.

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2. B.M.O., R.T.O., I.C.F.

Ref: 31/5/5

17 March 1945.

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

GREASING AND WASHING.

1. The main responsibility of keeping vehicles clean, well greased and properly maintained, is that of the Unit which has the vehicle on charge. Daily maintenance according to the task system and the cleanliness of his vehicle are duties of the individual driver.
2. In order to ensure proper greasing and washing, however, it is necessary to organise adequate facilities and to ensure that each Unit is allotted sufficient time to enable all its vehicles to be washed and greased thoroughly, at least once a fortnight.
3. In order to ensure this "Vehicle Greasing and Washing Services Stations" should be organised in suitable places. It is recommended that two such "Service Stations" be organised for the R.T.O., I.C.F., one each at :-

GRANNO (North end of 3 lot)

IRACGLIANO (Location to be selected).

4. These Service Stations will comprise :-

- (a) Petrol Point.
- (b) Wash Down.
- (c) Greasing Point.

The Petrol Point will issue :-

- (i) Petrol
- (ii) Diesel Oil.
- (iii) Lubricating Oils, etc., etc.

Normal Petrol Point personnel required.

The Wash Down will be constructed with :-

- (i) Water Point.
- (ii) Hoses.
- (iii) Brushes.
- (iv) Cloths

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CHAND (North end of 5 Lot)

HYDOLIAN (Location to be selected).

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- (b) Wash Down.
- (c) Greasing Point.

The Petrol Point will issue :-

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Normal Petrol Point personnel required.

The Wash Down will be constructed with :-

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- (iii) Brushes.
- (iv) Cloths

and have good concrete hard standing and adequate drainage. A senior R.C.O. should be in charge of the Wash Down to ensure that each driver receives his vehicle correctly.

The Greasing Point will be so constructed as to enable the 'greaser' to get under the vehicle easily. Greasing should be carried out by a team of two 'greasers' per vehicle. The Driver should NOT be allowed to interfere with the vehicle while it is being greased. A senior R.C.O. should be in charge of the Greasing Point.

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5. At Appendix 'A' is a suggested plan for the Service Station at CESANO. This Service Station comprises :-

- (a) Petrol Point.
- (b) Washdown for 3 vehicles. (This can easily be increased to 6 vehicles if necessary).
- (c) Greasing Point for 3 Vehicles.

The location recommended is at the North end of Lot 3, where the present R.T.C., I.C.T. Petrol Point is situated.

6. The materials required should be readily obtainable and the work could be undertaken either by one of the Contractors or by R.T.C., I.C.T. personnel. Please inform DAA & ME 'M' B.L.U., if any difficulty is experienced in this matter.

7. Each Unit should be allotted sufficient time per week to enable all its vehicles to be serviced once a fortnight. Each vehicle should be allotted one hour at the "Service Station" for a wash and grease each fortnight. The Service Station can deal with 6 vehicles at a time.

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SUBJECT: Staff Lists Brit.

1. BLU RTC ICF
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm
AC (MIA) ROME.
Ref: AQ/19/6
2 March 45.

To: Land Forces Sub Comm, AC (MIA) (2 copies)

1. Further to this Unit letter AQ/19/5 dated 18 Feb. 45, herewith please find Staff List for :-

1. BLU RTC ICF.
2. BTU RTC ICF.
3. BTI RTC ICF.; and
Italian Increment 1. BLU

as at 1800 hours 2 March 1945.

2. Would you please find the following :-

	1. BLU RTC ICF.
AA & QIF	-
DAA & QIF.	-
DADOS.	-
DADST	-
DAIME	-
S.C. 'A' & 'Q'	-
Camp Commandant	-

Lieut-Col. L.H. MACKAY, R.A.
Major A.M.G. GELARDI, R.A.
Major M.W. JEFFERY, RAOC.
Capt. J.J.M. HORLICK, Coldm-Gds.
(Temp A/DADST)
Capt. C.M.C. HILTON, REME.
Capt. E.S. HOARE, R.A.
Lieut. L.M. ROBERTS, Wilts.

	2. BTU RTC ICF.
Commander.	-
G.S.O. I	-
G.S.O. II	-
G.S.O. III (Trg.Eqpt).	-
G.S.O. III	-

Col. S.C.W.W. REA.
Major A.F. DAVIDSON, Coldm Gds.
Capt. G.R. STEPHURST. 16/5 L.
Capt. A.V. GRASSET, Recco.

	3. BTI RTC ICF.
G.S.O. II (Schools)	-
G.S.O. II (Inf)	-
G.S.O. II (R.A)	-
S.O.R.E.	-
G.S.O. II. R.C.S.	-
PRO.	-

Major E. HUNTINGDON, Kings Own
Major W.L. PRICE. N.Staffs.
Major J.C. BLAXLAND, R.E.
Capt. R.H. THOMAS, R.C.S.
Capt. C. GORDON. RMK.

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1. Further to this Unit letter AQ/19/5 dated 18 Feb. 45, herewith please find Staff List for :-

- 'F' BLU RTC ICF.
- 'G' BTU RTC ICF.
- 'H' BTI RTC ICF.; and
- Italian Increment 'F' BLU

as at 1800 hours 2 March 1945.

2. Would you please find a list of the staff of the Italian Increment, please.

<u>'F' BLU RTC ICF.</u>	
AA & QLG	-
DAA & QLG.	-
DADOS.	-
DADST	-
DAIME	-
S.C. 'A' & 'Q'	-
Camp Commandant	-
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<u>'G' BTU RTC ICF.</u>	
Commandor.	-
G.S.O. I	-
G.S.O. II	-
G.S.O. III (Trg.Eqpt).	-
G.S.O. III	-
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	Capt. A.V. GRASSET, Recce.

<u>'H' BTI RTC ICF.</u>	
G.S.O. II (Schools)	-
G.S.O. II (Inf)	-
G.S.O. II (R.A)	-
S.O.R.E.	-
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	Major J.C. BLAXLAND, R.E.
	Capt. R.H. THOMAS, R.C.S.
	Capt. C. GORDON. RWK.

<u>ITALIAN INCREMENT</u>	
Commandor.	-
	Lieut. H.G. JANICKELL, Genova Dragoons.

Col. G. J. L. ...
1st Ident-Col. R.A.

SUBJECT :- Reception Camp

SECRET.

BLU RTO ICF.
c/o Land Forces Sub Comm
AC (MIA) RCE.
Ref 6/A/21

RTO ICF.

Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MIA) (Please allot vehicles as arranged with Lieut-Col
INELMENT in accordance with para 8A).

Copy to :- B.T.U.

Reference map Scale 1/50,000 Sheet 143.

In order to implement the decision of AMHQ that under no circumstances will the number of men under training in OLSANO and BRACCIANO exceed the ceiling of 7,800, it is proposed to open a reception camp in the area between BRACCIANO and LANZIANA. The administrative HQ will be located at CASA DELLA GRAZIA IR 454924, and the camp will be erected in the immediate vicinity.

2. The officer representing the BLU in the Camp will be Major T.G.O. WARD Reception Services Corps. While the camp is being prepared, Major WARD will be living with the Mayor of LANZIANA at IR 452957.

3. The camp will be organized on the lines of a normal Italian Regiment and for the purpose will be furnishing the following personnel:

83	8	35
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 RTO 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 MARLES forthwith to collect tentage and stores. They are expected to reach BRACCIANO some time on 24 February. In the meantime, GOC RTO ICF is requested to arrange to furnish all available tentage (bivouacs) and accommodation stores to enable Major WARD to prepare accommodation 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. RTO 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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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 IR 452937.

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

HQ Cadre	8 officers	35 OR's
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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 MIA.
I 10 x 3 Ton Lorries ex 1 GT Company.
II 2 Water Trucks ex ST MIA
- (b) by TTC ICF.
10 x 3 Ton Lorries ex 2 GT Company.
- (c) By MIA
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.

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23 Feb.	AFULLIA Call up		1000 recruits.
24 Feb.	RCEI Patriots		500
26 Feb.	AFULLIA 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 ELACIANO. 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.

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

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