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From: M. of W.

To : Engineer Inspectorate
MMA (for information)

Ref: 408I/Ord/I

Date: 14/8/46

Subject: Reorganisation of the Engineer Inspectorate.

1. As known the Engineer Corps is to be gradually split up into two Branches:

- Signals Corps
- Pioneer Corps

each one independent of the other, with its own personnel and organisation.

2. With the object therefore of settling the internal organisation of the Engineer Corps Inspectorate to the new duties arising from this change-over, we order the Inspectorate, w.e.f. the 20th inst. be articulated in accordance with the attached W/E.

Said W/E, as compared with the present one, varies as follows:

- a)- subdivision of the tasks between the Units effected by the policy of separating the Signals Branch from remaining activities.
- b)- increase of three Senior Officers with decrease of two Junior Officers and one NCO with the total of 15 men at present laid down remaining unchanged;
- c)- increase of 8 draughtsmen.

3. Your Inspectorate will take immediate action on the instructions given in para 2 letter a) and b) making arrangements with the General Directorates concerned for the movement of military personnel.

4. Civilian personnel and General affairs General Directorate is requested to assign a draughtsman to the aforesaid Inspectorate.

5. Please inform us by the 31st inst. when this reorganisation has been effected.

W. E. I. - G.
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DATE R/27/8/46

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All. al fg. 4081/Ord I del
14.8.46.

ORGANICI ISTRUTTORIO DELL'ARMA DEL GENIO

Denominazione	Uff.			
	Gen.	Sup.	Sottuf.	Tr. Civili
Ispettore	1			
Ufficiale superiore addetto		1		
Totale Ispett. ed Uff. addetto	1	1		
<u>Segreteria</u>				
Ufficiali addetti		1		
Sottufficiali addetti			1	
Dattilografi				2
Inservienti				3
Totale segreteria		1	1	5
<u>Ufficio I (artieri)</u>				
Capo ufficio (colonnello)	1			
Ufficiali addetti	2			
Sottufficiali addetti		1		1
Disegnatori tecnici				1
Dattilografi				
Totale uff. I	3		1	2
<u>Ufficio II (fort. e Lavori)</u>				
Capo ufficio (colonnello)	1			
ufficiali addetti	1			
sottufficiali addetti			1	1
Reg. Geom. Capo o princ.				1
Ragioniere geometra				1
Ingegneri				1
Disegnatori tecnici				3
Contabili e dattilografi				
Totale Uff II	2		1	7
<u>Ufficio III (collegamenti)</u>				
Capo ufficio (colonnello)	1			
Ufficiali addetti	2			
Sottufficiali addetti			1	1
Tecnico colombaier				1
Disegnatore tecnico				1
Dattilografi				

Ufficiali addetti	1	1	2
Sottufficiali addetti			3
Dattilografi			5
Inservienti			
Totale segreteria	1	1	

Ufficio I (artieri)			
Capo ufficio (colonnello)	1		
Ufficiali addetti	2	1	1
Sottufficiali addetti			1
Disegnatori tecnici			
Dattilografi			
Totale uff. I	3	1	2

Ufficio II (fort. e Lavori)			
Capo ufficio (colonnello)	1		
Ufficiali addetti	1	1	1
Sottufficiali addetti			1
Reg. Geom. Capo o primo.			1
Ragioniere geometra			1
Ingegneri			1
Disegnatori tecnici			3
Contabili e dattilografi			
Totale uff. II	2	1	7

Ufficio III (collegamenti)			
Capo ufficio (colonnello)	1		
Ufficiali addetti	2	1	1
Sottufficiali addetti		2220	1
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Disegnatore tecnico			1
Dattilografi			
Totale Ufficio III	3	1	3
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TRANSLATIONSD/103/42
SD/4/2

REF: 40/2/Ord/11 RE

FROM: M. of W.

DATE: 9/8/46

TO : Addressee and
W.M.I.A. for info.SUBJECT: Mine clearance - Formation of mine clearance sub-area
of Ferrara.Further to circular no 2680/Ord/11 dated 20 May 1946.

- i) The formation of the HQs of the mine clearance sub-area of Ferrara is authorised, w.e.f. 1st Aug. 1946.
- ii) WE - SD/190/1 issued with the above circular.
- iii) Personnel:
 - a) military personnel: to be taken from men available on the spot choosing those who are suitable for this service, and obtaining approval of the Mine Clearance Area HQs. Possible deficiencies will be reported to this Ministry.
 - b) civilian personnel: to be taken from suitable men, already employed at the mine clearance area.
- iv) The general directorate of commissariat and administrative services will issue instructions of their concern for the assignment of rations.
- v) Possible detailed instructions will be issued by the Inspectorate for the clearance of explosive devices from buildings.
- vi) kindly inform this office on completion.

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FILE	SD/4/2
DATE	R/11/8/46

SUBJECT: Organization and equipment of
the Engineer Corps

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AG (RMIA)

(489061 ext. 210)

80/4/2

12 AUG 56

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref by 80/4/2 of 28 June 56.

Please inform this HQ what decision has been taken
as regards formation of the proposed Field Park Coy for
Inf Divs.

489061/ab

Inter: 22
80/105/A/A

[Signature]
Major General,
S. M. I. A.

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FILE

DATE

ROME AREA ALLIED COMMISSION
APO No. 734 U. S. ARMY
Office of G-3 (British)

404308/G-3(Br)

Ref: 55643
5 July 1946

SUBJECT: Disbandment - 85 Italian E & M Platoon (Br Cadre).

TO: 85 Italian E & M Platoon (Br Cadre). (encl 1 copy of GHQ letter)

1. 85 Italian E. & M. Platoon (Br Cadre) on WS CW/1502/1 will be disbanded with effect from 15 Jul 46 in accordance with the attached GHQ letter 1072/41 (Ser 5259) dated 1 Jul 46.

2. Personnel will be disposed of under arrangements Land Forces Sub Commission, AC (MIA).

3. EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

(a) British equipment held in excess of scale set out in Appendix 18 to AC/400/105 D-0 dated 22 Sep 44 will be returned under instructions from PACOS, Rome Area, and any deficiencies will be notified to MIA through Ordnance channels.

(b) Italian equipment will be disposed of under arrangements Land Forces Sub Commission, AC (MIA).

(c) Vehicles will be returned in accordance with G(LE) Instruction No. 13.

4. Return called for in para 3(c) of GHQ letter will be rendered direct to addressee concerned, copy to this Headquarters.

5. COMPLETION

(a) Disbandment will be completed by 21 Jul 46. 2217

(b) Report will be rendered to this Headquarters immediately disbandment has been completed.

6. ACK.

Copy: G-1 (Br)
G-4 (Br)
PACOS

(encl 1 copy of GHQ letter)
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R. E. SPILL,
Capt,
G-3 (British).

R. E. SPILL CAP

CHQ letter 1074/A1(Ser 5259) dated 1 Jul 46.

2. Personnel will be disposed of under arrangements Land Forces Sub Commission, AC (MIA).

3. EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT

(a) British equipment held in excess of scale set out in Appendix 1 to AG/400/105 D-C dated 22 Sep 44 will be returned under instructions from DANGS, Home Area, and any deficiencies will be notified to MIA through Ordnance channels.

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DANGS
Land Forces Sub Comm AC (MIA)
Catering Advisor
HQ 3 District
CHQ CMF

(encl 1 copy of CHQ letter)
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(your 104/LA dated 3 Jul 46 refers)
(your CHQ CMF 1074/A1(Ser 5259) dated 1 Jul 46 ACK).

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R.E. SPALL,
Capt,
G-3 (British).

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SUBJECT: Organisation and Equipment of
the Engineer Corps.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMA)

(489081 Ext. 205)

SD/4/2

23 Jun 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Reference your 3008/Org/I of 12 June 46.

1. On examination of the Engineer Units which form the present organisation of the Engineer Corps of the Army, it is apparent that there are only three Field Park Companies. It is presumed that these will be increased in numbers to provide the agreed upon establishment for Div Engineers of two Field Companies and one Field Park Company. Can this please be confirmed.

2. With regard to the suggestion put forward in my SD/4/2 of 30 April 46, for the formation of certain units in rear of Divisions (i.e. two Army Field Park Companies and one L of C Battalion), I still consider that these units are very desirable and would be almost essential in the event of Divisions being grouped for a combat role.

In view of your remarks in paras 1, 2 and 3 of your above quoted letter and the fact that a follow up formation for the Army as a whole, does not at present exist, it is probably advisable to postpone the implementation of these Engineer units for the present.

Should circumstances, however, lead to a review of the overall organisation of the Army the principle of having support units, properly equipped, for the Divisional Engineers is one I would like to stress. Should the exceeding of the Engineer ceiling be considered as a deterrent I would advise on such units being formed with a nucleus of personnel, but fully equipped, and capable of expanding to full establishment when the need arose.

EQUIPMENT

3. While agreeing in general with your remarks in para 5 of your letter I have to inform you that G.H.Q. are not in a position to transfer any more mechanical equipment and apart from the two bulldozers at the S.M.E. none can be expected from this source.

I know however, that much mechanical equipment in the EME Depot at BARI is at present in the process of being transferred to the ITALIAN Government. I suggest that a bid should be made for some of this to be allotted to the Army for the instruction and use of the Engineers.

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JCO'E/jw

COPY TO: General Headquarters, Central Mediterranean Forces

INTERNAL: "A"

"B"

RE

END

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

L. Browning

See 4641

MEMO

To:- G (SD)

RE 15/1

Organisation and Equipment - Engineers Corps

Herewith my comments, asked for, on the M of W letter 3008/Ord/1 of 12 June 46 in reply to suggestions put up on reorganisation and equipment of Italian Engineers contained in your SD/4/2 dated 30 Apr 46.

Note:- I have not had, as yet, personal knowledge, 1st hand, of the particular functions of existing non divisional Engineer units but have ascertained their general outline functions from the Engineer Branch, M of W.

1. As far as I can see the present Italian Army organisation is divided into two types of formations:-

(a) Divisional Formations

(b) Regional Territorial Formations - static or semi-static.

The existing Engineer units, more or less, fit in with that pattern though I do not understand why there are only three Pk Coys (shown under "Services" in the Order of Battle) when Div. Engrs. are supposed to consist of two Pk Coys and one Pk Coy.

2. The suggestion put forward to create two Army Pk Coys and an L of C Engr Bn behind Divisions is understandable in the event of Divisions being grouped, or even functioning individually, in a combat role. As far as I can see however there is at present no such follow-up organisation behind Divisions and there would be little point in establishing Engr units for a Corps or Army formation that does not exist. While agreeing, therefore, that provision for such expansion should be made when circumstances warrant it I do NOT agree that it would be a good thing to form these units now. They would be out of place.

3. I have not checked the arithmetic in the M of W letter under reference but I presume the suggested reorganisation would entail an increase in Sapper ceiling. 2215

4. In conclusion I agree with para 4 of the M of W letter under reference and think that the suggestions contained in paras 4 (i), (ii) & (iii) of your letter should be reconsidered at a later date when the overall organisation of the future Italian Army is under further consideration.

5. I am not at present in a position to give advice on the possibilities of more efficient organisation of those Engr units shown in the Territorial Commands (i.e. Engr Service Coys, Engr Repair Shops etc.) but may be in a position to do so when I have seen them and fully appreciate their function etc.

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25 June 46.

J.G. O'FERRALL, Major, R.E.,
S.O.R.E. II,
M.M.I.A.

MMIA - 'G'
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ENGINEER BRANCH
A.F.H.Q.
C. M. F.

SUBJECT: Application to disband an Italian Unit

TO : C(SD)2 - 2 copies

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C(AE)
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(a) Application is made to disband the following Italian Army Unit:-

Serial No	To Form Convert or disband	Designation	W.E.	Offrs	Chk	Vols	A/Cn	Trailers	Basic Equip	S.E.L.	Location
1.	Disband	85 Italian S.E. Co (4 BATT)	CV45C2/1	2	57					150	Italy

(b) Not required

(c) Units no longer required

BGS	
GSO I (SD)	✓
Dep G III	✓
GSO II (SD)	✓
GSO II (I)	✓
GSO III (SD)	✓
GSO III (I)	✓
G II (L)	✓

For the Chief

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MMA - 'G'
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DATE 21/6.

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ENGINEER BRANCH

A.F.H.Q.

C. M. F.

an Italian Unit

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Re

Division AC (1311A) - 2 copies

Recommendation is made to disband the following Italian Army Unit:-

Unit	Officer	CIA	Notes	Address	Basic Data Ref	Ref. No.	Location	Supervising Authority	Remarks
CM/1502/1	2	57				103/1	1st Infantry Regiment Location	22/10/45	15 1/15 1/15

REMARKS

and recommendations.

BGS	
GSO 1 (SD)	✓
Dep G (H)	✓
GSO 11 (SD)	✓
GSO 11 (I)	✓
GSO 11 (F)	✓
GSO 11 (G)	✓
G 11 (H)	✓

For the Chief Engineer:

D. E. GERRARD
Capt R.M.
SC III SD

1 JUN 1946

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FILE SD / 4/2
DATE R/21/6.

CMBAT - 101

LAND POWER

A.P.S.O.

S. M. E.

SUBJECT: Application to Disband an Italian Unit

TO : G(AD)2 - 2 copies

FROM : J2

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(a) Application made to disband the following Italian Army Unit:-

Serial No	To Form, Convert or disband	Designation	W.N.	Offrs	ORs	Vehs	M/Cs	Trailers	Basic Egt List	S.E.L.	Loc
1.	Disband	86 Italian S.M. P1 (A TYPE)	G/1502/1	2	57	3	1	-	-	102/1	Dis man pre loc

(b) Not decrease

(c) Unit no longer required

For the Chief Engineer,

BGS	
GSO 1 (SD)	APC
Dep G 11	
GSO 1 (A)	
GSO 1 (I)	
GSO 1 (C)	
GSO 1 (E)	
G 11 (U)	

D. I.
Capt
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FOR THE CHIEF ENGINEER
 F. E. S. G.
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Based on information

Information AG (1/1A) - 2 copies

a) Application is made to disband the following Italian Army Unit:-

Unit	V.N.	Offrs	ORs	Vehs	M/Cs	Trailers	Basic Egpt List	S.E.L.	Location	Supervisory Authority	Desire Effect to Date
Italian 1 (S)	OM/1502/1	2	57	3	1	-	-	102/4	Disband- ment in present location	3 District	25 June 1966

Not decrease

Unit no longer required

For the Chief Engineer,

EGS	
GSO 1 (SD)	<i>[Signature]</i>
Dep G (D)	<i>[Signature]</i>
GSO 1 (S)	<i>[Signature]</i>
GSO 1 (C)	<i>[Signature]</i>
GSO 1 (G)	<i>[Signature]</i>
GSO 1 (G)	<i>[Signature]</i>
G H (G)	<i>[Signature]</i>

D. H. GREENHALGH,
 Capt R.E.
 SO III SD

MMIA - 'G'	
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TRANSLATION

From: H. of W.
 To : Florence Mil. Serv. Bz.
 and to MILIA (for info) Date: 10/3/46

Ref: 2699/Ord./II

Subject: Forming of bomb and shell Disposal Section
 type B, for the Detached Arty Sect. at La Spezia.

1 - We order, by the 1st July 1946, the formation of a "Bomb
 and Shell Disposal Section", type B, for the detached
 Arty Section at La Spezia.

2 - 4/E: 55/35/1 - publication 15/5 - edition 1946.

3 - Personnel:

a) - Military: will be drawn from your HQ's availability.
 Any deficiencies will be reported to this
 Ministry's competent department.

b) - Civilians: Will be drawn from personnel already
 employed by the attached Arty Section at
 La Spezia, who are surplus compared with
 the W/As laid down for it.

4 - Comm. and Administrative Services Dir. Gen. will give the
 necessary instructions for the allocation of rations.

5 - Please inform us when the formation has been completed.
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sgt. Liuzzi
 Gen.

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2 - 4/E: 33/36/1 - publication 13/3 - edition 1946.

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sgt. Linuzzi 2212
Gen.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: 4th Special Transport Coy.

REF: 1397/10/1

TO : 7140 Group HQ.

for info. N.M.I.A.

DATE: 31/5/46

SUBJECT: Disbandment of 4th Special Trans. Coy.

In letter No 8/10/3 dated 25 inst. This HQ. brings to your notice the instructions issued by the British C.C. TROOPS HQ. Crotone in letter 54 same date. Concerning above it is not possible to effect the disbandment of the 4 S.T.C. by the 12/6/46 because we must first await orders from N.M.I.A. for the handing in of the ~~Q/M~~ vehicles allocated to the Unit during the end of the month of April and the beginning of the present month.

Trucks 30 Q . number 57
 " WKSHP. " 1
 " 15 Q. " 3

Moreover the Min. of W.-S.N. Services Office will have to issue instructions for the handing in of serviceable Italian vehicles on charge to the unit.

When all these vehicles have been handed in, the drivers will hand over to the unit, which in turn will hand them over to the units already mentioned by your HQ. in the above letter, the barrack stores in their possession.

After the transfer of all the military personnel under its command, there will be, for a few days, ~~but~~ to matters beyond our control, a rear office formed, in order to clear up all pending admin. and registration matters.

We await further orders.

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Sgd. SURDO
 Capt. Commandant.

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TRANSLATION

FROM: M. of W.

REF: 3008/Ord/1

TO : M.N.I.A.

DATE: 12/6/46

SUBJECT: Organisation and equipment of the
Engineer Corps.

HQS	
GSO I (-10)	10
Dep G. (10)	
GSO (-10)	10
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Ref. your letter No SD/4/2 dated 30/4/46.

Although agreeing generally with the proposals made in letter referred to above ~~and~~ dealing with the organisation of the Engineer Corps, this S.M. duly points out the following:-

- 1) According to the decisions made in paras (I) (II) and (III) (on the formation of two Army Field Park Coy~~s~~ and one Rear Engineer Bn. and the reorganisation of 11 Coys of Engineer Service) 2194 men are required for employment, if we calculate that:-
 - the two Army Field Park Coys should have 1 HQ. platoon
 - 1 W/shop platoon, 1 Mechanic/Electric platoon, 1 store platoon and 1 Bridge platoon having a minimum strength of 190-200 men each.-
 - the Rear Eng. Bn. should be 714 men strong according to the detailed W.E. studied.-
 - the strength of the 11 Coys of Eng. Service (in order to render them equal to those employed in British Units) should be brought up to 236 men each.-

2)

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SUBJECT: Organisation and equipment of the

Engineer Corps.

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 - the strength of the 11 Coys of Eng. Service (in order to render them equal to those employed in British Units) should be brought up to 236 men each.-

- 2) The Eng. Repair W/shops have a total strength of 185 men, mostly officers, since tradesmen are civilians.- Consequently, the disbandment of these would give little result. Furthermore, said W/shops have fixed industrial equipment and have specific tasks for Eng. material which cannot be carried out by other W/shops.- In view of the above, therefore, it is evident that it is necessary to keep them in existence.-

- 3) The two Bridge Coys have a total strength of 512 men.-
While it seems advisable to keep them in existence, it is to be considered that, should they

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be disbanded, the number of men recovered would be by far inferior (approx. 1/4) to that required for the formation of units referred to in para 1 above.-

4)

In view of the above, it is convenient, in our opinion, for the time being, to postpone the new organisation awaiting for the final strength and formation of the Italian Army to be defined by the peace treaty, so as to permit a more accurate calculation of a cadre and general organisation of the army also in accordance with the financial possibilities of the country.-

5)

EQUIPMENT.

No observation is made about the Bailey Bridge pontoons, floating Bridge material and the Bailey Bridges.

About the bulldozers compressors type P.4, their number seems to be very small, specially if we consider that to form a good bulldozer operator, a long period of practice in units is required, in addition to the period of training carried out at the school.

It would be desirable that two or at least one bulldozers be assigned:

- to each Field Park Coy of the Pioneers Bn. of the Infantry Division;
 - Three or four, to the Pioneer School;
 - one of each type to the Pavia Establishment.
- In addition to the compressors, we point out the advisability of assigning also graders to the Field Park Coys, the Pioneer School and the Pavia Establishment, two, two and one respectively.-

G.F.

Sgd. LIUZZI
Gen.

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From M.of W. S.M.R.E.

See Addresses

for info M.M.I.A.

Ref. 2680/ORD/II

Date 20/5/46.

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Subject Interim Organisation - Mine Clearing Service.

- 1°)- The Mil.Terr.HQs concerned - mine clearing HQ localities - are asked to order that mine-clearing units under their command, w.e;f. 25 May 1946 bring their own organisations up to date with the instructions laid down in the attached lists.
- 2°)- Area and sub-area HQs will be designated by the name of the locality in which they are stationed.
Small parties, sections and ~~squads~~ squads will assume progressive numbers within each mine-clearing area or sub-area.
All previous W/Es, names and numbers of mine clearing service units are cancelled.
- 3°)- Any deficiencies or surplus of military personnel, in accordance with instructions laid down in the attached W/Es, will be reported through the normal channels to the competent departments of this ministry for any action to be taken regarding the filling in of deficiencies or the employment of surplus personnel.
- 4°)- All military personnel will be taken on ~~the~~ strength by the 8° Eng. Regt. Depot.

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Instructions contained in circular 886/Ord/II dated 26/2/46 apply to civilian personnel.

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Appendix 1-7 and 601/2
placed in 2208

- 6°)- The Comm.and Admin.Service Dir.Gen.,by arrangement with
Eng.Dir.Gen. - Central Mine-Clearing Office - will issue
the necessary instructions in order to change,where necessary,
the present allocation of rations.
- 7°)- Any special instructions will be issued by the Eng.Dir.Gen.
- Central Mine-Clearing Office.
- 8°)-Mil.Terr.HQs will inform this S.M. as soon as the above has
been complied with.

It is not necessary to forward the known lists for the
approval of the formation of the units referred to in attached
list N°8.

DAK

G.Liuzzi.

Allegato n. 3 al l.n. 2680/Ord. II del 20 Maggio 1946

ENTE INCARICATO DI PROVVEDERE ALL'ADEGUAMENTO	DENOMINAZIONE DEGLI ENTI	NUMERO di Ufficiali	SEDE	ORGANICO
<u>Dires. Gen. del Genio</u>				
- <u>Uff. Centr. B.C.M.</u>	Ufficio Centrale B.C.M.	1	Roma	SS/193/I
	Centro add. B.C.M.	1	(1)	SS/194/I
<u>Comiliter Genova</u>				
	Comando zona B.C.M.:	1	Genova	SS/195/I
	- Cdo sottozona B.C.M.	1	Genova	SS/196/I
	- Cdo sottozona B.C.M.	1	Torino	SS/196/I
	- Cdo sottozona B.C.M.	1	Imperia	SS/196/I
	- Nuclei B.C.M.	10		SS/197/I
	- Sezioni B.C.M.	25		SS/198/I
	- Squadre B.C.M.	90		SS/199/I
<u>Comiliter Bologna</u>				
	Comando zona B.C.M.:	1	Bologna	SS/195/I
	- Cdo sottozona B.C.M.	1	Bologna	SS/196/I
	- Cdo sottozona B.C.M.	1	Forlì	SS/196/I
	- Cdo sottozona B.C.M.	1	Pesaro	SS/196/I
	- Cdo sottozona B.C.M.	1	Venezia	SS/196/I
	- Nuclei B.C.M.	15		SS/197/I
	- Sezioni B.C.M.	46		SS/198/I
	- Squadre B.C.M.	145		SS/199/I
<u>Comiliter Firenze</u>				
	Comando zona B.C.M.:	1	Firenze	SS/195/I
	- Cdo sottozona B.C.M.	1	Firenze	SS/196/I
	- Cdo sottozona B.C.M.	1	Pisa	SS/196/I
	- Cdo sottozona B.C.M.	1	Massa	SS/196/I
	- Cdo sottozona B.C.M.	1	Siena	SS/196/I
	- Nuclei B.C.M.	15		SS/197/I
	- Sezioni B.C.M.	45		SS/198/I
	- Squadre B.C.M.	128		SS/199/I

(1) - Riserva di disposizioni da parte della direzione generale del genio - ufficio centrale bonifica campi minati -

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Comiliter Genova

Comando Zona B.C.M.:	1	Genova	SS/195/I
- Cdo sottozona B.C.M.	1	Genova	SS/196/I
- Cdo sottozona B.C.M.	1	Torino	SS/196/I
- Cdo sottozona B.C.M.	1	Imperia	SS/196/I
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- Sezioni B.C.M.	25		SS/198/I
- Squadre B.C.M.	90		SS/199/I

Comiliter Bologna

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- Cdo sottozona B.C.M.	1	Bologna	SS/196/I
- Cdo sottozona B.C.M.	1	Forlì	SS/196/I
- Cdo sottozona B.C.M.	1	Pesaro	SS/196/I
- Cdo sottozona B.C.M.	1	Venezia	SS/196/I
- Nuclei B.C.M.	15		SS/197/I
- Sezioni B.C.M.	40		SS/198/I
- Squadre B.C.M.	145		SS/199/I

Comiliter Firenze

Comando Zona B.C.M.:	1	Firenze	SS/195/I
- Cdo sottozona B.C.M.	1	Firenze	SS/196/I
- Cdo sottozona B.C.M.	1	Pisa	SS/196/I
- Cdo sottozona B.C.M.	1	Massa	SS/196/I
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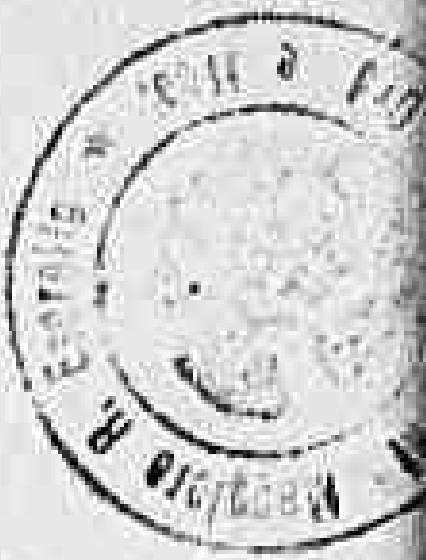
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senza allegato B.3 al f.n. 2630/Ord.II del 20 Maggio 1946

ENTE INCARICATO DI PROVVEDERE ALL'ADEGUAMENTO	DENOMINAZIONE DEGLI ENTI	Titolo Organo	SEDE	ORGANICO
<u>Comiliter Roma</u>	Comando zona B.C.M.	1	Roma	SS/195/I
	- Cdo sottozona B.C.M.	1	Roma	SS/196/I
	- Cdo sottozona B.C.M.	1	Latina	SS/196/I
	- Cdo sottozona B.C.M.	1	Prosemo	SS/196/I
	- Cdi sottozona B.C.M.	1	Chieti	SS/196/I
	- Nuclei B.C.M.	19		SS/197/I
<u>Comiliter Bari</u>	- Sezione B.C.M.	58		SS/197/I
	- Squadre B.C.M.	62		SS/199/I
	Comando zona B.C.M.	1	Campo=	SS/195/I
			basso	SS/197/I
<u>Comiliter Napoli</u>	- Nuclei B.C.M.	7		SS/197/I
	- Sezione B.C.M.	13		SS/198/I
	- Squadre B.C.M.	50		SS/199/I
	Comando zona B.C.M.	1	Napoli	SS/195/I
	- Nuclei B.C.M.	4		SS/197/I

N.B.

L'organizzazione del servizio B.C.M. risultante dal presente
specchio risponde alle attuali esigenze. Essa non potrà essere
variata, anche per quanto riguarda la costituzione di nuove se-
zioni e squadre, senza la preventiva autorizzazione di questo
S.M. al quale saranno rappresentate di volta in volta le ultimo-
re necessità del competente ufficio centrale B.C.M. della dire-
zione generale del servizio.



Comiliter Bari

- Cdo sottosena B.C.M.	1	Latina	SS/196/I
- Cdo sottosena B.C.M.	1	Frosinone	SS/196/I
- Cdi sottosena B.C.M.	1	Chieti	SS/196/I
- Nuclei B.C.M.	19		SS/197/I
- Sezione B.C.M.	58		SS/197/I
- Squadra B.C.M.	62		SS/199/I

Comando zona B.C.M.:

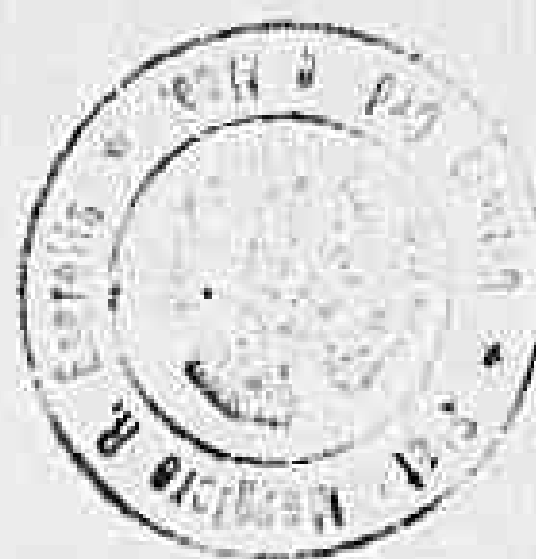
- Nuclei B.C.M.	1	Campo=	SS/195/I
- Sezione B.C.M.	7	basso	SS/197/I
- Squadra B.C.M.	16		SS/198/I
	50		SS/199/I

Comiliter Napoli

<u>Comando zona B.C.M.:</u>	1	Napoli	SS/195/I
- Nuclei B.C.M.	4		SS/197/I

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REF CC TROOPS C R O T O N E LETTER 54/ DATED 25 MAY 46 (.)
CONFIRM ALL ACTION REQUIRED FOR DISBANDMENT 4 SPECIAL
TPT COY AND 63 FORESTRY COY BEING TAKEN BY YOU

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M. Wilkinson Capt.

M. WILKINSON Capt.

SUBJECT: - Disbandment of Units - Italian

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27 May 46

52 Headquarters
52 Sub Area (C)

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Land Forces sub Commission
AC (MIA)

63 Forestry Company (Plus 2 Sections)

Reference the attached copies of GHQ C.F. 1074/A-1 (Ser 502S) dated 25 May 46.

1. Disbandment of the above named unit wef 15 May 46 will be effected under your supervision.
2. (a) Unit will be instructed to apply to G2D for disposal instructions for Ordnance stores and equipment.
(b) The attention of the unit will be drawn to GAO 453/45 as amended by GEO 811/45.
(c) G2D will submit a report to ADCS this HQ giving details of all vchs stating WD Nos, type and classification. This HQ only will give disposal instructions for this item.
3. Under no circumstances will office machinery be transferred to another unit or formation without reference to ADCSS GHQ C.F.
4. Completion report called for at para 5 of the GHQ C.F. letter under reference will be forwarded in triplicate to this HQ by 14 Jun 46.

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Dep G 111			
GSO 11 (SD)			
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AC (11A)
63 Forestry Company (Plus 2 Sections)

Reference the attached copies of GHQ G.P. 1074/A-1 (Ser 5029) dated 25 May 46.

1. Disbandment of the above named unit wef 15 May 46 will be effected under your supervision.
2. (a) Unit will be instructed to apply to ORD for disposal instructions for Ordnance stores and equipment.
(b) The attention of the unit will be drawn to G.O. 453/45 as amended by GPO 811/45.
- (c) ORD will submit a report to DCS this HQ giving details of all vials stating WD Nos, type and classification. This HQ only will give disposal instructions for this item.
3. Under no circumstances will office machinery be transferred to another unit or formation without reference to ADSS GHQ G.P.
4. Completion report called for at para 5 of the GHQ G.P. letter under reference will be forwarded in triplicate to this HQ by 14 Jun 46.

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Col - *Wey*
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SUBJECT: - Disbandment of Units - Italian

17, C.E. Works,
3 District, G.F.
Tel: 3 Dist. 22.
GE. 3205.

Comdt, GSE (3)

Land Forces Sub Commission
AG (MIA)

24 May 46.

Italian Invt to School of Military Engineering

Reference attached copies of GSE G.F. 1074/A-1
(Ser. 5007) dated 22 May 1946 and 3 District 104/375A
authorizing the disbandment of the above named unit.

1. Disbandment of this unit will be effected under your supervision.
2. Completion report called for at para 5 of GSE letter under reference will be forwarded in quadruplicate to this HQ by 11 June 1946.
3. If completion is delayed an interim report will be submitted on 11 June 1946 and after that fortnightly until completion is finally reported.

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Enclos:

23 MAY 1946	
MR. CIV.	
Gen. T. (SU)	
Dep. G. H.	
GSE (GSE)	
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GSE (GSE)	
G. H. (G)	

(R. PAGE),
Major R.E.,
For Brigadier,
Chief Engineer.

TO Disb Order -
Joko 20

SUBJECT: Disbandment of ER-III Units

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MILA)

SD/4/2—

May 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

63 FORESTRY COMPANY (PLUS 2 SECTIONS)

DISBANDMENT

1. The above mentioned unit on W.B. CM/522/1 3 Officers 250 ORs located at CROSTONE will be disbanded W.B.F. 15 May 46 under the supervision of H.Q. 3 District.

PERSONNEL

2. Personnel will be at your disposal for incorporation within units of the Italian Interim Army.

EQUIPMENT

3. (a) British equipment will be returned to ordnance in accordance with instructions to be issued by the supervisory authority. Any deficiencies will be vouchered to you in due course.
(b) Italian equipment will be disposed of under instructions to be issued by the appropriate Adm Regt H.Q.

COMPLETION

4. Disbandment will be completed by 14 June 46.

AUTHORITY

5. G.H.Q. C.M.F. letter 1074/41 (Ser 5029) dated 25 May 46.

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W. M. I. A.
Major-General,
M. M. I. A.

LM/rm

Copy to: HQ 3 District

DISBANDMENT

1. The above mentioned unit on W.E. CM/522/1 3 Officers 250 ORs located at CROTONA will be disbanded w.e.f. 15 May 46 under the supervision of H.Q. 3 District.

PERSONNEL

2. Personnel will be at your disposal for incorporation within units of the Italian Interim Army.

EQUIPMENT

3. (a) British equipment will be returned to Ordnance in accordance with instructions to be issued by the supervisory authority. Any deficiencies will be vouchered to you in due course.
(b) Italian equipment will be disposed of under instructions to be issued by the appropriate Adm Regt H.Q.

COMPLETION

4. Disbandment will be completed by 14 June 46.

AUTHORITY

5. G.H.Q. C.M.E. letter 1074/A1 (Ser 5029) dated 25 May 46.

WV/rr

Copy to: HQ 3 District
O.C. 10 British Liaison Unit

Internal: 'A' (two)
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W. L. I. A.
Major-General,
H. L. I. A.

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SP Dist (3)

RESTRICTED.

SUBJECT :- Disbandment of Units - ITALIAN.

CHQ CMF.

1074/41 (Ser 5029).

25 May 46.

63 FORESTRY COMPANY (PLUS 2 SECTIONS).

1. The above mentioned unit on W.E. CM/522/1 will be disbanded with effect from 15 MAY 46 under the supervision of HQ MC.3 District in conjunction with Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (AMIA).
2. PERSONNEL.
Will be disposed of under arrangements Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission, (AMIA).
3. EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT.

- (a) All British equipment held in excess of scale set out in Appendix 'E' to AG/400/105 D-0 dated 22 Sep 44 will be returned to Ordnance under arrangements Supervisory Authority, and any deficiencies will be notified to AMIA through Ordnance channels.
- (b) Italian equipment will be disposed of under arrangements Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (AMIA).
- (c) Vehicles will be returned in accordance with Q(AE) instruction No. 13, and a list of all vehicles returned will be sent to Q(AE)4, CHQ MEF, showing :-

- (i) W.D. Numbers
(iii) Type
(ii) Make
(iv) To whom returned.

4. POSTAL.
Attention is directed to GRO 683/43.
5. COMPLETION.

- (a) Supervisory Authority will report to A1, CHQ CMF, copy to G(SD), CHQ CMF, when disbandment is complete.
- (b) Disbandment will be completed by 14 Jun 46.

REGS	ACK.
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DISTRIBUTION :-

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M.M.I.A. - '6'
FILE 50/4/2
DATE 21/2/5

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1074/41 (Ser 5029)
Lieut General,
Commander in Chief.

SUBJECT: Disbandment of XXXXXX Units.

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM., AC. (LALIA)

SD/4/2

27 MAY 46

TO : MEMORANDUM ON WAR

Italian Increment to School of Military Engineering

DISBANDMENT

1. The above mentioned unit of ... C. 1523/1, 2 Officers, 240 ORs located at CAPUA will be disbanded ... 20 May under the supervision of H.Q. 3 District.

PERSONNEL

2. Personnel will be at your disposal for incorporation within units of the Italian Interim Army.

EQUIPMENT

3. (a) British Equipment will be returned to Ordnance under instructions to be issued by the supervisory authority. Any deficiencies will be vouchered to you in due course.
(b) Italian Equipment will be disposed of under instructions to be issued by the appropriate Adm Regt H.Q.

COMPLETION

4. Disbandment will be completed by 11 June 46.

AUTHORITY

5. GHQ GOC letter 1074/41 (Ser 5007) dtd 22 May 46.

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W. H. H. H. H.
Major General,
M. H. H. H. H.

DISPATCH

1. The above mentioned unit on A.S. 3, 1525, 1, 2 Officers, 210 ORs located at CAPTA will be dispatched A.S. 20 May under the supervision of N.C. 5 District.

PERSONNEL

2. Personnel will be at your disposal for incorporation within units of the Italian Interim Army.

EQUIPMENT

3. (a) British Equipment will be returned to Ordnance under instructions to be issued by the supervisory authority.
Any deficiencies will be vouchered to you in due course.
- (b) Italian Equipment will be disposed of under instructions to be issued by the appropriate Adm Regt H.Q.

COMPLETION

4. Disbursement will be completed by 11 June 46.

AUTHORITY

5. G.H.Q. Letter 1074/A1 (Ser 5007) dtd 22 May 46.

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M7/sb

Copy to : HQ 5 District

C.O. 12 British Liaison Unit

Internal: A (two)

Q (two)

RE

SD/1/4

W. Anderson
Major General,
K. H. I. A.

17/27/5

SUBJECT: - Disbandment of Units - Italian

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3 District
Tel: 10365
104/3754

23 May 46

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Land Forces Sub Commission

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27 MAY 1946
28 MAY 1946

Italian Increment to School of Military Engineering

Reference the attached copies of GRC MAT 1074/A-1 (Ser 5007) dated

22 May 46.

1. Disbandment of the above named unit ref 20 May 46 will be effected under your supervision.

2. (a) Unit will be instructed to apply to QPD for disposal instructions for Ordnance stores and equipment incl vehs.

(b) The attention of the unit will be drawn to GRC 453/45 as amended by GRC 611/45.

(c) QPD will submit a report to JDCS this HQ giving details of all vehs stating ID Nos, type and classification. This HQ only will give disposal instructions for this item.

3. Under no circumstances will office machinery be transferred to another unit or formation without reference to JDCS GRC MAT.

4. Completion report called for at para 5 of the GRC MAT letter under reference will be forwarded in triplicate to this HQ by 11 Jun 46.

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Reference the attached copies of GRC GEP 1074/2-1 (Ser 5007) dated

22 May 46.

1. Disbandment of the above named unit waf 20 May 46 will be effected under your supervision.

2. (a) Unit will be instructed to apply to GRC for disposal instructions for Ordnance stores and equipment incl vehs.

(b) The attention of the unit will be drawn to GRC 453/45 as amended by GRC 811/45.

(c) OMD will submit a report to DCS this HQ giving details of all vehs staying at HQs, type and classification. This HQ only will give disposal instructions for this item.

3. Under no circumstances will office machinery be transferred to another unit or formation without reference to DCS GRC GEP.

4. Completion report called for at para 5 of the GRC GEP letter under reference will be forwarded in triplicate to this HQ by 11 Jun 46.

MM 11 - 'A'

FILE 50/412

DATE R/27/5

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Disbanded
Col
D.C. & G.F.

See letter 10 May 46

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RESTRICTED.

GHQ, CEF.
1074/41 (Ser 5007).
22 May 46.

SUBJECT :- Disbandment of Units - ITALIAN.

ITALIAN INCIDENT TO SCHOOL OF MILITARY ENGINEERING

1. The above mentioned unit on N.E. CM/4523/1 will be disbanded with effect from 20 MAY 46 under the supervision of H. No. 3 District.
2. PERSONNEL.
Will be disposed of under arrangements Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission, (ALIA).
3. EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT.
(a) All British equipment held in excess of scale set out in Appendix B to AG/400/105 D-O dated 22 Sep 44 will be returned to Ordnance under arrangements H. No. 3 District, and any deficiencies will be notified to AMLi through Ordnance channels.
(c) Italian equipment will be disposed of under arrangements Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (ALIA).
4. POSTAL.
Attention is directed to GHO 683/43.
5. COMPLETION.
(a) H. No. 3 District will report to AM, GH, CEF, copy to G(SD), GH, CEF, when disbandment is complete.
(b) Disbandment will be completed by 11 Jan 46.
6. ACK.

DISTRIBUTION :-

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GH, 2nd Echelon
GH, 2nd Echelon (GLATS)
Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (ALIA).
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Lt General,
Commander in Chief.

- 3. EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT.
(a) All British equipment held in excess of scale set out in Appendix D to AG/400/105 D-0 dated 22 Sep 44 will be returned to Ordnance under arrangements H. No. 3 District, and any deficiencies will be notified to MMIA through Ordnance channels.
(b) Italian equipment will be disposed of under arrangements Land Forces Sub Commission, Allied Commission (MMIA).
- 4. POSTAL.
Attention is directed to GPO 683/45.
- 5. COMPLETION.
(a) H. No. 3 District will report to M, GI, GTF, copy to G(SD), GH, GKT, when disbandment is complete.
(b) Disbandment will be completed by 11 Jun 46.
- 6. ACC.

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1946
Lieut General,
Commander in Chief.

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- H. No. 3 District 7
- R. Home Area Allied Command
- GH, 2nd Echelon
- GH, 2nd Echelon (STATS)
- Land Forces Sub Commission,
Allied Commission (MMIA).
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- Signalmaster, CASERLI.

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DATE 25/5

19 May 1946	19 May 1946
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TELE : FREEDOM 254.

SUBJECT : Disbandment of Unit. BR-ITI - RE.

MEMO TO : A - 1 GHQ CMF.

G(SD) Branch,
GHQ, CMF.

WSD/139

2/May 46.

1. Authority is granted for the disbandment of 63 Forestry Coy (plus 2 Secs). WE CM/ 22/1. wef 15 May 1946. Under the supervision of HQ MMA in conjunction with HQ III District.
2. Please issue instructions accordingly.

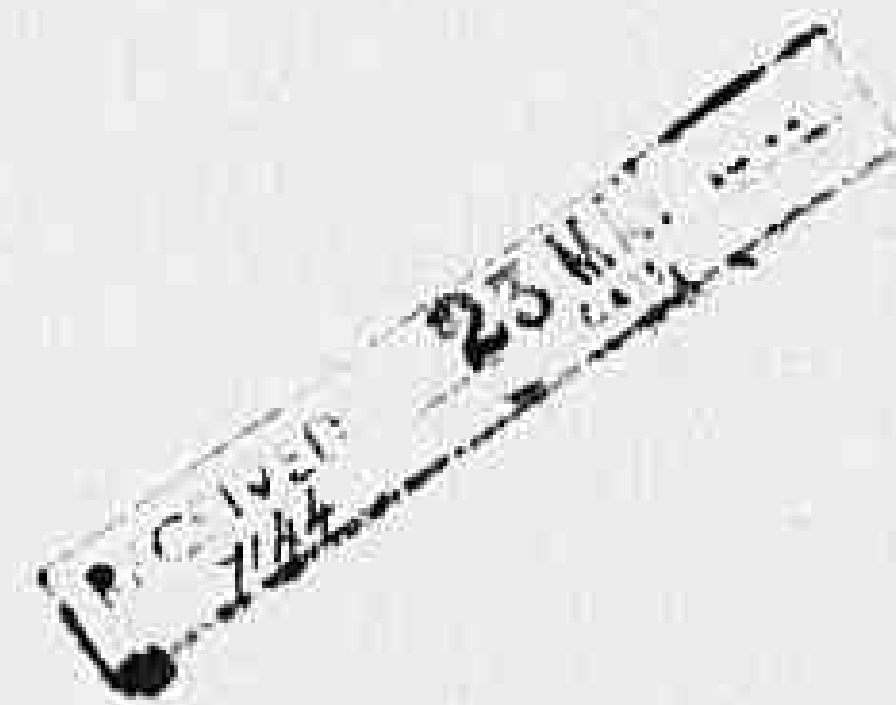
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Mustansir Khan
J. D'A. ANDERSON,
EGS(SD).

Copy to :-

HQ 3 District - for (GSD) 2 copies.
HQ Land Forces Sub Commission MMA.
OZE (Stats)
'A' Branch.
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FILE	80/4/2
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Dep G. H.	
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ARMED POWER HEAD (C-2722)

SD 3199

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REF YOUR MSG DATED 20 MAY 46 (.) 878 AMT WES GUY LOCATED

BOLZANE TO MR ITAIN 1: 200,000 0 9505 (.) UNIT

DEBATED V.P.F. 1 MAR 46 YOUR 1074/41/ (SER 4482) DATED 8 MAR 46

RUMRS

See SD/4. 7.1. 1947

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— SD/4/2 —

M. WILKINSON, Capt.

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COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM: AMHQ

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TO : MEIA

REF : F 66488

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FROM G(SD) CMT' (.) REF YOUR LETTER SD/98 OF 16 MAY (.)

CAN YOU GIVE PRESENT POSITION 878 ART WKSP COY (.) HQ 3 DIST

SHOW THIS COY AS AT PRESENT IN G E N O A (.) NOT SHOWN IN

YOUR ORBAT OF 16 MAY

SD/98. 20049

A/Copy : SD/4/2

DISPATCHMENT ORDER
DURING 8 MARS - SD/1/121 May 46
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EGS	
GSO 1 (10)	
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GSO 3 (1)	
GSO 10 (10)	
GSO 1 (100)	
G 11 (6)	

Rec'd 10/10

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SUBJECT: Disbandment BR-ITL Units.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AG. (MILIA)

30/6/2

20 May 46TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

Reg. No. - 30/6/2. Folio 187

1. Application to disband the following units has been made by Engineer Branch HQ.

- 63 Italian Forestry Coy
- 4 Italian Special Tpt Coy

2. It is expected that the disbandment orders will be issued by HQ in the course of the next few days.

L. M. M. I. A.
Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT: Application to disband an Italian Unit.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, AC. (MMA)

SD/4/2 -

14 May 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. Application has been made to GHI, GTF to disband the Italian Increment to SIB on G/1523/1.
2. It is expected that the disbandment order will be received from GHI GTF in the course of the next few days.

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

HW/sb

Internal: A
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RE
SD/36/2

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ENGINEER BRANCH
A.F.H.Q.
C. M. F.

SUBJECT: Application to disband an Italian Unit.

TO : G(SD)2 - 2 copies.

COPY TO: A1
G(SD)4
G(AE)
Land Forces Sub-Commission AC (MMIA) - 2 copies.

see folio 13

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(a) Application is made to disband the following Italian Unit :-

Serial No.	To Form, Convert or Disband	Designation	W.E.	Offrs	ORs	Vehs	M/Cs	Trailers	Basic Emt List	S.E.L.	Location	Sup Auth
1	Disband	Italian Increment to S.M.E.	CM/1523/1	2	210	-	-	-	Not known		Disbandment in present location	3 M

(b) Net decrease.

(c) Unit no longer required.

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FILE	SD/4/2
DATE	2/18/5

For the Chief Engineer:

D.D. GREWOCK
D.D. GREWOCK,
Major, R.E.,
SO.II (SD).

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ENGINEER BRANCH
A.F.H.Q.
C. M. F.

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on to disband an Italian Unit.

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11 May 46

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on is made to disband the following Italian Unit :-

Unit	W.E.	Offrs	OKs	Vehs	M/Cs	Trailers	Basic Egpt List	S.E.L.	Location	Supervisory Authority	Desired Effective Date
ement	CM/1523/1	2	210	-	-	-	Not known		Disband- ment in present location	3 District	20 May 46

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longer required.

For the Chief Engineer:

1. 7. 1946

D.D. GREWOCK,
Major, R.E.,
SO.II (SD).

SUBJECT: Organization

LAWYER FOR THE GOV, A.C. (SHEA)

80/8/2

13 May 46

TO : REPRESENTATIVE OF THE

Ref your memorandum of April undated.

1. Your proposals are agreed both as to the first and second phases of the reorganization.
2. It is considered by this HQ that the first phase should start forthwith.
3. It is also considered that it would be advisable to set a target date by which the second phase should be complete. In the opinion of this HQ it should be possible to complete the second phase by about 1 Sep 46.

M.W. Hope
Brigadier S.S.

Major General,
H. H. J. A.

10/1/46

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C O P YTRANSLATIONMINISTRY OF WAR

S.M.R.E.

Organisation and Mobilisation Office

Rome, April 1946.

SUBJECT: Signals Organisation.

P R O M E M O R I A

The complete detachment of the signals organisation from the Engineer branch may be achieved in two successive phases:

- a first phase, in which we would achieve a complete distinction, within the Engineer Corps, of the two branches: artisan and signals;
- a second phase, of true and proper breaking away.

1) - Organisation of the 1st phase

- a) - The Signals branch would be formed by all existing units or units shortly to be formed, employing signals equipment. These are as follows:-
- 5 Infantry Divisional Signals Bns;
 - 3 Internal Security Division Signals Coys (at present included in the mixed Engineer bns of the said divs);
 - 10 Military Territorial Command Signals Coys;
 - 1 Ministry of War Signals Bn.
 - 1 Signals School;
 - 1 repair workshops (22nd).

- b) - The Engineer central departments (Engineer Directorate General and Engineer Inspectorate) would not suffer any transformation nor have any alteration in war establishment as a result of the distinction of the two branches. They, on the other hand, would appoint their own personnel charged with concerning themselves exclusively with matters relating to the Signals branch, in the sphere of their own duties.

2) - Organisation of the 2nd phase.

The only initial distinction, automatically becoming more marked with the passage of time, would lead to a natural cleavage, the characteristics of which cannot be foreseen at this time.

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See below

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2) - Organisation of the 2nd phase.

The only initial distinction, automatically becoming more marked with the passage of time, would lead to a natural cleavage, the characteristics of which cannot be foreseen at the moment since it would take advantage of the practical experience of the 1st phase.
The complete detachment of the Signals organisation from the Engineer branch would have to be accompanied with the formation of appropriate command and inspectorate central and provincial departments in addition to eventual alterations to units' war establishments.

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See H-9 War Cpt - John 29

COPY INCOMING SIGNAL

FROM : 174 CE WORKS 10 1600 B
 TO : LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC (MMIA)
 INFO : 'G' 3 DISTRICT (BY HAND)

REF : RE.1607

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REF THIS HQ 3205 OF OG (.) CANCEL THAT LETTER (.)
 'G' 3 DIST ARRANGING DISBANDMENT ORDERS (.)

ACTION : SD/4/2

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See also's 7, 6, 5, 3

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

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SD 3194

UNCLASSIFIED

REQUEST DISBANDMENT ORDERS FOR 63 FORESTRY COY
 (PLUS TWO SECS) AND 4 SPECIAL IPT COY BOTH W.E.F. 15 MAY (.)
 DISTHREE AGREE VIDE THEIR HQ 784/G OF 2 AND 174 ON WKS
 LETTER OF 3205 OF 6 NEITHER TO YOU

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G(SD)

A.A. BINNINGTON, Major.

9/10/5

SUBJECT: Disbandment of Units - Italian.

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73 Italian Increment to CE.

141 3 District.
Land Forces Sub Commission AG (MILA).
CE & DW GHQ.
GHQ CME.
ILO 3 District.

174 C.E. Works,
3 District, CME.
Tel: 3 Dist. 92.
CE. 3205.

11 May 46.

772 Italian Artisan Works Company.

Reference attached copies of GHQ CME 1074/A-1 (serial 4845) dated 25 Apr. 46 and 3 District 104/4014 dated 1 May 46.

1. Disbandment of the c/m unit will be effected under your supervision.
2. PERSONNEL. Your attention is drawn to para. 2 of GHQ letter.
3. LIAISON. Close liaison will be kept with ILO 3 District and 73 Italian Incr. to CE.
4. COMPLETION REPORTS. Completion reports will be forwarded in quadruplicate to this HQ by 13 May 46.
5. DELAY. If for any reason the disbandment is held up, a report will be forwarded to this HQ stating cause of delay and probable time of delay.

R. E. O. ROBERTY
(R. E. O. ROBERTY)
Major R. E.,
for Brigadier,
Chief Engineer.

RHCE/IFM.
Encl.: As stated.

San J. 9, 8,

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6 MAY 1946

SUBJECT: - Disbandment of Units - Italian

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 Land Forces Sub Commission
 AC (MILA)

3 District
 Tel: 10885
 104/401A

1 May 46

772 Italian Engineer Artisan Works Company

Reference attached copies of GHQ CMF 1074/A-1 (Ser 4843) dated

25 Apr 46.

1. Disbandment of the above named unit wef 1 May 46 will be effected under your supervision.
2. (a) Unit will be instructed to apply to ORD for disposal instructions for Ordnance stores and equipment incl vehs.
 (b) The attention of the unit will be drawn to GRC 453/45 as amended by GRC 811/45. **2185**
 (c) ORD will submit a report to ADOS this HQ giving details of all vehs stating WD Nos, type and classification. This HQ only will give disposal instructions for this item.
3. Under no circumstances will office machinery be transferred to another unit or formation without reference to ADPSS GHQ CMF.
4. Completion report called for at para 5 of the GHQ CMF letter under reference will be forwarded in triplicate by 15 May 46.

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GSO 1 (SD)	

CC 10 BLU
Land Forces Sub Commission
AC (AMIA)

772 Italian Engineer Artisan Works Company

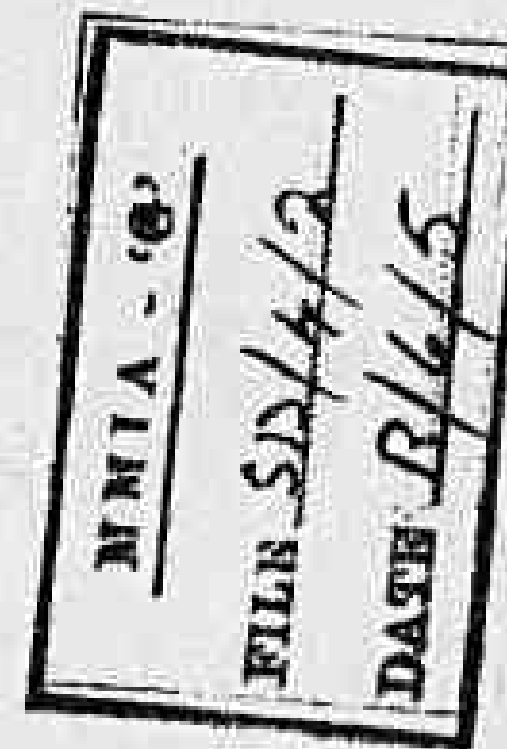
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6 MAY 1946

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SD.

SUBJECT:- Disbandment of Units - Italian.
Warning Order.

174 C.E. Works,
3 District, CMF.
Tel: 3 Dist. 92.
CE. 3205.

10 Apr. 46.

18 CRE Works.
73 Italian Inc. to 174 C.E. Wks.

'A' 3 District.
'A' Naples Area.
I.L.C. 3 District.
O.C. 10 B.L.U.
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (MMIA).
CE & DW GHQ CMF.

772 Italian Art. Wks Coy.

1. This unit will be disbanded in the very near future under orders that will be issued through staff channels.
2. Preparations should, therefore, be put in hand to ensure a smooth and early disbandment.

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FILE	SD/4/2
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R. Bower
(R.H.C. BOWERY)
Captain R.E.,
for Brigadier,
Chief Engineer.

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RAAC MESSAGE FORM **RE**

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FROM (A)	ITALIA		
TO (FOR ACTION)	DISTHREE		MESSAGE INSTRUCTIONS GR
TO (FOR INFORMATION)	54 AREA - 9 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT		
REF. No 1	SD 3188	SECURITY CLASSIFICATION	UNCLASSIFIED

REF YOUR 104/731A OF 30 MAR (.) UNDERSTAND 40 PERSONNEL 881
 ITALIAN ENGR ART WKS COY RETAINED AS GUARDS A R A R DULP
 CAMPO GIARDINETTO DI BOVINO UNDER
 INSTRS ISSUED BY LT COL POSTLEWHITE 12 CRE (.)
 COMPLETION DATE FOR DISARMMENT 16 APR (.) RETENTION THESE
 PERSONNEL CONTRARY TO ALL INSTRS (.) REQUEST YOU EXPEDITE
 DISARMMENT OF UNIT

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 MINISTRY OF WAR

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PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT

ORIGINATING SECTION: G (SD)

A. G. AUTHENTICATION:

ORIGINATOR'S AUTHENTICATION:
 A. A. BIRKINGTON, Major

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SUBJECT: Disbandment of Units - ITALIAN.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MMIA)

-- SD/4/1 --

30 Apr 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

172 ITALIAN ARTIZAN WORKS COMPANY

1. The above mentioned unit on WE CM/1500/1, strength 6 officers and 250 ORs, located at Salerno will be disbanded v. i. f. 1 May 46 under the supervision of HQ No 3 District.

PERSONNEL

2. Personnel will be at your disposal for absorption within units of the Italian Interim Army.

EQUIPMENT

3. (a) All British equipment will be returned to Ordnance under instructions to be issued by the supervising authority. Any deficiencies will be vouchered to you in due course.
- (b) All Italian equipment will be disposed of under instructions to be issued by the appropriate Adm Regt HQ.

AUTHORITY

4. G.H.Q., C.M.F. letter 1074/41 (Ser 4845) dated 25 Apr 46.

COMPLETION

5. Disbandment will be completed by 15 May 46.

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MW/jw

Copy to: HQ No 3 District
10 British Liaison Unit

Internal: 'A' (Two)
'Q' (Two)

William Capor
Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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'Q' (Two)
RE

FILE : SD/1/4 -

*Major General,
M. M. I. A.*

See No 9

SUBJECT: Engineer Organization and Equipment

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C. (MPLA.)

SD/4/2

20 Apr 46

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

1. A Conference was held recently between representatives of GIC and M.E.I.A. in order to discuss proposals for the organization of the Engineer Service Troops of the Italian Army and the holdings of engineer equipment by division and non-division troops.
2. Accordingly, the following organization proposals are submitted for your comments, and the policy agreed to in respect of the supply of engineer equipment is given for information.

ORGANIZATION

3. It is considered that the ceiling allowed for Engineer Service Troops is sufficient to allow for an adequate Army Troops organization, provided it be fully implemented and if certain re-organization takes place.
4. It is suggested that the re-organization of Engineer Service Troops on the following lines is desirable:
 - (i) A minimum of two Army Field Park Companies, each with an Electrical and Mechanical Platoon, to be implemented. These would supplement and support the Field Park Companies forward with the Divisions, hold reserve stocks of bridging equipment and stores which it would be impracticable for the more mobile divisional Field Park Companies to carry.
 - (ii) The formation of one Engineer L of C Battalion which, in conjunction with the Territorial Works Directorates, would perform general engineering and construction works in the Lines of Communication area behind the Army rear boundary.
 - (iii) The existing Eleven Engineer Service Companies to be re-organized and trained on the lines of British Artisan Work Companies, be of a like composition and perform similar functions to the Italian Artisan Works Companies at present serving under British command.
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EQUIPMENT

5. At the Conference referred to in para 1 it was agreed that the following equipment be handed over on loan to the Italian Army for use in the Divisions and for training purposes:-

(i) Pontoon Bailey Bridging

In order that Italian Army be enabled to gain a working knowledge of heavy British Bridge equipment.

1 Landing Bay

1 End Floating Bay

It is to be understood that no further Pontoon Bailey can be made available since this equipment is in very short supply.

(ii) Floating Boat Equipment

2 Sets for operational use to be held in reserve. (One set in each of the proposed Army Field Park Companies). 1 Set for training at the School of Military Engineering.

(iii) Bailey Bridging

2 Sets per Division, one to be held in Divisional Field Park Company. the second set in Army Field Park Company.

3 Sets for training.

Since the Italian Army have at present a holding of Bailey Bridging the balance only will be issued to make up the 13 sets necessary to implement the above.

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(iv) D 4 Bulldozers

Two D 4 dozers for S.M.E. training in the use of modern British mechanical equipment.

(v) Air Compressors (with tools)

Eight Air Compressors with tools. These on a scale of one for each Field Park Company and one for the School of Military Engineering.

6. Since certain technical equipment would be needed to implement the Electrical and Mechanical Platoons of the proposed Army Field Park Companies, and the matter of the supply of engineer equipment is affected by the proposals contained herein, your early comment is invited.

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L. Branning

Major-General,
MIA.

SUBJECT:- Disbandment of Units - Italian

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Land Forces Sub Commission

AC (MIA)

5 District
Tel Ext 21
104/7344

30' Mar 46

881 Italian Engineer A.F. Company.

Reference attached copies of GHQ C.F. 1074/A-1 (Ser 4637) dated 27 Mar 46.

1. Disbandment of the above named unit, wof 1 April 46, will be effected under your supervision.
2. (a) Unit will be instructed to apply to ORD for disposal instructions for Ordnance stores and equipment incl arm and vehs.
(b) The attention of the unit will be drawn to GRO 453/45 as amended by GRO 811/45.
(c) ORD will submit a report to DOS this HQ giving details of all vehs stating VD Nos, type and classification. This HQ only will give disposal instructions for this item.
3. Completion report called for at para 5 of GHQ C.F. letter under reference will be forwarded in triplicate to this HQ by 16 April 46.

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